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**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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**Fall Colors Tour**

**October 23rd, 24th, 25th, 2020**

**Sierra Nevada Mountains, California**



There we were all bundled up with our day passes in hand, ready to start our 3 day adventure with a drive into Yosemite Park... The cars were all gassed up, with had our lunches ready and off we went...

The day started with Dave & Jerri passing out goodie bags and an observation rally sheet with questions pertaining to signs and landmarks we will pass along the way. The drive to the park went very smooth and we were all able to get in fairly quickly. The group went to Inspiration Point and had lunch, followed by a drive around the Yosemite Valley to our meeting point at the base of El Capitan.

While waiting there I was looking up at the steep cliff side of the mountain and thinking about Alex Honnold, who solo free climbed the face in 2017. If you haven't seen the movie 'Free Solo', I highly recommend checking it out.

Once we had everyone in their cars and ready to go, we drove out of the valley for our first of 6 mountain passes to be crossed in the next few days. The first one was Tioga Pass which tops out at 9945 Feet in elevation.

The drive through the park was beautiful and the roads were in excellent shape which were great to drive on up the long road to reach the peak.

Then we headed for the Bridgeport Inn for dinner and our first night stay. Dave & Jerri arranged a nice dinner for the group and we had a few snacks and a glass of wine before dinner. Dave went over the correct answers for the observation rally and the winners were chosen.

- 1st Place - Peter & Alexandria Roses
- 2nd Place - Harry Harami & Irene Medzyk
- 3rd Place - Steve & Karen Thomas

Prizes were provided for the lucky winners who answered the most questions correctly. The food and the company was great.

The next day we were provided with a sack lunch by the Bridgeport Inn to consume at our lunch break for the day. After leaving we drove up Highway 395 to the turn off for our next pass. Once we tackled the Sonora Pass at 9624 Feet in elevation we stopped along the road for a quick break.

After our break was over we headed for the Old Historic Town of Columbia for lunch.

Once lunch was done we gassed up and got ready for the second pass for the day. The next pass we conquered was Ebbetts Pass at 8730 Feet in elevation. But, we were not quite finished yet...

The next Pass we drove over was Monitor Pass at 8314 Feet in elevation. After coming down the other side we drove a short distance over the Nevada border to the Topaz Lodge where we were staying for the night. We all had dinner in the restaurant in small groups due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

The next morning with all our tanks full of gas and the drivers full of anticipation, we drove over Monitor Pass once again going the other direction. It was a long steady climb, but we all made it over the crest and then it was all down hill again.

Once again we were met with nice roads and beautiful scenery as we made our way through the mountain roads. It was a little colder than the previous day, but we didn't care... The cars were happy and we soldiered on...

The last and final pass was the Carson Pass at 8574 Feet in elevation. The road after the pass was a less winding and allowed us to drive a little faster with nice sweeping turns to the left and right.

Then we stopped at Ham's Station for lunch. The food was very good and the owner and staff were enjoying have us and admiring our cars. After lunch we did some Trivia Questions that were handed out by Dave & Jerri.

- 1st Place - Marc & Patti Lewis
- 2nd Place - Harry Harami & Irene Medzyk
- 3rd Place - Steve & Karen Thomas

Once again prizes were provided for the most correct answers.

A small group of us went to Dave & Jerri's for dinner after the trip was completed. It was nice to relax for a while before heading home, or for some to the Hampton Inn which was close by.

I would like to acknowledge Dave & Jerri Nock for organizing a GREAT event which was full of challenges. With all the current restrictions it was difficult to set up accomodations and make sure we could get gas when needed and food.



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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 <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	TBD
10/23 – 25	Fall Colors Overnight	David Nock
11/14	Gokarts	Steve Darfler
6-Dec	Christmas Cruise, Alameda <b>Event has Been Cancelled</b>	David Nock



## Healey Doc's Corner

September / October 2020

I would like to thank all those that went on this years Sierra Passes / Fall Colors Tour. We had 17 cars attend and 3 of them came up from Sothern California. They had heard a rumor that the GGAHC has some amazing tours, so the pressure was on to pull off a special weekend. Mother Nature cooperated and we had some amazing sierra colors, and great weather.

Coming up in a couple of weeks we will be hosting our final event of the year. We will be doing laps at Kart1 in Pleasanton, for some laps in the go carts. I would like to thank Steve Darfler for hosting this event.

Next year we hope to be able to get together more often with our Healey's taking us where they are most comfortable. Out on the Open Roads.

In May the Southern California Austin Healey Association is hosting the 2021 Conclave in Big Bear.

They have asked GGAHC to host the Funkhana. So those that are attending we will need some assistance for one day to set up and host the Funkhana. This will be a little different than those in the past. It may be more of a Healey Carnival with Carnival type activities. So if you have some ideas for the activities and want to assist let me know.

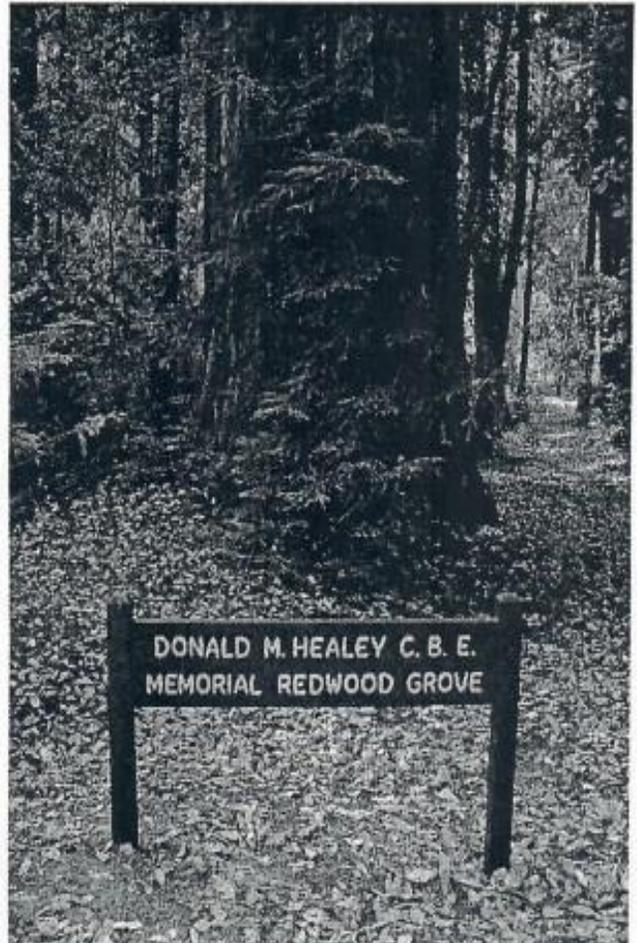
This year has been a very trying year with the loss of many of our club activities. I would like to thank all of those that planned events and had to cancel due to the restrictions put upon us. As well as those that were able to make the arrangements for a couple of those planned tours to come a success.

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

Happy Healeying,  
*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.*



## 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, Hans 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 (cars 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 appropri-



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.

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

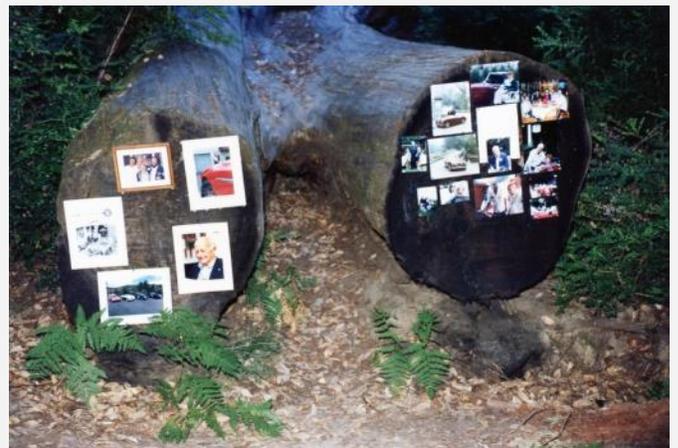
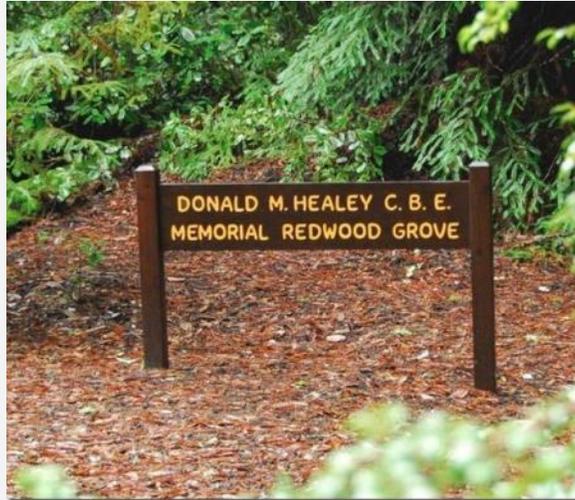


Dick Santana, dynamo behind the fund-raising, stands proudly by the new sign.



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.

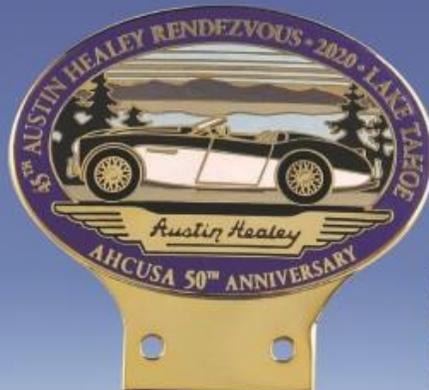
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Thanks,  
Mike Sonneman



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Event Location:

6400 Sierra Court, Suite B  
Dublin, California 94568

Arrive at the facility at 11:30 to get signed in. Starting around 12:00, each participant will enjoy three races: practice round; qualifying round; and the championship race with drivers seeded into the race based on their qualifying times. Each race has twelve cars and is guaranteed get your happy juices flowing.

**Register Early. Space is limited to 30 drivers!**

The cost is \$35 per participant and the club will subsidize the remainder. Sign up by doing these things:

Send an email to [Steve.Darfler@gmail.com](mailto:Steve.Darfler@gmail.com) to hold a spot. Send a check for \$35 for each Kart driver to Steve at 4573 Cristy Way, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

Go onto the following website and preregister with the race people:

<https://k1dublin.clubspeedtiming.com/registration>

Enter the following number during registration: 96537

Please do not enter this number when you register if you won't be coming. The club will have to pay for all numbered registrants.

You may contact Steve Darfler at 510-305-3864 for any concerns on race day.



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## Calendar of Events

Contact Marc Lewis to list an event:  
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[www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com). You are advised to verify  
the dates of events that are not ours.

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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

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## For Sale:

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Today, the Healey has all of 72,560 original miles.

Asking \$54,000



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