

North Texas Austin Healey Club

February 2019

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018



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The Christmas Party 2018

It was a beautiful December day for NTAHC'S annual Christmas party! The drive to and from the party location is always challenging because of where we all happen to live in this huge metroplex of freeways, but once you arrive it's great!

If you didn't have your Christmas spirit on the radio, then it happened as you stepped thru the door of Bob and Kris O'Neil's lovely home in Flower Mound. It was definitely sprinkled with the magic and warmth of Christmas throughout including the laundry room! Our Hostess, Kris was there giving out warm hugs and air kisses to everyone who came thru the door! The beverage machine was offered for those who were chilled with an array of coffees, yummy!

The faces of so many NTAHC Members said it all "Merry Christmas and Good Tidings to all". The food, whether it was a family recipe or an original dish were plentiful and of course delicious! We have a lot of good chefs, cooks and bakers amongst this Healey Club! The BBQ and Chicken tenders with the fixings were provided by NTAHC.

Santa had his helpers, Barbie Bucy and Hilary Cooper passed out presents from the door prize number everyone received as they arrived. NTAHC would like to thank Karen Gilleland, owner of Shield Awards, for the generous donated "Special Drawing" items that she brought, the thermal cups were a big hit! I think most everyone received a gift.

Afterwards the guys went and visited the car garage with Bob and Brian O'Neil, getting some pretty good advice, on what I don't know but I'm sure it was about Healey's. In the house there was lots of reminiscing and catching up on 2018 from overseas journeys, Conclave 2018, Texas Healey Roundup, family reunions to Healey racing events! As well of course the WHO, WHAT, WHERE and OMG of North Texas AHC Members. There was also reflection on the times gone by and of club members we have lost this past year. Most importantly the current state of everyone's health. Yep, that discussion could have gone on for days!

Know that for those of you who were not in attendance at the party, you were missed all the same because we are all North Texas Austin Healey Club and we talked about you anyways! Until next year, if you haven't come to the Christmas Party in a while or at all, then Please join us for our next event!

"Thank You again to our Host and Hostess Bob & Kris O'Neil"!

Barbie Bucy Membership Director



Christmas Party 2018



Christmas Party 2018



Long Time AHCA/NTAHC Club Members Nelda & Frank Hibler enjoying delicious food!

Inside look at what sits in Host Bob O'Neils Car Garage, his beautiful 3000 and TR-4.

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Patrick Yoas



We're off to a great start for 2019 with some great driving days so early this year. I was able to take my Healey out a few days for some fun curvy two lane roads in East Texas and I didn't even have to use my heater! If your Healey is sitting in the garage and you're not driving it because of fear of breakdowns you need to learn some basic troubleshooting and repairs. Our Club's Tech Sessions are more than just coffee and donuts, they're a great resource for learning about your car and how to repair it or where to get parts for it or even service for it. If you are having problems with your Healey or just want to learn more in order to keep it maintained, come on by! Any specific problems with your Healey you can contact the clubs Tech Director Dick Solomon in advance of Tech Session!

Chris Kellner has written a great column for this month on his latest racing event at the Texas Motor Speedway. Work continues on his Devin Healey and he brings us up to speed on what's happening with the Devin.

The Texas Healey Roundup is coming up very quickly and is always a fun event to attend and you need to be there. The STAHC, South Texas Austin Healey club, is hosting Roundup this year and the Registration Form link is located in the Activities page. Next year our club will be Hosting the Roundup in Granbury, Texas in May. We need volunteers to help Host this event and we need your help. Contact the club!

The Conclave 2019 in Deadwood, SD is progressing very nicely with 250 Registrations so far and it isn't even Spring yet and they have even added two more Hotels to the event. We have seventeen Healey club members from all three Texas clubs going so far with about six from our club. Some folks are contracting out for a professional car carrier to haul their cars there. Let me know if you are interested in having your Healey shipped to Conclave and I'll put you in touch with someone organizing it. Thinking about driving your Healey there or trailering it...please contact me.

We had a great turnout for our annual Christmas Party and I'd like to thank Bob and Kris O'Neil for Hosting it this year. Thank you!!

Do you know some good driving roads that would make a fun tour? Please let Hilary Cooper know. The Tulip Tour is coming up very soon and it's a good time to clean the cobwebs out of your Healey and enjoy the scenery too.

We're going to be having a Planning Session very soon to plan and discuss what we'd like to do as a Club activity. We welcome input from everyone on what they would like to do so please try and make the Planning Session...we want to hear from you!

On a final upbeat & positive note, Bret Blades of www.coolhealeys.com will be Supplying Donuts and Coffee for Club Tech Sessions "Gratis".

Back to my coffee mug! See ya'll on the trail,

Patrick Yoas

MUSSINGS FROM THE PADDOCK

Chris Kellner

Race season 2018 ended with a fantastic event at Texas Motor Speedway (TMS). A great number of entries across all the run groups on the TMS road course made for some great racing. And a great Saturday night party with all of the drivers in full race gear, less helmets of course, working hard to make this event a success for the Morgan Adams Foundation "Race against kids cancer". Ultimately the weekend raised over \$50,000 for the foundation, almost double last year's effort on the foundation's behalf.





Tom Taff, 914-6 driver extraordinaire, had some young men visit from the paint shop he uses. They were fun to watch hanging around our pits area. Their enthusiasm for the cars was infectious. When you see that kind of participation you know the future of our sport will be in good hands. Speaking of Tom, he drove a fantastic series of races in Group 7 running in front a lot of the time and finishing up in 2nd and 3rd all weekend. It was fun to watch. And much to Toms and my joy the 914-6 "Tangerine" didn't leak a drop of oil the entire weekend.

Judy decided to put on a lunch on Saturday for NTAHC members, and some friends from the Porsche club who visited the track to watch some of the racing. The weather for the entire event was absolutely fantastic. The cars, the drivers, and all of the visitors loved it. We had a great turnout including a surprise visitor. Jimmy Johnson, who drove his Healey racer to the track and parked next to Annie. What a sight that was. Jimmy held us spellbound with stories of the early days of CVAR and the racing that went on. It was so good to catch up with him. Oh and the lunch was a hit with everyone. The owner of American Race-my fabricator for the Devin and his girl-friend came out to see the racing and join us for lunch. She thought our event was the best one she'd attended. I guess that was mostly because when they come to vintage events John, (owner) is usually wrenching. So they don't get a lot of social time.



Chris Kellner and "Annie" on the track "at speed"

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After chasing and cleaning oil leaks for several years, Tom's engine builder and he finally figured it out. Those pesky super light weight rocker/cam covers (made from Magnesium-natch) had deformed over time, most likely from tightening too much, hence a place for oil to escape. A new set of aluminum (stronger) covers and viola dry as a bone.....Tom had a very big smile on his face. Then there was the Group 1 points race. Lots of ground pounders from Ford, Chevrolet, and even AMC-a Javelin no less. But, tucked in there were 2 Porsche 911's, one an RSR-FIA model and the other a RSR. These guys, both great drivers, were fantastic. Nose to tail, passing, side by side on the oval sections of TMS!! And, oh by the way, lapping the Detroit big iron in the process. What a race!!

As the new year is almost a full month in, race schedules are in full swing. We'll be at Hallett, Eagles Canyon (which should be open new race surface and everything), Tom and I are planning a long tow maybe to Blackhawk Farms in Illinois, or even Elkhart Lakes-a fantastic event, we'll just have to see.

Meanwhile, Tom and I are working on our new racers, Tom,s Bobsy and my Devin-Healey. I have so much fun when I get to go over to Toms shop and tear stuff apart-just making a mess. So, the Bobsy is now a tub with parts sent out all over the country to specialists for repair and updating.

The Devin is at American Race for all of the roll cage and support structure. It should be coming home in just a bit so that I can start putting the details together and Bret and I can finish up the fiberglass work on the beautiful swoopy Devin body. Lot's to do, so much fun. Now, I really need to get back to the shop-where did I put that sparkplug wrench....

Chris





Jimmy Johnson's and Chris Kellner's Racers.





Work continues on Chris's Devin Healey

Glad your're back for another Healeying Time!

It's always hard to get started with a new year, writing the year first then having to get the "things to do list" going. Why is it always dependent on that one date out of 365 days that it has to be January 1st, ALWAYS! I don't know. But in the world of Membership it seems to hold true.

I hope ya'll have been getting the updates on Texas Healey Roundup 39 that is just around the corner. Please get your room booked and most importantly get your registration done, let them know you are coming! For those of you who are new to Texas or even our club "NTAHC" this is an annual event that our club supports and participates in, that is also lots of fun! Check out the links in this newsletter for more info.

Another great event that comes around is the AHCA Conclave. This year is In Deadwood, South Dakota. Look it up, its definitely a different venue than years past but I'm sure its going to be an exciting one to say the least! The mileage is the same driving North verses going East or West so that's not a reason for not going! Check out the link in this newsletter.

Hey, if you didn't get it to me or you just forgot your 2019 AHCA/NTAHC Membership Renewal you still have time to get it to me. Call me and let me know so I can put you in the official count!

One last thing, instead of wandering the WHO, WHAT, WHEN and OMG of fellow Healey friends that you haven't kept in touch with since who knows when I suggest you just pick up the phone and call them! Say "HI" that should answer all your WWW and OMG and it will make you feel better, too!

Ya'll can call me anytime! I look forward to seeing everyone at our next event!
Barbie Bucy,
NTAHC Membership
Stuckonbarbie@gmail.com



ACTIVITIES

Dear Healey Friends,

I hope everyone is well and the new year is going to be a great one.

A planning meeting is scheduled for March 12 at the Gilleland's, hostess is Barbie Bucy. Please join us for a light lunch and social time.

The weather will improve and hopefully before it gets hot. In that vein, I would like to put together a trip to the tulip farm for Sunday, March 10. This is the day the clocks spring forward which seems appropriate. The farm is just north of Denton and the drive is nice. Lunch will be at one of several options nearby.

April brings RoundUp and Easter. May 7th is the ABCDE car show with lots of shine and polish at White Rock Lake. May also seems a good time for a trip around Granbury way. Then June is Southeastern Classic this year at Little Switzerland, NC. We usually go in the fall, so this will be a change due to Conclave in September.

July and August will be the Londoner dinner. The weather will be better again by the time we return from Conclave and a tour of the northern states, so a drive to East Texas is in order. I would like to suggest Brennan as a destination as there are several venues to entice the visitor.

Ed and Lisa Canada have graciously agreed to have the Christmas party at the Clipper House on December 7th at 1 pm. Food and fun provided.

If anyone would like to suggest a drive or trip, please let me know. The car is calling.

Cheers, Hilary Cooper



Breaking News!!!

New Conclave Dates are Sept. 6-11; Hotels Offering Same Rates B4 Conclave

To secure room nights before Conclave 2019 it now will begin Friday, Sept. 6 and end Wednesday morning, Sept. 11.

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club is excited and looking forward to hosting Conclave!

Conclave 2019 will begin one day sooner for two reasons:

- Misunderstanding between organizers and hotels;
- Early enthusiasm for Conclave 2019 has been tremendous so all available rooms set aside after Conclave already have been booked!

To meet anticipated demand for additional hotel room dates, the Minnesota Club has negotiated Conclave 2019 discounted rates that begin the night of September 4 and are effective through the night of September 10. As a result of those negotiations:

- Anyone who already has booked reservations after those dates and wants to keep them will have those reservations honored by the hotels; and you may add earlier nights – September 4, 5 or 6 – at the same daily rate.
- OR, if you already have hotel reservations for September 7-11 you may change your reservation block to September 6-10; and add September 4 and 5 to your stay at the same room rate.
- YOU MUST REGISTER FIRST for Conclave 2019 to get the password and your individual five-digit code necessary to reserve rooms at the hotels.

Because of reservation system limitations, the Holiday Inn Express cannot take reservations until October 2, 2018. The other two hotels are taking reservations now.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

We look forward to seeing you in Deadwood!



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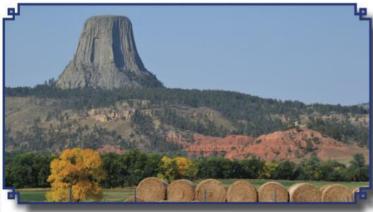
DATE CHANGE -- September 6-11
OH, WHAT WONDERS YOU WILL SEE
ON ROADS AROUND DEADWOOD SD















From Top Left: Crazy Horse Monument . Mount Rushmore National Monument Devils Tower National Monument . Wind Cave National Park Custer State Park Needles Highway & Curious Burros . Badlands National Park

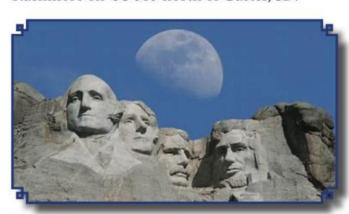
Register for Black Hills Conclave 2019

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CONCLAVE 2019



CRAZY HORSE MONUMENT is funded by admission fees and donations. Government funding has been rejected by tribal leaders since Korczak Ziolkowski and his family began sculpting it in 1948. When completed, Mount Rushmore would fit under the armpit of the Lakota chief. The goal of Sioux tribal leaders is to create a lasting monument that helps protect and preserve the culture, tradition and living heritage of North American Indians. Crazy Horse was selected because he famously remarked of the Black Hills area, "My lands are where my dead lie buried." In the future the memorial will fund a college that prepares young Native Americans for careers that benefit their tribes' cultures, education and well-being. The memorial is 20 minutes south of Mount Rushmore off US 385 north of Custer, SD.



created by Congress in 1925, with sculpting by Gutzon Borglum and his team between 1927 and 1941. It is about 45 minutes south of Deadwood via US 385 and South Dakota 244.

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK

protects 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires blended with the largest undisturbed mixed grass prairie in the nation. Its striking geologic deposits contain one of the world's richest fossil beds. Ancient mammals such as rhinos, horses, and saber-toothed cats once roamed here. The park's expanse of mixed-grass prairie is home to bison, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs and black-footed ferrets today. It is 100 miles southeast of Deadwood off I-90.



Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse memorials is home to nearly 1,300 bison roaming its prairies and hills, which they share with pronghorn, big horn sheep, elk and curious burros. It also includes Needles Highway, Iron Mountain Road, Wildlife Loop Road and Mount Coolidge Lookout that collectively are part of the Peter Norbeck Scenic Byway, which has been named as one of Ten Most Outstanding Byways in America. It also boasts Sylvan Lake and four others. Custer State Game Lodge, Blue Bell Lodge and Sylvan Lake Lodge offer rustic and scenic luncheon and dinner venues.



CONCLAVE 2019

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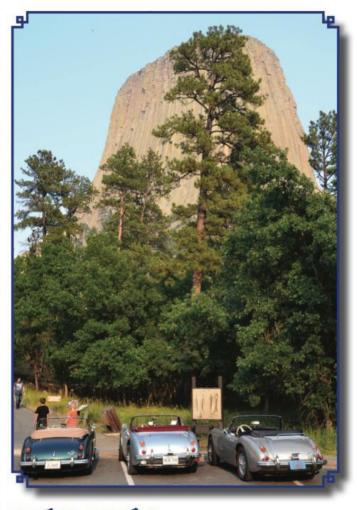
named for the wind that blows from the cave's natural entrance, and also contains one of the last untouched expanses of American prairie. The cave has more than 140 miles of labyrinth-like tunnels, and contains the most boxwork (honeycomb-shaped) calcite formations of any known cave. It currently is ranked as the fifth-



largest cave in the world. When it was established in 1903 by President Theodore Roosevelt, the area became the first national park in the world protecting a cave. The park is 11 miles north of Hot Springs, SD, off US 385.

the largest discovery of Columbian mammoths in North America. It is enclosed and protected by a climate-controlled building where the sinkhole and bones are displayed as they were found. Walkways allow visitors close-up views of the fossils. So far 61 - three woolly mammoths and 58 Colombian mammoths - have been identified, along with remains of a giant short-faced bear, camel, llama, prairie dog, wolf, fish and numerous other plant and invertebrate fossils. The site is south of Custer State Park and Wind Cave National Park off US 385/18.





U.S. national monument in 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt. It includes 1,347 acres in northeast Wyoming, a scenic 90-minute drive from Deadwood along Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway, through Belle Fouche, SD, and Aladdin, WY. The Devils Tower volcanic uplift rises dramatically 867 feet from base to summit. It was named in 1875 when an Army expedition's interpreter reportedly misunderstood a native name to mean "Bad God's Tower". Native Americans actually called it the "Bear's House" or "Bear's Lodge". See all of these wonderful sites and more for yourself.

Register for Conclave 2019 @ www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019

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CONCLA VE 2019 HOTELS

You Must Register FIRST for Conclave to get your Password & Individual Code to access discounted group rates. Register @ www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019

The Mountain Grand: 605/559-0386 (97 Rooms)

Backup Hotels: Holiday Inn Express: 605/578-3330 (78 Rooms)

Hotel by Gold Dust: 605/559-1400 (42 Rooms)



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Two short blocks from Mountain Grand

Due to reservation system limitations, call for rooms after October 1, 2018, and before July 15, 2019, for discounted rates.





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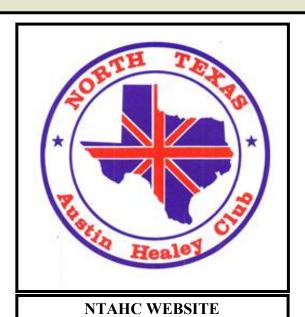
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MONTHLY TECH SESSIONS

Our Monthly Tech Sessions are not always attended by the "well heeled" but unless YOU attend you will never know what you're missing! Show up about 9:15 am on the Second Saturday of each month for a morning of good company, coffee and donuts and lots of Healey tech stuff.

Dick's Place: 1523 Irvin Road Irving, Texas 75060 (972) 986-5458



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TECH SESSIONS



January's Tech Session was held at Ed Canada's place with Bret Blades going over the big Healey steering boxes explaining how to check for wear and how to adjust them. We do a lot of technical issues at our Tech Sessions.

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Can't figure out what wrong with your Healey? Come to our Tech Sessions for free diagnostic solutions! For best luck, bring your own darts! (artwork from Facebook, author unknown)

2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

TULIP DRIVE Club Planning March 10th.
Driving Tour
More info to follow!

Club Planning/Social Luncheon Session March 12th at 12:30 at Bob & Stella Gillelands house. More info to follow. More info to follow!

TEXAS HEALEY ROUND-UP 2019

April 5-7, 2019 Georgetown, Texas Hotel: Holiday Inn Express South Texas Austin Healey Club

www.stahc.org/ Texas Healey Roundup 39.html

All British & European Car Day Sunday May 5th, 2019 10am-3pm Show Field at White Rock Lake Park, Dreyfuss Club Point Dallas, Texas 75281 Online Registration

http://king-cart.com/allbritishcarday/frontpage=yes

SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC XXXIII

SE Classic year is June 6-9, 20189 Little Switzerland, NC Switzerland Inn Hosted by Triad AHC Info: thudgins@triad.rr.com

*Members from all 3 Texas Clubs go to this event!

Londoner Addison July/August 2019

CONCLAVE 2019
HEALEY IN THE HILLS
BLACK HILLS CONCLAVE 2019
September 6-911 2019

www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019

NTAHC Christmas Party 2019 December 7th At Ed & Lisa Canada's "Clipper House"



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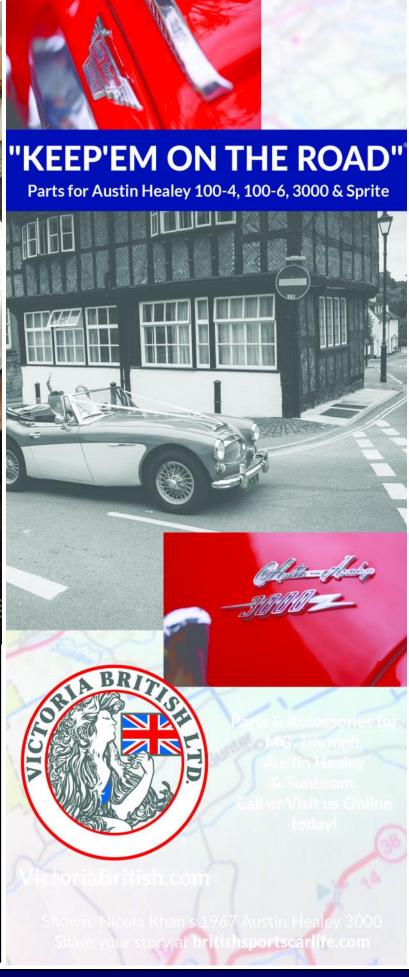
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Austin Healey Club of America









The North Texas Austin Healey Club Classifieds

For Sale

*Two-seater rear shroud for sale, flanges are excellent, Eddie Miller made the few small repairs it needed very nice condition; \$1800.00

*RH drive dashboard, excellent condition \$500.00

Chris Kellner cwkellner@pconn.com 214-502-0909

For Sale: Pair of HD8 Carburetors

For the BJ8 Healey-restored to as new condition. Will sell outright for \$750.00 the pair or on an exchange basis for \$525.00 the pair plus a good pair of cores.

Photos available on request.

214-502-0909

cwkellner@pconn.com

FOR SALE ENGINE PARTS

New in box set of full race JE Pistons that I do not need. They are 84.5mm (3.327 Inches), the maximum allowable to remain under 3 liters.

Paid to have them custom made, with new pins (including spiro locks), thin rings, tuff coat on skirt and thermal barrier coating on the crown. The crown undercut. Paid almost \$1200 delivered. Will sell at discount and take small loss. Have pictures and invoice for serious inquiry.

Liege cam with bucket followers that is extra to my use (bucket followers require longer push rods). Will sell for fair offer. Best cam factory ever developed. Grind was used in Liege-Rome-Liege rally 1961, then, so good, used at Sebring 1965.

Contact: Jim Hockert

rjhco@att.net 214-676-1098

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Contact Barbie Bucy (817)480-4831 or visit club website" 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)

Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large

Healey Girl Picture

Leggy Blonde peers into the engine bay of a Big Healey, 8x10 color. Suitable for framing. So tasteful (no naughty bits showing) even your wife may approve. \$10.00 each.

2 for the amazing bargain of \$19.95

Sports Wrist Watch

Gold plated case and hands, black dial, white "Healey Wings" and numerals, with red "Austin Healey" script. Like the front badge on early cars. 1 year warranty. Satisfaction grudgingly given.

\$39.95 plus postage \$7.00 Cont. USA.