

**North Texas Austin Healey Club** 

August 2020

## WHOS UP FOR A RUN??

It was only a matter of time! Endless hours checking air pressure, topping off damper oil levels and wiping down bonnets in our driveways wasn't cutting it anymore. I just had to escape! A text of "Who's up for a run?" confirmed there were 7 drivers ready to hit the road Saturday morning May 9th from Mansfield to Venus, TX. "Will Meehan & Remington"



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Over the years, I've driven this 20 mile route numerous times in a "regular" vehicle. It makes a far better journey in my 1960 Austin Healey "Bugeye" Sprite Mk I, a car I've owned since 1989. This particular rally was our second visit to Venus. The route has proved to be a favorite, as we start early, run to Venus for coffee and are back at home base by 11AM. It's numerous 90 degree banked turns, long straightaways and country scenery make this a fun driving experience.

Once in Venus, our arrival transforms the town square into an impromptu car show. In just a few minutes, visitors begin wandering among the vehicles asking questions and commenting about the models they used to own. The police and firefighters make time to chat since the stations are just across the street.

Our group is a mix of vehicles, the common thread being British cars. We are primarily located in Arlington, Dalworthington Gardens, Ft. Worth and Mansfield.

While we enjoy showing our cars, what we really love to do is drive them. Looking ahead or behind in column to see these beautiful examples of art and engineering is heartening. We've gathered numerous times over the past year for local and longer trips and continue to look forward to each and every one.

Would you like to join us?

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# Presidents Outlook Patrick Yoas

I know some of you have got to be getting cabin fever by now staying home with no Healey events to go to around our country. There still are some events that are not going to be cancelled until the last minute! One of the events still planned is the 12th Annual Euro-Fest in Ridgeland, MS. (Jackson, MS area). I was contacted by the Event Planner and was asked to put their flyer in our newsletter and I agreed to do it and it's not that far away either! If the health issues are over or at least under control, won't you consider going? We could even form a caravan to the Euro-Fest! It's a two day event with car show, hospitality, etc. Please see page 8 for the details and links.

Need parts, don't forget to try our vendors who advertise in our newsletter. Need Tech questions answered, contact our Tech Adviser, Dick Solomon, for phone tech help and don't forget the online Healey Forums too for help.

How is your "Healey" garage? Now is a great time to clean it out and organize it! Send me your photos of a before and after and who knows, you may win a Gift Certificate for parts....no kidding! (keep this between you and me and don't tell our Treasurer, Barbie Bucy!). NOTE: We had no entries in time for this newsletter so the kitty is now larger!

Have you been working on your Healey this summer? Please send me some photos and a writeup to include in our next newsletter!

I asked Will Meehan & Remington for a writeup of their special trips with other car enthusiasts and he agreed and it certainly sounds

like they have some very nice social short jaunts from the metroplex on very nice "sports car" roads. Please see his column, front page and 2nd page.

Chris Kellner of "Musings from the Paddock", has taken the day off and his column will resume after a much needed rest.

You just never know how are tech sessions are going to turn out or even who shows up but club member Damian R. Broccoli brought his 17 month old son, Lorenzo, to the Club Tech Session for his first Austin Healey Tech Session "Future 50" Indoctrination. Starting him out right! "When you're the young guy at the Tech Session and



you're about to hear the engine start."

Also commented: His first Bret Blades "Well that gadget is junk, let's do it another way" car philosophy.

See you on the Trail!

Patrick Yoas President





## **MEMBERSHIP COLUMN**



Hello Everyone! So far, this summer seems to be dragging on. There is no Texas Healey RoundUp to go to, nor any other car event. But I bet the "Honey Dew" list are up to date! If not, do not worry we all know that list has no end to it during a COVID-19 Pandemic.

North Texas Austin Healey Club would like to acknowledge the AHCA Club Longevity Awards for 2020 that a few of our NTAHC Members have received. We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support of NTAHC and AHCA.

40 years ~ Bob & Stella Gilleland Chris & Judy Kellner 35 years ~ Tom & Marti Taff 30 years ~ Ed & Hilary Cooper-Reiss

On a sad note everyone should be aware of the 40th Anniversary Celebration of Texas Healey RoundUp has been postponed til 2021. North Texas AHC is the Host club of the event. It was an extremely difficult decision that had to be made. Stay tuned for the new dates of the event.

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## **MEMBERSHIP COLUMN**

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North Texas AHC would like to "Welcome" 3 New Members! Two are new members and one is a returning member from way back when!

#### **New NTAHC Members:**

John Sardi and Jordan Sardi (son) ~ Becca, Jordan's aunt had the Healey (BJ8 MKIII) that has been in the family since 1966 sent to Richardson Tx to her brother John and Jordan so that Jordan can learn all about the car! John and Jordan will certainly get a lot out of the Tech Sessions.

Returning AHCA/NTAHC "New" Members: David & Sherry Wright ~ they have had the Healey since 1979 and it was a 1962 Nasty Boy BY7 then and still is. He participated for many years with NTAHC fellow members at the Dallas Autorama. David just dropped a new engine in the car and I'm sure you will be seeing him as well at Tech Sessions.

Activities Director, Hilary Cooper and I have been talking about the upcoming CHRISTMAS PAR-TY! Well that is as far as that conversation has gotten, LOL. We do not have any club events scheduled because we are still under the COVID-19 Pandemic. But we can not wait to once again get together!

Enjoy the day! Barbie



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Don Bucy on tour during Conclave 2019 stopping for photo op at a well know metal sculpture in Sturges, SD.

### **ROUNDUP 40 April-May, 2021 - Granbury, Texas**



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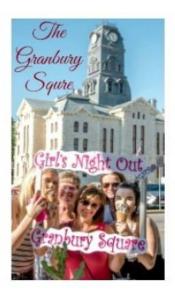


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From: Steve Kirby, President, Austin Healey Association of Southern California

Chairman, Conclave 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to introduce myself and Conclave 2021. The Austin Healey Association of Southern California is pleased to have been chosen to host Conclave 2021. As president of the host club, the "honor" of chairing the event falls to me. I am happy and relieved to have the support of a seasoned team who run the Annual California Healey Week (for the last 45 years!), a similar get together. We are confident that we will put on a great event, but we need your help with the one thing we cannot control ...... attendance.

Conclave 2021 will be held at Big Bear Lake, CA. Many people think of Southern California as all flat desert, dry coastal hills and beach. Those who attend Conclave 2021 are going to see a different side of SoCal....pine forests, 5000+ foot mountains, blue lakes and even bluer skies. Located in the San Bernardino National Forest and only 90 minutes from Ontario International Airport, Big Bear couldn't be further from the urban sprawl of LA. Come enjoy the fresh, cool air, amazing driving roads and laid back, log cabin vibe in Big Bear!

Over the next several months we plan to introduce Conclave 2021 and Big Bear to your members through a series of ads and articles. We need your help getting this material out to the membership either via your newsletter or your email communications. Maybe you could put a link to the event website (<a href="https://www.conclave2021.com">www.conclave2021.com</a>) on yours? How about starting to discuss a caravan to the event from your area?

The entire Conclave 2021 crew thank you in advance for your assistance and we look forward to seeing your in Big Bear next May.

Thank you,

Steve Kirby

President, AHASC and Conclave 2021 Chairman

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### **2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

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April-May, 2021





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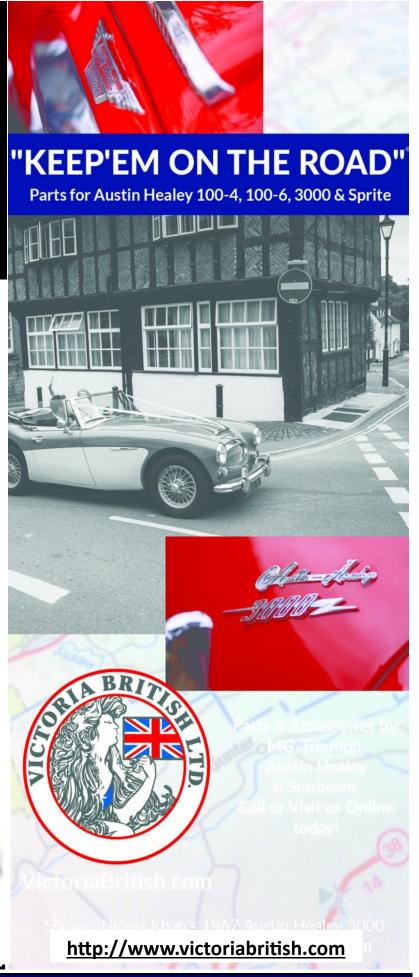




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## **The North Texas Austin Healey Club Classifieds**

#### For Sale

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\*RH drive dashboard, excellent condition \$500.00

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Photos available on request.

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