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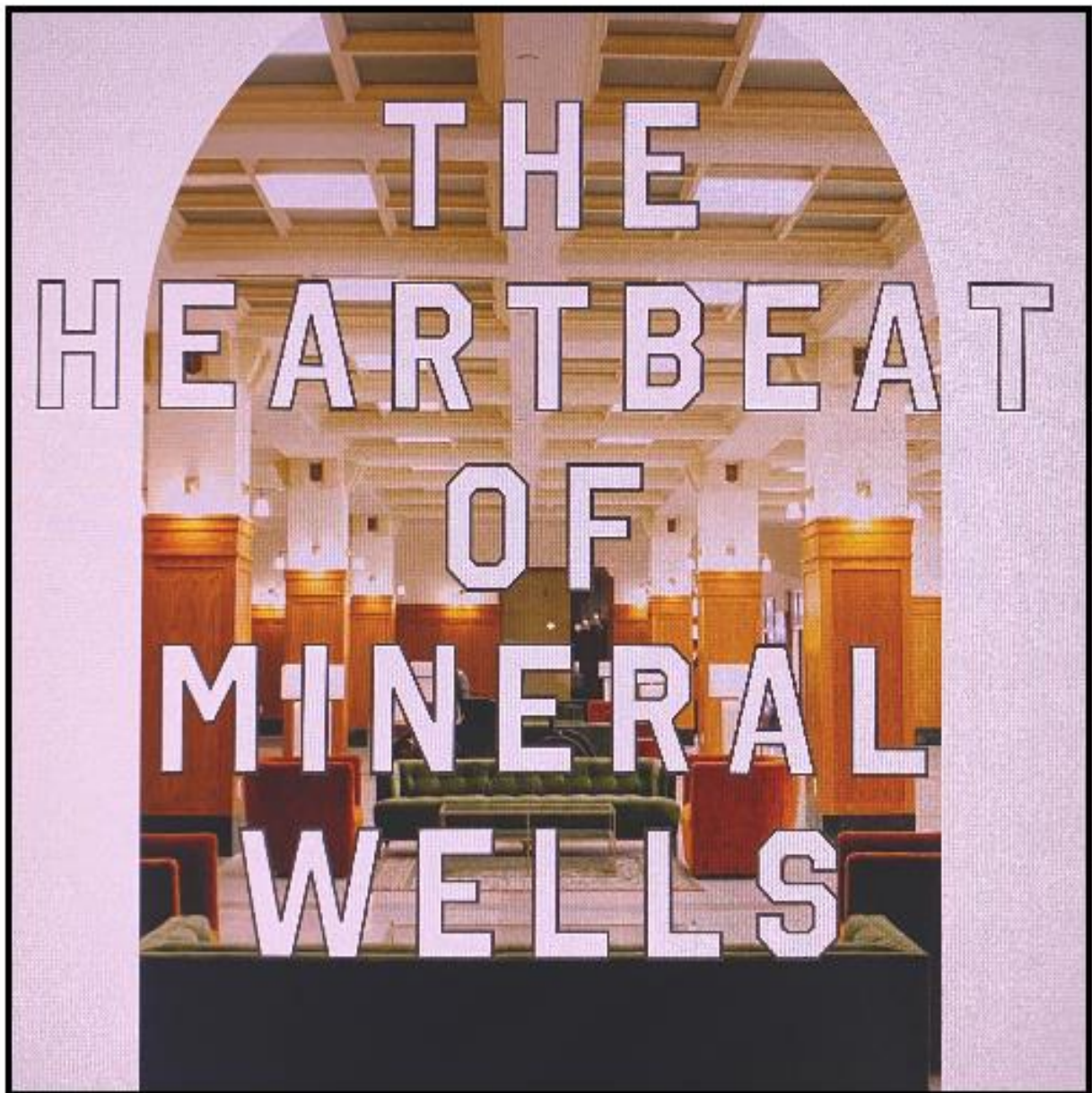
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TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 43

APRIL 4 - 7, 2024 ~ **ANNOUNCEMENT** ~

The Crazy Water Hotel
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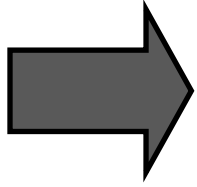
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GROUP CODE: HEALEY



2024 Membership Dues

Reminder: due by Jan. 01, 2024

On behalf of the North Texas Austin Healey Club, we would like to thank you for your continued support of NTAHC and the Austin Healey Club of America. Keeping the Cars, People, and Events alive for years to come for the future owners of your Healey is what we are striving for!

AHCA / TX-2 North Texas MEMBERS

Dues \$90.00

1. You should have received your Email Reminder (12/01/2023) from AHCA (Club Express). Use the link on that reminder to Pay your 2024 Membership Dues. Don't forget to UPDATE any of your info. It's very easy and convenient to do! www.healeyclub.org
 2. **DO NOT SEND A CHECK TO PAY DUES. YOU MUST USE THIS METHOD TO PAY.**
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LOCAL ONLY - North Texas AHC MEMBERS

Dues \$25.00

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Presidents Column

Greetings Everyone,

TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP 43

Mineral Wells, Texas

We had our first planning session which included finalizing the location for the Roundup with the dates. We will have more information that will be sent to you as soon as we put it all together!

I have provided a link to the [The Crazy Water Hotel](#) for you to check out and see why this might be one of the best Roundup hotels we have ever had a Roundup in. And a plus, there's a Brewery inside the Hotel.

A lot more Roundup planning is going to be needed and we need club members to volunteer to help.

CONCLAVE 2024

Please see Conclave 2024 Information in the Newsletter. This Conclave is way up North, and where I have never been, so I may have to travel to it this upcoming September. The colorful full-page flyer looks like it's going to be in the fall, which is a great time of the year, too. Who is coming with me?



Photo by Bill Emerson

WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR HEALEY TO THE CAR SHOWS ?

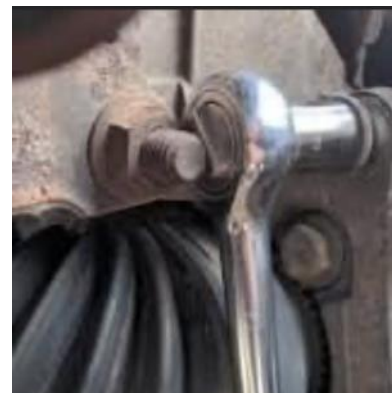
Club member Fred Crowley who resides in Tucson, AZ, took his "Racer" 1962 3000 Austin Healey to a local car show on Veterans Day and wrote a column about his experience on Facebook; after I read it, I asked Fred if I could use it in our latest newsletter and he happily submitted it to me. I think you will agree, it might be one of Fred's best columns yet and the best reason ever to show your Healey at the local car shows.

I recently had to do some troubleshooting and repairing on my Healey and the repairs ended up being a new gas tank, valve job, and radiator repairs. More on that in the following newsletter, but in the meantime, use fuel additives in your gas tank, buy fresh gas often and drain your gas tank sumps occasionally.

Stay warm y'all!
See you on the trail...

Pat Yoas

Editor



So, you think you're having a bad day working on your Healey.....

Fred Crowley

I had a very unique happening today (Saturday, 11 Nov 2023, Veterans Day), whilst at a car show here in Tucson.

Jeanice and I winter here in Tucson with our RV - been doing so for about 7 years. I keep my '62 Austin-Healey 3000 race car in Tucson, Arizona. The winter weather here is always great, so I get to drive the car all through the winter. The Healey and I attend a lot of car shows in the area - generally there are multiple shows here every weekend. The car culture here in the southwest tends towards umpteen zillion American muscle cars, resto-mods, hot-rods, and customs - all beautifully presented, built to high standards, generally sporting big, heavily modified contemporary V-8 engines, chrome everywhere, and with awesome paint jobs. Very rare to see any old English cars however, except for some strange guy that constantly shows up with a '62 Healey race car! The Healey does not have a pristine, over-the-top paint job, neither does it sport all sorts of chromed parts, or after-market modifications, still has the original suspension, brakes, engine, gearbox, and wire wheels (albeit set up for vintage competition). I vintage raced this car for over 25 years, all over the US and Canada, and it has lots of race patina.



When I retired from racing back in 2014, the car sat in storage in Texas for about 6 years. In 2020, an idea hit me (fortunately not doing too much physical or cerebral damage), that to make the car "acceptable" on the street, all I had to do was install lights, street tires, and with vintage '62 Texas street tags, and vintage car insurance, I could drive it on public roads in and around Tucson all winter.

It is what I refer to as an unmolested race car. Sometimes the car gets a trophy, most times not! That is not the reason I go to these car shows. Now don't get me wrong, it is always nice to get the affirmation of a trophy. I like going to the shows, as I get to meet a whole bunch of wonderful people, who are curious about the car, have never seen one, or in the past, their father, mother, brother, sister, boyfriend/girlfriend, or other, had one.

Generally, I am on my feet all day talking about the car, telling tale tales, swapping lies, and having a great time re-living past memories!

Anyhow, at this weekend's car show, as usual I was the only weirdo with an old British race car. Unlike pretty much everyone exhibiting their car, they generally have a discrete sign "Look, but please don't touch". In addition to sign summarizing the background of the car, I display a sign that says: "Hi! You are welcome to touch the car. If you want to get in the car, just ask "Pops". He's the cool guy with the white hair and beard next to the car."

It is surprising how many folks, especially the kids (ranging from about 5 years up to older than me) take me up on the offer. I strap them into the car, and everyone is taking pictures, with big smiles.

Over the years I have been at the shows here in Tucson, I even get repeat "customers". Now to the point of this posting (being from French Canada, I never use 1 word where 5000 will suffice!)

Being Veteran's Day, there were several special groups amongst the spectators. One of the groups was from a "Special Care" facility for the blind, being guided by their caregiver/guides narrating what was going on to their charges. Well, one of the caregivers noticed my sign about "touching" the car, and asked if it would be ok for their charges to touch car. Of course, I said, "certainly". It was so cool as these folks, who could not see, ran their hands over the body lines of the car, touching the carburetor's, wire wheels, etc. With careful guidance, some even were willing to get in the car, climbing over the roll-cage!



They all gave me hugs, some had gentle tears in their eyes (including me). I have never experienced a moment like that in all the years I've had the car.

Nope - the car didn't win any trophy, but the car and I both came away at the end of the day feeling that we had an experience that far outweighed any possible trophy that could be awarded.

Life is good - God is good!

Y'all take care, eh?
Fred, a.k.a "Pops"



Texas All British Car Days Round Rock, Texas



A very nice display of Austin Healeys!



Big Healeys

- 1st: John Grasso-South Texas Healey Club
- 2nd: Mike Johnson—Gulf Coast Healey Club
- 3rd: Vince Barnell-Gulf Coast Healey Club

Spridgets

- 1st: Mike McPhail-Gulf Coast Healey Club
- 2nd: Heather Marsh—"Healey Enthusiast"
- 3rd: Albert Amato-Gulf Coast Healey Club



ROADSIDE TECH SESSION

Mike Johnson broke down about an hour away from the show and called Vince Barnell to ask for help. Vince asked me to go along assist and I asked him where Mike was and he said at a coffee shop and I said "lets go". We found Mike in front of a place called the "Texas Coffee Works", and we both said this is a great place for a Tech Session plus Mike was also buying the coffee and treats!!

Thanks Mike!
Vince & Pat





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I use this site for Big Healeys, and they do have a Sprite section. You receive notifications by email.

Healey6.com

<http://www.healey6.com>

Great information site for the Big Healeys by John Simms. John sold his BN6 Healey but still maintains his site dedicated to everything Healey and consists of interesting technical articles, important links, and photos. This is a “must” on your “to-do” list!

British Car Specialist

<http://britishcarspecialists.com>

British cars in general, but a Big Healey specialist. For you, big Healey owners, their “Healey Tech Talk” is a must, IMO, and I always keep a copy in my Healey. Tons of tech articles, repairs, etc.

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A site dedicated to the Bugeye Sprites. Catalog, cars for sale, etc.

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All Roads Lead To...

Austin Healey

C**INCLAVE 24**
ROAD AMERICA · ELKHART LAKE, WI

September 15th-20th, 2024

Go to www.2024conclave.com to register today



Greetings Fellow AHCA Members,

I am sending this email to all of you to let you know that the rest of the worldwide Healey community is envious of each one of you. Why is that you ask? It's because you are all fortunate to have the most significant Healey event in decades, possibly ever, in your own backyard. Let me explain...

Your fellow club members from Wisconsin have been working tirelessly to bring an incredible Conclave to you next September 15th-20th with the 20th dedicated to fond farewells of Healey friends new and old. For those of you that have experienced attending a Conclave in the past, we will have all of the usual Conclave events on tap. We are also adding Road America, "Americas National Park of Speed" to our schedule as the gymkhana, funkhana, and a track touring event will be held at the track. Additionally, we have added a reenactment tour of the original 6-1/2-mile open road course that put Elkhart Lake on the map as a racing destination. This tour will be led by the Healey Silverstone that was driven by the man that is credited with organizing the first open road races in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin - Jim Kimberly.

If that's not enough, we have also joined forces with organizers from the Vintage Sports car Drivers Association (VSCDA). In a nutshell, the fall vintage race weekend at Road America is being billed as "The Healey World Challenge" and the feature marque for the weekend is "The Cars of Donald Healey". We didn't limit this to just Austin Healey's because we wanted to welcome all Healey enthusiasts. Every Healey owner is a V.I.P. for the weekend proceeding Conclave.

So, the race weekend is scheduled for September 13-15th preceding the official start of Conclave, the evening of Sunday the 15th and running through Thursday evening the 19th. Conclave registrants will be able to purchase discount tickets to Road America for the race weekend. Additionally, you will get paddock parking passes so that you can display your car in the Healey Conclave Showcase parking area across from victory circle. Passes for track touring in front of all the race spectators will also be available.

On top of that, there will be a banquet on Saturday night at the track with a Healey related speaker.

To take advantage of the discounted ticket offer for the race weekend event, you will need to purchase your ticket package on the VSCDA website once it is made available.

Word has spread quickly about this week-of-all-things -Healey even before it was initially launched, and I have been contacted by many folks from both the states and from abroad about our event. Everyone is very excited about the opportunity to race on one of the world's premier racecourses and then attend North America's largest Healey event – Conclave 2024! This week will be a can't miss bucket list event!!! Registration is now open so secure your spot today by visiting our website at 2024conclave.com!! Please don't delay as rooms at the host hotel are limited and I want you all to be at the center of all the fun!

Once you register for Conclave 2024, you will receive an email confirmation that includes the discount code for the host resort, Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The room block is for September 15-20th. Simply call Blue Harbor after securing your room for Conclave week to add additional nights to your stay to experience "The Healey World Challenge" at Road America on the weekend prior to Conclave.

For those of you that remember the 1990 Healey Challenge Series and the 2005 Australian / U.S. Healey Challenge, this week has the makings to be even bigger and more memorable. The worldwide Healey community has taken notice and is making plans of their own to make the trip to join us all. Be part of this history-making event and make your plans to attend today!! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Cheers,

Mike Swanger Wisconsin Chapter - AHCA
Conclave Planning Committee



TECH SESSIONS

It is requested that people attending the Tech Session to have already received their COVID Vaccinations.
Thank you for your consideration and understanding!

USUALLY, the second Saturday of the month and starting at 9:00 am.
Location "changes" will be emailed.
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ABCDE CAR SHOW

(All British & European Car Day 2024)

Location: White Rock Lake
Bath House Cultural Center

Date: April 21st
10-AM-Show Field Opens
2-PM-Awards
3-PM-Depart

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MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

APRIL 5-7, 2024

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September 15-20, 2024

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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<http://2024conclave.com>



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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.

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*RH drive dashboard, excellent condition \$500.00

Chris Kellner

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