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Out For A Sunday Drive

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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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Sierra Passes Tour

June 6th & 7th

Michael Sonneman



With 4 cars and 8 Happy People we all met in Stockton on Saturday morning for the third event of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club 2015 Season. Dave and Jerri Nock were the hosts for this event, and did not disappoint. Jerri put us through our paces with an array of trivia questions to tax our minds, while Dave had a plan to test our driving abilities as well as the stamina of our cars.

As we rolled out of Stockton we were looking for landmarks and other associated items along the road. Everything was going along fine until we got to the Pine Grove area.

Ken & Faith had a problem with their fuel pump and the car refused to go on. Ken pulled out a couple of spares to no avail. Dave & Ken headed back to the town of Pine Grove to seek out a new fuel pump, as luck would have it a fuel pump was found. The funny part of this part of the story was the store, ATI Auto Parts Store was going out of business and closing that day. With a new fuel pump in hand Ken & Dave returned to our roadside retreat. While Ken replaced his fuel pump, and Faith patiently waiting we continued on our way.

Our first pass to cross was Carson Pass on Hwy 88, and then drive on to our lunch stop in Markleeville and meet up with Rich Kahn. When we arrived in Markleeville, Rich was waiting for us and we all went inside the Wolf Creek Restaurant for lunch. As we were enjoying a cold beverage, Ken & Faith arrived with big smiles on their faces, they had made it. Now that all were present and accounted for it was time to eat, so we thought. Our lovely young waitress, Kelsey took our orders ▶



Fuel Pump Repair



Alpine Hotel - Markleeville



Kelsey

►► and said it won't take long to whip up our orders. While waiting for our food to be prepared Karen, Karl, and myself thought we would venture out to find some answers to some of the questions that involved Markleeville. Karl & I ventured into the local real estate office and asked the proprietor if she could help us out. She was able to help us with a few of the questions, and we ventured on.

One of the interesting things I found out while in Markleeville was that the Alpine Hotel was not originally located there. A plaque on the wall outside said the original building had been built in 1862 as the Fiske House in Silver Mountain City. It was dismantled board by board in 1886 by A.M. Grover and a crew of his men. Each board was marked and many of the old square nails were saved. It was re-erected on that site and named the Hot Springs Hotel. In 1900 it was once again renamed, this time to the Alpine Hotel which it has carried to this day.

About 20 to 30 minutes had passed and we thought the food should be ready and we headed back into the restaurant to eat. When we got in there the table was empty except for our now empty beverage glasses. The waitress Kelsey was summoned to find out how much longer it would take to prepare the food. We were then informed that the Chef was missing in action. Apparently he had some back problems and was told by his doctor to stay off his feet. He did just that, but failed to inform the restaurant he would be absent. Well more good luck fell upon us as a coworker of the establishment stepped in and prepared our meals. With more time on our hands Karl, and Karen proceeded to the Chamber of Commerce to seek out more information about the place. Once the food finally arrived we all enjoyed our lunch. When lunch was done it was time to gas up and get on the road.

Our next destination was Ebbetts pass, on Hwy 4. The road to Ebbetts Pass was twisty and windy and had some steep climbs, but the Healey's were up to the task and we made it to the top. After a quick stop near Mosquito Lake and passing Alpine Lake we were on to Columbia for our night's stay. As luck would have it the adventures for the day were not done. As we drove along Hwy 4, what we thought was a passing rain shower turned into a hail storm. With our tops down we tried to brave the storm and drive through it, as my navigator Karl screamed in my ear that he knew the car had a top so please stop and use it.

We were determined to make it, but in the end the storm won out and we stopped to raise our tops. When we got closer to Columbia we stopped at the only place that had a little shelter and licked our wounds. We all had a good laugh and were anxious to get to Columbia for a little wine before dinner to calm our nerves.

Ken & Faith, the proprietors of Elkhorn Peaks Cellars had brought some of their wine to share. Steve & Karen also brought some wine that Steve had brewed himself and we were all soon much happier people.

While we enjoyed our wine, the deliberations began to determine the winner of the trivia question contest. As it turned out, it was a close race. Mike and Karl won ►



Steve Thomas
Ouch - That's Smarts



The Hail Storm Wins



Parlor Room - City Hotel



El Jardin Restaurant - Columbia


▶▶ the contest by only two questions, with Steve & Karen coming in second place.

Our Dinner reservation was across the street from the City Hotel at a place called El Jardin. We were served by Joyce who was leaving for Mexico after her shift ended. We enjoyed our meal and met a couple of young men who were visiting from Germany. They told us about where they had been and where they were going, we had them take some photos of the group, good time had by all.

On Day 2 we went to the local bakery for breakfast, then the nice ladies at the hotel Cece and Dominique allowed us to line up the cars in front of the hotel for some photos and were on our way. Well almost... As it turned out Ken & Faith had decided to not push their luck trying to get over two more mountain passes and elected to enjoy the day and a leisurely ride home. We all said our good byes and gassed up and were on our way once again.

Driving along Hwy 108, we stopped at the Donnell Lake overlook to take in some of the beautiful scenery. We were soon joined by a group of rangers, who were out looking for possible fires due to lightning strikes in the area. After a short break we headed for Sonora Pass.

We made it over Sonora Pass without incident and made our way to the crossroads of Hwy 108 and 395. Rich Kahn decided to head home to Lake Tahoe from there and bid us all a farewell. Now we are down to the last 3 cars to conquer the last of the 4 passes. But first we had a nice drive through Bridgeport and past Mono Lake to the town of Lee Vining.

In Lee Vining we gassed up again and had lunch at the Nicely's Restaurant before heading down the road to Yosemite. Tioga Pass ends at the entrance to Yosemite, and after paying for park admission we headed down Hwy 120 for the last leg on the homeward stretch. We stopped in Yosemite at a Chevron Station for a quick bathroom stop and were off to Oakdale for our final gas stop. Dave & Jerri headed for home and Steve & Karen and I headed for Sacramento after dropping Karl off at his home in Manteca. 



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Group Shot - Hwy 108 & 395

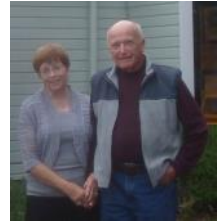
Attendees

- Richard Kahn
- Karl Knutsen
- Ken & Faith Nerlove
- Dave & Jerri Nock
- Mike Sonneman
- Steve & Karen Thomas

Rendezvous 2015

June 22nd thru 26th

Steve & Kim Korbay



The Cascade Club of Washington hosted the 2015 Rendezvous at the Alderbrook Resort and Spa located near the town of Union on the Hood Canal about 40 miles southwest of Seattle.

The Hood Canal is an inland extension of Puget Sound which connects to the Pacific Ocean. According to the Captain of our Alderbrook excursion boat, the Hood Canal and other water-ways are more like fjords that were carved out by ancient glaciers that covered most of Canada to the north.

Who knew that the weather would be so fantastic? About 100 cars (98 Healeys and 3 BJ9's and their hardy occupants) braved the elements (OK, it did sprinkle one day) to enjoy a great five days at a fantastic resort with all the amenities in west Washington near the town of Union (blink and you're past it).

Food, adult beverages, food, tech sessions, food (you get the picture), awards, road trips, a boat ride on Lady Alderbrook on the Canal, hiking, the Le May car Museum in Tacoma, a great hotel staff, and a wonderful bunch of helpful and knowledgeable Washington Healey people.


Again, excellent tech sessions were provided by the best of the best, Steve Day, who also acted as the MC for the live auction and the award dinner.

As you can see by the included photographs, the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club was represented by the 18 members and even took some awards:

Gary & Margaret High took 2nd Place for his BN7 which was restored by Dave Nock of British Car Specialists. Stephen & Jan Lehman took 2nd Place for his AN5. Irene Medzyk & Harry Harami recieved an "Honorable Mention" for their BJ8).

In the Rendezvous Council meeting, attended by Nick Klein, it was revealed after some discussion that the BC Club would host Rendezvous 2016 after all in Penticton, BC Canada after the western Healey members thought that there would not be such an event next year.

This will most certainly have a bearing on how many members from the south, who will attend Yosemite Healey Week 2016 on June 1st – June 5th, will commit to take the long drive to BC.

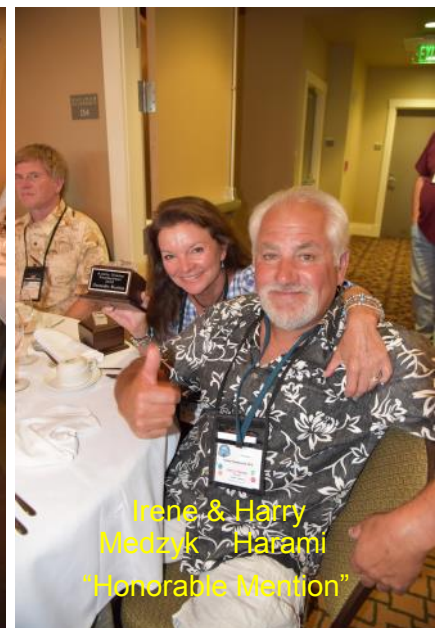
In conclusion the writer thinks that a good time in the beautiful surroundings was had by all. 



Kip & Len Hartnett



Stephen & Jan Lehman
2nd Place



Irene & Harry
Medzyk Harami
"Honorable Mention"



Roger & Donna Hawk



LeMay - America's Car Museum
Tacoma, Washington



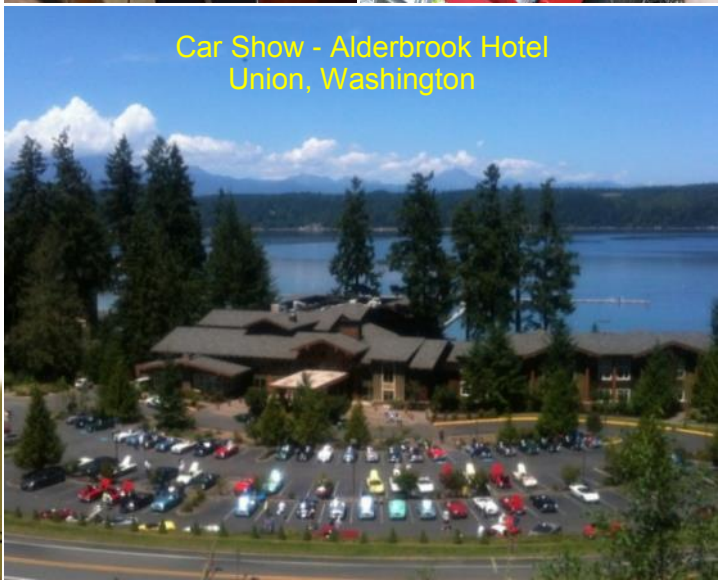
Group Shot - GGAHC Members



Nick & Sandy Klein



Steve Day
Tech Session



Car Show - Alderbrook Hotel
Union, Washington

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Attendees

- Steve Cloyes & Cindy Sweet
- Len & Kip Hartnett
- Roger & Donna Hawk
- Gary and Margaret High
- Nick & Sandy Klein
- Steve & Kim Korbay
- Stephen and Jan Lehman
- Irene Medzyk & Harry Harmani
- Terry & Linda Parsons



Kahn's Konsiderations

Rich Kahn
GGAHC President

As there will be no Rendezvous in 2016, GGAHC has committed to support the AHCASC (So. Calif. Club) 2016 event.

They have just contracted with The Redwoods in Yosemite - <http://www.redwoodsinyosemite.com> to host their annual gathering next year in June, 2016. The Redwoods in Yosemite has 120 independent cabins for rent in a community near to the historic Wawona Hotel.

"Yosemite Healey Week" is scheduled for June 1-5, 2016.

Since Yosemite books up quickly, often a year ahead of time, planning had to be done earlier than normal. Although not all the details have been worked out yet, it was imperative to get the venue locked up.

It is equally important that you also make your plans early and book your accommodations NOW, as space will not be guaranteed after July 31, 2015.

As indicated on the attached form, special fees have been negotiated for that week, which includes waiving the standard \$75 cleaning fee.

The event registration form will be available in the fall, once the event details are worked out.

Experiencing Yosemite in a Healey is spectacular! We hope to have a good representation from GGAHC - as we did in Morro Bay last year.



More Information will be available soon...

Calendar of Events

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

July 18 GGAHC Visit to SF Bay Water Model in Sausalito followed by drive in Marin County. See page 8.

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, Vacaville, Ca.

Please note: Event Location has been changed See page 7.

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

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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Annual Ice Cream Social
August 23
10:00am—2:30pm



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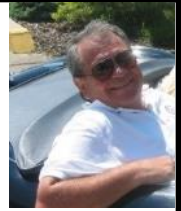
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John Trifari - June 10, 2015

By David Nock



It is with a sad heart that we must announce the loss of one of our long time members. On June 10th he lost his battle with a spinal infection. He was teaching one day, went to the Dr with sore knees, the next day he was in a wheel chair and couldn't walk.

I first met John and Karen Trafari just after they joined the Austin Healey Club Pacific Centre in 1990. He had a passion for the Austin Healey that never ended. He quickly became very active in the Austin Healey Club Pacific Center now GGAHC.

He was the editor of the National Magazine as well as our Newsletter editor for many years. I can remember many phone calls and faxes between John and my father, they would go back and forth and back and forth about the Tech Article for the Healey Highlights / Healey Magazine. He wanted them perfect for the magazine and wouldn't quit until they were just right.

Then one day in late 1998 Sandi Baker then president of Pacific Centre had a great idea let's host a Healey Meet in 2002 for the anniversary of the Austin Healey. So Sandi Baker, John, Lee Bardellini and I got together and went for it. John jumped in with both feet clear up to his neck with the same passion for the meet that he had for the Austin Healey. On one of our many trips to the Lake Tahoe area in planning for the meet, we had lost the original hotel and we were looking for a new hotel for the meet. While we were winding our way around the lake going from hotel to hotel, he came up with the theme for the meet. He suddenly said it's going to called "OPEN ROADS" to signify the long open roads that are going to be traveled to get to the meet.

He was always the tinkerer trying to make his car a little better and there seemed to be this friendly competition between him and Len Hartnett as to who had the most gauges in their car. He would always be the one that had that spare part that you needed to get your car running in one of those road side tech sessions. John may you now enjoy the Open Roads alongside Donald Healey and the rest of the Healey enthusiasts that are no longer with us.

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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.

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Mike told me he wanted to include “bios” in future newsletters and I thought, “what a great idea!” Of course, he then asked me to provide the first one! We attend various drives and events each year where the one common thread is our love of our Healeys! But, most of us have other interests in our day-to-day lives.

Shortly after Lynn and I were married we wandered into a slot machine shop in a casino in Lake Tahoe and thought the older machines (from the 20’s and 30’s) were works of art. We purchased our first machine on the spot. Of course once we got it we had to find something to put it on. My bright idea was to build an oak cabinet with antique stained glass. Of course this meant a trip out of town to a place we knew that sold stained glass and then the purchase of all the woodworking tools. That first purchase turned out to be very expensive. Since then we’ve accumulated about 30 slot machines. The group of collectors is much like the Healey owners – a small, close knit family!

About 5 or 6 years ago friends of ours asked us to go along with them “rock hounding.” We had a great time hunting for various types of rocks (geodes, petrified wood, agate, etc.). You’ll find our yard littered with rocks we just had to bring home! Lynn tumbles (polishes) rocks and after about 6 weeks they come out all smooth and shiny! Those that are particularly unusual or pretty are displayed and the rest fill decorative jars around the house. Lynn also took some classes to learn how to make jewelry out of them but hasn’t really found the time to pursue that project as much as she would like.

We hike a lot and kayak when we can. Living at Lake Tahoe we snowshoe and do a little skiing in the winter. The Healey takes a lot of my winter time, too as I do most of my own repair and maintenance.

Hopefully, this tells you a little more about who we are. We look forward to learning more about the rest of you!



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

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From the Editor



Mike Sonneman
GGAHC Newsletter Editor

First of all I hope you all enjoyed my first publication...

Some requests to my fellow members...

I would like to start doing some members profiles when there is space in the Newsletter... I have started in this issue of the Newsletter with a profile on our new president Rich and his wife Lynn.

We have a large number members in our club and I thought it would be fun to get to know something about other members.

I would also like to start a column on strange and funny things that people have experienced while driving their Healey's. Please feel free to forward me any stories you may have to share...

