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**Monterey International Healey Week 2017**

**\*\* Silent Auction \*\***

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**Monterey International Healey Week 2017**

**\*\* Arts & Crafts \*\***

Contact: Kim Korbay

**Donald Healey  
CBE – Hall of Fame  
Inductee**



Donald Healey was a man with many talents – pilot, mechanic and rally driver. Most notable to the majority of British car fans, Donald Healey was the driving force behind the Austin Healey sports cars such as the Austin Healey 3000 and the bug-eye (or frog-eye) Sprite.



Donald Healey, CBE was inducted into the [British Sports Car Hall of Fame](#) this June.

Donald Healey was born in 1898 Perranporth, Cornwall. Healey became interested in all things mechanical at an early age, most particularly aircraft. He studied engineering while at Newquay College.

In 1916 he volunteered at the age of 16 for WWI for the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and earned his “wings” as a pilot. After the Armistice, he returned to Cornwall, took a correspondence course in automobile engineering, and opened the first garage in Perranporth in 1920.

In 1931, Donald Healey won the Monte Carlo Rally driving a 4½-litre Invicta. The rally had multiple starting points with Healey starting from Stavanger, Norway.



► He competed in the Monte Carlo Rally in 1929 and was in the top eight places in 1932, 1934 and 1936.

In 1932 Healey won the class for unlimited sports cars at the Brighton Speed Trials, driving an Invicta, in a time of 28.8 sec for the half mile course.

He gained a reputation as a consultant engineer and designer and was appointed General Manager of the Triumph Motor Company in 1931. He went on to create the renowned Southern Cross and Dolomite 8 models.



During the Second World War, Healey was in charge of developing an aircraft carburetor for the Ministry of Supply and also worked with Humber on armored cars.

In 1945, he formed the Donald Healey Motor Company Ltd, based in an old RAF hangar at Warwick.

In 1949, Healey established an agreement with George W. Mason, the president of Nash Motors to build Nash-engined Healey sports cars.

The first series of the 2-seaters were built in 1951 and they were designed by Healey. The Nash-Healey's engine was a Nash Ambassador 6-cylinder, the body was aluminum, and the chassis was a Healey Silverstone.

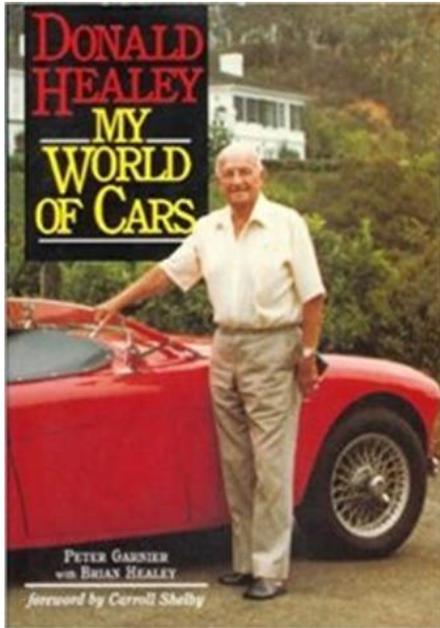
However, Pininfarina restyled the bodywork for 1952 and took over the production of its new steel body. The company developed the Austin-Healey and Austin-Healey Sprite motor cars in a licensing arrangement with British Motor Corporation

in 1952 and 1959.

For his "services to export", Healey was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Queen Elizabeth II in 1973.

Donald Healey died in 1988 at the age of 89.

A memorial window in [St Michael's Church Perranporth](#) was provided by the Austin-Healey Club of America. 



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# Ken Nerlove - Healey Event In Napa, Ca.

Healey Event Sunday September 3rd, 2017

Member, Ken Nerlove, will be organizing a Healey Run on Sunday, Sept 3, 2017 in the Napa Valley.

The event will be joined by 5 Healeys coming over from Australia for the International Healey Meet.

We will meet at Ken's Winery/Vineyard, Elkhorn Peak Cellars, ([www.elkhornpeak.com](http://www.elkhornpeak.com)) in the morning around 9:00 Ken will conduct a vineyard tour followed by a wine tasting.

We can hang around and talk cars for awhile before proceeding to drive to another winery in the Sonoma Valley where we will have a picnic lunch and another wine tasting.

We will pre-order sandwiches at a local deli that is on the way.

After lunch, we will proceed on a drive through the beautiful Sonoma Valley ending up on the North end of the Napa Valley for the final drive down to the St Helena area where we will go our separate ways.

The weather will be "warm" but the Valley will be full of grapes as this time of year is just prior to harvest. This will be a fun event with some neat roads and cool scenery.

This will be a good opportunity to show our down South neighbors some nice warm Northern California hospitality.

If you would like to attend or have question, please contact Ken at

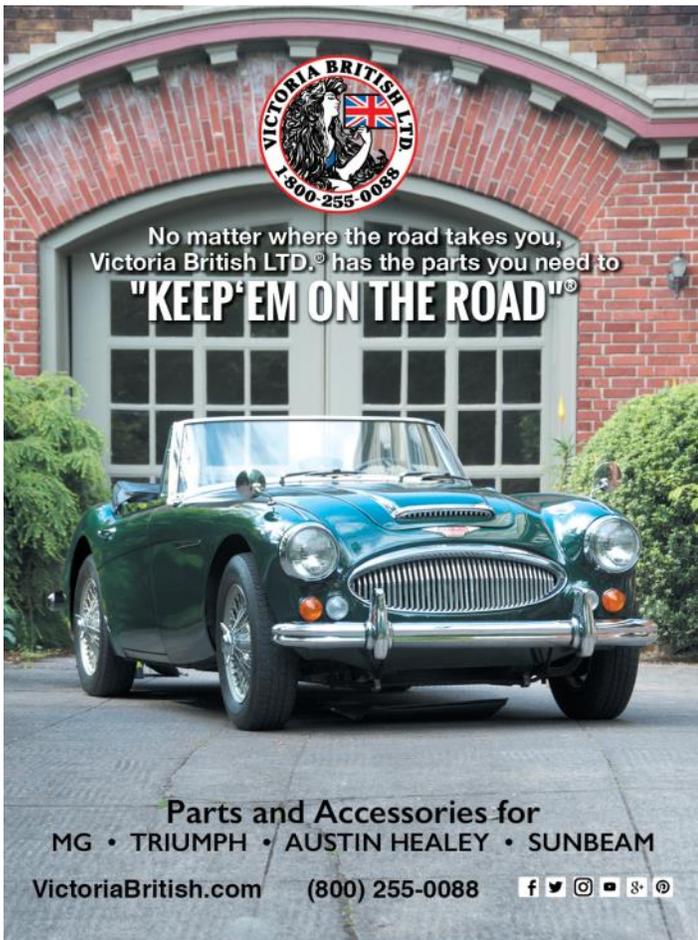
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## Monterey International Healey Week 2017

### Silent Auction Items Needed

We are only a few months away from Rendezvous 2017 at the Monterey Hyatt and it is time to begin thinking about items for the silent auction.

If you remember at the 2013 Rendezvous, pieces went beyond the automotive.

We had jewelry, vacation rentals, a day of sailing with Marty and items from places as far away as Afghanistan and Zimbabwe.

You may have items in your attic or garage stored for so long you've forgotten you had them!!

What an opportunity for you to declutter and give your club a hand.

And how about your own talents?

It is part of the fun to see the creative minds of our fellow Healey crazed club members.

If it is difficult to transport your items, you can bring them to one of our monthly planning meetings or they can be shipped for storage until the event to:

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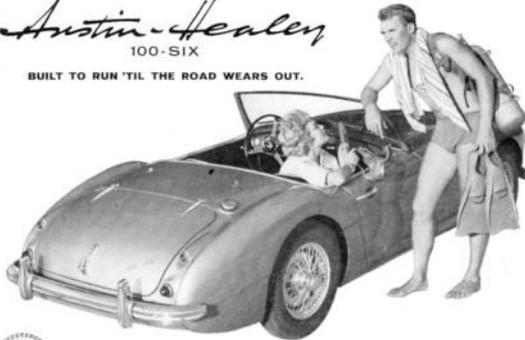
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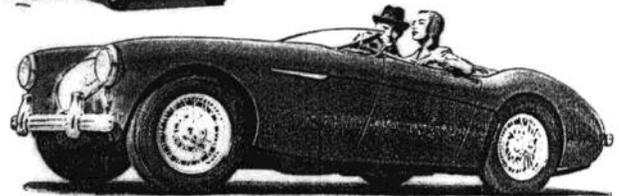
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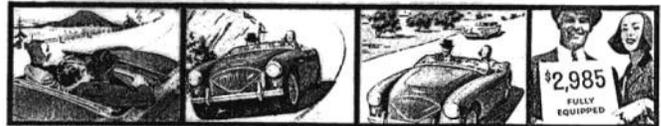


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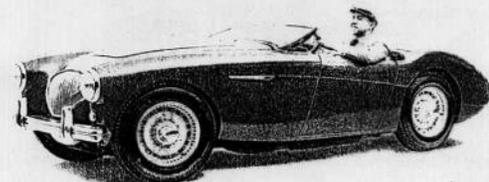


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## Living His Dream by Dennis Green

Back when I was in high school in Baltimore Maryland I had a summer job on the docks. My sole responsibility was to take care of new Healey's when they came off the ship.

They would all be parked in a row of 100 cars and I had to inspect them for damage then drive them to an on site facility car wash to remove the cosmoline. Cosmoline is a wax like substance that the cars were coated in to prevent them from rust on the boat trip from England.

Once the cars were washed I then had to drive them back to the parking lot and reinspect them to make sure they were not damaged in the car wash process.

So all day I would drive Healey's back and forth for the entire summer. It was a wonderful experience and of course I fell in love with the legend that is the Austin Healey. I remember saying to my dad that I was going to save up enough money (\$3500 at the time) and buy my dream car.

That was my plan, but as usual life got in the way and I never could find my way to buy my cherished Austin Healey.....that is until I turned 60!

For my 60th birthday I bought the car that I had always dreamed of and have enjoyed it for the last 10 years. Now I need to sell my baby to finance another life dream.

**FYI:** There is an ad in the HealeyMarket for Mr. Green's Austin Healey on page 15 of the Newsletter...



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# Kahn's Kahnsiderations

**Rich Kahn**  
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## July 2017 Healey Happenings

International Healey Week is just a couple of months away!

Our team is working hard with so many things in so many directions.

But, we still need your help.

Our registration numbers are in the high 180s.

That is almost at our limit.

If you are on the fence, now is the time to make your move !!!

For whatever reason, and there are many, there haven't been many organized Golden Gate Healey drives.

Don't forget Len's Ice Cream Social in August.

And get your Healey tuned for Monterey.

Please consider our annual Christmas party.

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## **My Father's Healey by Michael Sonneman**

When I was around 10 years old my father invited me to go camping during my summer break from school. When he arrived to pick me up he was driving a beautiful blue sports car. I immediately fell in love with the car and as we drove along the highway my Dad said I could throw the switch to put the car into overdrive. Wow, what a thrill that was for me.

With the top down and our hair blowing in the wind we drove up into the sierras. Driving along the twisting and curving roads was fun. As the day was turning to dusk we found a campsite and my Dad and I pitched a tent and got out the lantern and stove and had some dinner. After dinner my dad got out his guitar and played some songs while I sat and listened. After getting a good night's sleep we were off again driving more twisting and curving roads.

That was the beginning of my love for my Dad's Healey. We went camping in the car a few more times and I asked my Dad if he could keep the car for me so I could drive it when I was old enough to drive. He said he would keep it for me and whenever I saw him I would remind him to never sell the car, and he would again tell me he would keep it for me.

As the years went by he kept his promise. The car was stored in the bay area for a few years, and then after my Dad moved to the Sacramento area he brought the car to Sacramento to store it in a big shop he and I had built in 1986. At the time I was very busy going to college and my Dad was also busy going to school, so the Healey did not get much attention.

In 2001 my father passed away and I was then reunited with the Healey. After spending a great deal of time clearing out my Dad's shop and storage area I finally got to a point where I could get the car out and figure out what to do next.

The car had been sitting for about 16 years in the shop. He had removed the front passenger seat and heater from under the dash, I had no idea why or if there was anything wrong he was trying to fix. Since he had some other cars stored in the shop and parts laying around, I had no idea what was a Healey part verses a non-healey part. So I carefully gathered up all the parts and put them in boxes to be dealt with later.

The first attempt to get the car back on the road did not turn out so well. I called British Car Specialists and they were already booked up getting cars ready for the 2002 meet in Lake Tahoe. I looked in the phone book and found a shop in Rocklin. The owner came out and looked over the car and said he could check it out and see if it would run or not. A week or so later I had the car towed to his shop and awaited his diagnosis.

He called me and said he could get the car running and should be finished in a couple of weeks. The couple of weeks turned into a couple of months and when I finally got the car back it ran, but not for very long. Fortunately when the car decided to quit running it was as I was pulling into my driveway.

At this point I was busy at work and away from work, so the car sat for another 4 years in my garage. When I was thinking about when I would like to retire the only thing I had not done was get the Healey running again. So I called British Car Specialists and spoke with Dave Nock about what the car needed to be able to drive it further than just around my neighborhood.

After Dave had done his analysis of the car, I had the necessary work done so I could at least drive it with some sense of confidence that I didn't need to keep my AAA card in my shirt pocket. That all went well, but again did not last a long time. The car was running, but seemed to be deteriorating as time went on. So, at that point it was back on the phone with Dave about what he recommended me to do next. He said bring him the car and let him see what he could do. As it turned out the car was having problems due to the buildup of sludge in the engine. It also had a rear freeze plug that was leaking and the determination was made that an engine rebuild would be the best choice to get me to the desired result of a trustworthy car to drive.

After all the work was done, it was time for the Healey Meet in Colorado Springs. Dave asked me if I would like to go, and of course I said I would. I was a little concerned that the car would be able to make the long trip, but Dave reassured me everything would be just fine. We actually set a record for the number of miles driven in a day when we drove from Carson City, Nevada to Green River, Utah in one very long day. We drove approximately 650 miles as I recall. The car and I both did fine, and I have enjoyed driving it ever since...

Thanks Dad... You have been in my thoughts every time I drive the car... I'm sure you are smiling when you see The Big Grin on my face as I drive down the road...



## 2017 Monterey International Healey Week 17 Mile Drive



**What:** 17 Mile Drive

**Who:** All 2017 Monterey attendees,  
Sponsored by resident Bob Walker, coordinated by Brian Bliven.

**When:** All week-September 09-17, 2017.

**Where:** Pebble Beach (Any Gate Pebble beach gate entry) in Monterey County.

**Why:** Because we love to drive our cars!

### **General information:**

On Your Own: Proceed along 17 mile drive or to any gate that enters the township of Pebble Beach. When you arrive at the gate, tell the guard: "We are on the guest list for Bob Walker; for the Austin Healey Event". Our access is for an "open Gate" under "Bob Walker". From there you will be able to continue self tour and complete the full drive of the 17 mile drive. Special Thanks to resident Bob Walker who helped make this possible. Check out his book "The Ed Huges Story" at the car meet.

If there are questions at the gate, the guard can contact Bob at 626-1438.

## 2017 Monterey International Healey Week Laguna Seca Race Track



**What:** A visit to Laguna Seca Race car track & Parade Laps to anyone interested in driving their Healey around the track and experiencing "The Corkscrew".

**Who:** All 2017 Monterey attendees, coordinated by Brian Bliven & Terry Cowen

**When:** Tuesday September 12, 2017 immediately following the Car show in Pacific Grove. 3:30 pm.

**Where:** Laguna Seca Race Track in Monterey County.

**Why:** Because we love to drive our cars!

### **General information:**

Parade Laps: **NOT A SPEED EVENT**. Controlled slow speed driving around the track within a predetermined group of Healey's led by a pace car. No passing. This is for all driving levels of experience.

A waiver will need to be signed by each participant, prior to the event.

Working Brake lights are required, Helmets not required, 90 Decibel sound limit.

### **Expected:**

Well-mannered drivers there for a great experience. Laps will be determined by number of interested drivers, and number of groups we can safely run at a time for the time we have available.

Special Thanks to the SCRAMP Crew who helped make this possible.

## 2017 Monterey International Healey Week Laguna Seca Group Picture



**What:** A group picture of all attendees and their cars.

**Who:** All 2017 Monterey attendees, coordinated by Brian Bliven and Kip Hartnett

**When:** September 12, 2017 immediately following the car show. (15 min event)

**Where:** Laguna Seca Racing facility under the "Tire Bridge" in Monterey County.

**Why:** Because we want to document our event and our cars in Monterey!

### **General information:**

Don't be late this is a quick event to get all cars in one place for our photographer Kip Hartnett to obtain a few pictures for posterity.

### **Plan:**

All cars leave Pacific Grove car show and proceed to Laguna Seca.  
Picture to be taken as we arrive for parade lap event and we stage cars under the bridge.

Drivers stay in cars, our time will be brief, as we want to get parade laps going immediately following.

Special Thanks to the SCRAMP Crew who helped make this possible.

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# Monterey International Healey Week 2017

## Monday, September 11 - Friday, September 15

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	QTY	COST
<b>Registration for Two</b>	_____	\$495
After August 1, 2017	_____	\$595
<b>Registration for One</b>	_____	\$335
After August 1, 2017	_____	\$430
<b>Additional Guests (per person)</b>	_____	\$165
<b>Concours Fee</b>	_____	\$ 35 per car
<b>OPTIONAL TOURS:</b>		
<b>Ladies Wine Tasting</b>	_____	\$ 40 per person
<b>Monterey Movie Locations Tour</b>	_____	\$ 55 per person
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT (U.S. Funds)</b>	_____	
<b>Awards Dinner Choice</b>	QTY	
Salmon	_____	
Herb Crusted Chicken	_____	
Flat Iron Steak	_____	

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## Calendar of Events

Contact Dennis Gilroy to list an event:  
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[www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com). *You are advised to verify the dates of events that are not ours.*

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Sept 3rd **GGAHC** - Ken Nerlove - Napa Event

Sept 11-15 **GGAHC** - Monterey International Healey Meet

#### Still in Planning:

- Pacific Grove Rotary Concours Auto Rally, August 18th
- Len's Ice Cream Social on August 26th
- Maybe a Fall Colors Tour in October

Please see Golden Gate Austin Healey Club website for event details:  
<http://www.goldengatehealeys.com/site/index.php/events/>

### From the Editor



**Mike Sonneman**  
**GGAHC Newsletter 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



GGAHC members may submit Healey—related items—either wanted or for sale—without paying a fee.

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**For Sale:** 1964 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III BJ8 PH2  
Refurbished in 2015 - 50,059 miles  
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92,000 Miles - 20,000 Miles Since Restoration  
Asking \$60,000



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