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Rendezvous 2020

Get Registered Now!!!

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Volunteers Needed ASAP

GGAHC Treasurer

Dennis Gilroy

Is retiring from his position at the end of this year.

If you have any desire to take over this position please contact your nearest Board Member.

Conclave 2019

September 6th, 2019 to September 11, 2019

Deadwood, South Dakota



There were 2 groups who took on the adventure of driving to South Dakota for Conclave 2019 which was held in the town of Deadwood. The first group consisted of Irene Medzyk & Harry Harami and Nick & Sandy Klein. The second group consisted of Dave & Jerri Nock, Marc & Patti Lewis, Steve Cloyes, and Mike Sonneman.

The first group left California on September 1st and arrived in Deadwood on September 5th. The second group left California on September 4th and arrived in Deadwood on September 6th.

The first group had overnight stays in the following places: Lovelock, Nevada, Wendover, Nevada, Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Buffalo, Wyoming. The second group had overnight stays in the following places: Eureka, Nevada, and Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Once we arrived in Deadwood the first night was the welcome reception at the Deadwood Mountain Grand Hotel. The evening included an overview of the activities for the week, which included two local speakers from the area. The first speaker was Darrel Nelson, who spoke about the 1876 Gold Rush and its impact on the Deadwood Gulch. The second speaker was Donovin Sprague, who is a descendant of the families of the Lakota Chiefs Hump and Crazy Horse. Both speakers presented some very interesting history of the surrounding area and its people.

The following day there was a drive scheduled to Crazy Horse and Custer State Park. The drive to Crazy Horse was a nice drive and once we arrived a group photo was taken with the Crazy Horse Memorial Monument in the background. While at Crazy Horse there was time for lunch and a short movie about the how the project got its start back in 1948. The memorial was commissioned by Henry Standing Bear, a Lakota elder, to be sculpted by Korczak Ziolkowski.

After leaving the Crazy Horse Memorial Monument we drove to the Custer State Park. Inside the park is a wildlife loop that features Buffalo, Antelope, Mules, and other assorted animals. While driving along inside the park we saw lots of Buffalo who were eating and laying around in the meadows. We also saw some Antelope, but unfortunately, they were not very close to the road.

Once we concluded the drive it was off to the Needles of the Black Hills. The road was very narrow and had a lot of twists and turns.

The highway passes through two tunnels blasted through sheer granite walls—Iron Creek Tunnel and Needles Eye Tunnel. Just after Needles Eye Tunnel, Highway 87 serves as the northern terminus of SD 89. After this junction, SD 87 has one more tunnel, Hood Tunnel. After passing through the last tunnel there are the pigtails which were quite fun to drive through.

On Sunday morning the Car Show was held which started at the Rodeo Grounds Parking Lot. After hanging around for a while and checking out all the cars and the voting was completed the best part of the day was about to begin. The local police of Deadwood and Lead had blocked off many of the streets in the area to allow us to form a parade of our cars to pass through each town.

There were people everywhere who were either standing on the sides of the roads or sitting on their porches. They were all waving, and taking pictures & videos as we passed. After the route of the parade was completed, we lined the Historic Street of Deadwood on both sides with our cars so the people could take a closer look and have a chat with all of us.

That was just the start of what turned out to be a Great Day for all of us. That evening after the Car Show was done, we all got onto buses for a trip to Mount Rushmore. While visiting the site we had dinner, and waited for the evening presentation and the lighting of the monument. Unfortunately, some fog rolled in and the lighting ceremony didn't quite go off as planned. Due to the fog the monument could not be seen. Oh Well, it was still a nice trip.

On Monday there was a Rally Planned, but we decided to take a drive to Sturgis and check out the place. We ended up at the Full Throttle Saloon just outside of Sturgis. Wow, what an interesting place it was. While we were there, I was trying to imagine the craziness of what it must be like with all the people and bikes during bike week in August.

After returning to Deadwood it was time to get ready for the Wild Bill BBQ at the Deadwood Mountain Grand Hotel. The food was very good and it gave us all a chance to relax and chat with old friends or make some new ones. While enjoying the BBQ the Car Show awards were presented and unfortunately the Golden Gate Club did not receive any awards.

On Tuesday some of us decided it was time to take a break from all the driving and take some time to check out the town of Deadwood. There was a brochure about Deadwood which included a walking tour that started with a walk up the hill to the old Mount Moriah Cemetery. While at the Cemetery we found the graves of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. After leaving the Cemetery I ventured into Deadwood to find the Historic Plaques that were scattered about around town.

That evening there was the Banquet Dinner and a performance by the award winning Native American music group Brule. The show was stunning with an uplifting emotional spirit and significance of the Native American culture. The musical journey of Paul LaRoche, founder of Brule, adds a deeply personal story of self-discovery and reconciliation of spirit for the audience.





Then on Wednesday it was time to begin the trip home. Both groups headed for Cody, Wyoming in order to drive through Yellowstone National Park on the way home.

The first group left Deadwood on September 11th and arrived in California on September 17th and returned home on September 18th. The second group left Deadwood on September 11th and arrived home in California on September 15th.

The first group had overnight stays in the following places: Cody, Wyoming, Mammoth Springs in Yellowstone, with 2 nights at the Canyon Lodge in Yellowstone, followed by Idaho Falls, Idaho, Elko, Nevada, Truckee, California, and then home. The second group had overnight stays in the following places: Cody, Wyoming, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho, Lovelock, Nevada, and then home.











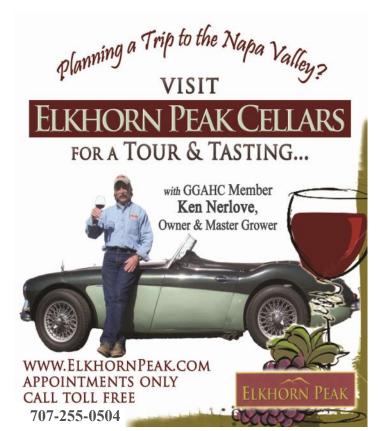












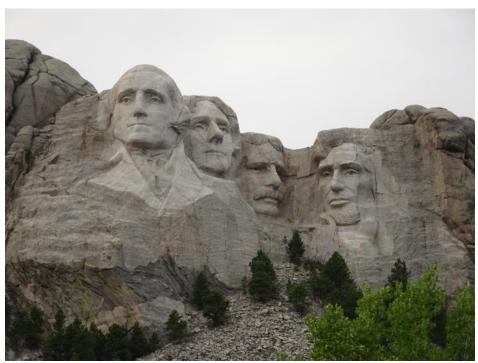




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Healey Doc's Corner

September 2019

The Conclave in Deadwood was a Great Event.

The drive there was challenging due to the length of the driving days, and the changing weather conditions.

Once we arrived the weather was Great and the Black Hills were beautiful to see.

We got to see the Crazy Horse Monument, Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower and drive along the Needles Highway.

One day we took a hike up to the Moriah Cemetery in Deadwood to see the Gravesites of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane.

The Rendezvous is fast approaching so make sure you make your reservations soon before the rooms run out.

We have some great things planned for the event so you don't want to miss out.

The driving season for the year is coming to an end soon with only the Wine Tour remaining.

The Christmas Party is being held at The Van's Restaurant again this year so we hope to see you there.

We will be having monthly meetings for the Rendezvous in May starting in January, so if you would like help out please let us know.

Happy Healeying, David Nock







A Tale of two Phase II BJ8's. By Bob Cobb

About 1980, in the midst of a generally-amiable divorce, I assisted my soon-to-be ex in a search for a reliable sports car. I was living in Sebastopol at the time and, based on my prior experiences, had always contended that whatever car one might desire would at some point become available in Sonoma County.

That proved true...twice, with respect to BJ-8's. A couple miles away, I found a one-owner OEW BJ-8 (I didn't know anything about model numbers at the time) and it was purchased by my ex. That search motivated me to find one for myself. Once again, I was in luck. About 1.5 miles south of me was another BJ-8 for sale! It was silver, though originally Colorado Red. The seller said that with its red motif it had been a "ticket-getter". I made the purchase, eventually taking the car with me to Chicago for the next 35+ years.

Eventually my BJ-8 began to show signs of age that could not be ignored or masked with a little TLC so off to Fourintune for a body-off restoration. It was purposefully restored to be a wonderful driver, not to concours standards. The interior remains about 75% original, due to its good condition, and the Phase I console (with its "cubby"), installed by a previous owner, was retained, In discussion with Tom Kovacs of Fourintune, I decided to have the car finished in Healey Metallic Beige over Old English White. One bit of irony: when I obtained the British Heritage certificate which indicated where the Healey was originally delivered, it had been to a foreign car dealer in Kenosha, WI, only about 50 miles north of where I was presently living.

It was obvious that the car had not stayed long in the "rust belt", due to the absence of any serious decay. I do know that the prior 3 owners resided in Northern CA.

Now we are back in Sonoma County and the car is waiting patiently for a little tweaking in order to return to the tarmac.





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Lodi Wine and Root Beer Tour

Saturday October 19th

Departing Mc Donald's in Antioch at 9:30 am Hosted by David & Jerri Nock

RSVP by 10/12/19 to www.healeydoc@comcast.net



The Lodi area is not just famous for its Tokay and Zinfandel Grapes. There is another secret of Lodi. It is the original home of A&W Root Beer.

We will be having lunch at the Original A&W which is just a few short blocks away from where the very first Root Beer was sold from a small street stand on the streets of Lodi.

During a welcome home parade for the WW1 soldiers coming home.

We will start out our tour meeting up at the Mc Donald's in Antioch at Hwy 160 and Main St.

After a leisure drive thru some of the Delta Levees we will arrive at our first stop Lodi Vintners for a food and wine pairing that you have never experienced before. Guaranteed.

We will stop for lunch at the original home of A & W Root Beer.

Following lunch it's a visit to another unique winery, Klinker Brick, where the name comes from the sound that the bricks the building is made from make when they are banged together.

Then it is off to another unique winery that is one of our personal favorites Oak Farm Vineyards.

Where we will have a private tasting and the use of their Bocci Ball Courts. After that, when you are ready, it is only a short drive to I-5 for your trip home.

2019 GGAHC Christmas Party

December 8th 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 8th 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 *unwrapped* gift or check (minimum \$10) for Toys For Tots (please be generous) and RSVP to events.ggahc@gmail.com by November 24th.

Please indicate the number of attendees.

Commemorations and awards will be presented 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 SALAD of Assorted Greens

with 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

Healey Rendezvous Week 2020 South Lake Tahoe, California / Stateline, Nevada



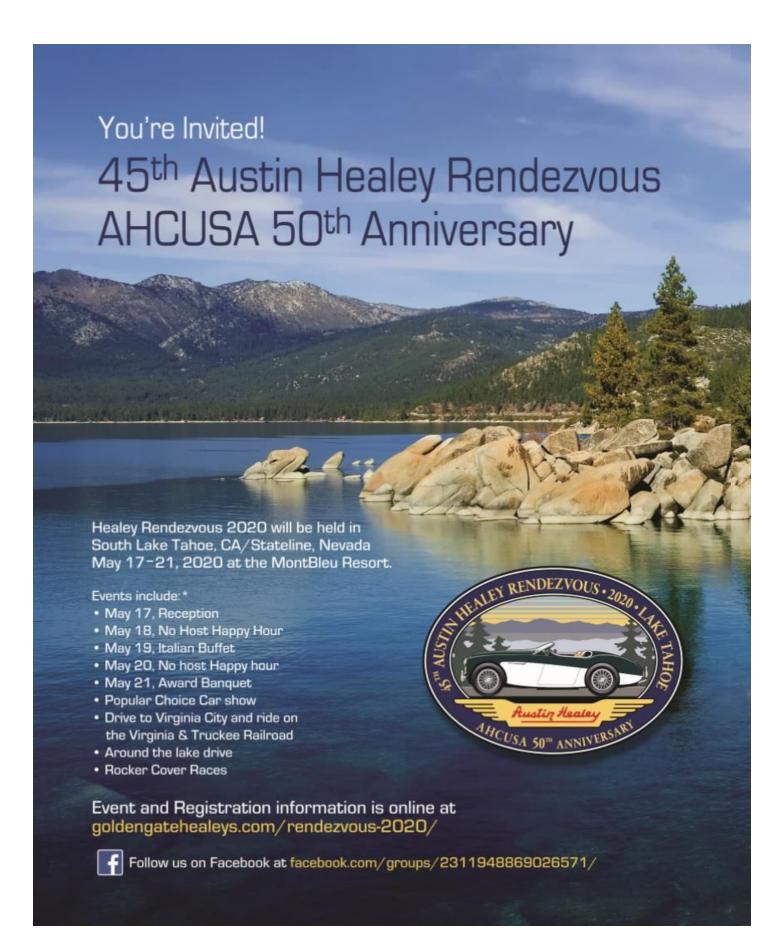














Healey Rendezvous Week 2020 Sunday, May 17 – Thursday, May 21 Registration Form (Register Now - Space is Limited!)

First Name Last Name		
Spouse/Guest First Name Spouse/Guest Last Name		
Additional guest(s) First name Last Name		
Address City _	State/ProvZip	
Country E-mail		
Additional guest(s) First name Last Name Address City State/Prov. Zip Country E-mail Phone Cell Club Affiliation		
Vehicle (s) Year (Check) Original Owner / Family? □ Bringing a trailer? □ BN1 / BN2 □ 100M □ BN4 □ BN6 / BN7 (2 seat) □ BT7 □ Tricarb □ BJ7 □ BJ8 single light □ BJ8 dual light □ Bugeye □ Square Body □ Jensen Healey □ Nasty Boy □ Other Healey □ Other Healey □		
See More Details at: <u>GoldenGateHealeys.com/Rendezvous-2020</u>		
Event Registration Only Qty Cost Registration for two including car @ \$425	Here's what you get!	
After Feb. 1, 2020 @ \$475	Event Registration for Two - \$425 (see hotel info below)	
Registration for one including car or additional guest(s) @ \$225	Popular Choice Car Show Opening Night Reception for Two Monday - No Host Happy Hour w/ Snacks Tuesday - Italian Buffet for Two Wednesday - No Host Happy Hour w/Snacks Thursday - Award banquet for Two	
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Awards Dinner Choice Qty Prime Rib	Hotel Bookings: Note: Hotel bookings are separate from the	
Chicken Oscar	Rendezvous Event Registration.	
Register online or Mail completed form with check (in U.S. Funds) payable to GGAHC to: Rendezvous 2020 c/o John Turney 1769 Sharon Drive Concord, CA 94519 Register online or Mail completed form with check (in U.S. Funds) payable to GGAHC to: Rendezvous 2020 c/o John Turney 1769 Sharon Drive Concord, CA 94519 Reflidezvous Event Registration. Montbleu Resort Casino and Spa Stand Room \$59 King (that's not a typo) (\$79 do Queen). Contact hotel for additional occupancy. Hotel information and the correction of the		
By signature below, I/we release the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, Austin Healey Club USA, and Austin Healey Club of America, its officers and members, and all other event sponsors and organizers from any and all liability for any loss, damage or other claim on account of injury to persons or property resulting from my/our participation in Rendezvous 2020, including travel to and from the event. I further attest that the registered car(s) is/are covered by suitable liability insurance. Date:		

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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 - October 19th Lodi Wine Tour

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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