



California State Railroad Museum - Old Sacramento

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Delta Drive Tour

November 3rd, 2018



The last event of the year was a great success. We had a good time that started with gathering the group together via a couple of stops before having lunch in Rio Vista at the Fosters Big Horn.

Bill Frates came to Rio Vista in 1931 and opened his bar & café to start his life over. He was formerly a bootlegger from Alameda and on the run from an assistant district attorney named Earl Warren. He changed his name from Frates to Foster to begin his fresh start. Some years later after prohibition, Bill went legitimate in the liquor business.

Bill's first big game safari to Africa in 1928 was his first of eight trips. In between his African trips he made ten trips to Canada & Alaska. Some of his trophies include a full grown elephant whose tusks weigh 110 pounds each and are mounted on the wall, and a giraffe which is only one of less than a dozen like it in the world.

The pictures on the wall tell the story of a lifetime of commitment to the preservation of a world no longer available to us. Bill was as devoted to the picture taking as he was to the taxidermy. The labeled pictures typed by Bill tell the story of the people he met, the geography he traveled, and the exotic and familiar animals he brought back.

Bill was a fanatic about taxidermy. His friend, John Jonas, was the world's premier African taxidermist. John accompanied Bill on most of his African trips and is proudly featured prominently on the walls. All the taxidermy steps to preserve these heads were properly done. From the moment of the kill to the hanging on the wall, these procedures were meticulously followed.

Bill retired in 1953 from big game hunting and finally went to work in the bar that supported him so well for 22 years. With Bill in the bar, business really boomed - 300 martini days - 100 case shipments of gin - and excellent food.

Bill died of pneumonia in November 1963 and his wife Ethel died 12 years later. The trophy haven Bill Foster created in 1931 continues today with people coming from all over the world to see his famous collection.

After leaving Rio Vista, we drove down Hwy 160 to Sacramento, with a quick spin through the historic district of Locke. Once we arrived at the Railroad Museum we had a guided tour by one of the docents before we were set free to browse the magnificent collection of trains.

Thank You Gerry Silva for organizing our last drive of the year, and thanks to all who took the time to join us for an interesting outing.



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Attendees:

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- Attias, Chris
- Bliven, Brian & Naomi
- Buckley, Richard & Carol
- Darfler, Steve & Patty
- Davies, Pete & Guest
- Foster, Phil & Sue
- Hartnet, Len
- Lewis, Marc & Patti
- Murphy, Tim
- Silva, Gerry
- Soderling, John
- Sonneman, Michael
- Thomas, Steve & Karen
- Willendrup, Al & Guest

2019 Golden Gate Austin Healey Club Annual Planning Meeting January 19th, 2019

The GGAHC will hold its annual Event **Planning Meeting** on at **11:00 AM January 19, 2019**, at the **Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek.**

This is your opportunity to help plan the Club events for 2019. If you attended the Club events this last year, you may have noticed an increased turnout to several exciting events.

If you didn't attend any Club events this last year, help us plan events that you want to attend. As with last year, you don't even need to drive your Healey if don't own a Healey, or own one that isn't running, or think it isn't ready for tours.

Bring your "BJ9", or whatever. You will find help and encouragement to get that Healey on the road! We need your help to plan even more exciting events for 2019.

The club will even spring for lunch!

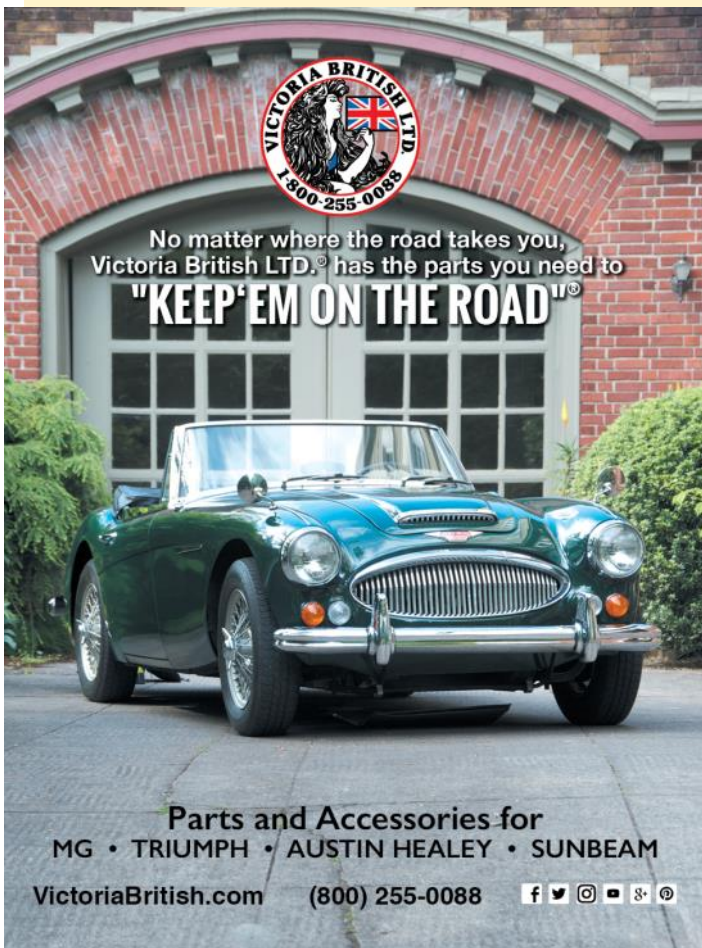
So bring your ideas and wishes for event. To get to the Lodge, take Highway 680 toward Walnut Creek.

From the South, take Exit 45A to S Main St; after 0.2 mi, turn right onto Creekside Dr. After 0.1 mi, the Elks Lodge will be on the right.

Park and walk around the building to the left and enter the back door.

From the North or East, take Exit 45A to S Main St; after 0.3 mi, turn left onto S Main St. After 0.1 mi, turn right onto Creekside Dr.

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MyHusbandTheEngineer is great fun to travel with, and so considerate. He planned this trip to Rendezvous, in Madras, Oregon, to coincide with his birthday so I wouldn't have to bake a cake. I mentioned the birthday at every restaurant we stopped at, but Subways don't serve free desserts.

So, 1,076 miles (round trip) in the green car and a convention require a lot of clothes. To his credit, MyHusbandTheEngineer did install a luggage rack for this trip. Which, he informed me, would not hold all my luggage. Then I recalled that he had once mentioned that rolling clothes into a tube keeps them from wrinkling. It also makes them easier to squish into every cubic inch available—kind of renders an Austin Healey into a FedEx truck only not as speedy. Anticipating his objections, I repacked everything from 50-gallon garden leaf bags into 35-gallon ones.

"Now you show me how all those leaf bags won't fit in the Healey. You're resourceful; you crammed air conditioning in," I reminded him.

"I'll see if there's more room under the hood," he replied, and knowing how resourceful my husband is, I wasn't worried.

"Orrrrr, we could do like the French with their little elevators; the luggage goes first and then the passenger rides up after. You can drive my stuff to Oregon and then come back for me. Sweetheart, it *has* to work."

My next challenge: readying the house and the poodles for our absence. Three pages of typewritten notes for "Aunt" Susie's first overnigher. Some were for my pet bromeliad, and if you think poodles are fussy... I watched her closely during our 90-minute indoctrination and vowed not to call home.

I get extra points for going on these lonnnng trips in the green car, and as we're driving along I consider redeeming them on a trip to India. The fact that Rendezvous is in Madras, Oregon invites this line of thinking. The Madras indigenes pronounce it mad-rus vs. mah-drus (and don't you forget it), but I'm not drawing any conclusions from that. I thought I should do a little more research, though, about what besides bazaars and clothes and jewelry we'd run into in India so we'd be ready for all that serendipity when it happens. My husband was mute on the issue, so I kept my research to myself.

There's not a lot to do on Highway 5 but observe. I observed a lot of signs for Fossil Beds, which turned out not to be retirement communities. We were passed by motorcycles (and VW buses and cyclists), which made me grateful that I didn't have to haul my leaf bags on the back of a Harley. We stopped for gas, which reminded me that we should have confirmed our reservations at Quality Inn so that we wouldn't have to shower and eat breakfast at a Shell station. By the time we arrived in Madras, I was very grateful.

Listen, these conferences are not all fun and games unless you're the Healey owner. It's the responsibility of the significant other to arrange wine. Especially for the Golden Gate Club, which, as everyone knows, is a wine club with a driving problem.

I love entertaining when someone else makes the food and pulls their place together. "Social director" is right up my alley. My first faulty assumption was that since the Black Bear Diner in Redding, California, serves wine, they all do. The waitress was very sweet when we did a mass exodus out of the Madras Black Bear Diner. "It happens all the time," she said.

Of the eight Madras restaurants I found on my phone, three were out of business, three didn't serve wine, one wasn't sure, and one said they served beer before the phone went dead. I think social director should be a paid position.

The second challenge was, since we'd found the possibly only restaurant in Madras that served wine, and the club may tire of the same restaurant night after night, what were we to do?

That's where the cars came in handy—as distractions from the “temperate” climate of Madras. And I was able to soberly approach my India research.

I began by talking to Loren and Diana Parks, who are still married decades after spending the first two years of their wedded life as Peace Corps volunteers in the back country of India. I didn't ask how their stay compared to National Geographic's 11-day, \$12,500 Orient Express version, which is pretty much moot since I learned India is predominantly a beer- and spirits- drinking country.

I missed the poodles—we should get a travel-size dog, like that Gigi a couple brought along. The problem with that is that we already had two poodles at home waiting for us. So on day three I caved and called. The big one jumped the little one and the vet put her on aspirin. I was so darned mad at that ~~poodle~~ dog I didn't call him for the rest of the trip.

Yes, we will Rendezvous again, and it's never too soon to start planning. The next one will be in Lake Chelan, Washington (June, 2019), which will require a-lot-more-clothes. Perhaps a trailer, which would have come in handy in Oregon where there's no sales tax. Furthermore, there may be a rocker cover contest; an intense discussion ensues. Ms. Sparkle. Is. Going.

MyHusbandTheEngineer: We don't have room for a trailer.

Me: We don't have enough room *not* to have a trailer, *dear*. I already figured out where to store it—on the side of the garage. Aren't you glad I'm so into this? An open-bed hauler that we can cover with a tarp, which you can put the club logo on, vs. Ms. Sparkle's picture.

MHTE: You know I can't buy the size you'll want. I'll have to buy the base, build the sides, and wire it for signal lights.

Me: “Oh, Sweetie, that sounds like so much work do you really want to do that the answer is yes.”

MHTE: Green

Me: Pink

MHTE: Green

Me: I'll concede that and stipulate to “Chez Poodle Garage—Home of Ms. Sparkle Pink Poodle Racer” on the side.

MHTE: Stop! I can't drink and drive.

On the drive home from Madras, having accumulated many, many more points, I had his full attention; we could discuss future trip plans. I will forfeit the trip to India in exchange for the trailer. I'm sure my husband saw the wisdom of this when at the border we're asked, “Any fruit, vegetables, or produce?”

And I answered, “Nooo! Where would we put it?!”



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Club Election Coming – Call for Nominations!

At every Club Christmas Party (Saturday, December 1st this year), the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club members vote for these Club officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and VP of Membership.

Now is your chance to affect the Club direction by running for office!

Nominations will be accepted until December 1st. Please send your nomination to Steve Darfler at steve.darfler@gmail.com or David Nock at President@goldengatehealeys.com.

The following individuals have been nominated so far, but you may still run for these offices:

- President – David Nock
- Vice-President – **OPEN**
- Secretary – Steve Darfler
- Treasurer – Dennis Gilroy
- VP of Membership – John Turney

Note that the positions of VP of Events, Editor, Regalia, National Delegate, and Webmaster are appointed by the elected Board members.



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Healey Doc's Corner

December 2018

With the Holidays coming up there is much to do, and the Healey will most likely be resting tucked away under its cover in the garage.

However we have one member that will be missing his Healey this year. Steve Kingsbury is one of our members and lived in Paradise. His house and Healey were victims of the Camp Fire that devastated the town of Paradise. He has not yet been back to see what remains but his last comment to me was that the Healey is probably a puddle.



Craig Sinise, a friend of Steve's, has organized a Go Fund Me campaign to raise funds to help Steve through what must be a very challenging transition. If you would like to help by making a donation, the link is:

[Steve Kingsbury GoFundMe Page](#)

This year has been one of our best we have had in several years. The turn out on the various tours was up. We averaged about 18 cars per tour so let's keep it going into 2019. Our planning meeting is coming in January so bring your ideas for a tour and let's put together another great tour season.

I just returned from the AHCA Delegates meeting in Indianapolis and the 2019 Conclave is reporting that they are having an amazing response. At this time the host hotel is full and they are now sending people to their two overflow hotels that are about 1 block away. So if you are planning on attending the Conclave in Deadwood SD you need to get your registrations in right away.

Happy Healeying,
David Nock

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2018 GGAHC Christmas Party

December 1st 12:00 p.m.

The Van's Restaurant

815 Belmont Ave, Belmont, CA 94002



This year's Golden Gate Austin Healey Club Christmas Party will be held at The Van's Restaurant (815 Belmont Ave, Belmont, CA 94002) on December 1st at 12:00 p.m.

The Van's has a unique and interesting Bay Area history. Built in San Francisco as the Japanese Tea House to commemorate the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915 (same as the Palace of Fine Arts) for the Panama Pacific International Exposition. Only those two buildings remain 103 years after the Expo.

The Tea House was moved by barge and then horse and mule team in 1921 to its current location. It served as a residence, a speakeasy during the Prohibition, then a saloon and, since 1945, as an Italian restaurant.

\$30 per person (checks made out to GGAHC and mailed to 164 Regency Dr., Clayton, CA 94517) and attendees need to bring a suitable gift or check (minimum \$10) for Toys For Tots (please be generous) and RSVP to events.ggahc@gmail.com by November 20th. Please indicate the number of attendees.

Commemorations and awards will be presented at the party as well as voting for Club Officers so we encourage your attendance – especially those of you participating in the High-Mileage Contest.

We look forward to seeing you there!

MENU

***Fresh Baked* SOURDOUGH BREAD**

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with our fresh herb vinaigrette

(Soup of the day for those who order the salad entrée)

CHOICE OF:

Option #1 - FILET Medallions

Slices of beef tenderloin sautéed in a seasoned with a Beef/Mushroom demi-glace.
Served with mesquite roasted potatoes and vegetables.

Option #2 - Fresh FISH FILLET

(Subject to daily weather conditions “ask your server”)

Pan fried with a butter & caper sauce and served with herbed rice and sautéed vegetables.

Option #3 - CHICKEN Parmesan

Sautéed chicken breast topped with melted mozzarella cheese on a bed of pomodoro sauce
Served with garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables.

Option #4 - PORK CHOP

Seasoned with honey, garlic & sage then roasted.
Served with Garlic mashed potatoes and sauteed vegetables.

Option #5 - Bay Shrimp SALAD

The Van's tradition with our “famous” house dressing

COFFEE

ICE CREAM or Seasonal Dessert

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Calendar of Events

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

Dec 1st - **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



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

For Sale:

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Blair Barnett: (510) 816-9387

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66 Austin Healey 3000

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My dad bought this car new in '66 (white) and could never part with it. It's always been in my life. I'm not a member of your AH club yet, but I'm interested in joining and participating.



John Eyer (415) 741-6230

Email: vosstok66@gmail.com

HealeyMarket



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For Sale: 1959 Austin Healey 100 BN-6
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Randy Chapman (415) 457-8337

Email: annekebruyn@gmail.com

For Sale: 1964 Austin Healey 3000 Mark III Phase II BJ-8 - In February 2014 this car achieved Austin-Healey Concours Registry Gold Certificate, receiving 969 of 1,000 points. 37,000 Miles - Excellent Condition. Asking \$89,900



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