



Golden Gate Healey Happenings

2021 - Coming out of the Fog of 2020...

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Planning Meeting Results

2021 Club Events

January 30th 2021



This years Planning Meeting was held using Zoom. We had around 20 Members join the meeting which went on for a few hours.

The results of the meeting are on the following page, please note that none of the events have been confirmed.

A flyer for the events will be sent out by our Events Coordinator - Marc Lewis and will also be published in the Newsletter.

I hope we can all enjoy a few more events this year and get our cars out on the road which is good for the cars and good for us.



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GGAHC Newsletter Editor

Looks like I have found the right person to fill my position after over 6 years of service to the club.

I would like to introduce
Greg Cory

Please see his Introduction
On Page 3

GGAHC 2021 Calendar

Possibles:

Grand Island - April 11th Tentative - David Nock

Placerville/Auburn/Washington/Hi 49 - Mike

Sonneman - Sept or October

Rio Vista/Sacramento Delta Drive/Train

Museum/Amazon Facility Tour - Mike Sonneman -

Sept or October

Drive-In Movie Night - Brian Bliven

Day	Start Date	Event	Drive Leader
Saturday	20-Mar	Tech Session - Tentative Date	David Nock
Saturday	27-Mar	Tech Session - Tentative Date	David Nock
Saturday	1-May	Half Moon Bay/San Mateo & Santa Cruz Mountains	Keith Costas
Saturday	12-Jun	4 Bay Area Mounts Tour	Marc Lewis (Northern Group) Johnski/Bliven (Southern Group)
Saturday	10-Jul	Marin Rod & Gun Car Show (8 - 11) and Drive	Darryl Groom (car show) Greg Cory (drive)
Saturday	7-Aug	Go karts	Steve Darfler
Sunday	15-Aug	Ice Cream Social	Len Hartnet
Saturday	28-Aug	Nerlove BBQ	Ken Nerlove
Saturday	25-Sep	Ironstone Concours d'Elegance	
Saturday	16-Oct	Fall Colors - Tentative Date	David Nock
Saturday	23-Oct	Fall Colors - Tentative Date	David Nock
Saturday	6-Nov	Russian River/Guerneville/Healdsburg/Corbel winery	Doug Apatow Pete Davies
Saturday	4-Dec	Christmas Party Bay Cruise	

THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST HEALEY HAPPENINGS

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2021. You don't want to miss out on lots of fun activities planned for this year.

If you haven't renewed, please send your renewal check to:

GGAHC, c/o John Turney, 1769 Sharon Drive, Concord, CA 94519.

If you're not sure if you have renewed, just send me a note at johnturney@pacbell.net, or call me at (925) 787-8304.

If you have renewed, THANK YOU, and I'll see you at our events.



Greg Cory, (Editor in Training)

For months we have all seen the subtle (and not so) pleas from Mike for someone to replace him as our newsletter editor. He has faithfully executed his role for five + years and wants more time to travel, particularly during our prime season of club activities. So, I have volunteered to take on the load and give him a hall pass.

Most of you don't know me. I admit to having been a slacker and bit of a curmudgeon with club participation for years. I've been a member sporadically since the mid 70's and briefly served as treasurer in the early 80's when we were still known as the Pacific Centre under Gary Anderson's reign. Since then life got in the way, to include resurrecting our house after the 1989 earthquake, a career requiring millions of air miles to over 50 far flung parts of the planet, and having a son with the a full dance card of extracurricular activities requiring copious hours of parental participation. Independently, but coincidentally with the Covid lockdown, Sanlin (wife of 37 years) and I are both easing into 'Chapter Three' and have more time to rekindle outside activities. Ergo, Mike will be passing the mantel to me gradually over the next few months *if* he is satisfied that I can faithfully fulfill his carefully curated role.

So what's my Healey story? It started as a nine year old, but that will be the subject of a later article once Dr. Nock is finished resuscitating my BN1. For now, you only need to know that in 1981 I was drafted to rescue a Florida office for my company and inherited a TR7 as (an unusual) company car. The TR7 became the ride in which a lovely Floridian lady friend and I spent weekends as she showed me both coasts of her state. Still, the TR7 was a poor British vehicular substitute and I was going through Healey withdrawal. One weekend in Orlando I saw an ad for a red '67 Phase II BJ8 with 37K on the ODO. We went to take a peek and Sanlin allowed as how it was 'cute'. Ergo it came to live with us on Valentine's day in 1982. Sanlin showed she had an affinity for odd/older cars and their equally odd/older owners which made me even more attracted to her. After a weekend where she helped rebuild carburetors in her apartment parking lot under the unrelenting Florida sun I knew she was my soulmate.

We finished the office rescue operation in 1985 and it came time to return to the mother ship in San Francisco. Having arrived in Florida with a suitcase, tennis racquet, and box of books I packed up the new wife, the Healey, 12,000 lbs of household goods, and we drove tandem across country in a matched pair of E9 3.0 CS BMW coupes. The BJ8 now has 63K on the ODO, but still has its original clutch and innards. Sanlin and I still have all of our original parts as well, but show slightly higher mileage...

Those of you who routinely take advantage of the club events will know that Mike is religious about showing up and carefully recording the day.

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I am not quite such a social animal, and I will have to reach out and rely on volunteers to assist in taking pictures and relaying the folies of activity days. Mike assures me that participants cooperate with these occasional pleas, and I will be counting on the tradition to continue.

We all know the plague of 2020 curtailed a year of carefully planned events and left us with little content to share. In the event that the 'annus horribilis' continues longer it is my hope we can expand the content and purpose of our newsletter to include member profiles. There must be personal stories more entertaining than ours as to how we all became slaves to Donald's creations.

He once told me he never thought the cars would have any appeal beyond ten to fifteen years. Why was he wrong? Inquiring minds want to know, and I will be reaching out selectively to learn your story, loosely following the format of this missive: personal background, pictures, Healey stories, some secret that makes others want to engage. With 155 listed members we should have at least a decade of material to work with...



Ever suffering and patient wife Sanlin



(Adopted) daughter Pauline, now in Paris



Dad and son Haden as seen in the Chronicle's 'My Ride' feature



Haden and (adopted) daughter Leyre, now living in Spain

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Have You Seen This Car ???

I recently acquired a 1960 Austin Healey BT7. Her serial number is HBT7L-9907. She was first registered in California, she's now in France (I think since 2010-12 but I am not sure).

I am trying to trace back her history and would like to attempt to find her first owner(s) in the US. I wonder if you can help me, I'm hoping that someone will recognize her. Or maybe you have other advice for me. Anything to find previous owners, I'll take it !

She's still in her original configuration: Colorado red, red interior, disc wheels, black hard top, no overdrive. That makes her quite unique. The seat covers are also very unusual, and apparently that was done in the US. I have attached some photos.

Since she was first registered in California, I have also reached out to the Austin Healey Association of South California, and the Austin Healey Club of San Diego.

Thank you in advance if you can help, Kind regards,
Francois Lopin

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Marc Lewis – Planning Meeting Results

Richard Kahn – Lynn Kahn

Marc & Patti Lewis – Solo Drive

Marc & Patti Lewis – Mt. Hamilton Drive

Jerri Nock – A Drive in the Sierra's

Cathy Turney – The COVID Chronicles

Rich Kahn – Your Kindness

Dave Nock – Donald M. Healey

Bill Meade – Tribute to Gerry Coker

Irene Medzyk – Mileage Award Winner

Marc & Patti Lewis – Mileage Award 2nd Place

Dexter Kaytis – Mileage Award 3rd Place

2020 Review - Morgan Hill Drive, East Bay Drive, Fall Colors Tour



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Golden Gate Austin Healey Tech Session

“Austin Healey Tech Session”

March 27, 2021 Starting at 10am
British Car Specialists 2060 N Wilson Way, Stockton

Due to the COVID concerns we are going to try something new this year. This Tech Session will also be available as a **ZOOM TECH SESSION**. You will have a couple of options to attend.

Option #1. Show up in person. There will be lots of room around the shop, doors open, and bring your mask. We will limit the amount of people that can attend in person.

Option#2. You can attend our Tech Session via **ZOOM** and will be limited to 100 attendee's.

Topic: GGAHC Tech Session

Time: Mar 27, 2021 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/98975122497?pwd=aEIBM0VVaTJVTIkvVVJxdG8zaytHZz09>

Meeting ID: 989 7512 2497

Passcode: healey

This is something totally new for us so please be patient. If you are on the Zoom part of this Tech Session there will be a mediator that will be taking your questions.

I will have a 67 BJ8 that we are in the process of a frame up restoration, the car is currently a bare chassis that has all the suspension, brakes, drivetrain installed.

We will be covering the many things that go into a restoration along with the many various upgrades that we do to make the Healey experience even better.

This also will be an opportunity to see what is under the Healey Sheet metal and where things are.

We will be limiting the amount of people that can attend in person to 15. So you must RSVP by March 24th if you want to be here in person.

David Nock
British Car Specialists

Call @ 209-948-8767 or email to healeydoc@sbcglobal.net



2021 GGAHC Season Opener April 11th^h 2021 9:30am

Hosted By; David and Jerri Nock

This year's Season Opener we will be returning to the Grand Island Mansion along the San Joaquin Delta near Walnut Grove. We will meet up at the McDonalds in Oakley at Hwy 160 and Main St. We have reservations for **60 people ONLY** and will not be able to add any extras since they are restricted to 60 people for brunch.

If you plan to attend we need your **RSVP and full payment** to hold your place at this amazing location. The cost for the Champagne Lunch will be **\$30.00 per person**.

You will need to reply with your choice for lunch from the menu below along with your RSVP.

The tour will take us from Oakley thru the Delta levees and rides on two ferries arriving at the **Grand Island Mansion** about Noon.

After brunch we will take another short tour back towards Walnut Grove, the Ryde Hotel and Isleton. At that point you will be able to head home depending on where you need to go.

This event is **limited to the first 60** that reply **and get their payment in** for Brunch.

Make your check **Payable to GGAHC**

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Grand Island Mansion Champagne Sunday Brunch

Includes freshly baked breads, fresh fruit compote, your selection of one entrée listed below, seasonal vegetables and garlic roasted red potatoes.

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Eggs Benedict

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Chicken Crêpes

A Light Fluffy Crepe Filled with Diced Chicken, Sautéed Green Onion, & Mushrooms, Topped with Shitake Sauce Bonne Femme

Luscious Gourmet Dessert Assortment

Make your meal selections and send with your payment.



Healey Doc's Corner

January / February 2021

Ok so 2021 is starting to look pretty good for a start, we have a pretty loaded schedule of events for this year's driving season, Conclave 2021 in Big Bear is sold out, and many of you should have had or are soon to get your Covid shots so everyone should be ready to get out and enjoy that Healey in the garage.

So, pull that cover off, change the oil and give her a once over. Then get ready to take that Healey out where they want to be. On the road.

Our first event is going to be something new, I will host a Tech Session on March 27th, ok so those of you that have been in the past are saying that not new. But what is new is it will also be available as a ZOOM session.

Next on April 11th we will have our first tour of the season. We will be returning to the Grand Island Mansion for a champagne brunch. Due to the current restrictions, we are restricted to a max of 60 people so get your reservation in early.

Then it's our driving season, at our Zoom planning session we put together a great group of tours for the 2021 Healey driving season. So, get your car ready because we are planning on making up for all the tours, we missed in 2020 and put some serious miles out on the open roads of California this summer.

Then to wrap up the season in December we are planning a real party. Our annual Christmas party is still planned for a SF Bay cruise. We have been able to upgrade to the larger boat so we have plenty of room if required for a 4-hour cruise. So, get your dancing shoes on and get ready to party like it 2021.

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

*Happy Healeying,
David Nock*

Lynn Kahn



ATTENTION those traveling to Conclave in Big Bear this May.

On Sunday May 16th I have arranged a memorial gathering to honor Lynn Kahn, my late wife.

Last March, Covid canceled her memorial at Lake Tahoe.

The Austin Healey Association of Southern California has eagerly and happily agreed to allow me the time and place for a celebration of Lynn.

There will be wine (of course) and a short video. Anyone wishing to express their feeling will be most welcome.

The Conclave cocktail reception begins at 5:00 pm and runs until 7:00 pm.

I have scheduled the memorial at 6:30 pm until whenever we wish.

This will be mostly the GGAHC but there will be many of her other Healey friends.

GGAHC Newsletter Editor position:

Please join me in Welcoming our New Newsletter Editor– Mr. Greg Cory

I'm sure Greg will do a Great Job.

Please introduce yourselves to Greg when you see him, so he can get to know everyone.

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.

It has been a pleasure joining in on all the fun we have had over the years, and I look forward to much more fun in the years to come.

I would also like to Thank everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter and I hope you will continue to do so.

If you want to keep in touch with me, feel free to send me an email: me.sonneman@att.net

Thanks,
Mike Sonneman



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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.

Please Note: More Information will be coming on the Events listed
above, once Dates and Details have been Confirmed...

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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



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