



## “Welcome to Fall Weather 2020 Run”





Sue Neubauer comfortably waiting for the start of the “Fall Weather Run” to Joshua, Texas



Will Meehan lifting his Bugeye to check for oil leaks. Will says this is much easier than rolling it over.



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## Presidents Column Patrick Yoas

Greetings Everyone,

Will Meehan led another fun "Run" with other British sportscar enthusiasts to Venus, Texas for Coffee and some great comradery. Nothing could be better than for you to join them for their next trip on October 24th to Mansfield, Texas. Want to join them? Meet at the [Mansfield Legacy High School](#) parking lot at 8AM Saturday 10/24/2020. No details yet other than we'll return by 11AM.

With the cancellation of almost all of the car events around the country it's pretty hard to find anything car related. If you do find something please practice "social distancing" for your health as well as for others. It's also a great time to have fun in your garage fixing those nagging things on your "to do List". Please use common sense when working on your car and do it safely. Got questions or need advice, contact our Tech Director Dick Solomon or Bret Blades.

Need parts, contact one of our advertisers for them. I've updated our Classifieds policy to include "Parts Wanted" as well as "Parts For Sale". I also added a date to the ads so we can track when the ad was first placed and we'll keep it "listed" for three months and we will remove it *unless* you tell us to keep it running. It's time to clean out those extra used parts you have stored collecting dust and rust. Someone just may need them.

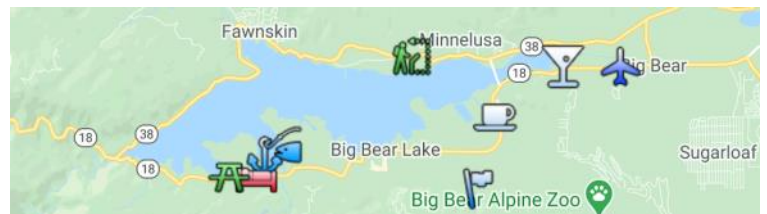
Chris Kellner of *Musings from the Paddock* has written another great column again and I'm sure you're going to enjoy reading and looking at the fantastic progress he's making on his Devin Healey. We hope to see it done in all it's glory in the near future!

Membership Director Barbie Bucy is on vacation and her column will return in our next newsletter.

Activities Director Hilary Cooper is making the best of the "stay at home year" and has some suggestions for you to try. She says your Healey is feeling very lonely and neglected so it's time to show it some attention. Got a good recommendation for a driving outing, drop Hilary a email or give her a call. Weather right now is perfect for Healey driving so make the best of it and go somewhere!

Conclave 2021 <https://tinyurl.com/HealeyConclave2021> is going to happen, *fingers crossed*, and I've included first Gazette with Conclave information. Big Bear Lake really sounds like a great place to have Conclave and you might want to give it a look and see!

Where is Bear Creek Lake, California? I downloaded a couple of maps for you to see. Bob Chamberlain, a member of the South Texas Healey Club member is gathering information for round-trip shipping to Conclave by enclosed



transport carrier. As many as six cars can be shipped on a 18 wheeler. If you have an interest in doing this please contact Bob, [rm.chamber@gmail.com](mailto:rm.chamber@gmail.com) Maybe a trip/caravan is in your future?

See you on the trail.....  
Patrick Yoas





# ACTIVITIES

Hilary Cooper

Hello everyone,

The weather is cooperating with lower temperatures and some clear days. Might I suggest a run to the local drive-in food place for a snack. The car will thank you. It is feeling very lonely and neglected.

Hope that all who attended the drive from Mansfield to Joshua had a grand time. Sorry to have missed it, maybe next time.

Another driving suggestion is to pick a Texas winery, take a picnic lunch or buy one there and drive out in the country. The new rules allow wineries to serve food on the patio and sell wine by the glass or bottle. Many of the wineries have wonderful patios with cool breezes and some with spectacular views. We have been to Comanche to [Brennan's](#) and Alvord to [Brushy Creek wineries](#). [TF Winery](#) at Boyd has picnic tables under old oak trees just by the vineyard and the additional treat of [Sam's BBQ in Boyd](#) for take-out.

Along with everyone else, it has been a stay-at-home year. Zoom birthday parties and meetings along with video medical calls are now the norm. But we are adaptable and so we will find ways to connect. My wishes for everyone's continued good health and happiness.

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# MUSINGS FROM THE PADDOCK

Chris Kellner

We're back racin'....[Hallett Motor Racing Circuit](#) in late August. Super weather, good competition, great Bar-B-Que. Annie and I had a blast, at the same time turned our best laps ever on that circuit. Our intrepid Porsche racer extraordinaire, Tom Taff, had a good dice with a 911 all weekend. The 914-6 gave a good account of itself. And as all of you know Tom is a fantastic grill guy. As you can see from the photo of us on Friday night he was in excellent form once again.



Tom and me grilling on Friday night. Racin' isn't just about driving ya know.

Then just 2 weeks later we're at [Eagles Canyon Raceway](#), just outside Slidell for the 2<sup>nd</sup> race of our shortened Covid season. We just finished this event on Sunday. There was a tremendous pent up energy to go racing. [CVAR](#) had one of its largest events in years with 167 registrations. Annie didn't race, not her fault, she's doing great.



Chris, Annie and the "young ladies" at the track.

Our motorhome failed rather dramatically, but I digress. So, I was part of the [Paddock Marshall](#) team for the weekend. Try to imagine guiding 167 motor homes, large trailers, and all other manner of race car transporters, into a facility that really isn't set up for so many vehicles. It was a mad house. Fortunately, almost everyone was cooperative and everything went smoothly.

We used the new long track, at 3.1 miles, so we had a very large number of big bore cars. The grid for the big bore points race was 37 cars. As you might imagine with not having raced for 8 months those big cars were ready for action and boy was there ever action. Unfortunately, many of those big powerful cars got together, there was a lot of bent sheet metal, some really big offs, and a couple of blown engines.

Since this track is so new the owners are very protective of the track surface. As I understood it, cleaning the spilt oil of the track surface used two pallets of 40lb bags of oil dry, as well as 20-5 gal pails of kitty litter.....geeze. Now in three weeks we'll be going back to

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[Hallett](#) for the final CVAR race of the year. October is usually very nice in north eastern Oklahoma so this event is one I really look forward to. Now as many of you know I haven't been watching TV over the last 6 months....Nope, I've been working on the Devin.

When you can spend 6-8 hours a day 6 days a week on a project you can make progress. I've included some photos of the work that's been completed so you can see what this car is becoming. I'm actually getting very excited about having a rolling chassis by the first of 2021. I wouldn't be anywhere near as far as I am without the help of Bret, Tom, and of course John at America Race. A great bunch talented guys to work with. It only gets a little better that that.



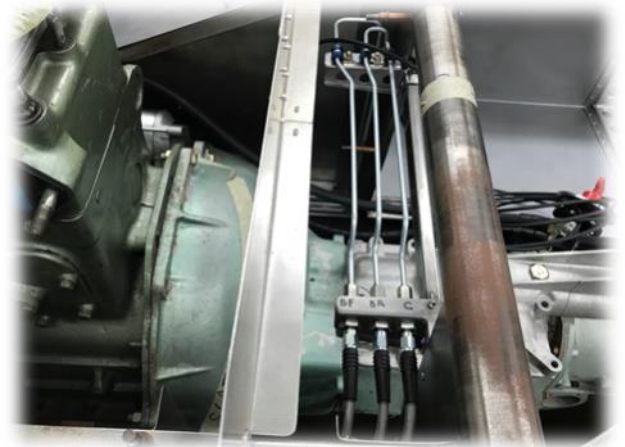
Rear Disc brake set up. Bret's idea to aid servicing.



Firewall Prototype



Fuel tank mounting support bracket.

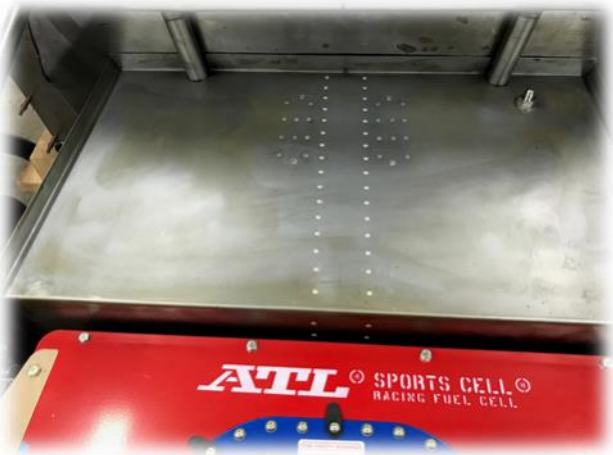


Routing of high pressure side brake lines.

Now, I've got to get Annie ready for [Hallett](#) and of course Danni Devin is still a work in progress. So, I'd better get after it.

Where did I put that spark plug wrench??

Chris Kellner



Rear Firewall and fuel cell in place.



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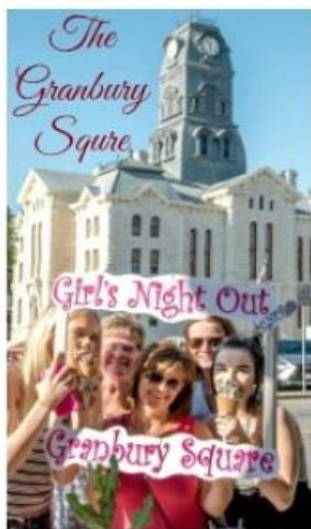
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# CONCLAVE 2021 COMES TO BIG BEAR!

## HOARDS OF HEALEYS TO DESCEND ON OUR TOWN! MAY 16-21, 2021

### Registration Now Open for the Event of the Year

Conclave 2021, the annual Austin Healey Club of America's national meet will roll into Big Bear Lake on May 15, 2021. Hundreds of vintage Healeys are expected to dominate the village and surrounding areas for the full week. The entire Lodge at Big Bear Lake will be taken over for the event and the featured Car Show will line both sides of downtown Pine Knot Avenue.

Attendees are expected to enjoy the cool mountain air and expansive views across the lake and mountains during several drives including a Poker Run and Scenic Drive and Rally to Joshua Tree National Park. A Gymkhana and Funkhana will be held at Big Bear Airport and the Car Show on the village's Main Street will be a highlight for attendees and locals alike.



Photo: The Village - a beautiful shopping and entertainment district at Big Bear Lake, CA

Many guests are expected to enjoy Big Bear Lake from the water as well, embarking on the Big Bear Queen Paddlewheel boat for a sunset cruise. Food and fun will abound at several cocktail parties, a Santa Maria style BBQ and the final night's Gala Grand Banquet. In between participating in all the events, those in attendance will have plenty of time to catch up with old friends and make new ones in the hotel's dedicated Social

Center. The Social Center will also host an Arts and Crafts competition, a Photo Contest, the Silent Auction and several Tech Sessions.

**Registration is open now**, with details on the following pages.

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## Getting There is Half the Fun

While Southern California may seem like a long, long way to go for a Conclave, the options and potential attractions on the way to Big Bear are many, inviting and may make for a grand tour.

For drivers from the East, the possibilities include the Grand Canyon (and other notable canyons), Las Vegas and Death Valley. From the North and Northeast, you will be passing by Lake Tahoe, Yosemite National Park and the Gold Country. And of course, once you are in California the options include San Diego, the Coast Highway 1, Monterey, San Francisco, the Wine Country and much more.

Yes, you say, but it's still many hundreds of miles to get out West. In 2019, 24 cars from Southern



California made the 1300-mile trek to the Deadwood Conclave by a variety of means. Some drove the entire way, others towed their Healeys to Salt Lake City and then drove the remaining miles. Another group had their cars shipped to Denver and drove from there, returning via Salt Lake. Our Conclave organizers will be happy to discuss ideas with your group to make Conclave 2021 more accessible. And while we would love to have your Healey, your rental car (from nearby Ontario Airport) is always welcome.

So, don't be too quick to write off a trip to Big Bear, it could be

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## Make Your Escape to Big Bear Lake

Set foot in Big Bear Lake and you'll feel like you have stepped into a postcard: a shimmering lake, untouched forests, snow-capped peaks, endless blue skies.

There is a reason Big Bear is Southern California's top outdoors destination, a lot of them actually. 23 miles of lake shoreline, massive trees in the San Bernardino National Forest, hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails, fishing, boating and miles and miles of great driving

roads. And the Village at Big Bear Lake beckons with shopping, dining and sipping. Day or night, there's always something to do in Big Bear.

But it wasn't always this way. Until 1845 the area was inhabited only by the native Yuhaviat ("people of the pines") Indians. That year Benjamin Wilson led a posse into the mountains tracking some cattle rustlers out of Riverside. Wilson and his team found instead a valley full of grizzly bears, inspiring the name Big Bear Valley.

Gold was discovered in 1855 and a mini-Gold Rush began. The lake itself was born in 1883 when a dam was constructed to supply water to the orange grooves at the foot of the mountains in Redlands. Soon thereafter the area's first hotel opened, and new roads added accessibility. The first automobile round trip to the area occurred in 1908 and took 13 hours to complete!

After the turn of the century, Hollywood discovered Big Bear, both (cont. page 3)



## All About the Hotel



The Lodge at Big Bear Lake (a Holiday Inn Resort) will host Conclave guests and many of the events. Located at 7500 feet elevation in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest, the resort is only two hours from downtown LA and 80 minutes from Ontario International Airport which boasts some of the lowest fares in SoCal. But don't let that fool you, Big Bear couldn't be further from the congestion and bad air of the LA Basin.

The hotel features 148 recently renovated rooms, many with

balconies and fireplaces. Stillwell's Restaurant is on site and there is a pool, jacuzzi, fitness center, game room and outdoor patio for drinks and dining. Wi-Fi, parking (including trailer parking) and in-room amenities are included in the remarkable \$100 per night special rate and the normal resort fee has been waived for Conclave guests. A dedicated Social Center will be open during the entire event and will also be the site of Registration, the Welcome Reception, Arts and Crafts and Photo competitions, the Silent Auction, Tech Sessions and

more. The ambiance is "mountain cabin" throughout.

Conclave has booked the entire hotel for the event, so it will be wall to wall Healey! The hotel is only steps from The Village at Big Bear Lake where you will find no end of shopping and dining... there's even an English Pub!

For more info and photos visit  
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### *Make Your Escape cont.*

as a perfect natural filming set (Heidi, Gone with the Wind) and as a retreat for stars escaping the big city. More recently Grey's Anatomy and The Bachelorette have been filmed in the Valley. It was at this time (late 20's) that the area began to be known as a winter fun destination. Today Big Bear boasts two world-class ski resorts.

Whatever your pleasure, even if it's just relaxing by the pool, Big Bear has what you need.

For a free copy of the excellent Big Bear Lake Visitor's Magazine, go to  
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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 Funkhanna 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.

(Please note that the hotel room rate is \$100 plus tax for Sunday through Thursday nights. Early arrival on Saturday or stayover on Friday night will enjoy a \$130 rate).

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is now open. You may register online or by mail. Visit [www.conclave2021.com](http://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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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.

### PARTS FOR SALE

#### \*NEW EXHAUST DOWN PIPES

Early 6-Cylinder Cars

BJ8 Cylinder Cars

\$75.00 each pipe.

#### HOOD/BONNET

Early, Center ridge Cars.

Excellent-Already soda-blasted clean.

\$500.00

#### WIRE WHEELS

4—60 Spoke Wheels/Tires

(Tires are old)

\$100.00

Two BJ8 Engines

One complete

One short Block

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# The North Texas Austin Healey Club Classifieds

## Austin Healey 3000

### Parts for Sale

#### **ENGINE PARTS**

New +.020 Main bearings	50.00
Carbon fiber clutch disc	75.00
Throw out bearing	10.00
Pressure Plate set up for carbon fiber disc	150.00
Steel Lightened flywheel and lightened ring gear	350.00
Front engine mounting plate	60.00
Rear engine mounting plate	100.00
Timing chain cover	35.00
Set of BJ8 connecting rods	1,200.00
Pikes Peak cam with bucket followers (used in Pikes Peak race)	500.00
Distributor with reluctor sensor, cap and wires	125.00
Pro race Harmonic balancer	300.00
Original oil pump	200.00
NEW Payen Head Gasket (out of production)	150.00

#### **INTAKE**

Set of three 48mm tapered throttle bodies (EFI brand) for use with fuel injection with injectors	1,000.00
Set of individual runner intakes for use with EFI	60.00
Injector rails	60.00
Vacuum balance tube	55.00
Velocity Stack Kit w/mesh covers	295.00

Custom Iconel heat shield for throttle bodies	95.00
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#### **EXHAUST**

Custom titanium side exhaust, twin mufflers, SS pipes	700.00
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#### **GEARBOX**

Complete centershift gearbox with competition O/D and bellhousing	2,600.00
Original driveshaft	60.00

#### **REAR END** (with new bearings and seal)

4.10 rear end pumpkin (third member) with Quaife® torque biasing unit	1,800.00
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#### **HEATER**

Water heater return pipe	50.00
Water heater shut off valve on head (heater control tap)	95.00
Radiator hose with upright for heater (used, very good)	30.00

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Fuel Pressure regulator	115.00
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