



Group Photo - Lodi Vintners Winery

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Rendezvous 2020

Volunteers Needed ASAP

Planning Meeting 2020

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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.

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Lodi Wine Tour

Saturday - October 19th, 2019

Lodi, Ca.



There were 2 groups who participated in the event on Saturday. The main group met in Oakley and the smaller group met in Sacramento. The 2 groups merged in Walnut Grove along the Sacramento River.

The group then proceeded to Lodi Vintners in Lodi. When we arrived there we were invited into the Rippey Reserve Room for a one of a kind tasting experience. The tasting was called a Junk Food Wine Pairing.

The tasting started with passing out the following snack foods: Lay's All Dressed Chips, Snickers Bars, Oreos, Cheetos, and Twinkies.

The 2017 Rippey Family Vineyards, Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel paired with Lay's All Dressed Chips was first. The chips are a perfect marriage with the ripe fruit flavors of the 2017 Old Vine Zinfandel.

The 2015 Concrete, Lodi Zinfandel paired with Snickers was next. This American candy deserves a classic American wine like there 2015 Concrete Zinfandel.

The NV Rippey Family Vineyards, Napa Valley, "The Crossing" paired with Oreos was next. This rich chocolate cookie with the distinctive creamy filling is perfect with there rich and smooth Rippey Family Vineyards Non-Vintage The Crossing.

The 2017 Rippey Family Vineyards, Lodi Cabernet Sauvignon paired with Cheetos was next. Cheetos have a strong cheddar flavor that pairs best with there rich and ripe Rippey Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon.

The 2017 SIP, California Moscato paired with Twinkies was the last wine we tasted. A sweet wine for a sweet treat! It's a pairing that actually heightens the Twinkie beyond its lowly standing as the "Ultimate" junk food.

After leaving Lodi Vintners Winery we headed down the road to one of Lodi's most well known historical sites for some lunch, A&W Root Beer.

A&W has a long history in this country, beginning with the first A&W Root Beer stand in the city of Lodi in 1919.

Chain founder Roy Allen handed out his first handmade soda during a parade to welcome home returning WWI vets.

A century later, they have more than 625 restaurants from coast to coast (including a couple in Alaska), they make their Root Beer fresh in stores daily, and are still deeply connected to the small-town communities that have supported them all these years. In 2019 A&W celebrates its 100th anniversary. There are approximately 1,000 restaurants (& counting) in the U.S. and international markets.

The next and last stop for the day was at the Heritage Oak Winery which is located in Acampo, Ca. Heritage Oak owners, Tom and Carmela Hoffman, are proud of their ancestry and their ties to a piece of land that has been in Tom's family for five generations. This pride is seen in the quality of the grapes that are harvested from their vineyards each fall and the rich, smooth textured wines that are made from them.

Tom manages the vineyards and oversees every detail of grape productions, from winter pruning, through summer irrigation and into fall's harvest. When the grapes ripen, he becomes the wine maker, managing the fermentation of the various small lots of fruit as they come in from the fields. He spends time creating the subtle, barrel aged blends that best reflect what each of the vineyards can produce. Tom likes talking about farming practices and wine making with visitors in the tasting room.

Carmela adds an element of finesse to the operation. Nothing is missed by her eye nor left untouched by her organizational skills. She seldom sits still for long. Look for her in the tasting room greeting guests, setting out decorations or busy in the garden,. That is, if she isn't running. Carmela, all 4 feet 11 inches of her, is a long distance runner and has completed numerous marathons. But she is never too occupied to share a friendly smile and chat with the visitors.

Thanks to Dave & Jerri Nock for a fun filled day of some unique experiences in the Lodi region.



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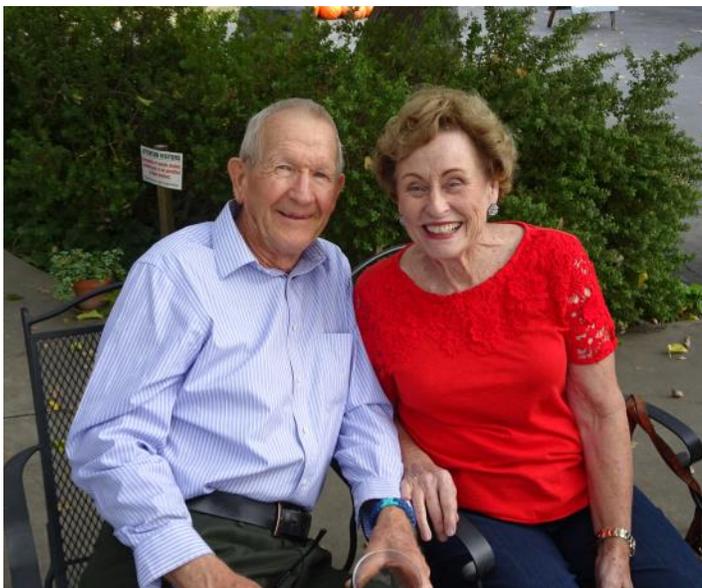


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## Healey Doc's Corner

**November 2019**

Wow another year has gone by already and we are only 6 months away from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Healey Rendezvous.

The committee is moving along with the plans for the meet which will be at Monteblu in South Lake Tahoe.

If you haven't registered yet and are planning on attending you are running out of time the registration will go up on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will be looking for some volunteers to help host some of the activities at the meet and we will start having our planning meetings monthly starting at the planning meeting in January.

So come on out and let us know what and where the help is needed.

Our club treasurer is retiring at the end of this year and we are in desperate need of a new treasurer. The system is all set up in Quick Books,

So if you know anything about balancing a check book and would like to help out let me know ASAP.

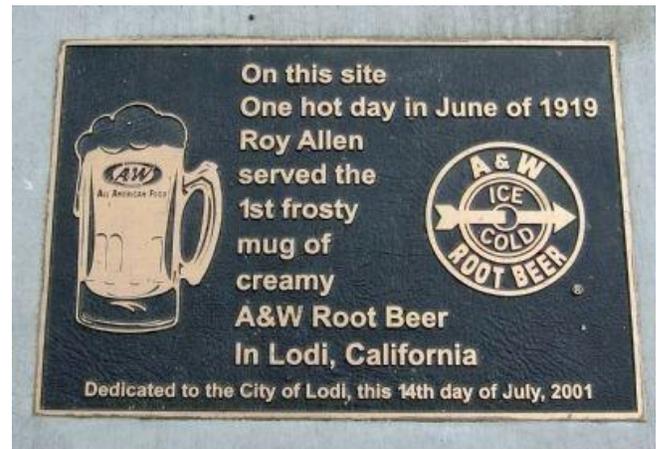
A small group of GGAHC members put some serious miles on the cars last September and made the 3900 mile trip to Deadwood South Dakota.

We had a great trip and the Minnesota club did great job hosting the event. I just hope that we can keep up the tradition this year.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that have hosted various tours this year. The average turn out at these events was about 25 cars which is great.

So lets keep it up going into next year and get some new ideas for tours and locations to go.

Happy Healeying,  
*David Nock*



# 2020 Planning Meeting

## January 18th, 2020

The GGAHC will hold its annual Event **Planning Meeting** on at **11:00 AM January 18, 2020**, at the **Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive**, Walnut Creek.

This is your opportunity to help plan the Club events for 2020. If you attended the Club events this last year, you may have noticed an increased turnout to several exciting events. That's because of club members like you that stepped up and organized cool drives to cool places.

Have a favorite back road?

Favorite restaurant or watering hole?

Favorite cool/weird/historic/interesting place?

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 2020.

### **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. 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.

### **Opening for GGAHC Treasurer position:**

The club needs a volunteer who would like to assume the role of Healey Club Treasurer. Definitely not even a part-time job, and it includes free lunch at club board meetings.

Financials center around keeping track in Quicken (which the club can buy if you do not already have it.) of two bank accounts -- savings and checking -- PayPal deposits and movement into the checking account.

Getting copies of invoices approved for payment and then doing the required checks.

I am happy to get you started for as long as you want assistance.

If you want to volunteer, or ask questions, email me at [treasurer.ggahc@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.ggahc@gmail.com)

Many Thanks, Dennis Gilroy

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**Alfred Accurso, Sr.**  
**Resident of Concord, California**



Alfred Accurso, Sr., 86 of Concord, CA passed away peacefully at the home that he built, surrounded by loved ones on March 13, 2019.

Al was born in Queens, NY. His parents immigrated from Palermo Sicily in the early 1900s. Al graduated from Sequoia High School in Redwood City and San Jose State University.

After graduation, he worked for the county of Contra Costa for 30 years as their Senior Real Estate Agent. Al was a dedicated public servant and volunteer in youth programs. Al was an avid sportsman and was a star athlete in high school. Al was a champion Collegiate and Golden Gloves Boxer.

Al raced cars until he was 81 years old. Being an avid outdoors-man, he loved to hunt and fish. He felt at home near any body of water.

Al was also a champion for the developmentally disabled for many decades. He was a past president for the Contra Costa Cerebral Palsy Society, the We Care Center and the George Miller Center for the developmentally disabled. Al was instrumental in the founding and construction of the "We Care" center in Concord.

Al was always very generous with his time and money, helping anyone in need. He would talk with anybody and never had a loss for words. His stories were countless. Al was full of great wit, humor and charm.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Coralla of 62 years, their two sons, Alfred Jr. and Anthony and his brother Richard. At Al's request, there was a private service for the family. Al will be sorely missed by all. Al would welcome any donations sent to the We Care Center in Concord, CA

Dear Al, the date of your birthday is coming up. We will be remembering you with much love.

Rest in peace, Your loving family.

# 2019 GGAHC Christmas Party

December 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events.ggahc@gmail.com) by November 24<sup>th</sup>.**

***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)

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#### **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

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## **COFFEE**

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# Healey Rendezvous Week 2020

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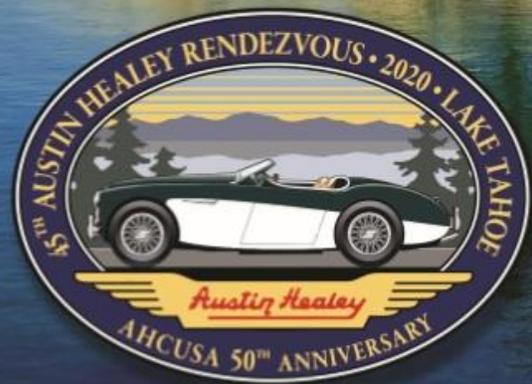
## 45<sup>th</sup> Austin Healey Rendezvous

### AHCUSA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Healey Rendezvous 2020 will be held in  
South Lake Tahoe, CA/Stateline, Nevada  
May 17-21, 2020 at the MontBleu Resort.

Events include:\*

- May 17, Reception
- May 18, No Host Happy Hour
- May 19, Italian Buffet
- May 20, No host Happy hour
- May 21, Award Banquet
- Popular Choice Car show
- Drive to Virginia City and ride on  
the Virginia & Truckee Railroad
- Around the lake drive
- Rocker Cover Races



Event and Registration information is online at  
[goldengatehealeys.com/rendezvous-2020/](http://goldengatehealeys.com/rendezvous-2020/)



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# 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/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  \_\_\_\_\_

See More Details at: [GoldenGateHealeys.com/Rendezvous-2020](http://GoldenGateHealeys.com/Rendezvous-2020)

Event Registration Only	Qty	Cost
Registration for two including car <span style="color: blue;">After Feb. 1, 2020</span>	_____	@ \$425 _____ @ \$475
Registration for one including car or additional guest(s) <span style="color: blue;">After Feb. 1, 2020</span>	_____	@ \$225 _____ @ \$275
Concours Judging Fee	_____	@ \$100 per car

Optional Tours:

Ladies Wine Tasting \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35/ person  
 Virginia City / V&T Railroad Tour \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25/ person

**Total Cost from above (U.S. \$)** \_\_\_\_\_

Other Events

	Qty
Funkana	_____
Rocker Cover Racer	_____
Golf Outing TBD (Interested?)	_____

Awards Dinner Choice

	Qty
Prime Rib	_____
Chicken Oscar	_____

Here's what you get!

Event Registration for Two - \$425  
(see hotel info below)

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

Funkana, Tech Talks,  
 Rocker Cover Races, Scenic Drives

(Pricing for One Person - \$225)

Hotel Bookings:

**Note:** Hotel bookings are separate from the Rendezvous Event Registration. **Montbleu Resort Casino and Spa Standard Room \$59 King (that's not a typo) (\$79 dual Queen).** Contact hotel for additional occupancy. Hotel information and the code required to book your room at these rates will be sent once paid registration is received.

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

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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Calendar of Events

Contact Marc Lewis to list an event:  
[events.ggahc@gmail.com](mailto:events.ggahc@gmail.com). For a more complete list see  
[www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com). *You are advised to verify the dates of events that are not ours.*

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**GGAHC** - December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

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**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

# HealeyMarket



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

## 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.

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**Denny Paul (831) 620-1140**

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## For Sale:

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**Bea Henke (707) 224-0818**

**Email:** None Available

## For Sale:

1960 Austin Healey BN7 3000 Mark1

Complete body off restoration. Won the Austin Healey Club Gold, 1st at the Palo Alto Concours, and Carmel by the Sea Concours on the Avenue. Safety Improvements: Shoulder belts, Bilstein Shocks, 72 spoke stainless wire wheels, LED brake lights, Removable third brake light, Pentronic electronic ignition. New top and tonneau cover. 48 year California ownership.

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