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Remember To Practice  
Social Distancing

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Avoid Touching  
Eyes - Nose - Mouth

Fall Colors Tour  
Is a GO...

A Few Spots Still Available  
Contact Dave Nock

**GGAHC Newsletter Editor**

Looking to retire from this position after over 5 years of service to the club.

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

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### East Bay Hills Drive

July 25th, 2020

Lafayette, California



We all met in Lafayette for our drive today. Everyone was behaving well, and had their masks on, all were social distancing, no hugs, no handshakes.

We had a nice drive through the foothills, starting out on Oak Hill Drive just out of town and continued on with a stop on Skyline Blvd. for a look at the view and take a few pictures.

After getting back on the road we drove around the area until we came to our lunch stop at the Westover Winery on Palomares Rd.

The winery had a nice area around the back with tables, and chairs. They were all reserved for us and appropriately separated.

The owner of the winery was a nice fellow and we tried some of his wine while we were eating our lunch.

After eating and doing some socializing it was time to get back on the road and do some more driving.

When the group reached the first cutoff point most of the participants separated from the group and went their separate ways.

The few of us that were left, did some more driving through the countryside and we ended up near Livermore.

The end result was the total miles driven for the day was just under 100 miles.





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# 2020 GGAHC Events

## Revised Schedule

Date	GGAHC Event	Event Leader
28-Mar	Tech Session, British Car Specialists <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	David Nock
5-Apr	Season Opener <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	David Nock
3-May	Skyline/Half Moon Bay/La Honda Drive <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	Keith Costas
5/17/20 to 5/21/20	Rendezvous, Lake Tahoe <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	David Nock Marc Lewis
8-Aug	Nerlove BBQ, American Canyon <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	Ken Nerlove
23-Aug	Ice Cream Social, Vacaville <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	Len Hartnett
12-Sep	Muir Woods/Stinson Beach/Bolinas <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	Greg Cory
26-Sep	Ironstone Concours, Murphys	TBD
10/23 – 25	Fall Colors Overnight	David Nock
11/??	Gokarts	Steve Darfler
6-Dec	Christmas Cruise, Alameda <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	David Nock



## Healey Doc's Corner

**July / August 2020**

I can't wait for 2020 to end, it has been a tough year for the GGAHC. To start off we lost all of our annual club events, then we had to cancel Rendezvous 2020 which was going to be a special event recognizing 50 years of the club.

Now we get one more hit. As you all know there are many fires in our area, and we have lost a special grove too our club. On August 21<sup>st</sup> the CZU Lightning Complex Fires destroyed the Donald M Healey Memorial Grove along with most of Big Basin State Park.

Back in 1988 a small group of Pacific Centre members started to raise funds to purchase 2.5 acres inside the park and dedicate it to Donald M Healey. Then on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1989 there was a dedication ceremony in the park. It was attended by Geoff & Margot Healey, John & Joy Healey along with many Healey owners.

I am not sure when we can, but I would like to see about the possibility of GGAHC getting to the grove at some time and see if we can replace the sign, and maybe re plant some trees. So maybe we can start a donation fund to replenish the grove.

On a good note the Fall Colors Sierra Passes Tour is a GO. There are spots still available so if you wanted to go you need to decide NOW. Because on **September 1<sup>st</sup>** you will need to purchase your Yosemite day pass. So, let me know TODAY if you are interested

The last and final event of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year has also had to be cancelled. We had planned a bay cruise but just like many other events we had to cancel. But we have re-scheduled the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary bay cruise for next December so mark the date December 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> a little late.

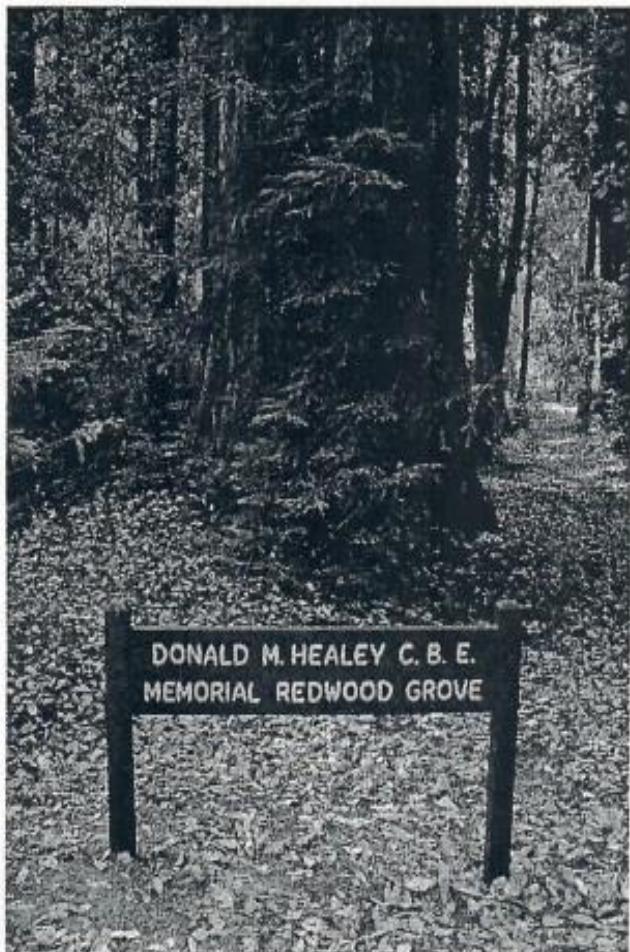
I also hear that Irene is determined to win the mileage award for a third consecutive year. But there is a rumor that a couple of other members are making a run at it as well. So, if you are looking at dethroning the mileage queen get out there and enjoy your Healey.

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

Happy Healeyng,  
*David Nock*

# *Healey Grove Sign Rededicated*

By  
Len Hartnett  
Vacaville CA



*On Wednesday, July 30, 2003, the refurbished sign at the Donald M. Healey Memorial Redwood Grove in Big Basin State Park was reinstalled. New legs, new paint, and new name tags. A mini-rededication was performed attended by Linda Yule, Forest Programs Manager for Sempervirens Fund, two Healey owners, and several campers that were staying in the campground. We toasted Donald and his new sign with sparkling cider. Additional photos will be available on line soon.*



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Donald's pals gather around to dedicate the grove. The back of the plaque displays names of the fund donors.

ate way with a Healey rally through the hills and coast near the park, culminating just before the dedication.

As shadows started to gather in the grove, the park ranger and a representative from Sempervirens formally acknowledged with appreciation the contribution from Donald's pals, accepted the grove and promised on behalf of the state of California that it would be maintained in its natural state in perpetuity. Dick Santana then removed the beautifully upholstered Healey flash that covered the sign "Donald M. Healey C.B.E. Memorial Redwood Grove" and thanked all of those who gave time, effort, and money to make the grove a reality.

With that, noting Donald's dislike for long speeches and his preference for easy conversation and an open bar, Dick moved the party to a nearby country club. Drinks, dinner, and various silly contests provided the backdrop for old friends and new to make and renew acquaintances.

Finally, typical of any birthday party, a number of stories about the birthday boy followed. The evening ended with everyone rising to sing, "Happy Birthday, Donald." And quietly, each in their own way, Donald's friends thanked him for past memories and years of driving pleasure and friendships to come.

## The Redwood Grove is Dedicated to Donald

*It was a party, a birthday party, and the gift was a lovely grove of stately trees. The Old Man would have been pleased, we're sure, with the gift, with the party, and certainly with the gathering of so many of his pals from all over the world. I'm not sure how pleased he would have been about all of us singing happy birthday to him, but it was a good party. And he liked good parties.*

On July 3rd, the ninety-first anniversary of the birth of Donald Healey, over fifty friends from England, Canada, Australia, and the East and West Coasts of the United States, came together at Big Basin State Park near Santa Cruz, California. With Geoff and Margot Healey, and John and Joy Healey in attendance, the group formally dedicated the Donald M. Healey C.B.E. Memorial Redwood Grove.

The campaign to raise the money to allow the Sempervirens Fund to purchase the grove and set it aside in Donald's memory had started the evening when news of Donald's death reached the West Coast. Spearheaded by Dick Santana with the assistance of a number of Donald's old friends including Bill Bolton, Haris Nohr, and Roland Prevost, the fifteen month effort met and exceeded its goal of ten thousand dollars. Contributions had come from many of the regional Healey clubs, from the Triumph club, and from people who had known Donald or who wanted to commemorate his contribution to their motoring and hobby pleasure.

Friends and Healeys (tears and family) started gathering in the Grove and nearby on Sunday, July 2d. Festivities began on Donald's birthday with a barbecue luncheon and time to walk down to the grove, where a number of pictures of Donald had been posted. The activities continued in the most appropriate



The dedication plaque has been placed next to a mature redwood stand and a recent offshoot, while banners and flags greeted attendees arriving at the grove.



The chief park ranger talks with Geoff and Margot Healey, while the Sempervirens Fund representative explains the fund to John and Joy Healey.

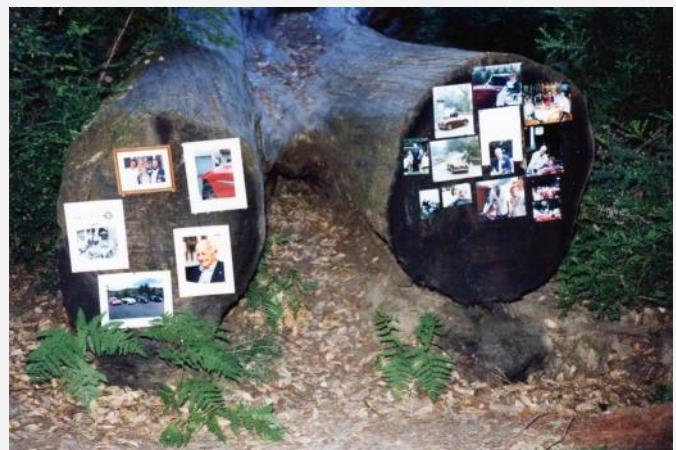
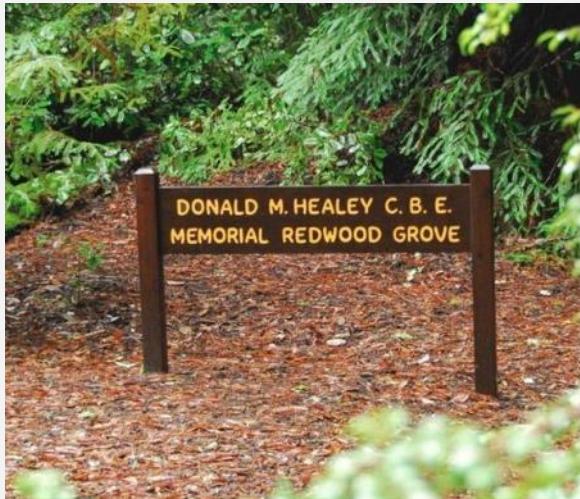
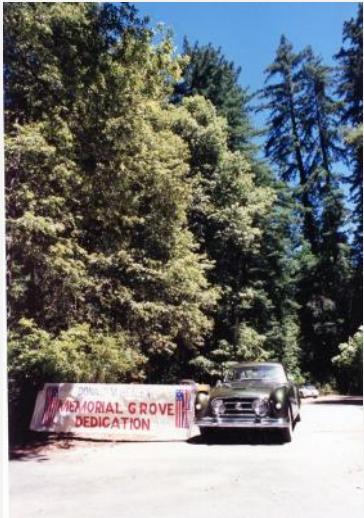


Dick Santana, dynamo behind the fund-raising, stands proudly by the new sign.



John Healey arrives in style in Marilyn Shultz' yellow Sprite, greeted by Dick Santana, Julian Aubanel, Joy, and friend Jenny.

# **Donald M. Healey Memorial Redwood Grove Dedication Ceremony**



## **Opening for GGAHC Newsletter Editor position:**

The club needs a volunteer who would like to assume the role of the Austin Healey Club Newsletter Editor. It's a part-time job, and it requires either attending club events, or assigning the task of reporting to a volunteer member.

It requires some basic computer skills using Microsoft Publisher and Email Functions.

During my time doing the Newsletter, I have had the opportunity to spend time with the members of our club and get to know them.

I have had some Great Experiences and have many Great Memories that I will always cherish and remember.

If you are a social person and enjoy people, I highly recommend taking this opportunity and have some fun with a Great bunch of people.

I would be happy to assist who ever wants to take on this task to get you started for as long as you need my assistance.

If you want to volunteer, or ask questions, email me at [me.sonneman@att.net](mailto:me.sonneman@att.net)

Thanks,  
Mike Sonneman



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# **Sierra Passes / Fall Colors Tour 2020**

## **October 16-18 or October 23-25**

### **I need to know if you are going**

Contact me ASAP so we can get a count for this tour  
David and Jerri Nock [www.president@goldengatehealeys.com](mailto:www.president@goldengatehealeys.com)



**In order to make the plans for hotels this year I need to know ASAP if you will be planning on attending this tour.**

This year's sierra passes / fall colors tour is a little change up from past tours. We will be doing this as a 3 day trip departing on a Friday.

Also you will need to make reservations to get into Yosemite on **September 1<sup>st</sup>** if you are planning on going.

We will be going over Tioga Pass on the Friday and you will need to make a reservation to enter the park, the reservations will go fast.

So if you are thinking about going do it on **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. You will need to go to the parks reservation site to get you reservation.

<https://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/300015>

We will be crossing over 5 Sierra Passes and going thru some of the most amazing fall colors there are in the Sierras.

Tioga Pass, Sonora Pass, Ebbetts Pass, Monitor Pass and Carson Pass.

Friday night will be in Bridgeport and Saturday night will be in Topaz. You will need to make your own reservations once I confirm the hotels.



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## Calendar of Events

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26-Sep	Ironstone Concours, Murphys
10/23/2025	Fall Colors Overnight
11/??	Gokarts

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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—withoout paying a fee.



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Asking \$50,000



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## For Sale:

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## For Sale:

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