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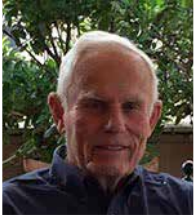


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Parkway Plaza in El Cajon

February 2021

From The Editor:



The odyssey to Open Roads 2000 is somewhat unique as it is told from a women's point of view. The trip was during Loreen Wilhelmy's presidency. And she was the tour guide in charge of hotel reservations. Her efforts went smooth, without a hitch. And she was the navigator, and very meticulous too. What a deal for Roland and I. This trip was a few years before I started traveling internationally, myself. I found out with pre-planning, there's always a lot to think about...that's best done before you leave...And it depends on how much fun you're going to have on the road..Ask Loreen...

I remember in 2000, we had crossed over into Washington with the full meet-up group and were driving along a beautiful divided highway with a grass covered center island and shoulders. I noticed two separate herds of Elk meandering along off the shoulder to the right of me. I slowed way-y-y down as the Healey's in front of me started honking their horns for the Elk to get out of the way as the Elk had decided to cross the highway in front of the cars. I pulled off on the shoulder and stopped. Luckily, the Elk were used to goofy tourists in Healey's and, fortunately, nothing happened. I don't think my friends realized that any one of those Elk could have panicked and jumped in the Healey cockpit with them...

I want to thank Lou Galper for the story and photos of The MG & Healeys driving event which the club was invited to attend. I was booked up for the weekend and missed it..

I got into the habit, years ago, of picking up mementos when I travel. When I became separated from Roland and Loreen in the San Jose freeway on the way to Ocean Shores, and missed them at Nepenthe, there was a shop next to the Nepenthe Phoenix restaurant, featuring bells and wind chimes. My eye caught a wind chime with a copper horse attached. I purchased it for the horse. They now hang on the patio reminding me of Open Roads 2000 and the great times I had with friends on the odyssey.

Everyone, I'm sure, is hoping the pandemic will be under control by Conclave time as the vaccine rolls out. Having to wear a mask for five days will certainly make the event less fun.

Take care, Warren



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On The Cover: Tom Linnard's '66 BJ8 at the MG Club's drive through the back country to Escondido.

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Hello and Welcome.

It is February and compared to other parts of the country, we have awesome weather. I look forward to warmer months ahead.

There were a couple driving activities that went off in January. Ride for Peace and an MG drive. I heard they were both a lot of fun and I hope you had fun participating. If our Healey were up and running, we would have been able to attend. I am having a challenge with a brake job. The front breaks are ok, but we are getting no fluid or pressure to the back brakes. Brake lines and parts are ordered and on the way. Soon my Healey will be back on the road and I will be able to enjoy local drives. Weather is becoming perfect again for drives. Look to the activity page or Lou's emails for what is on the horizon. I believe there will be a ride with the Jaguar club February 6th. A separate notification will come out with details before the ride. Rolling British Car Day will probably fall on May 2nd, so mark that date on your calendar. Hope everyone enjoys super bowl Sunday. I can't remember the last time we didn't get together for our traditional party and Chili cook off. We will look forward to next years party.

Sounds like several of us have at least received one vaccine injection and are waiting for our follow up appointments. I was not impressed with the process, but managed to finally get an appointment after a full week working the process. Maybe with the vaccines, we can feel a little more at ease and comfortable. We'll see how it goes. Still wearing a mask is a necessity so stay safe and protected. It will require a lot of patience before the pandemic is behind us. It's unbelievable that the virus has been with us for over a year.

I want to recognize our 2020 and 2021 board members for their exemplary service. If any club members would like to help out with activities, membership or newsletter efforts we welcome your participation. Warren would like to get someone interested in learning his craft so contact him if you have interest in learning. Maybe it could be you writing and publishing the Healey Hearsay.

We were finally able to get the COTY award and car badge to Ed Matheus. After talking with Ed, it sounds like he is really getting out and around in his Healey regularly. Hopefully as more of us are vaccinated life can start to open up, we can get out more and regular car related events can resume. Keeping our cars in good driving condition will help us be ready for any upcoming activities. Drives are a safe way to get out, stay socially distanced, see each other and stay in touch. Hope to see you enjoying future car club activities.

Hope to see everyone soon. Be well and stay safe

Next Zoom Meeting Wednesday February 11th 6:30 PM

Howard

Wed. February 11th 6:30 PM
ZOOM CLUB MEETING
Info to T/C from Webmaster Rick.

February Meeting Minutes

Minutes: Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - Online via Zoom

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:45pm

There were 18 members in attendance: Don Benke, Howard & Lynne Stark, Alex Watt, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Sandy Leon, Louis Galper, Ed Matheus, Warren Voth, Rick and Allie Snover, Dave Grundies, Eric Graves, Bob Rast, Bob & Barbara Humphries and new member, Anthony de la Fuentes

New Business: President Howard Stark reported and brought forward the following:

- **Insurance with Austin Healey Club of America Update**

Insurance has been secured with Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA) for officers / board members and local members. Safehold for local members 'wheels on the ground' and other insurance with Old Republic.

- **Newsletter Feedback**

Everyone is really enjoying reviewing the stories from prior years and photos Warren has included in the newsletter. Warren is doing a fantastic job on the newsletter content and his efforts are greatly appreciated. Please be sure to send Warren your stories and photos prior to the 20th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.

Activities: Louis Galper shared the following activities information:

- **Cruise for Peace – Jan 30th, 2021**

Address: 3060 54th Street – Roll in at 1pm and roll out at 2pm for the drive. All car clubs are invited to participate. Quite a few of our members are interested in attending the drive.

- **Additional 2021 Activities**

Current events are primarily drives given the current county health restrictions for COVID. The following suggestions were shared during the meeting for upcoming activities:

Tech Sessions: Terry has offered his Santee shop up for tech sessions and as a meeting place for drives. The shop's size, design and location is conducive to open air gatherings and social distancing with no outside drive through traffic.

Saturday Club Meetings: Eric suggested a daytime club meeting to include a drive and stop for brunch / lunch once restrictions are lifted for onsite dining.

Drives: Warren expressed interest in doing a Route 66 drive for a week and Howard suggested a drive to Palm Desert with a Healey event and overnight stay.

Membership: Vice President Don Benke reported the following membership information:

- **New Members**

Anthony de la Fuente lives in Encinitas and recently completed a 'Father – Son COVID' project on a Bugeye Sprite. Michelle Bohtoff inherited a '62 Tri-Carb from her father.

- **Club Membership Renewals**

19 renewals for locals are outstanding for 2021. Don is preparing a list of outstanding member renewals for reminder emails and phone calls. Lynne has offered to assist with the follow-ups to these members. New member list for AHCA is forthcoming so Don is going to send the list of members who have renewed for inclusion in the new list.

- **Other News**

Don believes he has finally fixed the issue with his car and is ready to hit the road!

Treasurer: Sandy Leon reported the treasury is stable and the club is solvent. The financial statement required by AHCA for the insurance has been sent. Payment has been made to AHCA for 2019 and 2020 and the cost for 2021 will remain the same. An increase of \$5/per member is expected for 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

• what the future brings •

Austin Healey Club of San Diego
2021 CALENDER

• **February**

- 11 6:30 PM - Zoom Club Meeting
- 20 10 AM - Cars, Coffee & Food - El Cajon Parkway Plaza

• **May**

- 2 Rolling British Car Day
- 16-21 ACHA Conclave 2021

***We're All Members
of the Activities
Committee***

- Do you enjoy the club's events and drives?
- Do you know of a great place that Members might enjoy?
- Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
- Do you have a favorite luncheon or dinner place that would make a good venue for a SDAHC gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact me to find out

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Cars, Coffee, and Food!
February 20, 2021
Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, CA
10:00 AM to ???



A San Diego Region Antique Automobile Club event open to all makes and models of cars and motorcycles

Time to have a gathering of the faithful car enthusiasts for all makes of cars and motorcycles. There is plenty of parking and several restaurants to choose from. Bring your chairs and table to relax while eating and mingling with fellow car enthusiasts.



Please pass this flyer along to other clubs and groups you may belong to. The more the merrier as they say!

Come be part of the day!



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I Used To Own An Austin Healey

By Loreen Wilhelmy

**"I used to own an Austin Healey"...a motel manager...
a waitress...a Harley Davidson motorcyclist
"I remember riding in one of these in Huntington
Beach about 1963"...truck driver.
My father and I worked on it all week & drove it on
weekends...A CHP Officer...**

These and many comments were typical of the conversations we shared with men and women who couldn't wait to share our Joy and experience of driving an Austin Healey from San Diego CA to Ocean Shores, Washington. Those who couldn't, or wouldn't or didn't came over to comment on our BJ7, or one of the beautiful Austin Healeys or Sprites with whom we traveled, just smiled and honked or waived or gave us a thumbs up salute. The only unfriendly encounters we experienced in our 1655 miles of driving were a few German (initials go with my Bonnet) coupes that either didn't see us or didn't care about their cars and nearly took off our right front fender or cut us off on a freeway.

Driving almost the entire west coast of the U.S. may not be very heroic to people who have driven their Healeys for years criss crossing the U.S., but to a couple of neophytes like us, it was a real act of faith..We thought it sounded like fun but after a very hot drive from the California Healey Week in Big Sur one Sunday in June, we weren't sure we could endure 10 days in a hot Healey. Then we did some serious research. We studied geographic maps, weather maps, and the California Tour Book from the Automobile Club Of California. Loreen resurrected her old travel agent skills and checked flight schedules, costs, and restrictions and car rental companies and found out we could go for less money (and obviously less fun) by plane and rented car. But, of course that would defeat the whole purpose and mean going to the West Coast Meet...without a car. Two years ago, we drove our Infiniti G20 to Kah-neeta, Oregon before we owned a running Austin Healey. We had already experienced the fun of traveling with a herd of Healeys from San Diego to Oregon and knew "getting there was more than half the fun". So we decided that if Roland could get

the BJ7 back together and in reliable running condition, we wanted to do it in a Healey.

Over the next 3 weeks, Roland managed to repair or replace every system, except the carburetors, while the engine was out being rebuilt. He found that working on the BJ7 was much simpler when he could stand where the engine used to be! He took it out for one and ten mile runs: adjusted and tweaked and tuned and fiddled some more. Every time we thought he had finally finished, something else went wrong, or stopped working. Was this an Omen? Should we reconsider this folly?



At the Golden Gate Bridge, to Open Roads 2000.

At this point Warren Voth said he'd drive his BJ8 along with us now there were 2 cars, 2 drivers and one navigator to worry about whether we'd make it. Motel reservations were coordinated, phone calls and email messages were exchanged with the Hawks, in Arbuckle and the Lehmans in Windsor, CA, to complete plans for meeting



The Hawks, Wilhelmy's, Warren Voth, and Len Harnett, stretch.

and driving together from California, through Oregon, to Washington. (We met the Lehmans in Windsor, the Hawks, Gary Anderson, Steve Cloys, and Len Harnett in Willets, and the Albecks and Goughs in Eureka. Up to two days before the scheduled departure, we were still



The Wilhelmy's at Solana Beach, ready for the great adventure.

guessing whether the car was really ready. Roland spent many late nights in the garage, getting the car prepared "For The Great Adventure". Loreen was at the computer checking CNN Weather and the Weather Channel for the latest forecasts and working on the Internet to find the best routes to our motel in each city. We never got lost! Finally, July 20 arrived, and the car was packed, and the car was rolling down the road. Warren loaned one of his Motorola FRS Talkabouts so we could stay in touch with him while driving. We left Solana Beach at 10 a.m. We were really on our way!!! Our original plan was to stop for lunch somewhere around Santa Barbara was way-y off. By the time we made it through Orange County (thank goodness for the toll road) to Long Beach, we and the cars were ready for a fuel stop. We bought fuel for the best price of our entire trip and had a pleasant lunch. Now, we were fortified to fight the L.A. traffic and the San Fernando heat. Once out of Los Angeles County, we began to breathe a little easier...in more ways than one. Though the weather stayed in the 80s until we were North of Santa Rosa a couple days later, we really felt a measure of relief to be in less congested traffic. At a turn off called Seacliff, we exited Hwy 101 to stop and stretch our legs. Just after we got out of our cars, a red convertible drove up and stopped. Two young (20-ish) women

asked if we knew how to get to Hwy 1. They said that they were on their way to San Francisco. We told the girls that the freeway signs were clear and it would be easy to follow them. I also suggested that they stop at a gas station along the way to buy a California map. They said, "We have one!" They pulled out a brand new map, still sealed in its plastic wrapper! That's when I asked them where they were from. When they said Israel, the scene became somewhat clearer: It was our impression that the young women saw the 2 sports cars getting off of the freeway and thought that perhaps they'd meet a couple young men. Boy were they surprised when they saw Roland and Warren and me! I took their photo and sent them on their way. We climbed back into our Healeys and headed to San Luis Obispo for our first night on the road.

Armed with a Rand-McNally California Atlas and MapQuest driving instructions, we never had a problem finding our motels. However, MapQuest didn't always give us the most expeditious route. Most of our sight-unseen motels were O.K. (One in Palo Alto on



The group, resting, stretching, and viewing near Willits CA.

our return trip wasn't. It's now referred to as the "Motel from Hell" ... don't know how the Auto Club could give it 2 diamonds. The inspector must not have seen the rooms!) Driving northward meant that the weather and scenery improved by the mile. Early mornings were often damp and blurred by fog but most days we had the opportunity to drive with our windows down and the back window unzipped. Even with the extra insulation that Roland added to the transmission hump and floorboard, my legs and feet were never cold. The only time that my feet had a problem was when the carpeting on

What Could Possibly Go Wrong?

the passenger side wouldn't dry out from the rain we had in Ocean Shores.



We stopped at the Tillamook Cheese factory for cheese & snacks.

As we drove north beyond Arcata, California, we saw a California Highway Patrol car driving south and thought nothing of it. A few miles up the road we all pulled into a scenic vista point and noticed (the same?) CHP car heading north. Within 5 minutes that (same?) CHP car was driving into the parking lot where we were stretching our legs and talking. What did he want? He couldn't wait to tell us stories of his father's Austin-Healey and how much he enjoyed seeing all of our cars on the road!



Gas stops became impromptu car shows.

Most days we drove 280 – 300 miles with a stop for lunch and a few stops for refueling and refreshing! The 6 cars that drove together from Willets to Ocean Shores and back to Eureka stayed pretty close to one another. It never ceased to amaze me how the more experienced drivers like Roger or Donna Hawk or Steve Cloyes could spot another Healey in enough time to lead the rest of us into a gas station or parking lot.

In Oregon a driver doesn't pump his/her own fuel. It is the state law that an attendant must at least insert the gas nozzle into your car's tank/. But when 6-10 Healeys arrive all at once, we often overwhelmed the 1 or 2 attendants on duty and they overlooked the concerned car owners pumping their own fuel. Sometimes, though, the pumps didn't turn off when the fuel reached the neck of the gas tank and fuel would spill over. Yuck!! Some of the drivers learned not to rely on the automatic shut off. It was also risky to fill gas tanks to the top if the cars were going to sit overnight because in the morning often one found gasoline and fumes filling the boot.

Warren found that gas tanks "burp" too when over-filled. In his case it was because the fuel hose didn't



The Wilhelmy's carb problem put them always in front of me.



Roland cleans the front carb float and bowl in about 15 minutes. shut off early enough. He emptied his boot and tried to siphon out a few gallons of gasoline in the standard way. No luck; he couldn't get the gas can low enough to keep the siphon going. Then someone had a great idea: Dis-

connect the fuel flex line and aim it into a container that would catch the gasoline, then turn on the ignition and "let her fly". It worked very well, so all Warren had to do is mop up the fuel in the well around the sending unit and remove the screws. Once he coated each screw with Hylomar and reinserted it, (and promised himself that he'd never again let his gas tank get "totally" full), he



About 300 miles a day, and rest stops, made getting there part of the fun.

had no problem for the rest of the journey. Somewhere between Eureka, California and Newport, Oregon, our car started to lose power. We warned Warren by walkie-talkie and he was prepared to stop with us to diagnose and fix whatever it was that was causing power loss and the smell of gasoline. The Lehman's

were behind Warren (who was behind us) and they, too, joined us as we coasted to a stop under a convenient tree near the entrance to a mobile home park. We were the featured attraction for the next 15 minutes while Roland cleaned the floats in the carburetor and solved the only mechanical problem we had during our journey.

(The odyssey continues next month.)

From Peter Carbone, frequent contributor of Austin Healey Exp. 3000 Forum

Shift Boot with Aluminum Retaining Ring for center shift 3000BT(Should work for all center shifts, BJ7 & BJ8 also)



Hi Guys,

I got tired of replacing the rubber boot between the gearbox and the fiberglass gearbox cover every 2 years. They never sealed properly and would always rip or tear apart then heat would get into the cockpit so I made this gaiter from a small piece of leather (from an auto upholstery shop) and the aluminum retaining ring was cut at a local metal shop on a water-jet cutting machine.

Drill 6 or 8 holes in the ring and countersink them, then get some #6 Oval Head Stainless Steel Wood Screws and pre-drill all of these in the fiberglass.

Glue the bottom edge of the gaiter to the bottom side of the retaining ring and screw it to the top of the shift lever tower.

I retained one of the larger size rubber boots (from a Mk III) but I trimmed the O.D. so it would fit up inside of my gearbox cover tower. It maintains a solid sealed connection under pressure. It seems to work as I never feel the hot air from the engine anymore.

Peter



Healeys & MG's run to Escondido 1/30/2021

By Lou Galper

Mother Nature shone on us this last Saturday, as we made the 95 mile run from Grossmont Center to Santa Ysabel via the Old Julian Highway, then on to Escondido. A great sunny day for the drive, with many brave top-down drivers.

Tom Linnard arrived in his red BJ8 to represent the Healey Club, while Lou Galper had his MGB as the 21 cars took off. Our drive followed a similar route as the Healey drive of October 31.

We stopped at Dudley's Bakery (recent ownership change) for a short break and to pick up sandwiches. The sandwiches were quite remarkable, upon close scrutiny revealing fresh roasted turkey with the Dudley's excellent bread.

Meeting us at Dudley's was Bob Reid in the red over white BN4. After leaving Dudley's we headed north 2 miles to Mesa Grande Rd, then left on a great drive past Lake Henshaw, then Harrah's casino, and past Valley View casino, somehow ending up in Kit Carson Park where many of us spread out for picnics.

Gorgeous weather the whole way—snow too – great time for everyone. Thank you MG club !

Some snow remained from last week's storm.



The drive began at Grossmont Center for talk and tire kicking. Then on to Santa Ysabel via the Old Julian Highway.



We picked up sandwiches from Dudley's for a picnic at Kit Carson Park.



Cattle enjoyed the bucolic day too, as they munched and ignored the group.

Tom Linnard and his '66 BJ8 was the only Healey to make the entire drive.



Bob Reid and his red over white BN4 met the group at Dudley's.

CONCLAVE 2021 IS SELLING OUT FAST!

HEALEY OWNERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY SIGNING UP IN RECORD NUMBERS

Don't be Left Out, Register Now!

Healey owners have been signing up in droves for Conclave 2021 at Big Bear Lake which will run from May 16-21. Event Chairman Steve Kirby noted, "We have been overwhelmed by the response from across the country! We are well on our way to selling out the hotel's 148 rooms but are making arrangements for alternative lodging should that happen".

Registrations have already been received from more than a dozen states as well as Canada. There is even interest from Healey Owners in Australia and New Zealand, presuming those countries lift their travel bans. Kirby noted, "Frankly, we were a little concerned about the location, being so far West. We thought that might deter folks from the East, but that does not seem to be happening". Registration is open now, both online and by mail. Visit



Join the fun May 16-21, 2021 at Big Bear Lake, CA!

www.conclave2021.com for full event info and to register or print the registration form. Once your registration has been received and paid, you will receive an email with hotel booking info and the Group Code. The event hotel is currently sold out, however accommodations have been reserved at the nearby **Robin Hood Resort**. A waiting list is being kept for the Lodge at Big Bear and you will be notified if rooms become available. The organizers are also offering a COVID Guarantee... in case the event must be cancelled, you will receive a full refund for your

registration fees, minus a small handling charge. Registrants will then be mailed their Welcome Gifts and any Regalia ordered.

Don't wait any longer, register now!

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Conclave Optional Events Announced

In addition to all the regular events offered at Conclave, there will be two optional events on offer.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, you may opt to take a tour of the lake on the Big Bear Queen, a sixty passenger Paddlewheel boat. Enjoy a 90 minute excursion narrated by Captain Chris, a lifelong **BIG BEAR QUEEN** captain, who conveys Big Bear Valley's history, including the solar observatory, Garstin Island, celebrity homes, the story of the Four Dams, some of the best fishing spots and other fun stuff in Big Bear. Within walking distance from the Lodge, a tour on the QUEEN completes your mountain visit (and you can BYOB and snacks).

Due to the high demand for this option, there will be two sailings each evening, 5:00pm and 6:30pm. You can pick your sailing time when you check in at the event but do sign up in advance when you register.

On Monday evening, following a no host cocktail party, guests are invited to experience an authentic Santa Maria BBQ Dinner, the original California BBQ. **Santa Maria-style*barbecue** is a regional



The Big Bear Queen, a paddlewheel boat, giving tours of Big Bear Lake on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

culinary tradition rooted in the Santa Maria valley near Santa Barbara. This method of barbecuing dates back to the mid-19th century and is today regarded as a "mainstay of California's culinary heritage".

Santa Maria-style barbecue centers around beef tri-tip seasoned with black pepper, salt, and garlic before grilling over coals of native coast live oak. The grill is made of iron and usually has a hand crank that lifts or lowers the grill over the coals to the desired distance from the heat. Chicken and sausage are also offered

The traditional accompaniments are pinto beans, fresh salsa, tossed green salad, and grilled French bread dipped in sweet melted butter.

Don't miss out on this unique culinary experience!



An authentic Santa Maria BBQ Dinner will be offered on Monday evening.

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Scenic Tour and TSD Rally to Visit Joshua Tree National Park

On Tuesday, May 18th Conclave guests will have a choice of a dramatic Scenic Drive at their own pace, or participation in the Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) Rally. Both events will cover the same route with Joshua Tree National Park being the destination.



Joshua Tree National Park, Cali.

Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave, and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. A fascinating variety of plants and animals make their homes in a land sculpted by strong winds and occasional torrents of rain. Dark night

skies, a rich cultural history, and surreal geologic features add to the wonder of this vast wilderness in southern California. The higher and cooler Mohave Desert is the special habitat of Yucca brevifolia, the Joshua tree for which the park is named. It occurs in patterns from dense forests to distantly spaced specimens. In addition to Joshua tree forests, the western part of the park includes some of the most interesting geologic displays found in California's deserts. The dominant geologic features of this landscape are hills of bare rock, usually broken up into loose boulders. Together with the boulder piles and Skull Rock, the trees make the landscape otherworldly. Temperatures in May are moderate with the average high in the mid-80's.



The famous Skull Rock in Joshua Tree Park.

Most of the distance to the Park is on the very scenic Highway 38 which crosses Onyx Summit at 8,443 feet, the highest state highway in Southern California. From the summit you will descend to 1,358 feet in Redlands, before proceeding to the Park, where elevations range from 2,000 to 5,000 feet.

After a lunch in nearby Twenty-Nine Palms, your drive back to Big Bear will be via another scenic route through the Lucerne Valley. All in all, it should be a great day to drive a Healey!

Check out this YouTube video of California Healey Week in Big Bear in 2012. This episode of Car Crazy, hosted by Barry Meguiar, originally aired on the Velocity Channel.

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Conclave 2021 – Day by Day

Conclave 2021 will offer all the traditional events and much more, with plenty of time to socialize with old friends and make new acquaintances. The week will unfold as follows:

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Hotel and Event

Check-in, time for a **Car Wash** (on site) or to relax in the Social Center. No host evening **Cocktail Party** with appetizers and a special **Guest Speaker**. Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts



and Photo Contest displays open. Dinner on your own at the hotel or one of the numerous nearby establishments.

MONDAY, MAY 17

After breakfast we will head out on our **Poker Run and Tour** around the Lake and into the mountains. **Concours Judging** all

day. **Cocktails and final Poker Card draw** in the evening, followed by the optional **Santa Maria BBQ Dinner** by the pool.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Today is our big drive, your choice of participating in the TSD Rally or just enjoying the scenery. We will head down the mountain on scenic Highway 38 to visit **Joshua Tree National Park**, a truly unique landscape and habitat. After lunch, we will return to Big

Bear via another mountain route. Tonight will feature the preliminary and practice rounds of **Rocker**

Cover Racing followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center. Many have decided to partake of the optional **Paddlewheel Boat Tour** on the Lake.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Car Show Day is here! After your commemorative photo is taken you will be directed



to your parking spot on Pine Knot Avenue, the main drag in Big Bear where we will wow the tourists with our dazzling cars. Late afternoon will see the



finals of **Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center and more **Paddlewheel Boat Touring**.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Gymkhana and Funkhiana Day at the Big Bear Airport. For those not participating there will be several optional self-driving opportunities including a **Lake Arrowhead drive, Morongo/Las Vegas style casino visit, Palm Spring Aerial Tramway**

ride, Idyllwild and Palms to Pines Highway tour and many other options. Late afternoon will include **Tech Sessions** and a **Ladies Only Event**. A final **Cocktail Party** with appetizers

will precede the **Grand Banquet, Awards Ceremony, conclusion of the Silent Auction and**

a very special **Healey guest**.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Start your morning with an included **Farewell Breakfast**. We will have some special fun awards and the event signage will be auctioned off.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is now open. You may register online or by mail. Visit www.conclave2021.com for full event and hotel information and to start registration. Please note the money back COVID-19 Guarantee. Please answer all the questions carefully, we are collecting a log of information to make your visit as personalized and enjoyable as possible. Once we have received your paid registration, you will receive an email containing the code required to book your room.

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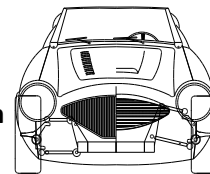
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The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the COTY Recorder, Rick Snover (619-980-4194 ricksnover@earthlink.net) within 30 days after the event. AHCSO events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For members with multiple eligible vehicles, be sure to indicate which one(s) you drove.

COTY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSO Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSO Healeys on the Green 8pts; California Healey Week, Healey Rendezvous and Austin Healey Conclave 16pts; S.D. British Car Day and Rolling B.C.D. 10pts; other multi-day British-themed events 8pts; other multi-day events 4pts; other one-day British-themed events 4pts; other one-day events 2pts. Other non-Healey British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award.

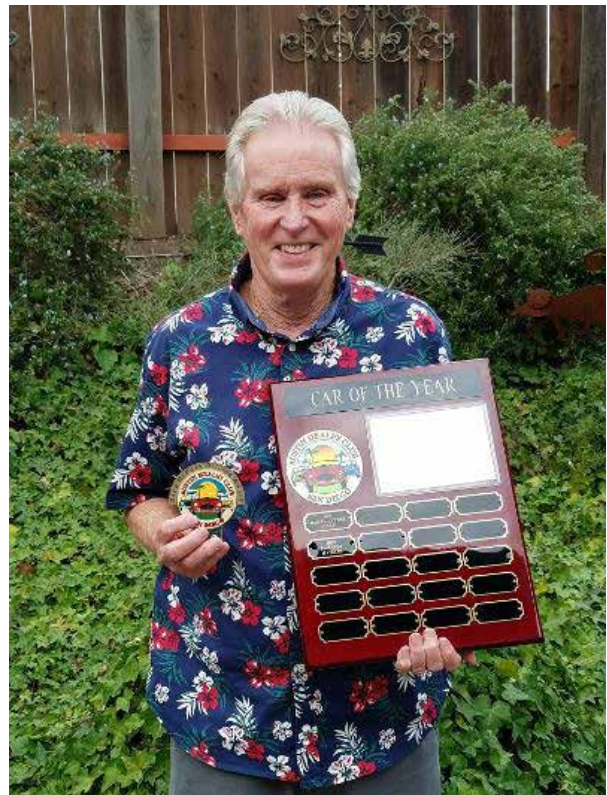
All points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCSO regalia during the subsequent year. The total point leader at the end of the year will receive the coveted CAR OF THE YEAR badge for display on their Healey for the following year.

2021 CotY Standings (as of January 30)

Member	Car	Pts
*Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	22
Reid, R. & K.	1959 100-6 BN4	4
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	4
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	2
Galper, L.	1964 MGB	2

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**Ed Matheus, 2020 winner
of Car of The Year Award**





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