



# Healey Happenings



**This edition...**The season opener, CA Healey Week in Palm Springs, along with Breakfast Club British Steel.

**Next edition...**Two Lakes Tour, Apple Hill & Lake Tahoe, Donner Summit via Highway 40, and Morgan Hill to the Coast.

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## GGAHC Season Opener

April 2, 2022

By Jerri Nock



Please see the information on the Conclave 70 in the Pocono Mountains at Kalihari Resort ( <https://www.kalahariresorts.com/pennsylvania/> }. This is one of four in the U.S., patterned after the Great Wolf Lodge concept ( <https://www.greatwolf.com/northern-california/> ) which recently opened in Manteca, CA. Great family fun.

The concept first took off in Europe in the 1970s [ <https://www.centerparcs.eu/> ] with the idea of taking a beach experience to the people rather than the opposite. There was a system of indoor water parks with family focused lodging located within a 2 hour drive of major population center that catered to short 3-4 night breaks from the dreary western European winters. Highly successful!

Independent of wet fun, lots of interesting Healeys promised....

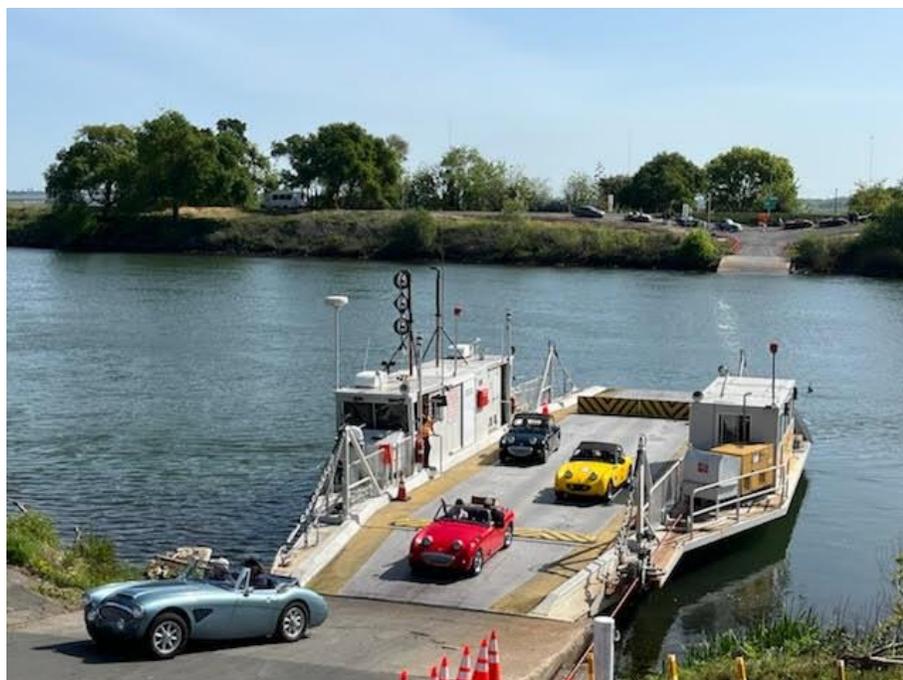
April 2<sup>nd</sup> began beautiful and bright, David and I were pumped with excitement that this was the beginning of a great new Healey Season. We awoke early and got the maps and directions for all our participants to follow. David had us at our meet point an hour early. There were 25 cars signed up to join us. Marc and Patty Lewis arrived within a few minutes of us at the start point. We got our morning juice , coffee and breakfast while we waited for all to arrive.

We had a short driver and navigator meeting and we were on the road on time. We even had a long distance member, Pete Davies fly in from Utah and drove his classic pick up truck to join in the drive and brunch. His wonderful wife was missed. He needs to bring her next time. Her first car was a classic Mustang so he knew he married a car gal.

We drove some nice winding levy roads. Farmland and farm houses on one side, water and fishermen on the other. It really is an amazing sight and I could not help but wonder about the families that live in this rural setting. Beautiful, but remote living for sure. We even saw some brave souls water skiing. There is also an abundance of birds to watch in this area as well.



We loaded onto the ferry ,taking two trips to cross ,in order to get us all to the other side of the water. The ferry ride has always been a fun part of the Delta tours. We are all like kids loading up for our favorite thrill ride. Smiles, laughter and cameras were out in abundance.



We arrived at our destination, The Ryde Hotel for our delicious brunch. It is a historic hotel with a lot of character that includes its unique pink exterior. The tables were set in small settings, but you know our group, we moved tables and settings around so we could enjoy our time together off the road. The food was really good and we did not hear any complaints. The staff was excellent and attentive to refill glass or take away empty plates.

The people are what make these events so fantastic. We had Ted Shelton and his wife join us for their maiden Healey trip. Ted inherited the car from his father and he and his wife both said they enjoy driving the car. They are new members who

sat with Ken and Faith Nerlove, two of our longest standing members that attended this brunch trip. It was great to see the rookies and veterans chatting it up and learning about each other.

We had several members that skipped the group drive and met the group at the Ryde. They had advised us, so we knew not to wait for them at the start point. Marie Louise and Rob Sardeman, Roger and Donna Hawk, Terry and Linda Parsons and Steve and Kim Korbay all joined tables and enjoyed the remainder of the day with us.



**Breakfast Club Rally: British Steel Run**  
**Photos and Recap Courtesy of Lars Kronmark**  
**Edited by Greg Cory**



Earlier this year we listed several other automotive excursions that were not part of GGAHC's normal fare. One of the honorable mentions was the Breakfast Club Rally, an organization that creates several driving events annually, mostly concentrated on the twisty roads of the North Bay. One must register with the group in order to receive notifications of forthcoming events. They typically fill up fast and they limit registration based on where the start point is predicated on parking availability. The start locations are kept secret until about two weeks before the event, and turn by turn driving instructions are emailed @ a week before. The format generally is '*run what ya bring*' so participants range from VW beetles to rat rods and Italian exotics with wings and bling.

The event for May was called 'British Steel' and was limited to marques with an English birth certificate. I was scheduled to run but due to a

conflict I asked Lars to attend in my place with his Bt7 (see next article). Most of the events are simple: show up @ 8:00 AM for a 'cars n coffee' type exchange and promptly at 9:00 three distinct groups push off at ten-minute intervals based on individually selected tolerances for speed. There are no time/distance expectations, gimmicks, checkpoints, etc. so once out of the parking lot everyone is free to set their own pace with a typical 80-90 mile drive of +/- three hours.

This event was more organized than most. Assembly was at Cornerstone Sonoma where Folk Table poured artisanal coffee from Naysayer. Bentley San Francisco brought four new cars for test drives as an added treat. Halfway through the drive Sam's General Store in Calistoga provided free coffee and pastries. The William Tell House in Tamales was the termination point for the run with a lunch. (<https://www.williamtellhouse.com/>)



Looking at the gallery photos of the day I counted 67 cars in total, which included Lar's vehicle as well as Bob Griffin's 100S. Five other Healeys also attended but I didn't recognize any of the cars/drivers. There were five E-Type jags and five boxy Rovers as well. Somehow a Volvo P-1800 snuck into the pack.



**(Newish) Member: Lars Kronmark**  
**One Lucky Dog**

There is always someone of whom we are envious for one reason or another...Money, job, travel, a girl-friend/boyfriend, interesting life experience, etc. How about a guy who got a free Healey? Really?

I met Lars at one of the Breakfast Club Rallies last year, which ironically also started at Cornerstone. Sanlin and I were driving one of our BMW E9 coupes and I noticed Lar's '62 green/ivory BT7 immediately as being the only Healey in attendance in a mash up of McLaren's, two matching yellow Panteras, a gaggle of Lotus Exiges, a well worn Mini wagon, etc. We had just a few minutes to talk before the driving started. Unfortunately, we had to punt with clutch issues and never had time to catch up with him that day. I did however convince him to join our little club and he promised to give me some background for a profile.



Lars is Danish by birth, but came to the U.S. as a chef in his early 20's. He landed a job teaching young aspiring chefs at the California Culinary Academy at the tender age of 25 in 1983. Ironically, he lived in a flat on the same block as Sanlin and me in San Francisco. A luxury for city living the flat had sufficient garage space for four cars.

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So one day he asked his students if anyone knew of an old car that he might be interested in that was affordable. One Friday evening after class a student allowed as how his parents had an old car parked behind their house in Irvine that they had been wanting him to get rid of for years. The student was a few years older than Lars, had permanently moved to San Francisco, and had no interest in the vehicle. The student told Lars he could have the car if he could get it out of his parent's yard SOON.

Lars did not know what the car was, and was not familiar with Healeys. He told his girlfriend (soon wife) what it was and she offered up that her father had once owned a Healey and got him excited about the opportunity. A phone call cemented the deal and the following weekend Lars made a pilgrimage to Irvine, loaded the carcass onto a flatbed trailer, and hauled it back to 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. It had been repainted yellow, had some rust, and the hard top was in rough shape, but after toying with it for a few months he had it running. As with most



of us, a 20-year saga unfolded of restoring the car to its original livery. When found the ODO read 82K, and he knows the car was originally sold in Irvine and believes it has had three owners. An engine rebuild took place in 2000. He drives it regularly, and plies the north coast back roads from St Helena where he still lives and works at the Culinary Institute of America.



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Registration is open for Enclave 2022, [www.enclave2022.org](http://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](http://www.poconoorganics.com), and our annual Awards Banquet.

Our headquarters for the week will be the Kalahari Resorts [www.kalahariresorts.com](http://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](http://www.enclave2022.org) and to see the other events planned to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Austin-Healey Marque. See you in the Poconos the third week of September 2022! BE THERE!!

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

California Healey Week 2022  
Photos by Rich Kaan



The shooting gallery targets...

A combination of work and personal priorities have kept me from participating in *any* of the club events so far this year, so I have relied on the generosity of other members and their photographic and linguistic skills to provide recaps of events to date. As with other events we had to skip California Healey Week due to being on the other coast the entire month. Before I left I leaned on Rich Kaan to take some pictures and have pirated bits and pieces of both the AHASC and San Diego clubs to glean tidbits of the frivolity and trauma that transpired. Steve Kirby (President AHASC) reports on the nuts and bolts of the event: 75 registrations by count with a total of

135 live bodies. Given that some registrants appeared to be members of more than one club seven different clubs were represented coming from six different states. AHASC had the most (no surprise) with 64 registrants, San Diego was second with 13, GGAHC had 9.

Apparently, those who arrived on Sunday encountered a pretty significant sandstorm, never a pleasant thought for those in any car let alone those with expensive paint jobs and tops that are prone to leak wind and water. Add to that sand: Steve reported ½ inch of sand accumulating in a matter of minutes in his car.

As usual, some participants suffered from automotive maladies. A San Diego member suffered suspension failure, and the President of the San Diego contingent had an interesting brake failure. It seems the splines in one of the front wheels were so worn that the front tires would simply free wheel, forcing them to rely on the handbrake. All is well however, and rumor has it that his wife is pleased to finally get the chrome wire wheels she has always wanted. The usual plethora events unfolded during the week. Registration was open on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> and there were a couple of caravans that were organized.

Tuesday included a Poker Run and Funkana with some participants seeking even more excitement by visiting the local casino. Wednesday was the typical well attended car show with several folks enjoying well deserved awards. Several people appeared to have been enticed to try the funkana for the first time and there a consensus that it should remain part of the permanent agenda. Friday folk said their goodbyes and headed off into parts unknown, some under their own power, and a few of the unfortunate on flat bed trucks.



Two special events were held. The first was a dinner at a date ranch owned by a San Diego member family. The other was a tour of Heritage Trim, the automotive upholstery shop which recently relocated from Vancouver BC to Palm Springs. For those not familiar with their workmanship it is excellent, albeit more expensive than other suppliers. Still, the kits are created on a cad machine, every piece is labeled as to where it goes, and free advice is available by phone for assembly. My BN1 sports their products so take a peak the next time I have the car out. Also, check out their videos on-line which features are very comprehensive for any model of the Healey. ( <https://www.heritagetrim.com/austin-healey/> )

Lastly, it does not appear any of the attendees availed themselves of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway which rises to over 8,500 feet out of the Valley floor. First opening in 1963 it underwent a major upgrade with the introduction of the European "Rotair" cabins, which rotate 360 degrees during ascent, giving all passengers an unfiltered view of seven different climate zones during the ten minute trip. Given the elevation change the temperature can be 35-40 degrees cooler than the Valley floor at the same time of day. Want cross country skiing, snow camping, 50 miles of hiking trails? It is all there, along with (finally) a fine dining restaurant serving dinner until 9:00 PM. Maybe next time...



## Healey Doc's Corner



Just got home from another GGAHC Tour hosted by the John's in the Placerville wine area. This year we have had some new tours and several new ones are still coming up on the calendar so get that Healey out where they are happiest, hanging out with other Healey's on the open roads.

For those long-time member's, you may remember Gary and Genie Anderson. On a sad note, I was informed that Gary Anderson passed away on Tuesday, May 31 from a ruptured aortic aneurysm. He was a very active member of our club as editor of Healey Highlights for several years as well as the President of the club. He was very active in the concours guidelines for the Austin Healey and co-writer of the Austin Healey Restoration Guide.

Your GGAHC search committee is busy looking for a location for the 2023 California Healey Week which we will be hosting. So, if you have any suggestions for a hotel location let us know. We will be having an online meeting in the next week or two to discuss the options for the meet, if you like to participate let me know and I will send you an invite to the ZOOM meeting.

Now it's time for some tech advice. Some of you may have heard about the accident that we had on the Two Lakes Tour. Elliott and Ginny Brown were involved in an accident in their Healey. They were traveling directly in front of me at about 30mph. In a sharp progressive turn the back end of the car slipped out and hit the guard rail. He then hit the front end on the guard rail, crossed the road into the mountain side just missing a PG&E truck coming down the hill. They both hit the windshield and after a visit to the hospital they re-joined the group at the Feather Bed Railroad B&B and are OK a little banged up and bruised but were ready to go that night. This may have been caused by old hard tires. The tires on the car were Pre 2000 dated tires, and over time the rubber ages causing the adhesion is be reduced. I strongly recommend that you keep a check on the age of your tires, and if they are more than 10 years old no matter the amount of tread, replace them.

The other piece of advice here is they both were wearing lap seat belts. I have now witnessed two similar Healey accidents where only Lap Belts were used. Both times the occupants hit the windshield. I strongly recommend using a three-point shoulder belt in our cars.

To identify the age of your tires there is a DOT code on the tires. At the end of the code there are either a 3 or 4 digit code. Pre 2000 will be a 3 digit code (i.e., 992) would be manufactured on the 9<sup>th</sup> week of 1992. A 4 digit code (i.e., 2915) would be manufactured the 29<sup>th</sup> week of 2015.

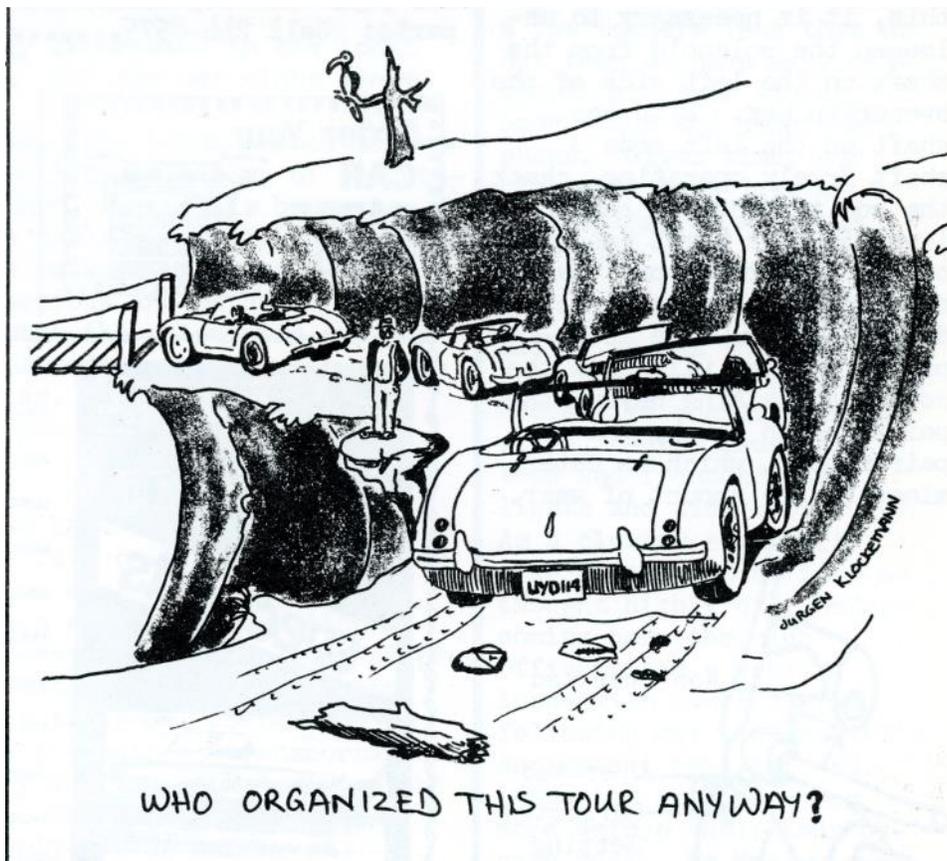
**Jerri and I hope to see you out there on the road someday soon.**

**Happy Healeying**

*David Nock*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: The Regional Healey Scene in 1975

- Strange advertisements in the club newsletters...Despite most Healey owners still being in their 30's, is a club newsletter a good place to advertise waterbeds?
- The first articles about potential collaboration with other clubs to bolster attendance and membership begin to emerge.
- The first regional event for AHASC was noted. [As they just noted in their June 2022 newsletter this is the 46th year of California Healey Week!]
- 24 Healeys made the pilgrimage to Monterey for races at Laguna Seca. [ Bet there will be far more at this year's Historics in August.]
- The first West Coast Healey meet was held in Grants Pass Oregon.
- An interesting article appeared about the prototype Healey with a 4 liter Rolls Royce engine.



Early contributions to the Bay Area club newsletter enjoyed occasional original cartoons. This is from Volume 1-11, December 1970 of Healey Highlights. The message might be just as true today...



# 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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## BN2 Parts for Sale

(4) chrome knock-offs (new)	\$150
½" sway bar	\$20
(2) pressure plates	\$25 each
Fly wheel	\$50
Head gasket (new)	\$40
Rear brake shoes (pair)	\$20
Front brake shoes (pair)	\$20
Brake shoe springs (4)	\$5 each
Front brake drums (pair)	\$125 each
Ring & Pinion gear	\$300

## For Sale:

1965 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III / Phase 2, Chassis HBJ8L / 32038. Owned for 30 years, including 8 Year Restoration. Asking \$65,000



Head gasket and fuel pump are new. Everything else came off of a BN2 with 70K miles on the Odo. Buyer pays shipping. Pics on request. Will consider all reasonable offers.

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## Misc. 67 BJ8 Parts

I am a former member of GGAHC and one-time owner of a BJ8. The car has been sold but there are miscellaneous spares which are available to a good home. Also, I have a full-car wiring harness (not cloth covered, but plastic wrap type) for a 3000, and engine, trans, and OD gasket sets. These I would like a bit of beer money for. All were purchased from AH Spares or Moss and are in "as new" condition. The gaskets I'd like to keep as 'one lot'.

Thanks for your help, much appreciated.

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## Chic Linde's Healey Collection for Sale

By Mike Scroggie (AHSC Member)

Longtime AHASC club member (and former President) is offering his extensive Healey collection of Parts, Models and Wall Art for sale. Descriptions, photos and instructions for the sale are described on the club website **Classifieds** section, [see https://www.austin-healey.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=961230&module\\_id=182492](https://www.austin-healey.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=961230&module_id=182492). The parts are mostly in used but in good condition (usable with some reconditioning), including a few NOS parts. The models are in great condition and include various Big Healey models in various colors & sizes. The wall art includes several classic framed Big Healey photographs, posters and specialty items.

As you may know, Chic has been experiencing health challenges recently, and the club is assisting him with disposing of his collection, acquired over the past 40 years. The collection includes:

**Healey Parts** (mostly BN1 & BN2). Body parts including 2 front fenders, 7 door assemblies, bonnet, rear shroud, wind-screen frame; Suspension parts including A-Arms, anti-sway bar, coil springs, leaf springs, shocks; Wheels & Brakes, including both front & rear, hubs & spindles, knockoffs, rebuilt rear cylinder; Engine parts including 2 oil pans, rear end pumpkin, fuel tank, 2 radiators & NOS hoses, clutch assy, clutch plates, rocker cover & rocker set, 3 exhaust manifolds, ignition parts, including distributor, 2 ignition coils, and various electrical components; and Accessories including speedo's & tachs, headlights & frames, steering wheels, air cleaners, car jack, Healey blanket, fender covers, and car cover.

**Scale Big Healey Models.** Multiple (scale 1:18 and scale 1:43) models of 100, 100-6 and 3000 (and 1 Nash Healey) in various colors, many with original boxes.

**Healey Wall Art.** Various framed Big Healey photographs, drawings and illustrations, including a limited edition 1996 USPS issue (AH 100 grill) stamp poster signed by Margo Healey (Donald's daughter-in-law and Geoff's wife).

This collection will be offered for sale by phone, online bids and potentially by an onsite swap meet this summer...stay tuned!

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[www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com). You are advised to verify

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZER
7/16	Highway 40 & Donner Summit	Dave Nock
7/31	Morgan Hill to the Coast	Irene Medzyk & the Browns
8/13	Nerlove BBQ	Ken Newlove
8/27	Ice Cream Social (tentative)	Brian Bliven
9/10 to 9/11	Railroad Museum & Fosters Big Horn	Mike Sonne- man
10/28 to 10/30	Mendocino and Fort Bragg Tour	Greg Cory
November	Jellybelly Tour & Reese Garage	Rich Kahn & Mike Sonne- man
12/3	Christmas Party	Irv Kovalik

## EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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, this is ***your*** newsletter and all submittals are welcome. And remember too that all of your leadership volunteer a lot of time and effort to benefit you, not for the pay!!

I offer my personal condolences to Genie Anderson. I met Gary and Genie at a car meet in Palo Alto @ 1986 when the club was looking for a Treasurer, a job I took for about 2 years. Gary went on to race vintage with CVAR for several years and I would bump into him occasionally when I was running a series I Midget. By happenstance his MGA sported the body off a car that a friend of mine started restoring for his daughter but never quite finished. A very knowledgeable Healey fan and great guy!!

May the winds be behind you and the horizon always sunny. Please keep the sunny side up!

