

North Texas Austin Healey Club

May 2021

HOW IT ALL BEGAN!



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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Greetings,

Every car club has a beginning, and the North Texas Austin Healey Club has one too. We are fortunate to have records how it got off the ground and even the first activity we had as a club! Yep, **"The Big-D Austin Healey Club."**

The wire wheels started rolling very early in 1979 with a ad in the newspaper and word of mouth and contacts thru contacts, etc. We soon had our first event which was seeing if we had enough people with the enthusiasm to form a club in the area. The meeting at the Tupinamba restaurant was one I would call one of enthusiasm, exciting, optimism, and finally great food and drinks. We had several people there that signed up immediately, including yours truly, and as I recall to the tune of \$25.00 which I thought was well spent. Clubs got to have money, right? We are going to revisit those early years in future Newsletters!

Having just mustered out of the Navy and back home to Texas with a new job and business venture I knew I would not be able to devote many hours of my time to the new club or able to make events as I would have liked but I knew the importance of a Club for our Austin Healeys.

I was one of the Founders of the St Johns Austin Healey Club in Jacksonville, Florida which was formed in 1974 and as all other Clubs, we needed technical assistance and parts sources, good used or new and an occasional Newsletter did not hurt either!

I can absolutely say without a doubt that the North Texas Austin Healey has excelled on all levels required for a great club and will continue to do so.

I have always believed that a successful club must have volunteers willing to serve with enthusiasm and providing new and fresh ideas to for us to continue as a successful club serving all our members into the future. All Clubs need to continue to look forward to the future and make changes when needed to grow.

With that said, it is in my opinion that it is time for me to step aside as my position as club President for someone else to step up and provide new leadership to continue. As of May 30th, I will be stepping aside for someone else to lead the club into the future.

I have served as President for over 9 years, and I have considered it an honor and pleasure to have served our Club. We have made good changes to keep up with technology and in other areas we have felt were needed. We have a new website although still under construction, will really be great when finished. Going to a digital Newsletter has resulted in a significant cost savings boosting our Treasury balance.

We need a few Volunteers to step up for vacant positions in the Club! How can you help? We will not leave you without support and assistance when you need it and ask for it.

I cannot thank those who served with me enough! My apologies if I left off someone.

Ed Reiss. Former VP.

Hilary Cooper. Activities Director Barbie Bucy. Membership/Treasurer Chris Kellner. Musings from the Paddock Norby Lettenmaier. Former Historian Dick Solomon. Tech Director Bret Blades. Tech Session Director Damian Broccoli. Webmaster Tim Moran. Former Webmaster Karen Gilleland. Roundup Chairperson John Katz. Former Newsletter Editor Jerry Wall. Former Treasurer

Thank you, Patrick Yoas President/Editor North Texas Austin Healey Club



Membership.....

What's that saying "April Showers bring May Flowers"?Hope you were able to get out and about on a drive to blow the cobwebsoff your car and most importantly did not get caught in the rain. We all know how well the wipers work on a Healey!

Karen Gilleland, Chairperson of the "40th Anniversary Celebration" ofTexas Healey RoundUp 40 has been terribly busy getting all the loss ends tied up before releasing the updated event information. As well as making trips to Granbury <u>www.visitgranbury.com</u>. Karen loves a challenge! She is also at the same time moving her awards business to its new location. Only 2 intersections lights away from where Shield Awards and Promotionshas been in Euless for 50 years! You think your garage is full, well, it is nothing compared to a business with 50 years of STUFF. Make sure you have the correct dates on your calendar! The Event is this year 2021 ~ Sept. 17th Friday thru Sunday afternoon Sept.19th. Hang tight, NTAHCwill be sending an email to all of you who have paid registrations already forthe event that will have all the updated Hotel Information, etc.

I have been in touch with a lot of members, getting NTAHC information allorganized. It is like boxes and boxes of Healey parts with no tags on themtelling you what that part is and what it goes to, but you know you got to keep it!

I am not complaining because even though *it takes hours of volunteer time some of us like Damian Broccoli, NTAHC webmaster needs to hear "Thank You"* he has been working on a huge project with other Austin-Healey Club of America members that will have a positive impact for AHCA membership and the local clubs.

Well, it is still raining, but the flowers are so full of color like the way your Healey looks after spending hours waxing it just to get that color to pop. Wow, that's a great feeling, you know!

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I want to say "Hello from Texas" to one of our longtime members Jerry Adams. He follows us from Chanute, KS.

Longtime members Jim and Synthia Hockert are no longer with NTAHC, they have moved to the coast!

Also "Welcome Back" Roger and Susan Brandt they have a BT-7 3000 MK 1 red color Healey. We have an official Jensen-Healey Owner now in the club, a warm welcome goes out to Eric and Debbie Olson, their car is a 1974 Jensen-Healey red color.

Craig Scott sent me a sad face emoji on his renewal form, said his 1964BJ-7 3000 MK II is not back from British Restoration Corp. Yet! His father was the original owner of the car and then purchased the car from his father in 1980. Craig said he has done a complete frameup restoration; it will have a new color - California Sage Green. I remember when Craig first joined in2016, he called me on a Monday to tell me he won "Best of Show" at a local car show in his neighborhood. I think he will do simply fine at the *Car Show at Texas Healey Round Up 40 in September!*

One thing to remember as a Healey Owner, *North Texas AHC* <u>www.NTAHC.org</u> and the *Austin-Healey Club of America, Inc* <u>healeyclub.org</u> loves all HEALEYS, regardless whether they are 100% Concourse perfect or somewhere in between (and that's a lot of in between!) It is all good with Healey folks causes the common denominatorwe all have is the same love for the car as Donald M Healey had.

Trust me Healey Folks, when I say you are not the only one who has a work in progress!

Enjoy the Breeze!

Barbie Bucy, Membership



North Texas Austin Healey Club Welcomes New Members

Stirling Carraway ~ 1962 BT-7 3000 MK 11 Blue

Jim Eastman & Terry Smart ~ 1962 BT-7 3000 MK [] (will be a custom color - Smokey Grey & Red)

Kelly Evenson ~ 1956 BN-2 100-4 Blue (her dad purchased the car brand new! Kelly is Keith Buxton's gal)

Sid & Judy Fikes ~ 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette (Sid has been a AHCA member for a while, his pipe dream since high school is to own an Austin Healey maybe a NTAHC member can help make that dream come true!)

Trevor Janz ~ 1967 BJ-8 3000 MK 111 Red

Alexis & Beth Kluge ~ 1963 BJ-7 3000 MK 11 Red

Dennis Neil ~ 1967 BJ-8 3000 MK III Dark Blue

Eric & Debbie Olson ~ 1974 Jensen-Healey Red

Donovan Simmons ~ 1966 AN-9 Mark III Sprite Red

Barbie & William "Bill" Troyer ~ 1967 BJ-8 3000 MK III Red (This is Barbie's car and Bill is the mechanic)

David & Katy Walsh ~ 1961 BT-7 3000 MK 1 "Nasty Boy" Burgundy



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IT'S FINALLY TIME!

For the largest gathering of Austin Healeys and great Healeyfolks in Texas! North Texas AHC is honored to be the host club for the "40th Anniversary Celebration" of this awesomeevent. Fill out your registration form and send it in! Next, use the <u>DIRECT LINK to book your room with Best Western</u> <u>Granbury Inn & Suites</u>. We will be in Granbury, Texasthe "Best Historic Small Town In America" go to <u>visit granbury.com</u> to get your free Visitors Information book.

September 17 - 19th, 2021

After several years of planning and having to postpone thisevent I"m happy that it is finally going to happen! I have puta lot into the "40th Anniversary Celebration" details and so have the volunteers that have worked on this event. I along with North Texas AHC look forward to seeing everyone in September for Texas Healey RoundUp 40!

Karen Gilleland, Chairperson



UPDATED Hotel Information September 17 - 19, 2021

YOU NEED TO BOOK ROOM ONLINE WITH THE DIRECT LINK BELOW, NOW !

There are limited rooms available.

ROOM RATE is \$108.00 per night / this rate doesn't include taxes. Dates are Sept.16th Thurs (for early birds) thru Sept.19th Sun (for those who would like to stay a little longer and enjoy what Granbury has to offer.) Please Follow steps below to the Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites DIRECT LINK for your room.

DIRECT LINK that you must use to book your room:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.44579.html? groupId=1N0MR0L7

You will receive from Best Western Granbury Inn & Suites a email confirmation once you booked using the DIRECT LINK. If you don't receive this, call the hotel direct (817)573-4239 7:00am-3:00pm ask Pam or Pranav for assistance. Texas Healey RoundUp is working directly with Hotel.

You must book room by Wednesday, Sept.1st, 2021. CANCELLATION is the RESPONSIBILITY OF PERSON WHO BOOKED ROOM. Room cancellation requires a 48 hr notice. You can call hotel direct to cancel room (817)573-4239





40th Anniversary RoundUp Celebration Hosted by NTAHC in Granbury, Texas TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 40 SEPT. 17-19, 2021

First 15 Registrants receive Special 40th Anniversary Wine

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REGISTRATION & MEALS & EVENTS	COST		QTY	TOTAL	8
REGISTRATION INCLUDES REGISTRANT SPOUSE CHILDREN <10 Includes 1 patch & magnet, 2 people per car.	\$100	x			YEAR AND MODEL OF: BIG HEALEY(S)
ADDITIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION (Includes patch and car number)	\$25	x			
LATE REGISTRATION (after Aug 6th)	\$125	X			1
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ADDITIONAL LOGO PATCH	\$10	Х			TEXAS HEALEY
HATS NAVY/RED CUSTOM DISTRESSED	\$25	Х			ROUNDUP 40

Accomadation for the Texas Healey RoundUp 40 will be at the Best Western 1517 Plaza Dr North, Granbury, TX 76048

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.44579.html?groupId=1NOMR0L7 The special room rate of \$108.00 + taxes (includes continental breakfast and free WI-FI) Use Hotel LINK below OR call (817)573-4239 between 7am-3pm ask for Pam or Pranav Return this form with check to: NTAHC C/O B. Barbie Bucy 2611 CR 531 Burleson,TX 76028 For additional information contact: Karen Gilleland, Chair C: 817-454-8959

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Big Bear Lake, CA

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CONCLAVE 2021: LAST MINUTE DETAILS

Things to consider if you are headed for Big Bear

As you gear up to head out to Conclave in Big Bear, here are some things you might want to keep in mind.

Weather and Altitude

Big Bear generally has good weather in May, but it is an Alpine area, so it can really cool off at night. Average highs for mid-May are about 70 degrees, with lows around 40. Great driving weather for our hot little Healeys during the day, but you will want warm clothing for the evenings. Average rainfall for the month is only one day, but it is not unknown to even get a little snow. So be prepared for a bit of anything.

Also, keep in mind that Big Bear is at an altitude of 6,752 feet (with some drives over higher passes) so the UV levels can be elevated even if the temperature is on the cool side. Bring that sunscreen and a hat.

Some events, like the Santa Maria BBQ will be held poolside, so be prepared. Currently, we hope to hold most of the major events (cocktail parties, banquet, etc.) inside, but our



COVID "Plan B" is to move those outdoors if restrictions preclude large indoor gatherings.

Spares and Repairs

The year-round population in Big Bear and surrounding areas is about 20,000, but many Southern Californians maintain vacation homes in the area and visitors' number in the hundreds of thousands. Therefore, the area is well served, not only with restaurants and shops, but also with the essentials of daily life.

Gas stations are plentiful. There are two auto parts stores and several repair shops. Towing is available from two companies (but you won't need it)! There are a handful of full-sized grocery and drug stores. Big Bear is served by a regional hospital with a 24-hour emergency room.

Of more specific interest, Moss Motors will be providing a "chase van" for the driving events that will be stocked with common Healey repair parts, and overnight service is available for items not on hand. And as Conclave veterans know, there is no shortage of parts (and advice) from Healey owners. At least four full-time Healey technicians will be in attendance.

Getting the Healey Ready

Needless to say, you will be planning to have your Healey in top condition before setting off for Big Bear. Pay particular attention to cooling and brakes. Your arrival and our drives will take you up some long and steep grades (and down the other side), so you will want to avoid cooling and braking issues.

Fortunately, our SU carburetors are designed so that ...continued on page 3

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adjustment for altitude is usually not necessary. The air is thin, so you might run a little rich, but probably not enough to require turning any screws.

On Your Way In

There are four main routes into Big Bear. If you are coming from the Northwest, the South or the Southwest (I-10) you will have three choices. From west to east, they are Highway 18, Highway 330, and Highway 38. A suggestion would be to try 330, as our driving tours will take you on 18 and 38 later in the week. All routes are roughly the same

distance and drive time.

If you are coming from the Northeast (I-15), you can take Highway 138 from the Cajon Junction and then Highway 18 to Big Bear. Alternatively, you could cut off in Victorville and take Highway 18 all the way.

There is really no reason to "stock up" before heading up the mountain as supplies and gas in Big Bear are plentiful and not expensive (by California standards).

Other Considerations

· If you have a National Park pass, bring it along. You will get into Joshua Tree National Park for free.

 Please bring your club banners. About half the rooms have balconies facing the parking lot. We would love to have the whole face of the hotel covered with Healey banners.

 Don't forget your Theme Night attire: California Cowboy, 50's/60's, Wearable Art, and Beach Party.

· And remember your Arts and Crafts and Photo Competition entries.

· If you are in the Gymkhana, try to bring a helmet as we will have limited loaners and all helmets need to be 2005 or newer.

 Finally, take lots of photos on your way to Big Bear. We will have an Online Photo Contest.

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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.



Big Bear Zoo

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.



Sunset over Big Bear Lake

IHURSDAY, MAY 20 Gymkhana and **Funkhana 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 also enjoy a discounted rate).



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 lot 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.







THU, OCT 21 AT 11 AM CDT

Southeastern Classic XXXIV - Safety Harbor Safety Harbor Resort and Spa · Safety Harbor, FL

https://tinyurl.com/Southeastern-Classic-XXXIV

October 21-24, 2021

Event by Wayne Boudreaux and Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club

The Londoner Addison, Texas (Date to follow)



The North Texas Austin Healey Club is affiliated with the Austin Healey **Club of America since July 1979** https://healeyclub.org/

TECH SESSIONS Back On Schedule!!!

It is requested that people attending the Tech Session to have already received their COVID Vaccinations.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding!

Do you need some technical advice for your Healey? Contact our clubs Tech Guy, Dick Solomon!





Healey Trails

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FOR SALE or WANTED

NTAHC Members: Anyone wishing to sell their Healey parts or wanting Healey parts can post for free. Your ad will run for three months unless you pull it or ask for renewal.

BN1 BN2 SHELLY JACK Very good condition \$225.00 or OBO Tom 214-662-6048 Sept. 2020	Eddi	For Sale *Two-seater rear shroud for sale, flanges are exceller Eddie Miller made the few small repairs it needed ver nice condition; \$1800.00		
For Sale: Pair of HD8 Carburetors For the BJ8 Healey-restored to as new condi- tion. 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 <u>cwkellner@pconn.com</u> Sept. 2020		*RH drive dashboard, excellent condition \$500.00 Chris Kellner <u>cwkellner@pconn.com</u> 214-502-0909 Sept. 2020 Healey Repairs & A/C Brackets Various Used Parts Mechanical House Calls <u>bretblades@gmail.com</u> (972)762-8148		
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NTAHC STUFF FOR SALE Contact Barbie Bucy (817)480-4831 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.		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 Pat Yoas 469-401-3801 <u>pyoas@yahoo.com</u> Sept. 2020		
\$10.00 each.		Classified only for Healeys Parts only. *We can not List your husband!		

MG TD For Sale

Here is a link to my Google photos of the MG as it is. I included a photo of it complete on trailer. There is practically nothing missing as far as I know. I have all the side curtains, tool bag, jack, hand crank, spare, new tires, lots and lots of additional parts. Interior is in very good condition. All the small parts are bagged & tagged. My uncle bought it in the early 60's and I have owned it since 1981.Let me know if there are any questions and it is available to see with an appointment.

https://photos.app.goo.gl/kKjcj2WZSuW4h94V9

Thanks,

Leon

214-446-0075

www.infinet1.com

www.hendrixwirewheel.com

The Silver Bullet is For Sale 1967 Austin Healey 3000 MK 3

The car is known from the many events I have driven to. We have been through about 45 of the lower 48 states and have had very few road-side repairs. Probably because I give the car to Allen Hendrix (HendrixWireWheel) every Spring, he drives it to his work each day and tunes up whatever is needed! He has rebuilt the carbs, replaced the entire rear suspension, added Petronics, replaced the front tube shocks , balanced the entire drive train and added a high-torque starter. We have replaced the original Phase 2 console with a re-upholstered Phase 1 (because I wanted the little cubby in the Phase 1) but the Phase 2 and the original radio go with the car. The paint job is about two years old (Grey Stone Metallic) and the interior has been "freshened"...but could use some detailing. I admit that the engine compartment is not beautiful, but she is not "for show, but to GO"!

I hate selling it but my wife and I want to travel some more, together, and most likely into the Southwest, and we really would prefer a car with air-conditioning. That is about it. One could call Allen at Hendrix Wire Wheel for further details! www.hendrixwirewheel.com Gary Brierton

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