



Bear Republic Brewing Company - Rohnert Park, Ca.

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GOT BREW ?

Sonoma / Napa Beer Tour  
Napa, Ca.

Saturday - June 2nd, 2018



As we pulled into the Starbuck's Coffee parking lot in Napa Valley, we were greeted by Kim Korbay who had a bandana for each person in attendance. As it turned out this was a Great Idea... I will get back to that later...

Well Steve and Kim had a nice drive planned out for us to start the day. We headed north from Napa on Redwood Rd. and then onto Dry Creek Rd. As we were driving you could see the road was in need of repairs, so we had to dodge a few potholes... Dry Creek Rd turned into Trinity Rd and eventually we were on Hwy 12 after driving for about an hour and a half...

We were not done yet... After a few more twists and turns we arrived at the Bear Republic Brew Pub in Rohnert Park... It is quite a nice place and they had a nice long table set up for us so we could all sit together for our lunch and try some of their Beers... The Beer was Good and so was the Food... Everyone had a nice time chatting, eating and trying out the Beer...

After lunch we headed out for our next stop... However, it was starting to get a little warm outside so not everyone participated in the next leg of our journey... Those who did were in for quite a treat... Our next stop was at Kozlowski Farms, on Gravenstein Hwy in Forestville...

They have some awesome stuff there... Pies, Jams & Jellies and lots of Cool Drinks... This is where the bandanas came in handy... The temperature was getting into the mid 90's so having the wet bandana tied around your neck had a bit of a cooling effect...

Once everyone had their cars stuffed with goodies a few of us headed for the Korbay's house to cool off before we made the drive home...

Thank goodness our trusty cars kept us going... Everyone had a good time and made it home safely, so we could come out another day for a nice drive...

It was a Great Time being with Steve & Kim for a fun day, and hanging out with our friends... I would like to give a Special Thanks to Kim for the Bandanas that came in so handy when we needed them...



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Rendezvous 2018

Madras, Oregon

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| Davis      | Pete and Victoria      |
| Foster's   | Phil and Sue           |
| Klein      | Krissy and Ginnie      |
| Korbays    | Steve and Kim          |
| Marshall   | Tim                    |
| Nock       | Dave and Jerri         |
| Olson      | Tweedy and Rich        |
| Roberts    | Peter                  |
| Sardeman   | Rob and Marie Louise   |
| Sonneman   | Mike                   |
| Streubel   | Klaus                  |
| Thomas     | Steve and Karen        |
| Turney     | John and Kathy         |
| Willendrup | Alan                   |



**Mines Rd. / Mt. Hamilton Drive  
June 16th, 2018  
San Antonio Valley, Ca.**

It was a Great Day for a drive... Of course as we all know going for a drive in our Healey's is always a Great Day... Well, most of the time anyway... Today Marc & Patti have selected a nice road to put our cars through their paces...

Mines Road is a nice scenic road that takes you to the Lick Observatory which is on the top of Mt. Hamilton just east of San Jose... It was my first visit to this historic place... If you haven't been there, I would say you are in for a treat...

The Lick Observatory is the world's first permanently occupied mountain-top observatory... The observatory was constructed between 1876 and 1887, from a bequest from James Lick of \$700,000 (approximately \$22 million in 2014 US dollars). Lick, originally a carpenter and piano maker, chose the site atop Mount Hamilton and was buried there in 1887 under the future site of the telescope, with a brass tablet bearing the inscription, "Here lies the body of James Lick".

Once we all found our way to the parking lot and secured a place to park our cars, we went inside and found a nice breezeway area to have our lunch... Marc & Patti had gotten some sandwiches, chips and soft drinks for us to eat... The sandwiches were very tasty and hit the spot after our morning drive...

After lunch we were given a talk about the history of the Observatory from a member of the staff... The talk was given in the round dome topped room that houses the telescope...

The road to the top was completed in 1876... Lick chose John Wright, of San Francisco's Wright & Sanders firm of architects, to design both the Observatory and the Astronomer's House... All of the construction materials had to be brought to the site by horse and mule-drawn wagons, which could not negotiate a steep grade...

The first telescope installed at the observatory was a 12-inch (300-millimeter) refractor made by Alvan Clark... Astronomer E.E. Barnard used the telescope to make "exquisite photographs of comets and nebulae," according to D. J. Warner of Warner & Swasey Company...

Just before we were ready to start our adventure, a family passed by and were checking out our cars... Irene Medzyk opened her car door and offered their little girl a chance to sit in the driver seat... The little girl was very cute and had a big smile on her face... Who knows, she may have a Healey of her own someday...



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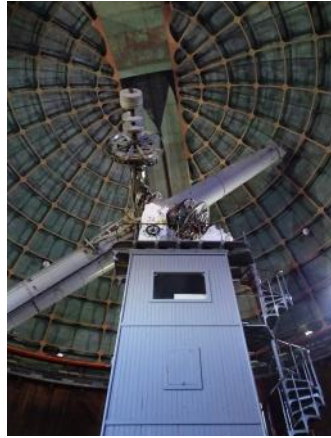
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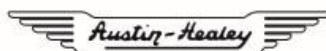


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| Barnett   | Blair & Lawrence |
| Bliven    | Brian & Naomi    |
| Cloyes    | Steve            |
| Darfler   | Steve & Patty    |
| Davies    | Peter & Victoria |
| Drummond  | Tracy            |
| Hartnett  | Kip              |
| Hartnett  | Len              |
| Lewis     | Marc & Patti     |
| Medzyk    | Irene            |
| Naughton  | Mike & Marianne  |
| Nock      | Dave & Jerri     |
| Roberts   | Peter            |
| Soderling | John             |
| Sonneman  | Mike             |
| Streubel  | Klaus            |
| Turney    | John & Cathy     |

# Kahn's Kahnsiderations



**Rich Kahn - GGAHC President**

## July 2018

This year so far the participation in our events continues to exceed my expectations.

Keep up the Good Work.

We have only a couple of events planned for July & August which leads us into a busy Fall schedule.

Be sure and sign up for the USS Hornet Tour, followed by the Ice Cream Social coming soon.

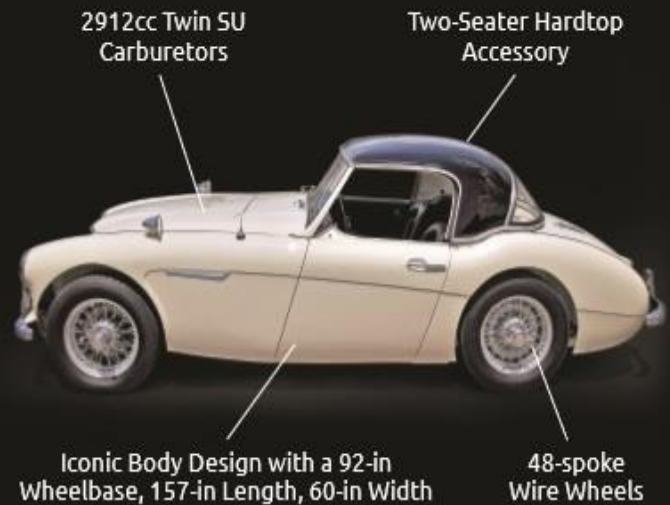
If you are planning to attend the 2018 Rendezvous, check out the possibility of joining Nick & Sandy Klein and all the others for a group drive to Madras, Oregon.

Unfortunately, we missed the Mines Rd. / Mt. Hamilton Tour due to family health issues.

Hope you all enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.

We will be back soon.

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One must be resourceful when preparing for a daytrip in the Healey, like find something to do while waiting for the engine to start. My very smart phone found a website that sells ladies' canvas sneakers stamped with the breeds of dogs whose owners are most likely to spend ridiculous amounts of money to boast that they own a very expensive pet. Poodle shoes popped right up, but our poodles aren't expensive—they're recycled. Frankly, I didn't care if we ever left the driveway. But the engine started.

Me: "Here we are, on an excellent adventure in the Healey. Without a radio."

My HusbandTheEngineer: "Criminy. I just spent six months putting air conditioning in it for you."

Me: "But last time we drove the Acura. Which has both."

MHTE: "Well, you could connect your phone to your headset and listen to iTunes."

Me: "YOU could."

MHTE: "Or you could sing to me." Which harshed any semblance of a mellow I was getting on because it reminded me of our church choir—from which even the faithful recently defected because the new music minister heard that Grace Cathedral's choir sang the "Beyoncé Mass" and he thought they were onto something. But I digress. Today's drive would not involve wine whine.

Healeys notwithstanding, I knew this trip would be fabulous because Kim and Steve Korbay organized it. We caught up with the group. Steve's map was a virtual cartographer's masterpiece but not really virtual—it was on real paper, ledger size, parchment colored.

The temperature began to creep up above my three-degree range of tolerance and MHTE turned the air conditioning on. OMG—I could now take notes about the ride because I wouldn't get heat stroke! John refers to my note taking as "keeping score" and directed me to look at the scenery "because the roads are curvy and you'll get carsick." His choice; I'll just sing that liturgical music I miss.

Such a wonderful itinerary: a spectacular drive through Napa (wineries conspicuously absent from the scenery), terrific lunch, a brewery, more driving, ~~no winery~~, Kozlowski Farms, ~~no winery~~. And then...John ~~got heatstroke~~ suffered a drop in his blood alcohol level.

Push came to shove. My inability to drive a stick shift and John's refusal to ever let me try presented a problem because how was I going to get that engineer home? Which issue Peter solved by suggesting that we push and shove the car to the side of the freeway with a "For Sale" sign on it. My kinda guy. Then, I extrapolated, we could hitch a ride to the dealer's and buy a nice new air conditioned Acura with a radio.

But Tweedy and Rich, angels of mercy, rescued us. Not only did they offer their nearby home to us for John's recuperation (a home that, being in the wine country, must have had wine), they went there and brought back a second car so Rich could drive ours and we wouldn't have to put it up for sale on the freeway. *Thanks a lot, Rich.*

Meanwhile, it turned out John only needed rehydrating (without wine), and after downing several lemonades he plumped right up and could drive our car after all. Ladies, ditch that expensive wrinkle cream—lemonade works just as well.

Thank you, Kim and Steve. It was a marvelous event (anyway)! From my perspective, all the cars performed exceptionally well if success means ending up in your own garage vs. that other kind where you pay.

I had a lot of time to think on that trip. Surely a man who can install air conditioning in an Austin Healey can put Bose speakers and a radio in one. I kept score.



## July 14<sup>th</sup> USS Hornet Drive



Obvious signs of the Bay Area's significant military service are vanishing. Ship-building factories in Richmond, San Francisco and Vallejo that were buzzing during and after World War II closed long ago.

Those of us that have been here a while remember the large mothball fleet moored in Suisan Bay to the east of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. Fewer than 10 remain. More recently closed are the Concord Naval weapons depot and in 1997 the Alameda Naval Air Station.

Thankfully several museums remind us of the great military service of the Bay Area. One of the coolest is a floating museum docked at the former Alameda Naval Air Station.

The USS Hornet has played a significant but somewhat forgotten part in American history. It served in battle and recovered Apollo 11 and Apollo 12 astronauts after they splashed down upon their return from the moon. But I don't want to give too much away. Let's check it out!

The drive will **start at 10 am** from the Lafayette Whole Foods parking lot (**3502 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, CA 94549**) right off Highway 24. The route will wind through scenic two-lane roads lined by majestic redwoods, pass more than a half dozen East Bay Regional parks worthy of a look sometime, with a majestic overlook view of the Bay and our destination.

**\$10 per person** and a box lunch (soft French roll turkey, ham, roast beef, pastrami, tuna, cheese or egg salad sandwich, pasta salad, chips, and soft drink) will be provided in one of the Hornet's Mess Halls. Bring cash or make checks payable to GGAHC.

**RSVP Gerry Silva ([56f100@gmail.com](mailto:56f100@gmail.com)) and ([events.ggahc@gmail.com](mailto:events.ggahc@gmail.com)) by July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

There are several gas options near the start:

Chevron – 3632 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette CA 94549  
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## Information about the trip to Madras, OR.

### **Departure Sept. 14, arrival in Madras Sept. 16**

I realize that the 2018 Healey Rendezvous in Madras, OR is a long way off, Sept. 16 to Sept. 21, but for those wishing to caravan to Madras the following is a schedule for a convoy. We plan to take it easy with the driving and are allowing to be there on the third day. (First event day)

#### **Day1 – Meeting point at Granzellas Restaurant in Williams, CA.**

Then drive 72 miles to first overnight in Red Bluff, CA. Day 2 – 171 miles, Day 3 – 180 miles.

#### **Day 1, (Sept. 14) 72 miles and the distance from your home to Williams, CA**

The first day meeting point will be at Granzellas Restaurant, at 11:30 am on Hwy. 5 in Williams, CA.

Williams is not a very large town and the restaurant is easy to find. Some people are already coming some distance from their home to Williams so after lunch we plan to drive another 72 miles and overnight in Red Bluff, CA. (Listed Motel rates may change in summer)

We suggest the Holiday Inn Express in Red Bluff, 2810 Main St. 1-530-528-1600 (\$123.48)  
Remember that overnight stops are tailored to a choice of available accommodations.

#### **Day 2, (Sept. 15) 171 miles**

Red Bluff, Ca à Klamath Falls, OR. (171 miles / 3hrs. 15 min.) We will overnight in Klamath Falls.  
We suggest the Holiday Inn Express in Klamath Falls, 2430 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. 1-541-884-9999 (\$139.12)

#### **Day 3, (Sept. 16) 180 miles**

Klamath Falls, OR. à Madras, OR. (180 miles / 3hrs. 30 min.)

#### **Hotel / Motel information.**

According to my information the event hotel is already booked and no more rooms are available. The following Inns are close to the event hotel:

**The Quality Inn** -12 SW 4<sup>th</sup> St., Madras, OR. 541-475-6141 (.8 miles from the host hotel.)

**The Econo Lodge Inn & Suites** 709 US-26 Madras, OR. 541-475-4633 (.3 miles from the host hotel)

**The Budget Inn** 133 NE 5<sup>th</sup> St. Madras, OR. 541-475-3831 (.4 miles from the host hotel)

If you think you may want to join us, send us your name and email address so that we can send you further information although all the pertinent information is listed above.

Nick Klein [klein.ns@att.net](mailto:klein.ns@att.net)





## California Healey Week 2018 Solvang, CA October 17-21, 2018

Get ready for great sports cars, food, wine, friends and a beautiful location... California Healey Week 2018, hosted by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California, will be held in Solvang, California from Wednesday, **October 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. The event will be headquartered at the Hotel Corque in downtown Solvang, see [www.hotelcorque.com](http://www.hotelcorque.com). Registrations are now open for the event, for details and registration see [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org).

The historic Danish village of Solvang offers the best of the Santa Ynez Valley and [Santa Barbara wine country](#) in a relaxed and peaceful setting. Indulge in authentic Danish pastries at the world-famous bakeries. Stroll through the village and admire the old-world European architecture, plus find the perfect souvenir at a variety of [charming boutiques and shops](#).



Fall is typically beautiful in the Santa Ynez Valley. We plan to have some beautiful drives through back roads in the Valley, with the option of visiting several of the many vineyards for wine tasting. In addition to Solvang, we will visit Buellton, Los Olives and other locations in the valley.

We also plan a visit to the [Mendenhall's Museum](#), which is one of the largest collections on the west coast of gasoline pumps, petroliana, road signs, license plates, racecars, racing history, miscellaneous antiques. You will be able to roam through their extensive displays of automobile antiques and collectables, with an extensive history of auto racing, especially the pursuit of the 200 MPH records at Bonneville.





You will have the option to visit the [Vintage Motorcycle Museum](#) in town. The collection is quite broad with something for everyone, ranging from the very early to the present, and across all makes, including: AJS, BMW, Duca3, Gilera, Matchless, Moto Guzzi, MV, Norton, Triumph, Velocette and Vincent.

Rocker Cover Racing is always a highlight at California Healey Week. This event entails participants racing rocker (valve) covers, adapted with wheels and decorations, down an inclined track. Awards are given for fastest racer and “best presentation”. This event is held during cocktail hour, to add levity!



During CHW 2018, we will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Austin Healey Sprite, Including a special tribute to this iconic British sports car.

The highlight of California Healey Week is the car show on Saturday, October 20th. We are negotiating to have this at a great central location in town. There, you will see some of the most beautiful Austin Healey sports cars around. The show is organized by Healey model, type and year with public voting for awards in 8 classes.



Many more activities are currently in the planning stages. You can either register online at [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org) or by downloading a manual form. Hotel space is limited, so be sure to register soon to secure your place for this special **Austin Healey** event. Stay tuned to [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org) for additional information and announcements.

**Note:** Once you register for the event, you will get a confirmation with instructions as to how to make your room reservations at the Hotel Corque at our reduced rate of \$129 on Wed. and Thurs. and \$209 on Fri. & Sat.





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## Calendar of Events

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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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July 14th - **GGAHC** - Alameda / USS Hornet Tour

August 26th - **GGAHC** - Ice Cream Social

Sept 16th thru 21st - Rendezvous 2018 - Madras, Or.

Sept 29th & 30th - **GGAHC** - Fall Colors Tour

Oct 13th & 14th - 7th Annual - British Fall Classic

Oct 17th thru Oct 21st - CHW 2018 - Solvang, Ca.

Nov 3rd - **GGAHC** - Napa / Sonoma Wine Tour

Dec ??? - **GGAHC** - Christmas Luncheon

**Please Note:** More Information will be coming on  
the Events listed above, once Dates  
and Details have been Confirmed...

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...

Come and join us at our events, you may get your picture in the next Newsletter...

Thanks





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