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GGAHC - Season Opener

Grand Island Mansion,
Walnut Grove, Ca.

April 7th, 2019



Healey Grand Island Opening Tour By Jerri Nock

April 7th dawned clear over 35 expectant Healey's, a Corvette and Bentley-Rolls Royce and their 70 drivers and passengers. Everyone was waiting and ready on time at our meet point in Oakley CA. We all had time to say hello to old and new friends, get the driving directions before falling into our cars and off we went.

Turning onto W Brennan Rd the tour along the Delta had now begun. Lots of blooms and some wildlife were seen. We even saw some white Egrets in their nests in an old tree. Driving the winding roads with rural land on one side and waterways on the other was so relaxing. Some boaters fishing as well as shore fisherman enjoying their day with their ice chests and a friendly wave as we passed.

We stacked up in line waiting to cross the first ferry of CA 84. We loaded up side by side and very tightly together. it wasn't long before we had all ridden across the water and met up at the last ferry. We loaded up bumper to bumper and side by side as we crossed the next stretch of water. It gave us time to get out and stretch our legs while waiting for all of us to gather up for the final leg to our brunch stop.

Around the next bend the Grand Island Mansion came into view. We all parked and found the restroom and then gathered out in front for a group photo. We then had time to tour this beautiful estate inside and around the grounds before brunch began.

It is the largest estate in Northern California. The style is Italian Renaissance, with four stories, 24,000 square feet and has 58 rooms. It was designed by J.W. Dolliver for Louis Meyer and his wife Audrey. The house includes a one lane bowling alley, soda shop style fountain, bars, ballroom and spa type amenities. The grounds include tennis court, basketball court, heliport, private docks and classical gardens. It is quite spectacular.

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.

Newsletter Changes

Currently working on changing
up our Newsletter

Any comments or suggestions
would be appreciated

Thanks

Before long it was time to get seated for brunch. The room was filled with natural light and beautiful artwork all around us. The staff was really incredible and kept our glasses full. The food was very tasty and we all enjoyed it. The brunch is buffet style and so many amazing dishes, it was hard to skip anything. All kinds of salads, grilled vegetables, potatoes, eggs benedict, specialty toast, frittata, prime rib and so many delicious desserts.

Everyone really enjoyed, the drive and food, but most important, the people. Without the membership participation, these events would not happen. David and I would like to raise our glass and say thank you to all who came. It was a joy and we would love to do this again sometime.



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David Love Vintage Races

Sonoma Raceway, Sonoma, Ca.

April 13th, 2019

The invitation to attend the CSRG David Love Vintage Races was a great experience. The event was well attended by our club and it was a beautiful day at the race track. The day started with checking in and getting our tickets, and proceeding to the parking corral that was provided for us at the end of the main paddock area.

After parking our cars we ventured on down to the Media Center to get our wristbands and make our donation to CSRG which allowed us to do some laps around the track later in the day. After all the formalities were taken care of it was time to either head out to the grandstand and watch some racing, or venture into the pits and check out some of the machines that were there to do some racing.

When the time arrived to take our cars out on the track, we had a drivers meeting with one of the race drivers Andrew Wait. After we were done with getting the track rules it was time to line up and head out onto the track. After an announcement was made welcoming us to the event, we proceeded to take our laps around the track. There were 8 race groups, most containing 2 or 3 classes of cars participating in the event and the qualifying races were going on all day.

The founding concept of CSRG was to find a means to drive race cars whose competitive days were through and to enjoy that experience with friends. That's what CSRG has been doing for over 50 years with four events per year ever since. The club has a great history, and it is not just a sanctioning body. The members share a common bond via the cars they race, which creates friendships & experiences like few others.

Fifteen years ago, the CSRG Board of Directors decided it was time to give something back to the community that made it possible for them to have so much fun enjoying their race cars, so the CSRG Charity Challenge was born. The idea was, to raise money for the Speedway Children's Charities of Sonoma.

The Track Rides for Charity allows anyone in sound health to take a three lap ride at speed in one of the historic race cars entered in the event in return for a tax deductible donation. The Track Rides are the major source of funding for the program, in addition to voluntary donations from their participants, gate receipts & raffle. To date the Charity has raised almost 1,000,000 dollars for the Speedway Children's Charity of Sonoma.

Vintage car racing is all about the cars and their history. The drivers, unless professional or somehow associated with the car's history, are often only referred to as having a custodial role. The purpose of vintage racing events is to showcase the car, its place in racing history and to make the car as accessible as possible for the enjoyment of others.

I would like to thank John Turney for organizing the event and taking care of all of us upon arrival to ensure we all got into the track and got through the formalities so we could have some fun driving our cars on the Race Track and watching the qualifying races. I hope everyone one had a great time and we will get invited back next year.



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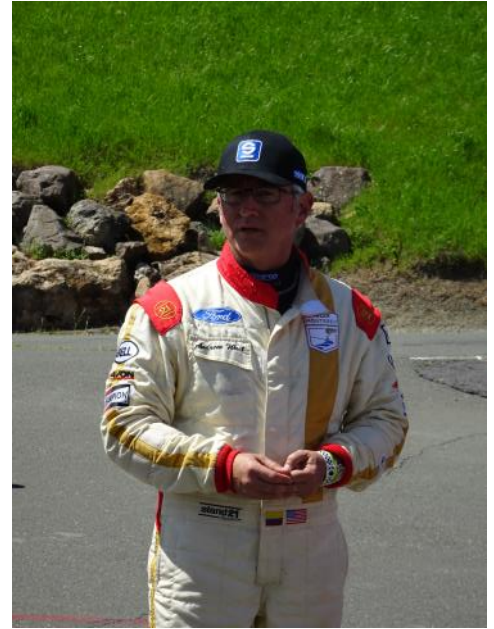


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Hollister Valley Tour - May 4, 9:15 A.M.

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.

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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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The Annual All British Motoring Show and Swap Meet Dixon Fairgrounds

May 19, 2019



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Cascade Austin Healey Club of Washington

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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.

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Healey Doc's Corner

The Healey touring season has kicked off to an amazing start for the 2019 season.

If you missed the opener this year at Grand Island Mansion you missed a big one.

We had almost 40 cars on the tour. Then we had the track day at Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma which also had a great turn out.

There are a couple of other GGAHC events coming up in the next couple of months that you will not want to miss.

First is the Dixon British Car Meet hosted by the United British Sports Car Club, as of right now we have about 18 Austin Healey's that will be there, in the past years we were up to 25 or 30 cars. So come on out and enjoy the day on the grass in Dixon.

Next is Irene's Hollister Valley Tour on May 4th so come on out and enjoy this tour to the DeRose Winery and Car Museum.

We also are well on the way with the planning for the 2020 Healey Meet and will be looking for some assistance with the meet in various places, so if you would like to help out let one of the club officers know.

Right now we are meeting every other month until December.

Jerri and I hope to see you out there on the road someday soon.

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 - 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

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66 Austin Healey 3000

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