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Event report

The Wente Vineyards Luncheon Adventure

By John Soderling

Thirty-two Golden Gate Austin Healey Club members motored to The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards in Livermore's wine country Saturday, March 14th for the Club's 2009 season kick-off luncheon.

Although the weather was a chilly 53 degrees, about half the members arrived in their Healeys dressed in hooded jackets, scarves and mufflers.



The Andersons and Soderlings arrive in style at Wente Vineyards

David Nock opened the event with a briefing on the upcoming Healey Rendezvous 2009 being hosted by Golden Gate, to be held in the California

Gold Country at Jackson Rancheria. David reported that the four-day event is loaded with fun events and activities for all attendees.

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Have you noticed?



It's time to register for Rendezvous 2009 (See pages 9 & 10)



If you have not paid your 2009 dues this will be your last newsletter. To renew, send \$25 to John Trifari, 1160B La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale CA 94089. Please indicate any changes in your contact information. Some of the e-mail and mailing addresses we have on file are incorrect. Contact John with updates.

Wente Vineyards luncheon (continued)

Marty Allen passed out copies of a slick, four-page color marketing piece for Rendezvous 2009 that he put together, which will soon be mailed out to west coast Healey club members. In wrapping up his presentation, David stressed the need for volunteers to help with events at Rendezvous.

raffle operation), Ida Morton and Terry Parsons.

Now, back to brave souls who drove their Healeys to Wente. The bravest were Roger Roger and Donna Hawk who drove the 120 miles from Arbuckle to Wente in Donna's BJ8 with the top down! That's 2 1/2 hours of mostly freeway top-down driving, folks, departing Arbuckle at 8:30 am in 40 degree weather.

Donna let it be known that top-down touring in refrigeration-degree weather was not her idea, claiming something about being tricked into it by husband Roger.

Bev and I didn't stick around after lunch to find out if Donna rode with Roger top-down on

the 120 mile ride back home to Arbuckle. That's another story that will have to wait for telling until we all meet at Jackson Rancheria in June. See you at Rendezvous 2009.

We extend our thanks to Lee and Susan Bardellini who organized this event.



We need over 25 member volunteers to help operate some of the activities at Rendezvous like the funkhana, popular car show, registration, regalia sales, arts & crafts competition, car rally and tours. Check the March issue of HEALEY HAPPENINGS, page 9, for a listing of the people handling Rendezvous events. Then PLEASE choose an event with which you would like to help and call or e-mail the event Chair to volunteer.

Attendees enjoyed a four-course gourmet lunch of smoked pork chop, sauteed rock cod or oven-roasted chicken breast, with frequent interruptions by Lee Bardellini to announce another raffle winner for a bottle of Wente wine. Winners included Susan Bardellini (this cast a cloud over the legitimacy of the

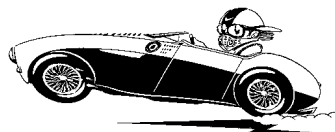


Editor's Column

Loren Parks
Chico, CA



As Spring approaches the automotive event calendar becomes increasingly crowded, and event promotions and reports compete for space in this newsletter. Although there are many fine events, my policy is to give first priority to our Club events and contributors. Other events are sometimes just listed on the calendar or omitted altogether. Among the omitted events are most of the ubiquitous custom car and marque-specific shows other than Healeys. It seems that every town in Northern California has at least one car show, so I employ the *Editor's Subjective Filter* to decide what shall be mentioned in the newsletter. However, I'm always looking for articles by Club members as long as they are related to the automotive theme, so please don't hesitate to submit an article even if it's about the Plymouth Prowler Show you attended. While on the subject, it might be appropriate to remind our readers that I'm the editor of the newsletter—not the author. Ideally I would merely select articles from among contributions; in the absence of contributions I create articles or find them elsewhere. Thank-you to the many contributors who have helped support the newsletter since my tenure, and please keep those articles coming!



Arts/Crafts & Photography At Rendezvous 2009

Attendees are invited to display their Healey arts, crafts and photography at Rendezvous. This is a "people's choice" competition with awards for each category; it is not a sales event. Please contact John & Bev Soderling and let them know what you will bring. E-mail at jsoderling@astound.net, or call (925) 934-0925. Judging categories include

Arts & crafts:

- (1) Healey quilting/needlework
- (2) Healey crafts & memorabilia

Photography

- (1) Pride & joy
- (2) Action
- (3) Humor

California Healey Week

California Healey Week 2009 will be held in the picturesque community of Paso Robles, CA. Accommodations for the event will be at the historic **Paso Robles Inn** beginning on Wednesday May 27 with full days of activities planned for Thursday through Saturday and departure following breakfast on Sunday May 31. A variety of events is planned including drives, tours, guest speakers, tech sessions, car show on Saturday, and awards banquet on Saturday evening. Owners of all Healey vehicles including Sprite, Jensen and Nash are welcome. Contact George McHarris for further information. gmcharris@hotmail.com
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Calendar of Events

Contact Loren Parks to list an event LorParks@gmail.com. For a more complete list see: www.GoldenGateHealeys.com

April 3—5. CSRG Historic Car Races, Infineon Raceway, Sears Point. www.csrgracing.org/

Saturday April 4. **GGAHC** Mt. Hamilton tour. RSVP Dave Nock Healeydoc@sbcglobal.net or (209) 824-1562. See page 5 for details.

Saturday April 11, 10:00am. **GGAHC** Rendezvous 2009 planning session at the office of Lee Bardellini, 2000 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon CA, 94583.

Sat/Sun April 25/26. **GGAHC** tour (Saturday) and Chico British Car Show (Sunday). Contact Loren Parks about the tour LorParks@gmail.com (530) 893-8643. For show registration see www.chicobritishcarshow.com.

Sunday April 26. Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay, CA. www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/lead.html

Sat/Sun May 2/3. Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance "Autobahn 2009" in Hillsborough, CA. Tour & lunch on Saturday, Concours on Sunday. www.hillsboroughconcours.org.

Saturday May 9, 10:00am. **GGAHC** Rendezvous 2009 planning session at the office of Lee Bardellini, 2000 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon CA, 94583.

Saturday May 16. **GGAHC** Napa Valley wine tour. RSVP George Henke (707) 226-5445. Departs from Copia at 10:00am, which is located at 500 First St. in Napa. See page 5.

Saturday May 16. Maxwell Classic Car Show & Parade at Maxwell High School. Parade

9:30am - 10:30am; Show 11:00am - 2:30pm. No fees. Contact Randy Wilson (530) 438-2376.

Sunday May 17. United British Sports Car Club's car show, Woodland Fairgrounds. www.ubsc.org.

Sunday May 17. Friendship Day Car Show, Canada College, Redwood City, sponsored by Mid Peninsula Old Time Auto Club. Contact Bob Moll (650) 851-4944 or <http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/mpotac/friendship.html>

Sat/Sun May 16/17. *Rolling Thunder* historic car races at Thunderhill Raceway, Willows. www.csrgracing.org/

Saturday May 23: Old Route 99 British Car Show, Dunsmuir, CA. Car show and parade from 12pm - 3pm; other unrelated festivities are scheduled throughout the 3-day weekend. See www.dunsmuir.com.

May 27—31. California Healey Week, Paso Robles, CA. Sponsored by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. Contact George McHarris gmcharris@hotmail.com or see www.austin-healey.org.

May 30-June 7. British Car Week. Drive that Healey. For more info go to www.BritishCarWeek.org.

Saturday June 6: Hayward field meet and car show at Cal State East Bay in Hayward. Contact Nick Becker (925) 932-7886 or becker2226@astound.net.

June 14-18. Healey Rendezvous 2009 at Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA. Organized and hosted by **GGAHC**. Contact Dave Nock Healeydoc@sbcglobal.net or (209) 824-1562. See www.goldengatehealeys.com

Sunday June 28. Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance at Stanford University. www.paconcours.com.

PREVIEW OF GGAHC EVENTS IN APRIL & MAY



April 4, Saturday Mt. Hamilton Tour

Depart McDonald's at 10:00am, located at 805 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94551. It is on the north side of Interstate 580. Bring your lunch.
RSVP Dave Nock: HealeyDoc@sbcglobal.net

or call (209) 824-1562.



April 25/26, Saturday/Sunday Chico Tour & British Car Show

Depart Vallejo McDonald's at 9:00am April 25, proceed through the Napa Valley, Clear Lake, and Stonyford (west of Williams). BBQ dinner at Loren & Diana Parks' house in Chico Saturday evening. British Car Show on Sunday. Contact: Loren Parks LorParks@gmail.com or (530) 893-8643. Must make reservations for April 25 at **Oxford Suites** by March 25 to get GGAHC price: (530) 899-9090. See March newsletter for more details.



April 11 & May 9, Saturdays Rendezvous 2009 Planning Sessions

beginning at 10:00am at the office of Lee Bardellini, 2000 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon CA, 94583.

May 16, Saturday Napa Valley Wine Tour

Depart the (defunct) Copia Center at 10:00am, which is located at 500 1st St. in Napa. Visits include Nicolini Winery and Cain Cellars, with lunch probably at Silverado in-between. RSVP George Henke (707)-226-5445. (NOTE: The

1st Street bridge east of Copia is closed for repairs, so plan accordingly.) The tour will end at around 4:00pm. There are no "tasting fees."



The Auto Collections in Las Vegas

by Loren Parks

I last reported on this exhibit at the Imperial Palace Hotel in the November 2007 newsletter, and had another chance to visit in March 2009. The exhibit is associated with the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. Since my last visit nearly all of the cars have been changed and a room has been added. Here are some of my favorites from the 1950's.

The 1955 Lancia Blue Ray 1 styled by Enrico ▶
Nardi. The transparent roof is blue Perspex.

1954 Aston Martin DB2/4 MK 1 Bertone Spyder. ▶
One of three built with this body.

The Alfa Romeo BAT cars styled by Bertone. Cars #5, 7 and 9 are here—all of the models displayed at the Turin Auto Show from 1953-1955. The 1953 BAT 5 is in front, the 1954 BAT 7 behind that (blue), and the 1955 BAT 9 at the rear. The BAT 7 is the most radical design. They're all about aerodynamics—side-covered front wheels and radical rear fins to mitigate turbulence. ▼



▼ 1956 Jaguar D-Type. Retired from racing, restored, and for sale.



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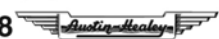
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Scenes from the Tech Session at British Car Specialists (held February 21)

Dave Nock hosted the annual technical session at his shop in Stockton, and Dennis Wolfe submitted his car to scrutiny. Other attendees included Loren Cross, David Cross, Len Hartnett, Jorge Quintero, Don Newman, Dennis Thorne and a few more who remain incognito.



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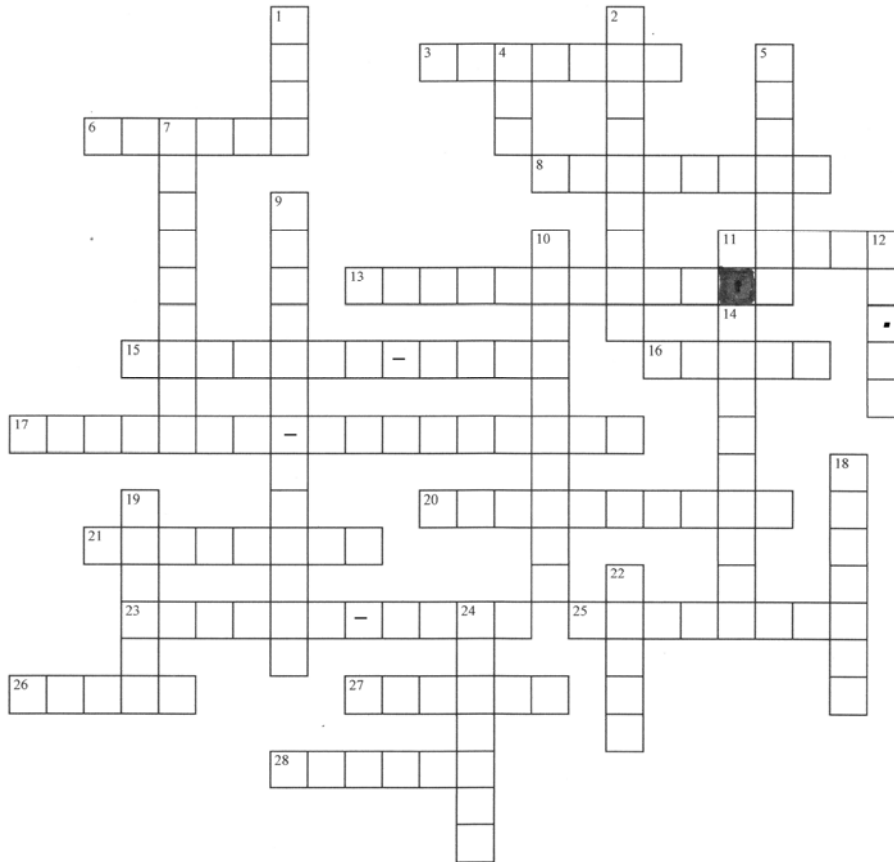


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*John Soderling
Golden Gate AHC*

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Healey Rendezvous 2009

June 14 - 18

Jackson Rancheria, Jackson, CA



The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club will host Rendezvous 2009 with the support of the Austin Healey Club of America and Austin Healey Club USA. Jackson is located approximately 50 miles southeast of Sacramento on historic Highway 49.

The four-day event, will feature a car show at the renowned Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys CA, rallies and tours through California's historic Gold Country, *concours* judging, technical sessions, Healey arts/crafts and photography competition, and a Funkhana. An Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, June 17.

Sunday June 14

10am – 5pm Registration & welcome
 11am – 5pm Regalia open
 1pm – 10pm Car wash available
 5pm Welcoming reception.

Monday June 15

9am — 11am Registration open
 8am — 7pm Car wash available
 9am — 6pm Concours judging
 9am – 11am Regalia sales
 9am – 11am Arts and crafts display
 9am – 12pm Funkhana
 9am – 12pm Tech sessions
 11am–12:30pm Women's luncheon
 1pm – 5pm Amador wine tour
 Jackson gold mine tour
 Fun Rally
 5pm – 7pm Social time
 Dinner on your own

Tuesday June 16

10am – 2pm Car show at Ironstone Vineyard
 Departures start at 8am
 Lunch available at restaurant 12—1pm
 2pm – 5pm Return from Ironstone via Columbia State Park
 2pm—4pm Return from Ironstone via Railroad Flat
 5pm – 7pm Regalia sales open
 5pm – 7pm Arts/crafts & photography competition
 5pm – 7pm Social time
 6pm – 7pm Auction
 Dinner on your own

Wednesday June 17

9am – 4pm Gold Country cave tour
 Wine tour
 Sierra passes tour (lunch in Markleeville)
 6pm – 10pm Awards Banquet (Hawaiian theme)

Thursday June 18

9am Departure

The registration fee is \$95, which covers two people and one car. Additional adults are \$50 each; additional cars are \$25 each. Fees will apply for participation in selected events (see the registration form). Rooms are available at the Jackson Rancheria for \$89 per night (tax included). You must have a registration number to access the rooms reserved for the Healey meet.

A registration form is available in the club newsletter, **Golden Gate Healey Happenings**, or can be downloaded from the club web site: www.GoldenGateHealeys.com. Send payment and registration form to John Trifari, 1160B La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale CA 94089. Payment by check only.

For more information about the Jackson Rancheria see www.jacksoncasino.com.

Healey Rendezvous: June 14-18, 2009

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Children attending _____

(name/age)

(name /age)

(name/age)

Local Club _____ National Club _____

Attendees must be registered. Fee covers one car and up to two adults, hospitality functions, registration packet, tours and car show (excluding Concours entry fee). There will be additional charges for other events as specified below. Children under 15 are admitted free of charge.

Accommodations at the Jackson Rancheria Resort for Rendezvous 2009 can be obtained only through the Jackson Rancheria after a registration number has been issued. All charges and taxes relating to accommodations and other Resort services are the sole responsibility of the attendee. A registration number will be provided upon receipt of this form. All payments are in US dollars.

I would like to participate in

Car Show Touring

Funkhana Rally

Arts/crafts & photography exhibit

Vehicles to register

Model _____

Year _____

Model _____

Year _____



Registration fees:

Registration: _____/@\$95 _____

Additional cars _____/@\$25 _____

Additional adults _____/@\$50 _____

Lunch at car show _____/@\$20 _____

Women's luncheon _____/@\$20 _____

Concours car entry _____/@\$40 _____

Awards dinner _____/@\$40 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to **Rendezvous 2009** and send along with this form to John Trifari, 1160B La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale CA 94089. jtrifari@comcast.net

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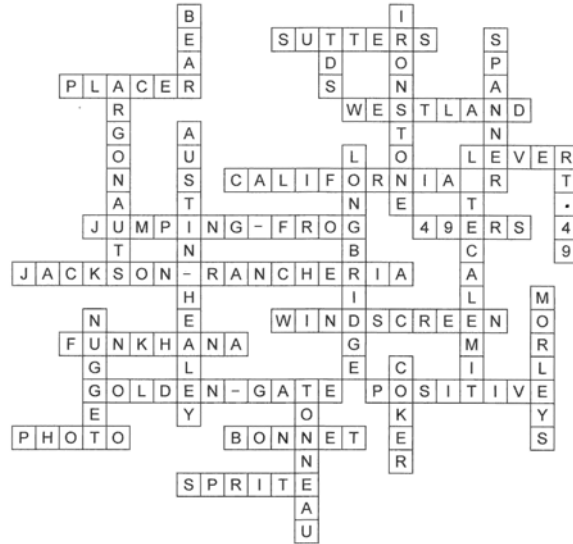
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