



The Bay Model Tour - Group Picture

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The Bay Model Tour

July 18th

Michael Sonneman



The day began at The Bay Model located at 2100 Bridgeway in the north part of Sausalito. Kim & Steve Korbay provided Coffee & Goodies around 9:30 for all of us to enjoy before our tour of The Bay Model started.

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.

Healeydoc@sbcglobal.net

Fall Colors Tour September 26th & 27th

More information available soon...



The San Francisco Bay/Delta Model is a three dimensional model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. It was built in 1957 by the US Army Corps of Engineers as a scientific tool to test the impact of proposed changes to the Bay and related waterways. Today the engineering and research mission has evolved into computer-based models located in San Francisco.



Kim & Steve Korbay

The Bay Model now has a new life as an educational facility on the natural and cultural history of the San Francisco Bay Watershed. 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.

The US Army Corps of Engineers continue to operate the Bay Model to interpret the critical missions of the Corps in environment, navigation, and flood control throughout the watershed.

The Bay Model is impressive. This one of a kind facility once tested salt-water ►



Morning Coffee & Snacks

►► intrusion, movement of water-borne pollution, oil spills, and changes to tidal flows as a result of barriers or landfill. The simulated tidal action and currents in the Bay Model change every few minutes and can recreate a 24-hour tidal cycle in 14.9 minutes.

As it turned out there were 14 Healey's and 3 BJ9's with 32 club members participating in this event. We were also joined by Phil & Sue Foster's daughter Amy, her husband Will and their beautiful little daughter Charlie.

After our one hour tour of the Bay Model given by Linda Holm, we left Sausalito, via Hwy 101 and headed north for about 30 minutes, exiting at the Lucas Valley Road turn-off, just north of Terra Linda.

Heading west the road took us past Big Rock Ranch, part of the George Lucas Ltd. film complex, and a few miles further, past his Skywalker Ranch property which is behind large wooden gates on the right.

Continuing on through the Redwood trees, we turned right at Nicasio Valley Road, arriving in the village of Nicasio which means "the hidden one". The town which had it's beginnings around the mid 1880's has not lost many of it's characteristics that it possessed approximately 150 years ago.

Hotel Nicasio was built in 1867, where traders would stay and bid for cattle and timber. The hotel burned down December 15th, 1940 and a year later the Rancho Nicasio Bar & Restaurant was built where the hotel once stood.

Steve had organized with the restaurant to provide us some choices for our lunch which was either Fish & Chips, Hamburger, or BBQ Chicken Sandwich. We were served by the staff of the restaurant which included a nice gentleman named Ismael Gomez.

After lunch most people left for home to avoid traffic and the hot weather. The Fosters and the Korbays left for home by way of the Petaluma - Pt. Reyes Road. Which took them through Petaluma, Bennett Valley, and then to the Korbays in Santa Rosa on back roads as much as possible to avoid traffic.

Many Thanks to Steve & Kim for putting on this event, and for providing the morning goodies to start the day...





The Bay Model



The Bay Model



Group Shot - End of The Bay Model Tour



Rob, & ML Sardeman



Sue, Amy, Phil, Will and little Charlie



Kate, Bob, & Len



Ruth, Dennis, Kim, Steve, Lynn, & Rich



Rob, ML, Steve, Ken, & Marsha



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- Greg Cory
- Steve & Patty Darfler
- Phil & Sue Foster
- Ken & Marsha Freese
- Dennis & Ruth Gilroy
- Bob Griffin
- Len Hartnett
- Rich & Lynn Kahn
- Nick & Sandy Klein
- Steve & Kim Korbay
- Tim & Kathy Marshall
- Dave & Jerri Nock
- Rob & ML Sardeman
- Mike Sonneman
- Steve Thomas
- John & Cathy Turney



Mini Owners of America, San Francisco & Blackhawk Museum Present

25th All British Car Show & Swap Meet

British Motorcycles Now Invited !!!

Saturday September 19th, 2015

8 am - 2:30 pm

This event has moved to the Blackhawk Museum Blackhawk Plaza, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, Ca. 94506

This is the MOASF Annual Car Show/Swap Meet that was held at Cal State Hayward/CSU East Bay.

Please join us in our new venue.

For information and registration:
www.moasf.com/allbritishmeet



Erika The Red

John Soderling grew up on a ranch in northern Idaho, attended the University of Idaho and graduated with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering. A few years later he earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration and State of California Registrations as a Civil Engineer and a Transportation Engineer.

John spent 34 years with the City of Oakland, Public Works and served for the last 15 years as Deputy Director in charge of all Civil Engineering, Architectural Design, Construction, Transportation Engineering and Electrical Design. He retired from Oakland and then spent four years consulting.

John has been married to Bev for 46 years and together they enjoy country club golfing, bocce ball competition, visiting their six grandkids, Golden Gate Austin Healey Club tours, and church projects. He also is learning to play Dobro lap slide guitar.

His Austin Healey 100-Six MM was built in December 1957 at the Austin Motor Company's Longbridge facility and fitted with the improved 6-port 2.7 liter straight six cylinder engine. The original owner campaigned this Healey at several Northern California circle-track raceways during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

In 1988 in Arcata, a retired machinist purchased the car from a Eureka-area Austin Healey aficionado. He completed an engine rebuild and cosmetic restoration in 1992, at which time the exterior color was changed to Colorado Red.

He purchased the car in 1998 and named her "Erika the Red." He drives Erika the Red an average of 3,000 miles per year, enjoying the many Golden Gate Austin Healey Club tours/events, Hot Summer Nights car shows, and annual West Coast Healey Rendezvous gatherings. She has garnered class awards at Healey Rendezvous Popular Car Shows including a Second Place in 2005 at Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Six years ago He added graphics to show how she may have looked when raced by the original owner.

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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.*

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 12th Pescadero Tour See page 9.

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

Sept 19th 25th All British Car Show & Swap Meet

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.

The event will be held at Trader Vick's in Emeryville. (Located in the Berkeley Marina Area)

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.

Web site: www.Mazdaraceway.com

Select BUY TICKETS

Select ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION AUGUST 13-16

Select: BUY TICKETS

Scroll down to CAR CORRALS and find AUSTIN HEALEY Complete the transaction.

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.

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



Fosters Freeze, 653 Merchant Street,
Vacaville, CA 95688

The Club will pay for the ice cream (up to \$5) for any member and passenger who RSVP - AND drive a Healey to the event.

NOT A MEMBER OR PASSENGER? NO RSVP?
NO HEALEY? NO FREE ICE CREAM!
RSVP No Later Than Aug. 20th

Len Hartnett, thehartnetts@earthlink.net
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Dan Sekella
May 11th, 1939 - June 29th, 2015

Born in Seattle, Washington and Fell Asleep in the Lord in Concord, California.

Dan first came to California for Basic Training as an Army Reservist at Ft. Ord. After completing a Bachelor's Degree at the University of Washington, he returned to California taking a position in San Francisco with the Southern Pacific Railroad that he would ultimately hold for 27 years.

It was at the SP that he would meet and marry his wife, Linda in 1971. They bought a home in Concord in 1972 where Dan cultivated many exotic palm specimens.

His fervor for classic cars led him to restore a 1962 Austin Healey MK3000, his wife's 1965 Mustang, and a 1952 MG TD.

Dan's tireless efforts as a warden at his church, a docent at the Ruth Bancroft Garden, Treasurer of The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, and President of the local chapter of the International Palm Society kept his life enriched and filled with friends.

He will be sorely missed.

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Remembering My Good Friend



John & Steve

Travels with John By Steve Cloyes

I had been John's sidekick for many, many Austin-Healey miles. It all started in 1993 with the trip to Skamania in my newly rebuilt car. On the return trip John, Gary Anderson and I split from the caravan and kind of 'cowboy-ed' are way home. I knew I had found a kindred spirit for the road and the pure joy of our cars. For the 1997 Park City meet John was actually my passenger and navigator. Seeking a way out of town at the meets conclusion we looked at a line on the map and thought "that looks pretty good, let's go". Rock climbing my Healey up a peak, sheer drop to the left, no way to turn around, we pressed on. That was traveling with John.

Open Roads 2002 brought out a group from the east coast via Hwy. 50. A friendly challenge from Michael Orrit suggested we reciprocate for the 2003 Conclave in Washington DC. To honor Golden Gate AH Club, John and I decided right then, "let's do it". Highway 50 all the way! We trusted our cars. No cares but the road ahead. No reservations anywhere... check into a motel whenever we got there, wherever that might be.

2005 John and I were back at it again. This time to Conclave in North Carolina via a southern route. As observers of the wide open spaces we could laugh and joke and make a little fun of the small towns we stopped at or passed through. One town in Arkansas was decidedly less welcoming. We quickly finished breakfast without a second cup of coffee and climbed into our '(gender slur) little British cars' and split!

My last Rendezvous with John was Nelson, BC 2006. Typical for us, on departure, we look on the map for the least likely 'hassle' border crossing. "This looks pretty good, let's go", 788 miles later, 11p.m. at night we land in Alturas, CA. Hard to imagine that much time has passed. It's sad to think of why I'm writing this but, whenever I think of the pride and joy and love of my Healey it's with John Trifari. Thank you John, you've given me so much.



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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



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Eat More Desert Tour September 12th

Join us for a drive to the coast and a delicious lunch catered by Arcangeli Grocery (Norm's Market) of Pescadero, famous for their hot garlic artichoke bread. Founded in 1929, the bakery and grocery have been run by the same family for five generations. Chris Benedetti is part of the newest generation and will talk about the history of the market and offer tastings of their branded items and world-famous bread. Lunch will be platters of sandwiches made on their amazing bread, salads and drinks. After Chris is finished, we'll walk or drive to my barn for PIE and other yummy desserts.

You'll get to enjoy cool cars and cool car people. The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, the Alfa Romeo Association, and the Pebble Beach Sports Car Club have all been invited, but any nice, fun people in cool cars are welcome! We'll drive over twisty local roads, through redwood forests and ranchlands and along the coast, to the historic town of Pescadero. By popular demand, I have added more drive time to this year's tour.

Meet at 8:30 at the Ladera Shopping Center, just west of Highway 280 on Alpine Road in Portola Valley. There is a gas station on the corner, a great coffee shop in the mall (Konditorie, 3130 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, CA, 94028) as well as a nice little grocery store. Fuel up your car and yourself, as the drive will take about 3:15 hours and cover ~ 100 miles. **The group will leave at 9:15 sharp.**

We'll stop at the beautiful Big Basin Redwoods State Park for a short break, then head out to Santa Cruz, up into the mountains, down Ice Cream Grade (it is the Eat More Desert Tour, after all!), through Bonny Doon and up Highway One to Pescadero.

We'll arrive in Pescadero ~12:30 at the **Native Sons Community Hall, 112 Stage Road**, Pescadero, 94060, (www.pescaderohall.com). There is parking on Stage Road and in the town lot at the corner of Stage Road and Pescadero Road. You'll have time to look at all the cars and place your vote for the People's Choice Award and then we'll eat in the beautifully restored hall.

After lunch, we'll finish at my house in town for coffee and pie and any other special desserts people would like to bring! You'll still have time to wander the shops or visit the beach or Harley Farms for their famous goat cheese. You are welcome to come in any cool car. The cost for the day will be \$25 per person. **The registration deadline is Sept 4**, and you can register by mailing me a check payable to Norm's Market along with your release form (Nancy McCroskey, PO Box 291, Pescadero, CA 94060).

Please email me that it is on the way (nmccroskey@aol.com)
I hope to see you soon!
Nancy McCroskey

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From the Editor



Mike Sonneman
GGAHC Newsletter Editor

Since the last issue, I have had some great feedback on the first of what I hope to be many more Member Biographies...

Keep those Biographies coming your fellow members want to learn more about you...

Don't be shy...

I'm still waiting for some strange and funny stories that people have experienced while driving their Healey's...

Please feel free to forward me any stories you may have to share...

Please include a photo if possible, it would be a great complement to your story...

Thanks

