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**Special Request**

Dave Nock will be putting together a Slide Show of this years events for our upcoming Christmas Party.

Please forward any Photos you would like to share to Dave.

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**Chico Tour**

May 2nd & 3rd

Michael Sonneman



With 18 cars and 32 Happy Healey owners we all met in Marysville on Saturday morning for the second event of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club 2015 Season. The Chico Tour put on by Loren & Diana Parks started in Marysville and after a 36-mile drive through the countryside our first stop was at the Oroville Dam & Visitors Center for lunch. After having lunch we were given a talk about the Oroville Dam and a guided tour of the Visitors Center by Jana Frazier with The Department of Water Resources.

The Oroville Dam is an earth fill embankment dam on the Feather River. The dam is the tallest in the United States at 770 feet, taller than the Hoover Dam which is 726 feet. The dam was started in 1961 by the Dept. of Water Resources and completed in 1968. The purpose of the dam is primarily for water supply, hydroelectricity generation, and flood control. After our visit at the Visitor Center we all jumped in our cars and drove over the top of the dam to visitor parking for some photos.



Loren & Diana

After leaving the dam, we were on our way to visit Oregon City, sight of the Covered Bridge and Old School House. After another 16-mile journey we arrived at Oregon City. As we drove in we passed through the Castleberry Covered Bridge. We continued up the road a short distance to the Old Schoolhouse. We were met there by an interesting gentleman named Jim Gaiten who is the keeper of the schoolhouse. Upon hearing about our upcoming visit Jim planted some flowers in the planters in front of the schoolhouse.

Oregon City formerly Bloomingdale and



Lunch at Oroville Dam

► Hengy was one of the first mining camps in Butte County. It was established in 1848 by a party of Oregonians, who came over the Applegate and Lassen trails. Oregon City prospered as a gold mining and supply center, until its decline. The Hengy Post Office was operated from 1894 to 1900 and from 1901 to 1902. It was named after the first Post Master Jessie Hengy. The Bloomingdale Post Office was operated from 1902 to 1905. The site of the camp is now a California Historical Landmark. The Oregon City Covered Bridge also known as the Castleberry Covered Bridge is located near Oregon City. As we left Oregon City, Steve Kingsbury took photos as each car passed back through the covered bridge. A big thanks to Steve for doing that for us.



Old School House--Oregon City

When we left Oregon City on our way to Oxford Suites in Chico, we passed through a little town called Cherokee. This area was inhabited by Maidu Indians prior to the Gold Rush. It gets its name from a band of Cherokee prospectors who perfected a mining claim on the site. The population was 69 when the 2010 Census was taken. Today, Cherokee consists of a Museum and Cherokee Cemetery, as well as a few houses. The Cherokee Heritage and Museum Association maintains both. Thomas Edison owned one of the first mines which sprung up in the area. He electrified the mines to ease the work. The town prospered during the mining period and some of Butte County's first homes to have running water were in Cherokee. In 1880 President Rutherford B. Hayes and his wife Lucy, Civil War General William T. Sherman and General John Bidwell came to visit Cherokee's famous hydraulic gold mine. In the 1890's, the gold mines were sold off because of operational costs. At its boom time, the town had a population in the thousands. A Post Office operated there from 1854 to 1912. After a 24-mile drive we arrived at Oxford Suites in Chico. Loren had made arrangements for a section of the parking lot to be reserved for our beloved Healey's to be parked together. Thanks Loren. After a little over an hour to freshen up and get a little rest, we headed for the Parks' Residence which was only a short 4 miles away.



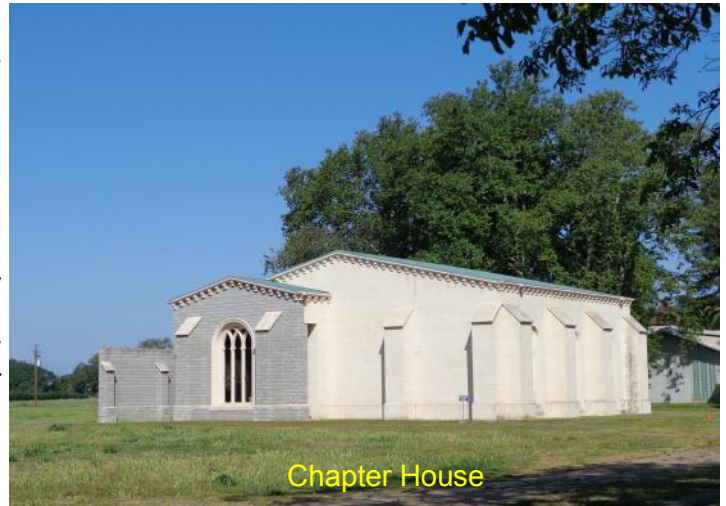
Joe Smith--Monastery Tour

Upon our arrival, stick-on name tags were provided for us to put on our shirts. As we entered their home you could hear the sound of Loren's quartet playing music in the backyard. Loren was joined by Barbara d'Augelli, Greg d'Augelli and Steve Margolin. Once in the backyard there were wine glasses with a ring of paper to write your name on, so not to get the glasses mixed up. As we mingled around, *tapas* were passed around for our enjoyment, while enjoying our glasses of *sangria*. For our dining pleasure we had salad, a spanish sea food dish called *paella* and for dessert we had a *flan* with strawberries. After having a nice meal and some great conversation with our fellow travelers, it was time to clean up and head back to the Oxford Suites for a good night sleep.

On Sunday morning we all had breakfast which was provided by Oxford Suites, and we were ready to hit the road on our next adventure. We all lined up and headed north to a little town called Vina. After driving 22 miles we have arrived at The Abbey of New Clairvaux. We lined up all the cars, and after taking more photos of the cars we were ready for our Monastery tour which was given by a nice gentleman named Joe Smith. This was one of my favorite parts of the trip. In the early 1950's Dom James Fox, the Abbot of Gethsemani visited California in search of a site for a new monastery. Eventually, 590 acres of Leland Stanford's old Vina Ranch was purchased from Mr. Bernard Flynn, then the owner of the ranch. On July 2nd 1955, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dom James arrived at the new founded monastery of New Clairvaux with 26 monks from Gethsemani. In 1959 the monestary was elevated to the rank of Abbey. In the early days the main source of income was from dairy farming, and orchards. In 2000 a vineyard was ►►

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▶ planted and marketing of the first wines began in 2005. Many buildings on the property existed before the foundation of the monastery, which included the winery, brandy barn, red barn, tailor shop, novitiate house, bunkhouse, St. Luke's dining room, and St. Matthews guest house. The old Stanford Mansion which served as the monk's living quarters was destroyed by fire in 1970. Now there are two projects currently underway at the Abbey, the new Abbey Church, and the Chapter House. The Chapter House has a remarkable history that was shared with us by Mr. Smith. The building material for the Chapter House is called "The Sacred Stones".



Chapter House

In the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Cistercian monks built the Santa Maria de Ovila monastery near Madrid Spain. The Spanish government banned small monasteries in 1835. The Chapter House was dismantled and the stones were brought to the U.S. by William Randolph Hearst in the 1930's. Hearst took great efforts to mark the stones with a re-assembly code. He then shipped the stones to California and had planned to use the stones for his vacation home near Mt. Shasta. The Great Depression forced Hearst to abandon the project and he gave the stones to the city of San Francisco with an agreement to rebuild the buildings as a museum in Golden Gate Park. A plan was made by Julia Morgan but WWII, lack of funding, and a series of fires destroyed the reassembly instructions from a majority of the stones so the project was abandoned.

In 1955 Father Thomas X. Davis arrived in San Francisco to begin his new assignment at the monastery in Vina. Father Davis took a detour and went to Golden Gate Park to visit the sacred stones. He vowed to have the stones home to Cistercian soil and "right the wrong" committed against the original buildings. The Hearst foundation provided a grant to Dr. Margaret Burke to survey the stones in 1980. She found that 50 to 60 percent of the stones still existed of which 40 percent were usable. This included 80 percent of the beautiful springer stones. In 1994 Abbot Thomas X. Davis was successful in obtaining the stones from the Fine Art Museum of San Francisco. The Abbey of New Clairvaux agreed to the reconstruction of the Chapter House within 10 years and make it available to the public. To the monks at New Clairvaux the sacred stones and the reconstructed Chapter House hold great spiritual significance. The architectural style the Chapter House is based on is called Cistercian Gothic using proportion, space, light and form to create an edifice that radiated a sense of integrity, awe and the divine.

After our time with Mr. Smith we headed to the tasting room. We were greeted by Sheila who gave us a tour of the winery building and the grounds where the grapes are grown. As we strolled about we tasted various wines made at the monastery poured by Jeanette. ▶▶



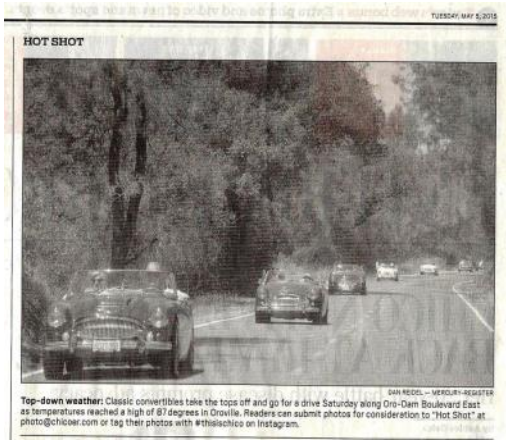
Chapter House--Interior



Chapter House--Arches

► If you have ever wondered why the end of a row of wine grapes has a rose bush growing there, we were told it is used to monitor pests. The pests will show up in the roses before heading for the grapes.

After our tour was over we went back to the tasting room to partake in more tasting. We were then given some time to purchase some wine to take home with us. We are now ready to get back in our cars and head to the town of Corning for lunch. Corning is approximately 10 miles from Vina. After about a 15 minute drive we arrived at the Olive Pit Restaurant for lunch. After having a leisurely lunch, it was time to head for home. A very nice weekend, and BIG Thank You to Loren & Diana for taking such good care of us. The following week I got an email from Loren, and little did we know a photographer from the local newspaper spotted us at the Oroville Dam. The Chico Enterprise Record had a photo taken of us driving down the road.



Group Picture--Old School House



Hmmm... Is that Electrical Work up to code ???



Chapter House--Interior



Winery--Leland Stanford Room

Lake Oroville  
From Visitor Center Viewing Tower



Covered Bridge--Oregon City

Parks Residence--Loren's Quartet



Healey Parking--Olive Pit Restaurant

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- Dennis Gilroy
- Roger & Donna Hawk
- Steve Kingsbury
- Steve & Kim Korbay
- Tim & Kathy Marshall
- Loren & Diana Parks
- Rob & ML Sardeman
- Mike Sonneman
- John & Cathy Turney

# All British Motoring Show & Swap Meet Dixon, California May 17th 2015

Michael Sonneman

The United British Sports Car Club held its annual All British Motoring Show and Swap Meet at the Dixon Fairgrounds on May 17. It was a nice cool day, and the turnout was excellent. There over were 256 British vehicles including 11 Austin Healey 100-6 and 3000 models, 6 100-4's, 7 Bugeye Sprites, and 4 square Sprites / MG Midgets. In addition there were 4 Jensen Healeys and 3 Jensen Interceptors. After all the votes were counted, several members of our club were the recipients of some of the awards. One of our newest members Edd Hamilton attended the show. Edd Hamilton won First Place for his Bugeye Sprite, not bad for his first show. Our GGAHC member Jerry Costanzo did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies. Congratulations to the UBSCC for putting on a good show.



Jerry Costanzo--3rd Place--BJ8



Steve Kingsbury--3rd Place--BN1



Edd Hamilton--1st Place--Bugeye Sprite



Richard & Tweedie Olson--2nd Place--BT7



Ken & Marsha Freese  
2nd Place--Jensen Interceptor



Rich & Lynn Kahn--BJ8



Len Hartnett--BJ8



Dave & Jerri Nock--BT7

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George Henke  
Steve Kingsbury  
Rich & Tweedie Olson  
Mike Sonneman



# Kahn's Konsiderations

**Rich Kahn**  
**GGAHC President**

## June 2015 Healey Happenings

We are moving forward with our event in 2017. We are hoping for it to become an international event as we already have some interest from abroad. If the Delegates are not in favor of us putting on a national/international event, we will still have one hell of a meet of the Western states in Monterey, California.

Although we had a good turnout for the Season Opener in April, I would like to see more of you out there driving your Healeys. The clock is running and time is against us. We and our cars are getting older. I see no reason for not having 40-60 Healeys showing up for the upcoming events. Remember the reason you own one! If you don't trust your Healey to drive it very far, we have a lot of roadside mechanics on duty.

One event heavily attended by our club members is the Fall Classic in Morgan Hill in September. (<http://www.britishfallclassic.com/>) There are usually a dozen or more Big Healeys and several Sprites. It is in a very nice location on the main street of Morgan Hill.

Several of us have already committed to California Healey Week in La Quinta in November. This event is put on by the Southern California Austin Healey Club. Everyone who attended their event in Morro Bay last year will attest to having a great time. (<http://austin-healey.org/>)

Check our website for other events.

Email me at [healeyrich@hotmail.com](mailto:healeyrich@hotmail.com) if you need help or just want to discuss your car and what it might need. We will get you some assistance and back on the road in no time at all. We revere rust and polish. We have almost 160 cars in our club, but only about 20% are taking advantage of what we offer.

## Calendar of Events

Contact Dennis Gilroy to list an event: [Gilroy.crew@gmail.com](mailto:Gilroy.crew@gmail.com). For a more complete list see [www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com). *You are advised to verify the dates of events that are not ours.*

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**June 6-7 GGAHC** Sierra Passes Tour. Two days of driving the Sierra passes: Tioga, Sonora, Carson and Ebbett's. See page 8.

**June 22-26.** Healey Rendezvous at the Alderbrook Resort & Spa, Union, Washington. <http://cascadeahc.homestead.com/Rendezvous.html>

**July 18 GGAHC** Visit to SF Bay Water Model in Sausalito followed by drive in Marin County. See page

**August 2 GGAHC** Blackhawk Automotive Museum. Join the Cars & Coffee event held monthly.

**August 10-16** Monterey Motor Week.

**August 23 GGAHC** National Healey Ice Cream Social, Fairfield or Vacaville.

**Sept 12-13** The British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill. Tour and car show.

**Sept 26-27 GGAHC** Fall Colors Tour in the Nevada City area with overnight at the Rainbow Lodge near Soda Springs.

**October 10 GGAHC** Marty's Wine & Fleet Week Party

**Nov. 12-15** California Healey Week

**Dec 5th GGAHC** Annual Christmas Party

### Austin Healey Corral at Laguna Seca Historics

The Austin Healey Corral for the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion on August 14-16 will be accessible on the Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway web site by mid-June. Here is the path to purchase a ticket for all three days.

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Only Austin Healeys can be parked in the corral. Your ticket does not include general admission to the races, and the purchase is not refundable. You do not need to be a member of the GGAHC to buy a corral ticket.



### Yippie Yogurt Foundation Fairfield, Ca.

The Ice Cream Social will have a twist this year. A twist of Frozen Yogurt as Len Hartnett teams up Yippie Yogurt Foundation in Fairfield where we help draw attention to their work to provide job training to youth.



More Information Forthcoming...

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## Sierra Passes Tour, June 6-7

We will travel over four Sierra Passes—Carson, Ebbetts, Sonora and Tioga. We have done this tour several times and only once made all of the passes due to snow. This year it should not be a problem to make all the passes.

We meet in Stockton at Hwy 99 and Hwy 88 at the Clarion Inn, departing at 8 am. We will then drive over Carson Pass (Hwy 88, elev. 8,573 ft) to Markleeville for lunch. After lunch we will then head over Ebbetts Pass (Hwy 4, elev. 8,730 ft) to Columbia, spending the night at the Historic City Hotel built in the 1850s. Total driving on Saturday is 250 miles.

The next day we will cross Sonora Pass (Hwy 108, elev 9,624 ft) towards Bridgeport with a lunch stop in Lee Vining. Then it is up and over the highest pass in the Sierras Tioga Pass (Hwy 120, elev. 9,950 ft) and through Yosemite National Park for our trip home. Total driving on Sunday arriving in Manteca is 275 miles. This is one of the most scenic tours we have done in the past. So get that Healey ready for some real adventure in the Sierras.

We have a block of rooms at the **City Hotel** in downtown **Columbia**. Room rates range from \$90.00 to \$110.00 depending on your choice. Contact the hotel at **209-532-1479** to make your reservation ASAP. The city of Columbia is a living museum of a gold rush city so the hotels and restaurants are right out of the Gold Rush era complete with a local blacksmith and roaming bank robbers. Have you ever seen a gold scale that can measure the lead from a signature on a piece of paper?

We are working on dinner reservations, so we will need your **confirmation by May 26** if you are going.

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## San Francisco Bay Model plus Drive: July 18

Located at 2100 Bridgeway in the north part of Sausalito, the San Francisco Bay/Delta Model was built in 1957 by the US Army Corps of Engineers as a tool to test the impact of proposed changes to the Bay and related waterways. The model is housed in a large 1.5 acre structure, and is a three-dimensional representation of the Bay and Delta and capable of simulating tides, currents, and river inflows. (Marty Allen who lives in Sausalito, did not take charge of the planning and construction; although he probably could have done it).

Our trip starts at the Bay model parking lot at 9:00/9.30 where Kim will have coffee and goodies. There are several signs on Bridgeway showing directions to the site. Our guided tour will begin at 11:00, so that should give us time to socialize or gaze at the Bay and sailboats. Also, if so inclined, we should have time to visit the restoration of a Tall Ship in the large tent just north of the parking lot. Like the Bay Model, admission is free.

After our estimated one hour tour of the Bay Model, we will leave Sausalito, head north on Highway 101 for about 30 minutes, exiting at the Lucas Valley Road turn-off, just north of Terra Linda. We will re-group, then head west on Lucas Valley Road for about 30 minutes to Nicasio. The road goes past Big Rock Ranch, part of the George Lucas Ltd. film complex, then after a few miles, past his Skywalker Ranch property which is behind large wooden gates on the right. (No, Lucas Valley was not named after George Lucas!). Continue through the Redwood trees, turn right at Nicasio Valley Road, arriving at the Rancho Nicasio restaurant where we will order from the daily menu. Kim says the fish tacos are worth the trip alone! Rumor has it that they are bringing in a special load of Tomales Bay oysters for the occasion!

After lunch, we can hang out in the bar, visit a local produce stand across from the old school house, go on self-guided tours to Pt. Reyes Station, Inverness, Pt. Reyes Lighthouse, Bodega Bay, etc., or head home. I will have maps showing these locations (without your home unless you think you might get lost), or you can rely on your navigator and/or GPS. Unfortunately, there are no wineries nearby, but there is the *Rouge et Noir* cheese factory to the north on Petaluma—Pt. Reyes Road, and many wineries in nearby Sonoma County.

E-mail or call Steve & Kim Korbay if you are going: [korbay@live.com](mailto:korbay@live.com), (707) 484-6967, or (707) 537-7148 (home).



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## Healey Humour Cathy's Corner

By Cathy Turney

We're on our way to the Austin Healey Club season opener in the green car, which means that My Husband The Engineer has had a six-month hiatus in which to repress all the reasons he should have found another copilot, and hasn't, so here we are.

I owe him because he just spent a weekend with my side of the family—the most, entertaining, enlightened and elevating company one could ask for, and he loved every second of it, but he keeps score during car season.

“Here, put this on,” he yells as he hands me the other pair of headphones. “We can't talk to each other, but the music works.” And you can hear it when the engine dies and the car is standing still. Since he really doesn't want my input on these rides, he would say that the headphones are working at 100 percent efficiency.

“Don't touch the buttons!” he shouts.

Since the music is *not* working, and he can't hear me over the din of the engine, so there's no point in screaming back, I'm reminded by contrast of the Simon and Garfunkel hit, “Sound of Silence.” They knew a good thing when they heard it and were obviously Americans who drove quiet Japanese cars or how would they have known what silence sounds like?

In the ~~prehistoric~~ early days of Healeys, owners didn't have nice wineries at which to have brunch before setting out on their treacherous adventures (nor designer outlets to stop at on the way home). But neither did they have to deal with clubby Jaguar owners wearing linen shorts, Ralph Lauren Polo shirts and tassel loafers without socks who think that having their mechanics on speed dial\* makes them better than us.



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### November 12-15

California Healey Week 2015 is hosted by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. This year the event will be held at the desert resort city of La Quinta (near Palm Springs), based at the Embassy Suites Hotel. La Quinta is located on the bustling Highway 111 corridor, and has an enchanting Old Town Village which features the best of shopping, dining and personal services. A wide range of activities is available including golf, hiking, bicycle tours, balloon rides, nature parks, museums, shopping and the famous Palm Springs Aerial Tram. Due to expected hot weather during the Spring and Summer, this traditional Spring event has been moved to November 12-15.

For the latest updates on CHW 2015, see the web site: [www.austin--healey.org](http://www.austin--healey.org)



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