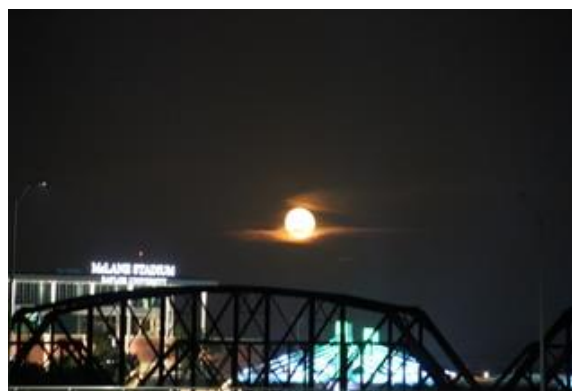




North Texas Austin Healey Club

August 2017

# CONCLAVE 2017 WACO, TEXAS



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# Team Healey Texas

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"Well I'm back at it for Team Healey Texas since taking some time off to close warehouses and other odds and ends. I'm finding there are so many things to do since becoming semi-retired the days just rush by. Judy, on the other hand, is fully retired and really enjoying it.

Racing will start up again at end of August at Hallett, OK. my personal favorite racetrack in the southwest. It's really grand. So, all manner of work is being done on the Little Red Racer getting her ready for the beginning of the fall season for CVAR. In addition we're working very hard to get the "Tangerine" Porsche 914-6 of Tom Taff repaired, after his shunt at MSR-Houston, so he can go racin' again. It's gonna be a really busy month.

Which brings me to Conclave in Waco, TX. While not as heavily attended as some Conclaves in the past if you didn't go you missed a really fine gathering. The folks who put the meet together did a wonderful job working with the City of Waco, the folks at the Magnolia (let me tell you the cupcakes from them were the bomb as Guy Fieri would say), and the many restaurants in the area. In particular, I enjoyed the Cajun restaurant right on the river one evening with the Lindsay's, my racin' buddy Peter Sandy and his delightful wife-Lady Jane, as well as Terry and Debbie Swonke. Lots of good conversation around that table and the restaurant makes a mean bowl of gumbo.

Neil Anderson had really wanted to have a racing display be a central part of the event which would include a forum



Chris Kellner and "Annie"

with some pretty interesting folks talking about their racing experiences. We managed to get Steve and Mike Coleman to bring their Donald Healey works Sprites, one that raced Le Mans and the other the Targa Florio. The little Red Racer rounded out the display which was set up as a race paddock -it looked pretty cool.





And then there was our special guest from the UK-former works driver Clive Baker. While I'd met Clive several years ago racing at Eagles Canyon I really got time to talk with him about his works drives in both the big Healey's and the Sprites. It was fascinating to say the least. We then had a forum where Clive, Steve Coleman and I answered questions about our racing adventures. Clive and Steve did a picture presentation on Clive's drives which was totally fascinating. I think I can safely say he drove almost every racing car of the day including GT40 Fords as well as NASCAR machines and he drove them quickly. It has been said that in the day DMH often commented Clive was one of his best drivers, in particular in the wet which he apparently excelled at.

Then of course I can't get away without the mention of my old friend Julian Aubanel who attended with his lovely wife-Kim and daughter-Miriam. Today of the UK and Australia now heavily involved in real estate yet still collecting cars too. Judy and I first met him in the late 70's when he was the sales manager for Southern Carburettors at Crawley near Gatwick Airport south of London. When we would be in the UK on business, We'd visit Julian and spend a bunch of dough on Healey bits including some very significant parts for the little Red Racer.



He always managed to make sure we saw plays in London, had a late night dinner at a famous Chinese restaurant in SoHo, and my first ever experience with a Curry at Bombay Palace, I believe it was called, which I absolutely loved. It took Judy many years to enjoy a curry....but I digress. We had several good visits during the meet and in true Julian fashion he managed to agitate a bit too-all in good fun. The discussions in the bar with Clive and Julian and the racer folks were worth the price of the admission.

I could go on and on....I really need to get back to work, "now where did I put my sparkplug wrench?"

Chris



## Patrick Yoas

Texas summer heat did not keep Conclave 2017 from being a success and comments from those who attended said that they had a great time. Yes, it was hot but outside activities were held in the mornings and afternoon and evening activities were in air conditioned comfort. Iced Tea, Cold beer and frozen Margaritas were the refreshments of choice for many folks. With several really good restaurants within walking distance of the Hotels, many folks took advantage them between activities during the day and evenings.

The Popularity Car Show was held right outside of the Hotel on the street between the Hotel and the "Bridge" where the Party on the Bridge was to be held. The City of Waco blocked off the whole street for us and with the Boulevard lined with shade trees presented a nice setting for relaxing in chairs during the car show.

The Party on the Bridge turned out to be a “hit” mainly due to great weather, super delicious cup cakes from the Magnolia Bakery and great music. The Band played just the right kind of music that was easy listening and not loud and many folks complimented the Band.

North Texas' own David Freed was responsible for organizing the Gymkhana and a great job organizing the activity and rounding up the volunteers to help. It was probably one of the longest Gymkhanas I've seen and was also a real challenge as some people actually got "lost" on the course. A comment was overheard suggesting a Navigator might have been needed for some folks. The Funkhana, Gymkhana and Acceleration Run were all in the same area so it was really easy to go from one to the other with very little waiting time.

All three Texas Healey Clubs plus members from other clubs outside of Texas came together to produce Conclave 2017 and I wish I could mention all the folks by name that helped but there's not enough room in this newsletter to do so., but Neil Anderson, AHCA VP-Conclave gets a much deserved "Thank you" for helping to make Conclave a success. A well deserved "thank you" goes out to all North Texas members who volunteered their time and in some cases resources to make Conclave a success.

Watch for the upcoming Marquee Magazine for much more Conclave stories and photos. We are currently re-searching a way to share many of the photos taken at Conclave via Internet and if it happens everyone will be sent info on how to view the photos.

### **Popularity Car Show Results**—NTAHC members only

3000 MK.1	First Place	Tom & Nancy Harrison
3000 MK3. BJ8-1 light	Second Place	Bill Ranelle
3000 MK3. BJ8-2 light	First Place	Pat & Janet Yoas

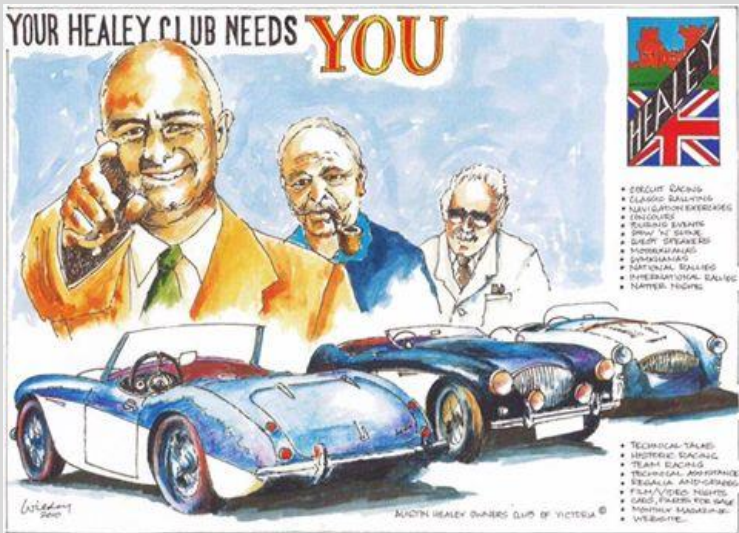
### Rally Results -NTAHC members only

\* Awards only for the top 5 finishers.

Third Place      David & Darlene Freed

Fourth Place    Pat & Janet Yoas

*See ya'll on the trail...*

*Pat*



## NTAHC Membership



### Summer and Conclave 2017 and Everyone survived!

The variable Texas weather provided lower temperatures and a nice breeze for Popularity and the Party on the Bridge. Even cooler than several Conclaves in recent memory.

Our club was one of three organizers. Hats off to Hilary Cooper, Ed Reiss, Pat and Janet Yoas, David Freed, Don and Barbie Bucy, Bob and Stella Gilleland, Bob & Kris O'Neil and a special helper all the way from Australia, Miriam Aubanel, who ran the Arts and Crafts Competition.

We had a nice turnout of 14 registrations! It was great to see a couple of First Timers from our club enjoy the event. Hats off to Brett Blades and his guys for helping the stranded out of state Healey make Conclave.

Janet Yoas was the Hostess for the Party on the Bridge. Special thanks for a perfect sunset, full moon and lip smacking cupcakes from the Magnolia Bakery.

Hilary Cooper hosted the afternoon tea with Stella Gilleland blessing the tea as made correctly. Sonja Loy provided music on her concert harp for a relaxing time.

David Freed and son, Wesley, commanded the Gymkhana. Don Bucy provided guidance for the Acceleration Run. The cattle RoundUp Funkhana was overseen by Kate O'Leary, a previous Texas gal.

The Rally was a nice one around the countryside. David and Darlene Freed placed 3rd and Pat and Janet Yoas were 4th.

Overall, NTAHC members made a good showing in the winner's circle and a great time was had by all.

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Barbie Bucy

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## NTAHC STUFF FOR SALE

Contact Barbie Bucy (817)480-4831 or visit club website" [WWW.NTAHC.ORG](http://WWW.NTAHC.ORG) for pictures. Send checks to NTAHC, 2611 CR 531, Burleson, TX 76028

### NTAHC Shirts For Sale

North Texas Logo Embroidered on a quality cotton shirt with open neck collar.

Royal Blue (same as Blue Logo) \$20.00

Be sure to indicate size(s)

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### Healey Girl Picture

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**David Freed**  
Conclave Gymkhana

It was a hot summer Texas day for the 2017 Austin Healey Conclave Gymkhana. The course was set up at the TSTC Airport (formerly James Connally Air Force Base) which provided a large paved course with no obstructions. Five classes of Austin Healeys competed including two classes of women.

The largest class was the men's big Healeys with 11 cars including a nasty boy and was won by Wesley Freed.

The 7 Bugeye sprites were the most competitive and had the fastest times on the course. The winner Jeff Porada had a large margin but the rest of the field was tight with 4 cars within 1 second of 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The course was quite challenging with several drivers needing a second run to learn the course. A big thank you to the spectators and competitors who all chipped in to set up and break down the course. All in all, a good time was had by all in spite of the Texas heat.



David Freed (Red shirt) and Gymkhana Crew.



Terry Swonke, Gulf Coast Club, found a way to beat the heat



Getting Gymkhana Setup. Can never have too many helpers!

Women

Big Healey

- |   |          |           |
|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | Hilary   | Cooper    |
| 2 | Paulette | Lownsdale |

Sprites

- |   |       |        |
|---|-------|--------|
| 1 | Terry | Doig   |
| 2 | Janna | O'Neil |

Men

Big Healey

- |   |        |            |
|---|--------|------------|
| 1 | Wesley | Freed      |
| 2 | Chuck  | Anderson   |
| 3 | Kevin  | Livingston |

Sprites

- |   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| 1 | Jeff    | Porada |
| 2 | Michael | O'Neil |
| 3 | Terry   | Swonke |

100's

- |   |      |        |
|---|------|--------|
| 1 | Mike | Foster |
|---|------|--------|









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# Activities Column


The summer is almost over and with cooler weather in the forecast, I am looking forward to an active Healey fall.

We are going to Southeast Classic in Guntersville, Alabama in October to enjoy the start of the fall colors. This is always a fun event and the roads around the lake are just right for an open car. Hope to see you there. When we return I am planning a new North Texas Horse Country route that is a bit longer.

There are several places closer to the Red River to explore along with more lake views. Also I would like to introduce everyone to a favorite 50's Drive In for great burgers and homemade root beer.


I hope everyone enjoyed Conclave in Waco and the fine weather that we enjoyed for the Party on the Bridge. The full write up will be in the Healey Marque this fall.

*See you soon.  
Hilary Cooper*



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