



British Car Specialists

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Annual Tech Session

**British Car Specialists
2060 Wilson Way, Stockton, CA**

March 2nd, 2019



The Annual Tech Session started with Dave talking about Fuel Pumps and the ability to swap out the electrical part of the pump when a failure occurs. The pump part of the fuel pump rarely has any problems, so it is not necessary to replace the whole pump on the side of the road. I can certainly attest to this when I experienced a fuel pump failure last year on the way to Yosemite.

Then Dave moved on to Tires and recommended they be replaced at the 10 year mark, regardless of miles driven. The recommended tire is a Vredestein 165 x 15. He then moved on the Brake System and the need to use braided hoses instead of rubber. He also showed us a new Brake Caliper made out of aluminum that is a new product he recently acquired. It not only looked real nice, it was much lighter in weight as well.

The next topic was Wheel Alignment and he brought out a device he invented for checking the alignment of the front wheels which was pretty cool. Following that he moved on to checking Radiator Hoses and Heater Hoses. He shared some funny stories he and his Dad have encountered over the years in dealing with Heater Hoses.

He talked about Radiators and the importance of using the correct cap with the proper length that fits the Radiator you have in the car. He told us the original Radiators are OK to use, but a 3 core Radiator is better. But if you want the maximum cooling for your car the best Radiator to use would be the Aluminum Radiator. Dave has had one in his car for several years now, and has not encountered any cooling issues even while driving in heavy traffic on a hot day.

After the group took a short break, Dave continued with a discussion about SU Carburetor's. He talked about the different types and some of the issues people have had in adjusting the dual Carburetor's and the effects of Ethanol in the gasoline we use today. He demonstrated some tips on how to adjust the Carburetor's and showed use some of the tools he uses to get the Carburetors adjusted the same. He recommended using Carb Defender for Ethanol problems.

He talked about using Electronic Ignitions and the fact that when a failure occurs it's time to call the Towing Company. He shared some information on the brands of condensers and points to use and the difference between brands and the colors of wires and the colors of rotors which are good to use. Blue or Red rotors are good, try to avoid using the Black ones they are not as reliable. Yellow wired condenser's are good, Orange wired are not good.

Artistic Healey Owners

The Golden Gate Healey Club has a contest just for you.

We will be hosting the 2020 Rendezvous it will be the 50th anniversary of the GGAHC and AH-CUSA.

We need a logo for the meet next year, and the winning LOGO will receive free registration and room for the 2020 Rendezvous.

It needs to have the Sierras, Healey Rendezvous and the anniversaries in the logo.

**GGAHC
Member Milestone**

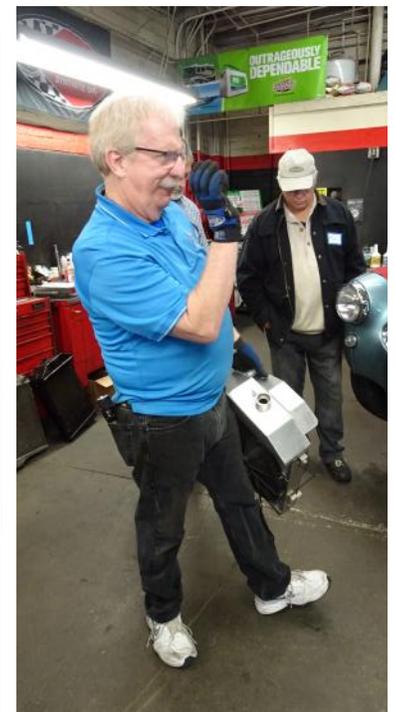
**Len Hartnett
HBJ8L39031
Fifty Three Years Old
218,583 Miles**

**Congratulations
Mr. Hartnett !!!**

It's always a learning experience to attend these sessions and hopefully some or most of the information will stick in our heads and be useful at some point when problems can occur in our travels.

I would like to thank Dave for taking the time to put this together for us every year and also Jerri, Sheila, Abe, Drew & Dave's Mom Shona for their support and supplying the Snacks and Coffee for the Attendees. I would also like to thank Marc Lewis for being willing to offer up his car for the session.

Hope to see you all on the road this year, and hopefully we have learned enough things to keep our cars running smoothly and with the highest level of reliability.



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| Hartnett | Len |
| Kent | John |
| Klimaszewski | John |
| Lewis | Marc |
| Mortimore | Gary |
| Murphy | Tim |
| Nerlove | Ken |
| Quinn | Dave & Alice |
| Salmon | Joe |
| Silva | Gerry |
| Sonneman | Mike |
| Thomasson | Paul |
| Turney | John |



2019 GGAHC Season Opener

April 7th 2019 10am

Hosted By: David and Jerri Nock

This year's Season Opener we will be going to the Grand Island Mansion in the Delta near Walnut Grove. We will meet up at the McDonalds in Oakley at Hwy 160 and Main St. We have reservations for **50 people ONLY** and will not be able to add any extras at the last minute. So if you are attending we need your RSVP and full payment to hold your place at this amazing location. The cost for the Champagne Brunch will be \$30.00 per person.

The tour will take us from Oakley across the Delta levees and rides on two ferries arriving at the [Grand Island Mansion](#) about 1 pm. Before brunch we will meet out front for a group photo and to go over the events planned for 2019.

After brunch we will take another short tour back towards Walnut Grove, the Ryde Hotel and Isleton.

This event is **limited to the first 50** that reply and get their payment in for Brunch.

Send your check Payable to GGAHC to:

David Nock
1235 Eastridge Place
Manteca Ca 95336

**This Event Has
Sold Out !!!**

David Love Vintage Car Races at Sonoma Raceway



The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club (GGAHC) is teaming with Classic Sports Racing Group (CSRG) to have a Healey corral at the David Love Vintage Car Races. This will give members an opportunity for some brisk laps around the raceway!

Our Corral will be in the middle of the Main Paddock, allowing easy access to the racers and their cars. (Try that at a NASCAR race!) Saturday morning is qualifying starting about 9:00 AM. At noon, during the lunch break, a pace car will lead us onto the track for 3 brisk laps. After lunch, there will be eight to nine 25-minute races.

The David Love Memorial honors one of CSRG's founders, David Love. David was a racer like few others. He began racing in the '50s with a series of Porsches, Morgans and even a Formula Junior thrown in for good measure. He later purchased the car with which he will always be identified---a 1958, "pontoon fender", Ferrari Testa Rossa and he raced it virtually uninterrupted from the '60s through the '90s at all the important West Coast vintage events.

Cost

Entry to the event is free for the first 40 club members with British cars. (Normally \$14 per adult.) Gates open at 9:00 AM.

CSRG does ask for a tax-deductible \$25 donation per car, which goes to the Speedway fund, which provides funding for hundreds of non-profit organizations throughout the nation that meet the direct needs of children.

More info online at www.csgracing.org.

Please RSVP to John Turney at membership@goldengatehealeys.com if you are coming.

If enough of you RSVP, we may receive more free passes!

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Hollister Valley Tour - May 4, 9:15 A.M.

This will be a fun tour beginning with the rendezvous at the Starbucks in Morgan Hill, located at **17015 Walnut Grove Ave., Morgan Hill, 95037**.

Full tanks of gas are in order for 2 reasons. One, we are striving to arrive at final stop, Suncoast Organic Farm and Bakery, in time as it closes at 3:00 P.M.

In addition, after Hollister there are no gas stations until returning to Hollister or in San Juan Bautista.

Nearby Gas:

Chevron 825 E. Dunne Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Shell 810 E. Dunne Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

From there we will cruise the eastern side of the Santa Clara Valley skirting Hollister to continue southeast to the DeRose Winery and Car Museum.



The Winery is located on the San Andreas Fault and is home to some of the oldest vines in California.

Optional Wine tasting will be available at a discounted rate of \$5 per person and wine purchases will be available at the membership price. The Winery also supports a small non-profit car museum and for a \$5 donation we will have access to an interesting docent led tour through the cars.

After the visit at the winery, the tour will continue southeast, eventually joining Highway 25 in the Hollister Valley. Traveling northwest we will arrive at Tres Pinos for lunch at the 19th Hole - a historic building with great atmosphere and food.

Afterwards, the drive continues to Suncoast Organic Farm where they have great scenery and marvelous baked goods providing an opportunity for dessert!!

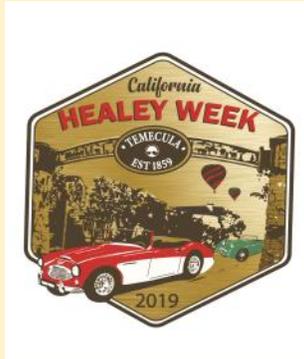
There is an additional option for drivers to continue into the historic town of San Juan Bautista where they are hosting a Chili Cook Off, an Indian Craft Show and History Days at the Historical State Park.

Don't forget that this is Kentucky Derby day, so, a drop into a watering hole somewhere to watch the Run for The Roses may be in order! Post Time approximately 3:50 PM PDT.

And, that's not all!! To add to the fun, the Santa Cruz British Motorcar Club has been invited to join us.

Please **RSVP** by **APRIL 19** to ginnfrnkln@comcast.net.





SAVE THE DATES!

**2019 CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK
MAY 13-17, 2019**

TEMECULA CREEK INN, TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA

Mark your calendar now, don't miss the next great California Healey Week hosted by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. Full details and Registration information will be forthcoming soon, but this promises to be a fun filled Healey Week with all your favorite activities with a few new twists.

- This will be an “all weekday” event resulting in far lower hotel room rates.
- The Temecula Valley offers a myriad of entertainment opportunities from wineries to casinos, hot air ballooning and golf.
 - Average high temperature in May is 77 degrees.
 - Plenty of beautiful backroads for our poker run and scenic tour drives.
- Car Show in Old Town Temecula with tons of shopping and dining options and lots of foot traffic.
- The Temecula Creek Inn is a rustic old California spa hotel set amidst ancient valley oaks and hard on the TCI 27-hole golf course. (www.tciresort.com)
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 - \$49 green fees for hotel guests
- 60 miles north of San Diego, 90 miles east of LA and folks from NorCal do not have to drive through either downtown LA or San Diego to reach Temecula!



The Annual All British Motoring Show and Swap Meet Dixon Fairgrounds May 19, 2019



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Cascade Austin Healey Club of Washington

Welcomes you to

Rendezvous 2019

Meet starts on Sunday June 2nd leave for home on June 6th

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Come join the Cascade Austin Healey Club of Washington at beautiful Lake Chelan in Chelan Washington June 2nd, 2019 thru June 5th. We begin our Rendezvous 2019 with registration on Sunday afternoon. We will hold a BBQ dinner Sunday night with a no host bar. Monday will find you at the car show in the park on the waterfront. Tuesday we have planned a trip to a local car museum with a British themed lunch hosted by Austin Healey Club USA. Wednesday will be our awards banquet. We have scenic drives, wine tours and tech sessions planned. You could take a ride up lake on Chelan's own Lady of the Lake or golf at the course overlooking the lake.

If you wish to arrive at beautiful Lake Chelan early for Rendezvous 2019 we have secured rooms at the Midtowner Motel also a Campbell's Resort property. The hotel is requiring a 2 night minimum stay so you would be coming in on Friday May 31st before the meet officially opens on Sunday June 2nd. The rates are singles at \$85.00 per night or doubles at \$95.00 per night. Call Campbell's Resort at 1-800-553-8225 and use group reservation number #544514.

One reason you would come early would be to participate in the 2019 Cruisin Chelan Car Show. This event will be held on Friday May 31st and Saturday June 1st. You can display your Austin Healey with the other cars parked and displayed on the main street of Chelan and also enjoy the tasty BBQ contest and sampling of BBQ in the park at the waterfront. Rooms are available at the Midtowner Motel just down the street from Campbell's Resort. Then you can move down to Campbell's Resort for the beginning of an exciting Rendezvous 2019.

Highway 49 Overnighter

June 22, 10 a.m. – June 23, whenever

Drive Highway 49 to discover the true gold of California.

This drive starts modestly but ends with a big payoff!

We'll gather at the Starbucks in Modesto at **3801 Yosemite Blvd Suite 4, Modesto, CA 95357** at 9:30 leaving at 10 SHARP.

There are several nearby gas stations so please fill up before 10.

We'll head East on Yosemite Blvd (Highway 132) through La Grange, past Lake Don Pedro to Coulterville.

The real drive begins by turning north onto the Golden Chain Highway (Highway 49) through the heart of The Mother Lode. From the start the drive is beautiful and historic. We'll make a stop at Jamestown for lunch and a 45-minute ride on a steam train at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (\$15 per adult).

Then we'll head north through Sonora, Angels Camp, San Andreas, Mokelumne Hill stopping for the night in Jackson. We'll stay at The National Hotel (<http://www.nationalhoteljackson.com/>) at **2 Water St, Jackson, CA 95642**. Make reservations at <https://reservations.nationalhoteljackson.com/asp/IQHome.asp> or by calling 209 223-050 makes sure to indicate you're with GGAHC in the Special Instructions on the reservation form or over the phone to get preferred room rates which are between \$112.50 (for a Double) and \$135 (King).

After dinner at Stanley's Steakhouse we can visit the many quaint and historic shops in Old Town Jackson or you can just tuck-in for a quiet evening.

You're on your own for breakfast but we'll start pretty early (exact start time to be determined) and head north on Highway 49. We'll drive through Gold Rush town after town (Sutter Creek, Drytown, Plymouth, Diamond Springs) until we get to Placerville where we'll walk through the historic downtown. We may even walk through the oldest hardware store west of the Mississippi (maybe pick up a necessary tool for your not-so-old Healey).

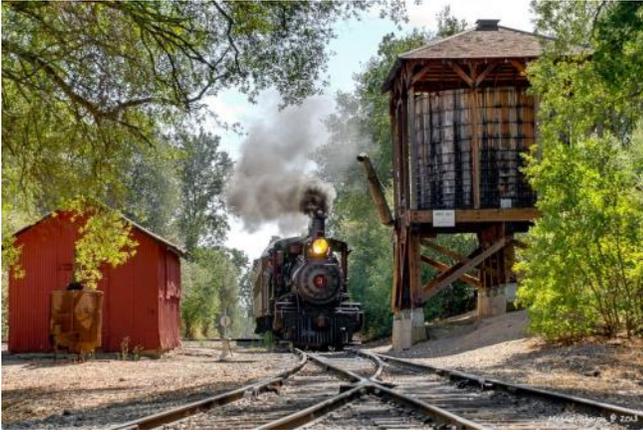
Back onto Highway 49 to nearby Coloma and the Marshall Gold Discovery Museum and Visitor Center (**310 Back St., Coloma, CA 95613**; \$8/car) where the action really happened. We'll walk the grounds and may see how lucky we are but don't get your hopes up. The real winners of the Gold Rush were the merchants the peddled wares to the miners!

We'll grab lunch in Coloma and head north towards Auburn (it'll be a Cool drive even in June heat). The drive officially ends at Auburn where we'll meander past several historic and just plain weird landmarks taking memorable pictures – the last in front of Claude Chana (who's Claude? Google it.)

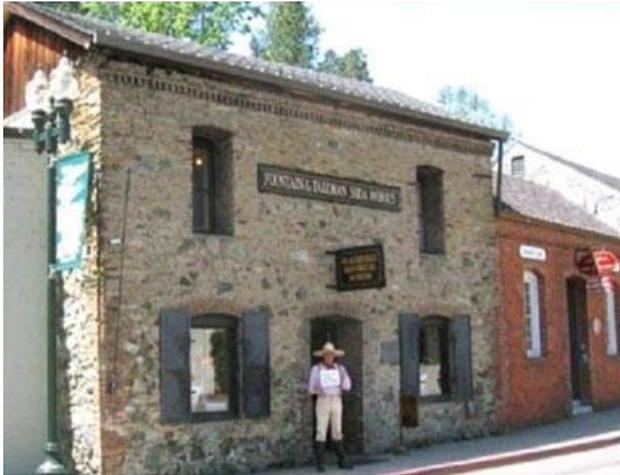
But...

If you're up for an After Party, some of us will continue north on Highway 49 through Grass Valley and Nevada City heading east on Highway 20 through more gorgeous scenery to Yuba Pass where we'll pick up Highway 80 again.

Please RSVP to events@ggahc.com by June 16th.



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Healey Doc's Corner

I hope you have gotten your Healey ready for this coming season.

We are starting off with a Great Event for the Opener, and there are some pretty awesome events scheduled after that one.

Several members went for the Healey Mileage Award last year and the winner needs some competition. We don't want to make it too easy for her to win it again this year.

As I mentioned last month, we have trips planned for the Sierra foothills, Mt Tamalpias, Salinas Valley, Contra Costa, Race Track time at Sears Point and the Lodi Wine Country.

We also will be returning to TheVans for our annual Christmas Party.

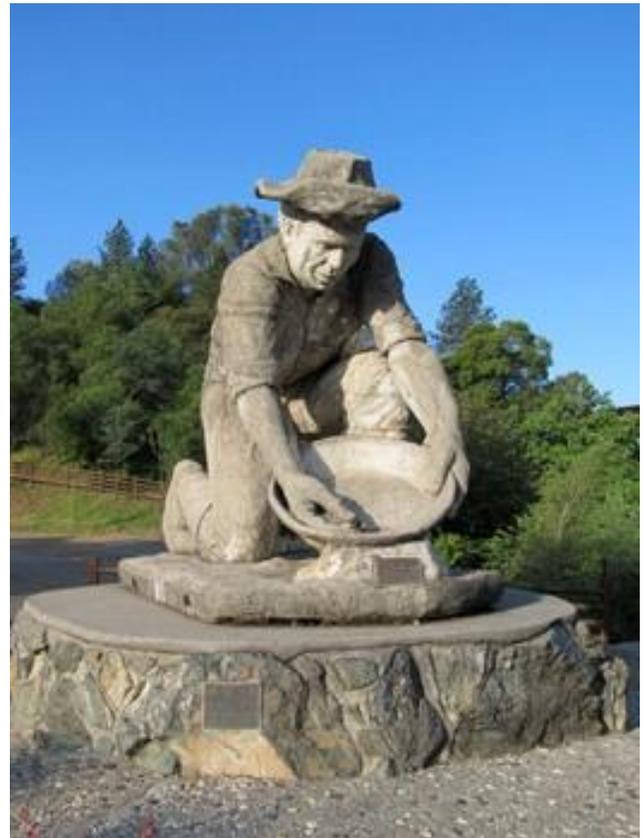
The planning is under way for the 2020 Rendezvous and the committee has been working hard on getting things finalized. We have had a great working relationship with the Mont Bleu Resort over the years, and they are behind us 100%.

More information will be coming on this but the plan is to still have a registration ready by June and you will be amazed at the deal we have.

So if you want to help out with this event in 2020 please let us know.

Now let's get them tires rolling and enjoy the upcoming Opener and start putting on some miles and enjoy some of our great California spring weather.

Happy Healeying,
David Nock



Claude Chana



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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.*

GGAHC - April 7th Season Opener @ Grand Island Mansion

GGAHC - April 13th CSRG Vintage Races, Sonoma Raceway

GGAHC - May 4th DeRose Vineyards & Nostalgia Vintage Auto Museum

GGAHC - June 22nd & 23rd Overnight Highway 49 Tour

GGAHC - July 6th Marin Rod & Gun Club Car Show

GGAHC - August 17th Napa or Sonoma - Nerlove's Winery BBQ

GGAHC - August 25th Ice Cream Social, Vacaville

GGAHC - September 14th Drive from Port Costa to Port Chicago

GGAHC - October 19th Lodi Wine Tour

GGAHC - November 9th Tour of Portola Valley

GGAHC - December 8th Christmas Party

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

Have you ever wanted to do a write up for a club event ?

If you would like to try your hand at writing up an article for our Newsletter please let me know.

All you need to do is write a few paragraphs about the event and take a few photographs and forward them to me for the next Newsletter.

I am still interested in biographies or any Healey story you would like to share with your fellow members.

Thanks,

Mike



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

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Blair Barnett: (510) 816-9387

Email: bsbarnett2001@yahoo.com

Storage Needed:

66 Austin Healey 3000

I'm looking for an affordable place to store it for a year or two. I live in San Francisco and parking is of course a challenge. Maybe someone could help with a secure parking spot (anywhere in the Bay Area).

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



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

For Sale: 1959 Austin Healey 100 BN-6
Excellent Condition. Asking \$53,000



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



Denny Paul (831) 620-1140

Email: dennykpaul@gmail.com

For Sale: 1967 Austin-Healey 3000 MKIII BJ8
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Dennis Saxon (253) 335-2327

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