



Healey Happenings

This edition...The Christmas Cruise, the Monterey Car Week experience, a close look at a very special, original owner, 100 Lemans, a preview of things to come..

Next edition...Bob Griffins' and Ken Freese's 100S stories, the Cagwin's '53 BN1 stewardship, and the sad tale regarding Champion Spark Plugs



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Aboard the Cabernet Sauvignon for the Holiday Cruise

Contributed by the Editor. Photos by Dave, Marc, and Steve Darfler



2022 Tahoe Event has been cancelled!!!

Early registrations were very low. In order to protect the Club resources the Board decided to cancel the event.

If you registered you should have received a full refund by the time you have read this. If not, please contact GGAHC Treasurer!

Please see the announcement and registration form for the 2022 California Healey Week May 9-13 in Palm Springs! The desert weather should be ideal!

Also, for those wanting to venture further afield, please see the information on the Conclave 70 in the Pocono Mountains at Kalahari Resort.

It was an ominous looking morning....low clouds over the Bay, a bit of a chill in the air, uncertain drive times in a Covid world, and a stalled car in the Alameda tunnel. We had to be there by 11:00 AM or the boat would literally cast off and leave late arrivals stranded. As it turned out 85 adventurous souls braved an uncertain world and ventured to the dock, where Marc Lewis dutifully checked them off to see if they had been naughty or nice, but as importantly if they had paid the freight charge and were contributing to the Toys for Tots campaign.



The Cabernet Sauvignon is a HUGE craft which we had sole use of for a memorable four hours (as a sailor I can attest that a 123 ft, long, wide beam craft has a lot of space), The first hour + was spent wandering the multiple gathering spots above decks, rekindling friendships, making some new ones and partaking of the very generous open bar. It is always nice to see new faces, to include new member Rob Keller who came to his first official event, and Len Hartnett brought several family members as guests, Staff were all masked, polite, friendly, and very efficient.

Lunch occurred next: tasty, elegantly served, ample servings. No one was observed going hungry. Given the size of the dining area it was not crowded and there was ample elbow room and time for more conversation. Dave made the usual "This is us" state of the union address, followed by a discussion of the club finances by Naomi, lamenting the necessity to curtail the 2022 Tahoe event, and finally the spirited round of bidding for the prize of the day. Dave had offered up one of four Gary Coker signed prints he owns as the auction item of the day. Interest was immediate, with Naomi, me, and the Stephensons quickly leaping into the lead. The prize went to the Stephensons, who in a wildly generous gesture put it back on the auction block. Your humble editor emerged as the last highest bid and decided to honor the offer. It now resides in my office, and since I had recently witnessed the miracle of Bonneville it seems to be an appropriate addition to the wall. And,, Toys for Tots had a really good day!



On the last part of the cruise casual conversations continued amidships on multiple decks with the sun out, clear skies, and great views from under the Golden Gate Bridge, on to Treasure Island, and on to the Bay where a small boat regatta was in play. All in all...a great day!

More photos of Happy Healey members and guests follow





The Planning Meeting Results Tentative Schedule Resulting from Jan 15th

Thanks to all those who participated in-person and on-line for a successful planning meeting. And a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to those that volunteered to lead 2022 drives and events!!!

We have added new events, brought back popular traditional events, and more may be coming.

2022 looks to be a great Healey year.

Some details may change a bit but below is the 2022 GGAHC Event Calendar:

Day	Date	Event	Drive Leader
Saturday	26-Mar	Tech Session Stockton & Zoom	David Nock
Saturday	2-Apr	Season Opener, Ryde Hotel & Old Sugar Mill Winery Ryde & Clarksburg	David Nock
Friday - Sunday	29-Apr - 1-May	Two Lakes & Featherbed Railroad B&B Lake County	Marc Lewis
Monday	9-May - 13-May	CA Healey Week (hosting Funkana) Palm Springs	
Saturday - Sunday	11-Jun - 12-Jun	Apple Hill Wineries, Lake Tahoe, Vikingsholm or Virginia City Lake Tahoe	Rich Kahn John Klimaszewski
Saturday	16-Jul	Highway 40 & Donner Summit Museum	David Nock
Sunday	31-Jul	Morgan Hill to Coast	Irene Medzyk The Browns
Saturday	13-Aug	Nerlove BBQ Napa	Ken Nerlove
Saturday	27-Aug	Ice Cream Social	Brian Bliven
Saturday - Sunday	10-Sep - 11-Sep	Russian River & Mendocino Coast Mendocino County	Greg Cory
TBD	Early Oct	Railroad Museum & Foster's Bighorn Restaurant Rio Vista	Mike Sonneman
TBD	November	Jellybelly Factory Tour & Reese Garage Fairfield	Rich Kahn Mike Sonneman
Saturday	3-Dec	Christmas Party Silvercreek Golf Course, San Jose	Irv Kovalik

REMINDER

We're hosting **California Healey Week in 2023** and could use some help to ensure the event comes off well.

The Initial plan is to base in Lodi close to the Sierra foothills, California Gold Country, award-winning wineries. The Lodi Wine Country is a special place. You can taste over 100 different award-winning varietals from a vast portfolio of wines. In a sense, you can experience what the world offers from here. It is scenically nestled between the San Francisco Bay and the Sierra Nevada Mountains with 85+ boutique wineries where 5th generation artisan winemakers are carefully crafting the next award-winning wine. Widely known as the Zinfandel Capital of the World, Lodi is making headlines with a diverse portfolio of unique Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, German and Rhone-Style varietals that reminds you of the quality wines of Europe with a little more distinction.

Thank you in advance to the 2023 Healey Week planning team:

- David Nock
- Mike Sonneman
- Marc Lewis
- Rich Kahn
- John Klimaszewski
- Blair Barnett
- Pete and Colleen Tortorice

We can use more help! This is a great chance to volunteer!!

Make 2022 GREAT!

Some teaser photos of what is in store for 2022 are below.



Ryde Hotel



Old Sugar Mill Winery

Vickingsholm, Emerald Bay



Donner Summit Museum Train Tunnel





Featherbed Bed & Breakfast Rail Car Rooms

(Unfortunately...all rooms already reserved)



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Monterey Car Week 2021

Contributed by the Editor

During the event planning meeting for this year it was suggested the club attempt to organize an outing to the Historic Races at Laguna Seca in August. It is a great idea *but* one that needs far more advance planning. If one does not already have a room reservation for 2022 you would be booking into Santa Cruz or similarly distant venues. So if it of interest for the future, please let us know *now* for next year. It is a great experience. It is automotive opulence, gluttony, overkill, and absurdity. It is an assault on the senses and the wallet.



A Mile of Minis....



A nicely restored Austin

Sanlin and I have been attending the annual historic races since 1985 when perhaps five Healeys huddled together on the infield between turn five and six. We have had the same hotel, same room, with different vehicles providing transport over the years ever since. The event has morphed dramatically during our annual pilgrimage from a relatively low key three day event dominated by familiar marques and models from the fifties and sixties to a tightly choreographed week-long extravaganza of everything automotive with historic races on each of the bookend weekends.

Steve Earle organized the first event in 1974 (when our hotel rented for \$6/night), and what originated as a means of bringing his friends together to go play with their toys now represents the most important economic stimulus package for Monterey County, with 2021 generating an estimated \$67 million in revenue for the County coffers (Source: *Monterey Herald 8/16/2021*). Since this estimate is only direct revenue from various taxes one can extrapolate the actual direct spending that occurs over +/- 10 days. Add in the multiplier effect trickling into the economy and the number may be 3X larger. And, that does *not* include estimates of



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HealeyDoc's Corner



Not fishing. Not skiing, Trying to keep Healeys on the road. Be back next Edition....

the auto auction transactions that have come to dominate the week's activities. As reported in October of 2021 last year's take was over \$343 million, 37% higher than 2019!



Not your average rental car...

Forced to abandon the event for 2020, last year's activities were still well attended: Hotels mostly filled, the Concours d'Elegance sold out, the Quail sold out, restaurants easier to get into than normal, and the races more lightly attended with fewer competitors (400 versus the typical 550). The change was very evident at the track, with no elaborate hospitality corrals for the individual marques, only a few purveyors of logo wear and other nick knacks, more limited food and beverage options, and it looked as though some of the originally registered race vehicles were no-shows.

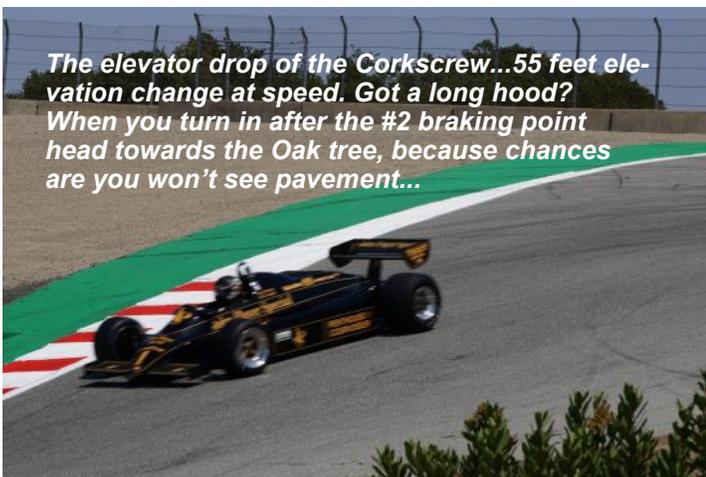


A beautiful Bugeye and a Speedwell Sprite in back



Really??? Is this necessary, or even legal?

The elevator drop of the Corkscrew...55 feet elevation change at speed. Got a long hood? When you turn in after the #2 braking point head towards the Oak tree, because chances are you won't see pavement...



The annual display of the Concours cars on Ocean Avenue did not occur due to COVID restrictions, but the typical display of Italian supercar design excess was there for all to behold. There seems to be no end of what the Italians can do with a simple wedge shape common to door stops by adding scoops, wings, spoilers, and excessively loud and obnoxious exhaust systems. Rather than the color palate of years past that seemed to favor in-your-face metallic hues the current selections are bright primary colors that bring to mind flavors of gelato.

The police have 'somewhat' cracked down on the disturbing show of high revving stationary display vehicles, but there is not much they do about the mad dash to mid block and shutting the throttle to maximize the exhaust note, often way past the closing hours of pubs.

Should you decide to partake in a future year bring your wallet, increase the spending limit on your Amex card, prepare for a four-night minimum stay, and by all means get prequalified for \$1 Million + on a line of credit. The auctions are not for the faint hearted, and they don't take Crypto.....Here is what 2021 year's activity line up included:



Member Dennis Adair's rare Canadian special bn7

- **Aug 5-6:** Pasadera Councours...for club-members only. Really?
- **Aug 6:** Kick Off car show in Monterey. Free.
- **Aug 7-8:** Pre-Reunion races at Laguna Seca. Limited to 300 race vehicles
- **Aug 10:** Lighthouse Avenue Councours on the Avenue and Cruise in. Free.
- **Aug 11:** Pacific Grove/Lighthouse Avenue Little Car Show. Free
- **Aug 11:** McCall's Motorworks Revival. NOT FREE. Tickets \$425-\$770.
- **Aug 12-15:** Pebble Beach Retro Auto show. \$500
- **Aug 12-15:** Motorworks Reunion at Laguna Seca. Day tickets \$25 up to \$600 for a premium seating/viewing.
- **Aug 12:** Tour d' Elegance. Councours d' Elegance tour of the coast and display on Ocean Avenue. Free.
- **Aug 14:** Concors d'Lemons. Always a chuckle and a remarkable display of bad engineering. Free
- **Aug 13:** The Quail. Display of high end classic cars catered with food and drink. \$500-\$1,350 (reportedly).
- **Aug 13:** Werks Reunion. Mostly Porches and Italian vehicles. \$40.
- **Aug 13:** Pacific Grove Rotary Club Rally. Free.
- **Aug 14:** Legends of the Autobahn. Originally started by BMW NA, now open to all German cars. \$25.



Normally the spectator fence would be jammed.

- **Aug 14:** Ferraris at the Barnyard. \$25.
- **Aug 14:** Concorso Italiano. \$195.
- **Aug 12-14:** AUCTIONS! Russo & Steel, Mecum, Bonhams, Sothebys, Goodings. Hundreds of offerings, @ 80% sell through, average price 2021 north of \$135K with a top of \$22 Million. Cost to attend \$40-\$200.

THINK OF THIS AS A BUCKET LIST EVENT. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE..... 



CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2022

The Austin Healey Association of Southern California is pleased to host
California Healey Week 2022

**DoubleTree Hotel and Resort
Cathedral City (Palm Springs), CA**

MONDAY, MAY 9 TO FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

Special Hotel Rates of \$139/\$159 per night. Registration Fee only \$99 per person.

\$99 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Two Cocktail Parties (no host bar), with appetizers, Buffet Lunch after the Car Show, Three Course Banquet Dinner, Two Drives, Tech Session, Ladies Event, Welcome Gift, Silent Auction, Rocker Cover Racing, Car Show, Car Show Photo, Car Show Trophies, Event Pin.

Register Online at www.austin-healey.org and click on the event "Register Now" Button
Or

Download the Event Flyer and Mail Your Form and Check

Payment confirmation and hotel registration code will be sent via Email.

We look forward to seeing you this Spring in the desert.





Registration is open for Enclave 2022, www.enclave2022.org to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Marque in the scenic Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. The four-county region is famous for its resorts, natural scenic beauty, 150 lakes including Lake Wallenpaupack, and quaint, historic towns. We are fortunate to have a commitment from Blair Harber to bring not only the first production Austin-Healey (#138031) but also two pre-production cars: AHX12 and AHX14.

Your week's festivities will begin on Sunday afternoon registration followed by that evening Welcome Reception at the Kalahari Resorts Convention center and the kickoff of the weeklong Hot Wheels racing competition.

Monday you will be experiencing the beauty of the Poconos with our Mountain Rally, followed by Tech Sessions and the ever-popular valve cover races in the evening.

Tuesday will be another action-packed day at Enclave 2022 with the Funkhana, Concours Judging, Tech Sessions, English Tea, Barbeque dinner followed by the entertaining and rewarding Charity Auction festivities. Please consider bringing an item(s) to be auctioned off during the charity auction.

Wednesday we will kick-off the day at Pocono Raceway. You will have the opportunity to drive, ride, or watch NASCAR-type stockcars navigate the 2.5 mile "tricky triangle" with the StockCar Racing Experience, followed by parade laps in your Healey. We have negotiated discounted pricing if you purchase by January 30, 2022. The Stock Car Racing Experience and Ride Along's can be booked on-line at <https://877stockcar.com/austin/> Our popular Car Show will be held Wednesday afternoon on the streets of historic Stroudsburg. The vibrant downtown is home to museums and galleries, murals and music venues, wineries, and restaurants to please every palate for a casual late lunch, or early dinner.

Thursday will be the day for testing your driving skills with the Gymkhana, finals of the Hot Wheels competition, Tour of Pocono Organics - North America's Largest Regenerative Organic Farm. www.poconoorganics.com, and our annual Awards Banquet.

Our headquarters for the week will be the Kalahari Resorts www.kalahariresorts.com, a full-service vacation destination including meeting & convention facilities that combine America's largest indoor waterpark for all ages with the magic of Africa, family entertainment centers, luxury spas, adventurous restaurants and convention centers that deliver beyond expectations, and all under one roof. Whether you are 3, 93 or anything in-between, there is something for everyone!

Go online to register for Enclave 2022 at our website at www.enclave2022.org and to see the other events planned to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Austin-Healey Marque. See you in the Poconos the third week of September 2022! BE THERE!!

<https://www.enclave2022.org/>

THE 100M BUILT FOR RACING

Owner Mike Flagiello: Interviewed at the Marin Rod & Gun Club Event July 2021

Approximately four years ago wandering down Ocean Ave in Carmel during Monterey Car Week I feasted my eyes on a beautifully restored 100M accompanied by a young woman who said it had been her Grandfather's car and had been restored as a family project. I didn't dig deeper given the admiring crowd around the vehicle, and never expected to see the car again. Last year at the Rod and Gun Club event in drove the car piloted by daughter and father. It happened to be the same day we had planned on interviews with other club members with Marc Lewis' steady hand on a camera. This is the owner's story of that special M...

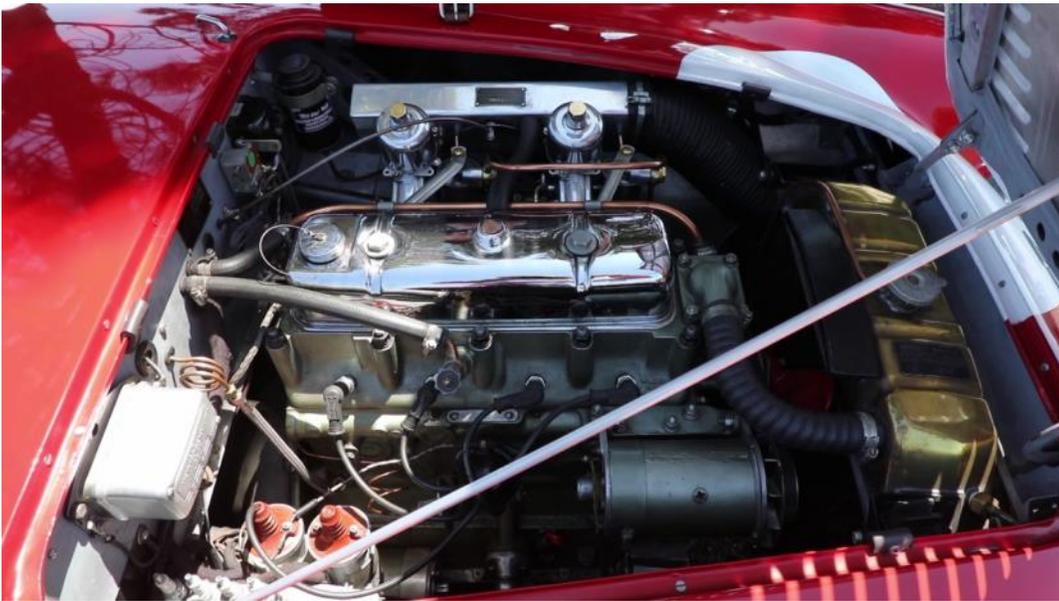


The car was built in May of 1955 by the father of owner Mike Flagiello whose family has been in Marin County since the 1960's. The car was ordered by Mike's father directly from Warwick intended to always to be a race car. Apparently, the Dad was Team Manager for an Italian race group, and for his own car wanted something that would last longer than one season. Out the door the cost was \$7,100 (vs \$2,900 for a standard 1004) or approximately \$74,000 in 2022 dollars.



The objective was to make the car as light as possible, so all of the panels are aluminum. It has the original BN1 aluminum bell housing and transmission cases, and the frame has been drilled out, all of which makes the car nearly 200 pounds lighter than a 100S. The internals carry pistons with a 10.75/1 compression ratio (vs 9:1 for a stock M), a 292 degree cam, two blade fan, and a lighter but more powerful generator. It breathes through the standard 100M carbs, but exhales through a tuned header and exhaust system that has been ceramically coated.

The net impact is a car that runs at 130 degrees all day long, with 112 octane fuel, puts out nearly 200 HP, and has been clocked at @ 150MPH at Laguna Seca with one person onboard. Stopping power is provided by significant foot pressure on four-wheel discs. Tires are grippy, but of a soft compound that only last @ 2,000 miles and which are obviously not available at Big O or other conventional providers. The car will get 22 MPG at 100 MPH.



The vehicle was involved in a racing accident in the early 1960's and retired. Mike's father decided his son needed a car to take to high school, so a home restoration from 1962 to 1964 enabled him to commute the six blocks from Kentfield to Sir Francis Drake high school once he got his license.

For those of the American Graffiti age you may remember the Friday night cruising scene (filmed on 4th St in San Rafael) when petrol cost \$.25 a gallon and the sock hop dances

(filmed at Tam High's gym). You will also remember the plethora of American hot rods, chopped-top Fords, little Deuce Coupes, etc. that prowled the streets looking for a testosterone driven acceleration fight. I would have to imagine Mike's 100M would have more than held its own. Dad was very trusting of an inexperienced young driver with a very rare car. Mike will have to be the same when the keys are passed to his daughter Marie. The vehicle has @ 11,000 hard fought racing miles on the ODO with another 53,000 of more benign use.

DELIGHTFUL!



FROM THE ARCHIVES: The regional Healey Scene in 1973

- ◆ There was a '55 Lemans advertised for sale for a whopping \$150. Don't you wish!....
- ◆ Various regional club newsletters reviewed the Jenson Healey and a raging argument ensued as to whether they should be allowed in as members.
- ◆ A new parts center was advertised for the local club to be located in San Jose. (I was a scavenger that frequented the place).
- ◆ There was an article about an individual named Darryl Gallagher who maintained a used car lot in Seattle which featured 12 (count them!) Big Healeys in current inventory.

HealeyMarket



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

For Sale:

1967 Austin-Healey - BJ8/3000 Mk. III

Owned since 1988. California car, always garaged. Looks and runs great. New tires and leather interior. 89,000 miles. Asking \$50,000.



Ken Painter (831) 295-2142
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Free to a Good Home!

Subject: Any member interested in a decades worth (plus) of the national AH magazine...

Having a clean out and decided i have too many things I dont use that often and was wondering of any members would want them and of so, they can come by my house near Half Moon Bay (or pay for shipping) otherwise, they're going to be thrown out !

EMAIL: andrewnarraway@gmail.com

For Sale:

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Cartoon courtesy of Dave Nock...



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Contact Marc Lewis to list an event:
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the dates of events that are not ours

The tentative list for 2022 are as shown on pages III and IV of this newsletter. Please see also the separate listings for Conclave 70 and California Healey Week 2022.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

We have added several new members in the past year. Invitations have gone out to all to tell their own personal stories about how they came to own such fine automobiles. We have had several contributions (as highlighted in some editions of HH), and more are promised.

We also want to encourage existing members, many of whom have been loyal to the Club through most of the 50 years of organizational change and continued service to the organization.

We can only organize and host so many events in a year. Those are the main mechanism for getting to know your neighbor. Our zealots of All Things Healey include far flung locations such as Australia and states such as Virginia, Idaho, Arizona, Oregon, and neighboring Nevada. Our core includes +/- 160 stalwart Californians living in 116 different zip codes who may like to know about each other. In a state that is larger than many countries with a population greater than all of Canada it is not exactly like we are neighbors on the same cul de sac. So, sharing your story with the entire membership we hope will give others a chance to meet and greet, and hopefully create some bonds as well as enhance the value of being a member.

If you would like your story told, please email me at **Editor@GoldenGateHealeys.com**. You can write your own tale or I can ghost write and let you edit.

Also, if you have comments or suggestions for format/font/etc., we would welcome the input. Remember, all of you leadership volunteer a lot of time and effort to benefit your, not for the pay!

Please keep the sunny side up!