TRG - The Racing Group

Adobe Road Drive

TRG Racing Group / Adobe Road Wine Tasting
May 7th, 2016

It was an overcast morning and the air was cool… Just what our Healeys love… We all met at the Vintage Oak Shopping Center parking lot in Novato. Once the driver meeting was done and the directions were passed out… We were on our way…

The first leg of the drive took us through Novato and then along the Point Reyes - Petaluma Road to Petaluma. Just outside of Petaluma we arrived at the TRG Racing Group Headquarters.

After a brief talk by Ashly Reynolds & Tim Murphy about how the business is put together, we were joined by Kevin Buckler. Kevin told us about how he ventured into the wine business and shared some of their future plans, which includes a new tasting room at a different location. We then took a look around at his race cars and enjoyed some of there great wines in their onsite tasting room.

Once we were done with all that we made our way to the parking lot to continue on the second leg of our journey. By this time a light rain had started, but we soldiered on…

We drove through the country side and rolling hills of the area and eventually made it to Rancho Nicasio for lunch… Well most of us anyway…

As we all have done once you get into a line of cars, you just trust that the lead car knows where everyone is headed… Aparently there was a little mix up along the way and a few people ended up in Bodega Bay… I also heard someone ran out of gas (not me this time), but had brought some gas along just in case… Once everyone had a chance to regroup, they all made it to Rancho Nicasio…

Our lunch at Rancho Nicasio was your choice of a Turkey Sandwich or a Ceasar Salad with Chicken… We all made our choices and settled in for some conversation and a little something to eat… Once lunch was taken care of we all headed out to parts unknown…

A BIG Thanks to Tim Murphy for organizing the event and thanks to all who ventured out in the rain for our trip of the day…
Attendees:

Anderson, Gary & Harriet
Baker, Allison & Molly  (Club Guest)
Bardellini, Lee
Campbell, Bruce & Christie
Darfler, Steve & Patty
Foster, Phil & Sue
Kahn, Rich & Lynn
Klein, Nick & Sandy
Korbay, Steve & Kim
Kovalik, Irv & Zenta
McCroskey, Nancy
Moore, Brian  (Club Guest)
Murphy, Tim & Mary Niesyn
Naughton, Mike & Marianne
Nock, David & Jerri
Petrini, Chris
Sardeman, Rob & Marie-Louise
Sherrill, Susan & Bob Kent
Sonneman, Mike
Thomson, Tris  (Club Guest)
Turney, John & Cathy
The United British Sports Car Club held its annual All British Motoring Show and Swap Meet at the Dixon Fairgrounds on May 15th. It was a nice cool day, and the turnout was excellent. After all the votes were counted, 2 members of our club were the recipients of awards. Our GGAHC member Jerry Costanzo did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

Congratulations to the UBSCC for putting on a good show.

Winners:

Austin Healey 1955-1963

**Steven Rudy** - Second Place - AH 1957 100-6

Austin Healey 1963– 1967

**Rich & Lynn Kahn** - Third Place - AH 1964 BJ8 3000
Attendees:

Hamilton, Ed
Hartnett, Kip
Hartnett, Len
Henke, George
Kahn, Rich & Lynn
Nock, David
Olson, Rich & Tweety
Putnam, Bill
Rudy, Steven
Sonneman, Mike
Trewin, Gregory
Turney, John
Willendrup, Allen
Healey’s, Wine, Food and a Drive-In Movie
June 25th – 26th

This is a new one we haven’t done before. We will start out on a tour from Livermore heading towards the Lodi wine region. We will visit a couple of the small boutique wineries in the area.

After a day of adventure you will check into your hotel room in Lodi, then it’s off to Lodi Vintners for an evening of Wine Tasting, Dinner, Bocci Ball and a Drive-In Movie. We will be watching on of the greatest drive-in movies of all time American Graffiti.

So bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening, sit back and enjoy an era gone bye. American Graffiti on the big screen along with some wine and popcorn.

Then it’s a short trip back to the hotel and check in for the evening.

Sunday morning we will take another short tour of the area and return to visit a couple more of the local wineries.

We have a room block at the Holiday Inn Express in Lodi at $139.00 per night including breakfast. So you will need to call the hotel to get your reservations for this new adventure.

You will need to call them to make you room reservations by May 25th Holiday Inn Express 209-210-0150

Dinner and the movie is $25.00 per person

RSVP : Contact David and Jerri Nock healeydoc@verizon.net or cell 209-986-5910
Kahn’s Konsiderations

Rich Kahn
GGAHC President

June 2016 Healey Happenings

Forty GGAHC cars are headed for Yosemite to enjoy a (short) week with our Healey cousins from the South.

Forty of us and 60 of them - fun, fun, fun!

Dr. Tim threw a fun event in Marin County.

While we got a little rain, it didn't dampen the day.

(We came down in our Audi due to the torrential rains here in Tahoe).

Tim arranged for a race car tour at a fabulous winery.

We drove over some beautiful roads and ended the day with a great lunch.

Our club made a good showing at the Dixon Car Show put on by the United British Sports Car Club of Sacramento.

It is always a great event and a fabulous opportunity to see assorted British sports cars.

Dave Nock's "Healey's, Wine, Food and a Drive-in Movie" June 25 and 26 is the next "not to be missed" event.

Not too late to sign up.

Currently GGAHC has no events scheduled for July.

It's not too late to plan something, even if it is only an afternoon drive to your favorite winery.

Keep those Healey's rolling!

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- Eligible for Le Mans Classic and an ideal candidate for many vintage rallies and events

There are few cars that so well embody the excitement and romance of a golden era of international competition on the European road-rally circuit as does the Austin-Healey 3000. Indeed, the 3000 is both a world-beater competition car and a civilized sports car perfectly adapted for personal enjoyment.

As the most original 1961 specification car, also retaining its original engine, the 3000 appears as it did for the 1961 Acropolis Rally. Fully road ready, it is eligible for numerous classic rallies and tours around the world.
A Few Words from Harriet Anderson

I was raised in the lovely town of Los Gatos, California with my mother and two older sisters. My father passed away when I was four years old. I attended Los Gatos High School, UC Santa Barbara and I received my BS in Nursing at UCSF. I worked as a school nurse for thirty years in Redwood City, California. I was not active in sports when I was young. The only sport I played in high school was tennis. The high school did not have a swimming pool so I did very little swimming.

I worked in Yosemite when I was in college and I did many long hikes, to Half Dome, top of Yosemite Falls, the ledge trail to Glacier Point, and Water Wheel Falls. The guys were always amazed I was able to keep up with them on the hikes. Looking back, I realize I had natural endurance.

While working at the High Sierra Camp in Yosemite in 1957, I met my husband Gary who was back packing. We were married in 1960. We have two children, Michael and Linda, who both live in the bay area. I have four grandchildren who live close by ranging in age from 7-15 years old.

Gary and I did some back packing, scuba diving and skiing when we were first married. Once we had children we were busy with their sports activities so our sport activities decreased. Our son was very athletic, he ran, played soccer and tennis. Our daughter was a competitive ice skater so I was up very early to drive to the ice rick at 5:00AM most mornings. To this day I still wake up very early which has been an advantage for triathlon training.

When the children left for college, a friend told us about an exercise class at a local Junior College called Fitness for Life. Gary and I joined the class and started exercising on a regular basis. We started running with a group of friends, doing 10K and half marathons. When we decided to do a marathon, I said I want to do a fun marathon. We chose the Honolulu marathon in 1986. We continued to go over to the marathon because we all loved Hawaii.

In 1987 a local club started a triathlon group and some friends said it would be fun to do triathlons. I was not a swimmer so I joined the local club and started training with a masters group. I did a sprint triathlon in 1988 and in 1989 I did my first half ironman event, long course Wildflower. There were four ladies in the oldest age group, 50-54, and I won my age group qualifying me for Kona. At that time you had three weeks to decide if you wanted to accept the slot. My husband said it would be a big commitment to do such a long race. I really wanted to compete in an Ironman race.

I have always been a sports fan and I had watched the Ironman on the Wild World of Sports. I remembered watching Julie Moss crawl across the finish line at the Ironman World Championships in Kona in 1982 on TV and I never imagined that I would be competing in that same event seven short years later. I started training for the Ironman with my triathlon team that summer in 1989.

In October 1989 I competed in my first Ironman. It was a magical year because the conditions were so good, very little wind. Dave and Mark were dueling and Mike Reilly started announcing at the Kona Ironman. I came in fourth place, thus coming home with an award. I fell in love with Kona and the Ironman race and I definitely wanted to do it again. I continued doing Ironman races, coming home with an award every year.

As I aged I was able to win my age group thirteen times. I did not know how long I would be able to compete in Ironman races but I said I would compete until I was unable to finish. I was able to finish 22 times. In 2014 I was unable to finish the race, missing the bike cutoff by 3 minutes. The winds were so strong that I had to stop to pick up fluids at each aid station. I knew this would slow me down but I felt safety came first. Many people were blown off their bikes that year.

The years competing were very exciting. I think my toughest races were the Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon, the Wildflower long course and Kona.

Since retiring from Ironman racing last year, I have done one 70.3 race (Vineman) and some shorter races. I plan to keep on training and doing short races. I did the Honolulu Marathon in December 2015.

I feel triathlon training and racing has kept me healthy and feeling young. Triathlon friends are so positive and they are a joy to be around. ✨
I looked forward to going over to Kona every year. It is such an exciting race and it is held in such a beautiful area. There is nothing like the magic of Kona during the week of the Ironman. I want to thank all of my friends and family for all of their support during my triathlon career.

*** Accomplishments ***

Triathlon Races:


Vineman 70.3 – 2000-2015 – 15 1st Places

Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon – won age group 4 times

ITU Triathlon World Championship (Olympic Distance)

1996 Cleveland – 3rd Place
2001 Edmonton – 1st Place
2002 Cancun – 2nd Place

USA Triathlon Age Group National Championships (Olympic Distance)

1996 – Orange County – 1st Place
2001 – Coeur d’Alene – 1st Place
2002 – Coeur d’Alene – 1st Place
2007 – Hagg Lake
2008 – Hagg Lake – 3rd Place

20 Marathons – PR 3:52 at the Napa Marathon

Other Awards and Honors:

2003 Outstanding Women’s Age Group Athlete – Ironman World Championship

2011 Athleta Sponsored Athlete

2012 Triathlete Magazine Age grouper of the Year

2013 Triathlete Magazine Female Age-Group Athlete of the Year

2012 Silicon Valley Triathlon Club – Triathlete of the Year

2013, 2014 – Silicon Valley Triathlon Club – Most Inspirational Triathlete

2013 – Oldest Woman to Finish Ironman World Championship at 78 years old
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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.
With almost two months to go until Yosemite Healey Week, we are nearly at our capacity. We currently have 100 entrants and about 191 people attending. About 54 are attending from Southern California (AHASC and AHCSD), 40 from Northern California (GGAHC) and two each from New Mexico, Washington and Arizona.

Our planned lunch at the Majestic Hotel (Ahwahnee) is still on for Thursday, June 2. However, we will have to make some adjustments to the rest of the day. First, far more people signed up for the lunch and the after lunch drive (Tuolumne tour) than we expected; and there will be only one hotel tour, not two. This caused us to adjust the day’s events, which will result in either elective or mandatory schedule changes for some attendees:

People will depart the Redwoods for the Poker Run (into the Yosemite Valley) in two groups.

**Group 1** will about 9AM and include all those having lunch at the Majestic and are taking the after lunch tour to Tuolomne Meadows. This group will be seated for lunch about 12:00 and be **limited to about 50 cars**.

**Group 2** will depart the Redwoods about 9:30AM and, upon arriving at the Majestic, will (if desired) take a guided tour of the hotel. They will then be seated for lunch about 1:30, after Group 1 has departed.

There will only be one Majestic Hotel tour, not two, limited to about 80 people.

We are oversubscribed for the after lunch Tuolomne tour. People taking this tour should realize that this drive will be quite long, perhaps 5 hours. This time of year, traffic can be quite thick and speeds might be reduced to about 25MPH. We will take a poll on who continues to want to take this tour and, if still oversubscribed, we will have to **limit Group 1** to 50 cars.

The final Poker hand drawing will take place back at the Redwoods during the cocktail hour, about 6:00PM. Both Group 1 and Group 2 are expected to be back by then.

Other announcements about Yosemite Healey Week include:

If you rented a cabin at the Redwoods, they will be charging your credit card on April 1st, 60 days prior to arrival.

If you are trailering your Healey to Yosemite, there is parking for your trailer at the Redwoods. However, please do not drive all the way up to the Event Center with it. When you exit Hwy 41 to Wawona, turn right on Chilnualna Falls Road and proceed to The Redwoods. **Look for signs posted for Healey Week trailer parking and off-load your Healey and park your trailer there.**

Registration will open up on the early afternoon of Wednesday, June 1st. There will be both a “fast track” Redwoods check-in and our Healey Week registration. Please be patient, as we have a lot of people to process that afternoon.

The Redwoods is sponsoring a “Welcome to Healey Week” cocktail reception Wednesday, before dinner.

We are planning a BBQ dinner on Friday evening at the Redwoods. This will be a “Cowboy” theme…be sure to pack your boots and cowboy hats for the trip and bring your favorite country music!

We will be providing beer, wine and soft drinks for the three dinners on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

If you desire and other beverages, please bring them with you.

We look forward to seeing you in Yosemite!

Cheers, Mike
We're now about 1 1/2 months away from Yosemite Healey Week. As I mentioned in the last update, we will have to split into two groups for the Thursday Drive to accommodate the two lunch seating's at the Majestic (Ahwahnee) Hotel.

Thursday's drive will leave the Redwoods headed into the Yosemite Valley on the Poker Run, with 5 short stops for card draws, and ends at the Majestic Hotel.

The options then are to 1) have lunch at the first seating and continue on the after tour to Tuolumne Meadows; 2) tour the Majestic Hotel (optional) and have lunch at the second seating; and 3) proceed on your own drive without the lunch or tour at the Majestic.

Regardless of what you specified on your registration form, we now need to know which group you want to join on the Thursday drive. Please select one of the following on the online survey below:

**Group 1** – this group will leave the Redwoods about 9AM on Thursday 6/2 and will be seated for the first seating at the Majestic Hotel about 12PM. This group is mandatory for those having lunch at the Majestic and continuing on the afternoon tour to Tuolumne Meadows.

This tour will be about 130 miles and will take 4-5 hours, depending on speed and additional stops. This option is only recommended for those who are prepared for a long slow drive and get back the Redwoods after 5PM (perhaps missing the cocktail hour and final Poker drawing and awards). This group is limited to 85 people.

**Group 2** – this group will leave the Redwoods about 9:30 AM and will be seated for the second seating at the Majestic Hotel about 1:30PM. Those wanting to tour the hotel must choose this option.

Following lunch, you may continue on your own drive or return to the Redwoods. This group is limited to 85 people.

**Group 3** – this group will leave the Redwoods last and is for those who desire neither to have lunch at the Majestic Hotel nor take the group tour to Tuolumne Meadows, but to proceed on their own.

Please indicate your choice by going to our website at [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org), click on the Yosemite Healey Week link on the Home page and then click on the “Thursday Drive Survey”.

If you are attending with a guest, please take the survey for them also. If we have over subscriptions to either Group 1 or 2, we will have to honor requests on a first come, first served basis. In the event that we do not hear back from you, we will assign you to a group depending on demand and if you signed up for the lunch.

Thank you.

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**Notice:** There will be no Yosemite Healey Week refunds after April 30, 2016.
From the Editor

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…

I would also like some stories on how couples met each other and how long they have been together…

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

Mike Sonneman
GGAHC Newsletter Editor

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