



# Healey Happenings

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## Barn Find: Chapter III Dixon Car Meet & Sayonara to a Brief Acquaintance



As most of you know by now our rare barn find has found a new home... Marc & David + showed it at the Dixon auto meet in May, and a curious gentleman from southern California circled back @ four times to take a peek. Serious negotiations quickly ensued, checks and ownership papers were exchanged, and our project is now safely and proudly displayed next to the new owner's road worthy Healey. Announced plans are to keep it 'as is'.



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The car turned out to be one of the first 100 produced @ Longbridge. For those of you who receive **Healey Marque** you may have noticed that AHCA was hinting that GGAHC has set an example for other clubs to be on the lookout for similar opportunities. We all know that other Barn Finds are out there!

The GGAHC took a calculated risk with this project, not in terms of financial risk, but mostly in terms of the potential volunteer labor that might have been involved. Not only was a very deserving member of the Healey line salvaged, but the economic health of the Club was greatly rewarded. A win all the way around.



## *A Change in Stewardship for Bea's 100*

Some of you may remember earlier this year we featured an article on Bea Henke and her late husband George, who had a long history as original owners of a BN1 and a BN2, and an equally long history with GGAHC and the local sports car club in the Napa area. In that article Bea let it be known that it was time to find a new steward to take over her much beloved white BN2. Her criteria were that it must go to (1) some-



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one who was going to drive it and (2) that it stay in Northern California. At the tech session for the BN1 Barn Find Andy Barger asked if Bea was serious. My retort was give her a call.

Conversations ensued while Bea was recuperating from a fall, and in July Andy and Tracy took delivery of the much loved car, but not before Bea had fully vetted the new owners and their "intentions", history, and made sure they were up to the challenge. Perhaps key to Bea's willingness to part with the car (she had already turned down other suitors) was the fact that Andy's family goes back to 1850 as Bay Area residents, stemming from the Gold Rush years, with a more recent, but still long tenure in the Vallejo area. Ironically, Bea hails from Santa Clara, with family also in Vallejo before she settled in Napa. And, by the way...Bea's and Andy's fathers both went to Vallejo High School, and she still knows some of Andy's family in the Vallejo area.

As far as the much cherished ride is concerned, it joins two other Healeys in Andy and Tracy's garage, a '62 BT7 and a '58 100-6. Andy has a penchant for naming his garage toys, so the BN2 has been christened "**Bea**".



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**European Healey Meet: June 12-16th, 2023**

**Contributed by The Editor**

**Experience shared with Marc & Patti Lewis, Ken & Marsha Freese, and Brian & Linda Hubbard, and Haden Cory**

**The 2023 European Healey Meet was the 6th such event, and has become a 'must do' bucket list encounter for Healey aficionados far and wide. This year attracted 250 snarling cars from approximately 15 countries, with 31 attending from the United States and a large contingent from Australia as well. The Norwegian Austin Healey Club was the organizer with significant help from the other Scandinavian organizations. The setting was spectacular, the organization spot on, the weather ideal, and the drives challenging as well as a perfect way to highlight the natural beauty of Norway. No amount of verbiage can do the event justice, but the notes below are a personal journal by day, and the pictures speak for themselves. By the way...the next EHM will be in the Netherlands in 2027. Mark you calendars, prep your ride, and practice packing.**

**The Prologue, June 6-11th:**

The contingent from the United States had arrived early and taken in some leisure time in Oslo. A couple of days to reset body clocks, explore the waterfront, the parks, the museums, to repack cars, to get acquainted, and to eat as much smoked salmon as humanly possible. The trek on June 11th was north to Lillehammer as our jumping off point for the more serious approach to EHM. More about that the prologue later....

**Day 1, Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>:**

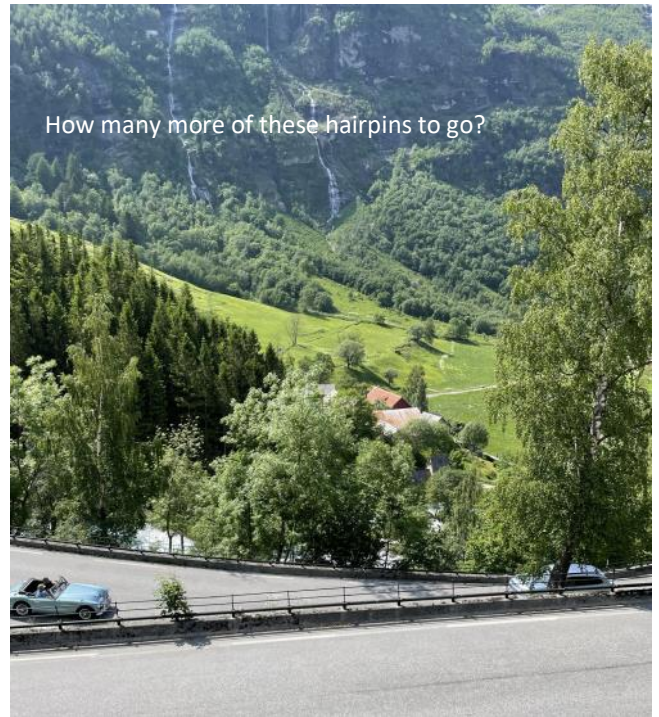
Today was the approach to Geiranger...over the river(s), through the woods, through the Gudbrandsdal Valley, eventually down 28 KM of dirt roads wondering if we were still on course, no one to ask instructions of save for the sheep, only to pop out at Gailo, one of the +/- 200 ski areas in Norway. I recognized the place immediately from a work project in Norway in 2011. Why did I remember it? The octogenarian owner drove a '55 black BN2 and was active in the regional Healey scene.



The final leg of the trek was on to Lom, where we saw a great example of an historic stave church from 1130, had lunch, and encountered a plethora of other Healeys all heading towards Geiranger. The two petrol stations in Lom must have had their best day ever, for it seems fueling stations are far apart in this part of Norway and everyone was intent on topping off. About that time the clouds parted and the balance of the day was completed in light rain across high snow fields, lakes still covered in ice, only to start a steep dive towards to the Geiranger



Fiord 1000 meters below. By the time we arrived the clouds were clearing and the temperatures were in the 70's, much to the surprise and delight of the European attendees who also had arrived prepared for cold temperatures and indoor sports.



**Day 2: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>:**

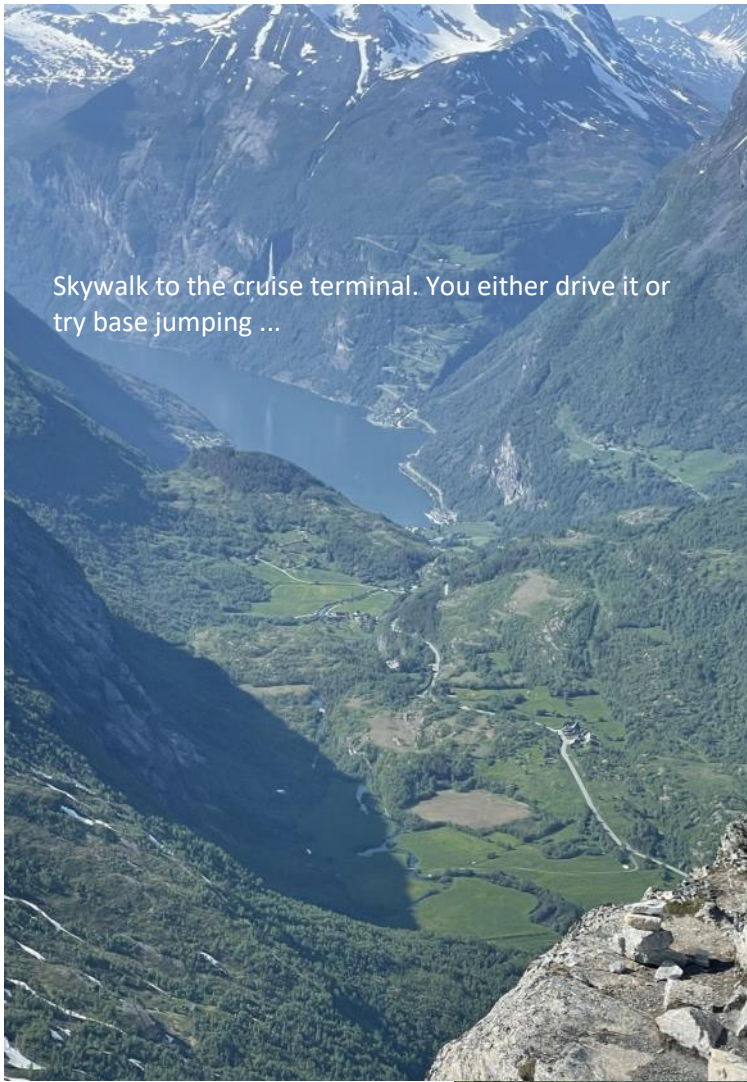


Bright skies, warm temperatures again, and perfect setting for the car show, Healeys lined up, prim and proper, wearing their best livery, owners standing proud. What was of interest, and echoed over days by different owners, was that few of the cars were matching numbers with pristine histories. A great many had been imported from the U.S. in the 1980's when European currencies were strong, Healey prices were cheap,

and when spares were once again available through third party providers. As a consequence there are a large number of cars which have been modified (tastefully) and painfully over the years. The result is a great many high quality vehicles which are seasonally driven extensively. Owners are knowledgeable about the nuances of the models and passionate about the cars. Trailer queens (at least at this event) were rare.



Geiranger is a town that was considered too remote to exist. It is at



Skywalk to the cruise terminal. You either drive it or try base jumping ...

the tail end of a very long and convoluted fiord with no road access until the mid 1800's. The Union Hotel was originally built out of timber supplied by boats and was reconstructed in stone/concrete in the 1980's. The road was completed finally in 1939, and was maintained by manual labor clearing the copious quantities of snow until the mid 1950s. From the visitor platform at Dalshnibba Skywalk to the ferry docks is +/- 1,500 meters of elevation change with a full upper body workout, which takes (without buses and campers) @ 25 minutes to drive with only minor gusto. There are no real turnouts, the lanes narrow and arguably not really two vehicles wide by normal standards, so the multiple hairpin turns are a test of strength, finesse, luck, and bravado.

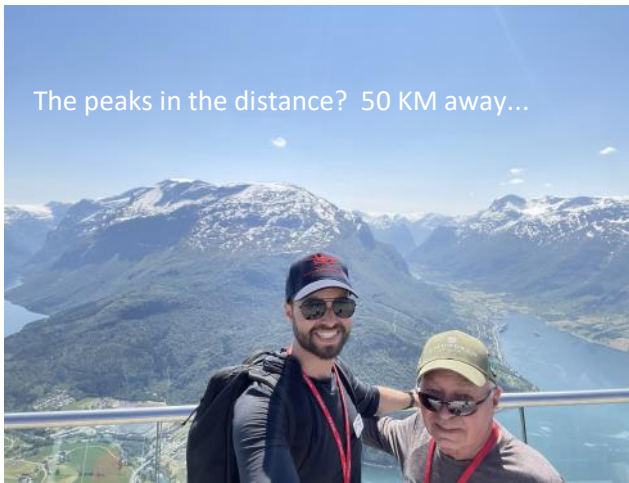
There are only two hotels in the town, the larger being the Union which was the headquarters for the event. The setting is spectacular with wide mostly level lawns for display areas, a stunning waterfall cascading down into town at the front door, and views out over the Fiord.

### Day 3: Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>:



Yes...the hotel has running water....

Now the fun starts. The Norwegian club had cleverly arranged a couple of days of self guided tours/events in an effort to spread traffic and in keeping with the limited carrying capacity of the small ferries. We chose the trek to the Leon Skylift, reportedly the steepest tram lift in Europe of about 3,300 feet. Great views, and a great sit down table service restaurant at the top. Because of its accessibility it is a favorite (literally) jumping off point for parasailers. A wonderful driving experience along the fiord without severe twisties everywhere you went.



The peaks in the distance? 50 KM away...

**Day 4: Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Most folk chose the Aridalsnes Rally, a 2.5 hour drive to a historic town where the Fiord meets the ocean. Delightful drive, interesting small city, but a long day and a late return to Geiranger given packed ferries. We opted for another shot to mountain passes, a shorter drive, but still great scen-

ery.

**Day 5: Friday June 16:**

Today was the icing on the cake from a driving experience... the Trollstigen (trolls ladder), is a series of 11 very tight hairpin turns which resemble a ladder from above and takes one through waterfalls that cascade over 200 meters from above almost literally onto



The original "E" ticket ride. . Mom... can we do that one again?



the roadway. Healeys do not need to bail water out the cars, but wet heads and windshield wipers are to be expected. The day's end point was the Rampestreken tram in Andalsnes, another vista point where mountains as far as 50 KM distant look like they are next door.

**Day 6: Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Today was the final day of EHM. It was laid back with the most strenuous exercise being to show up for a boat tour of the Geiranger Fiord. Other than that most attendees spend the time prepping cars for the next leg and /or return home. The U.S. contingent had a social hour with the Australians for cocktails on the 3<sup>rd</sup> deck lawn. The evening was capped off with a sit down dinner for 500 of our closest new friends, and a record size crowd for the Hotel Union. The lunch with the assembled multitude was similarly delightful with picture perfect weather.



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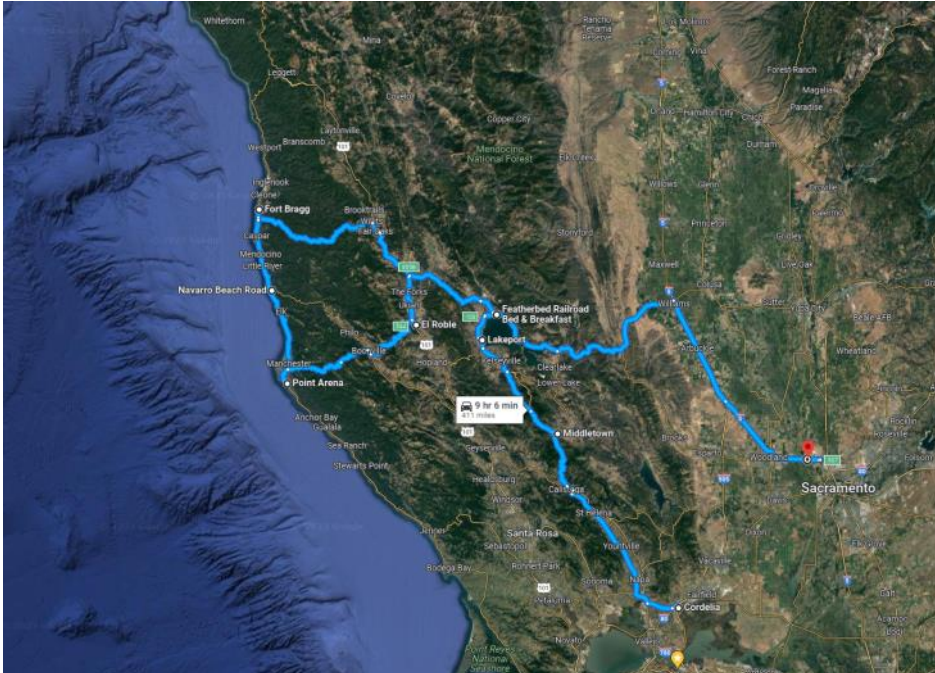
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**Featherbed Railway Tour May 12-14**  
**Contributed by the Editor with Marc & Patti Input**  
**Photos courtesy of the Attendees**

Despite the best of intentions your editor was conflicted out of attending the Railroad Tour this year (I've been intrigued with spending the night in a caboose). Six others were not so dissuaded and were able to take part. Marc and Patti, Mike & Linda Allen, Keith & Erin Costas, Roger & Donna Hawk, David & Jerri Nock, and Mike Sonneman. Conversation and comradery were, terrific, weather was perfect for early May, and vehicular issues were nil.

For those who weren't able to attend here is a rough approximation of the 9 hour + 411 mile, overnight trip.





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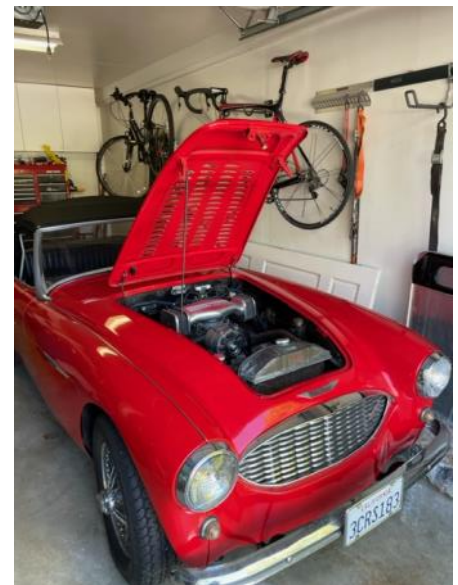
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Similar cars on BAT sold for between \$38,000 and \$55,000 in 2022. Inquiries should be directed to Lisa Willitt @ [swillett@aol.com](mailto:swillett@aol.com) 650-242-6760.



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Built January 17, 1963, licensed as 1964. Imported January 1963 to British Car Distributors, San Francisco, USA. Complete mechanical overhaul in 1984, mileage 68660. Engine, Gear Box and Overdrive. New AP clutch installed 2022, mileage 107800. Maintenance records from 1984 to 2014 included. Previous owner in Washington State had it for 27 years, current owner 8 years.

The Heritage Certificate is Provided from the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust.

Though the BJ7 shares the "MKII" designation with the 1961 and 1962 BN7 And BT7 cars, it differs markedly from those models. The BJ7 was a stepping stone to the "MKIII" BJ8. There were 6113 BJ7's built in Abington with 5019 being exported to the United States. The car came from England Originally Ivory White and was later painted in the classic Metallic gold Beige prior to 1983. The interior has been replaced in kind in Black as originally purchased. The car has been in car shows all over the NW including Lake Tahoe and has won many People's Choice Awards.



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- ⇒ California Healey Week, Lake Tahoe: Sept 18-22
- ⇒ Monterey Historics & Rendezvous: Aug 11-20
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7-22	<b>Cobra Experience Museum</b>	Richard Diamantine
8-5	<b>Alice's Restaurant/ Santa Cruz Mountains</b>	Steve & Patty Darfler
8-26	<b>Nerlove BBQ</b>	Ken Nerlove & Randy White
9-18 to 22	<b>California Healey Week</b>	David Nock
9-23	<b>Ironstone Concours</b>	TBD
10-6	<b>Sierra Passes</b>	David & Jerri Nock
10-21	<b>Enkidu Winery</b>	John Vranicar
11-4	<b>Disney Family Museum</b>	Greg Cory
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Wednesday - Around-the-Lake Poker Run  
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100M / Lemans  BN4  BN6 / BN7 (2 seat)  BT7  Tricarb  BJ7  BJ8 single light   
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