



STAHC is an area club of the Austin Healey Club of America, the largest Austin Healey club in the world. STAHC is one of 47 independent area clubs and was sanctioned by AHCA in 1979. STAHC covers the Austin, San Antonio and surrounding areas of South Texas.

Membership is open to owners and enthusiasts of all cars bearing the name HEALEY. Ownership of a Healey is not required. For membership information please contact Bob or Tina Adkins at (512) 264-2042 or membership@stahc.com

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Regional Rumblins

Presidents Rumblins by Jim Richmond

As reported in Bonnie Ayer’s message on Page 1 of this Rumblins, the three Texas Austin-Healey clubs will host Conclave 2017.

Conclave is the North American gathering of Healey enthusiasts from throughout the World and has been held since 1976. If you have attended a Conclave in the past, you know what a great



Jim Richmond’s 100 in paint.

event this is. If you have never been to a Conclave, this is your opportunity to attend a Con-

clave close to home. In fact Conclave 2017 may be as close to our homes as future Conclaves will ever be. Please be ready to assist with Conclave 2017 and to register when registration forms are available.

Two “tech ses-

It’s Official! by Bonnie Ayer

It’s official, the North Texas, South Texas and Gulf Coast Austin Healey Clubs will host Conclave 2017 July 9-14, 2017 in Waco, Texas. Club representatives Bonnie Ayer, Hilary Cooper, and Anne Johnson have met, viewed venues and started contractual negotiations for the event. The process, they have definitely fallen under Waco’s spell. There historical, fun, unusual and interesting venues. The town is

charming, clean and welcoming. Restaurants are good, affordable and close by. The required events have been assigned to a host clubs and new events have been proposed. The national officers and Texas Club Presidents are all on board. The next step is ramping up sponsorship solicitation, and recruiting volunteers and honing additional ideas for each activity. It will be 100% Texas and 100% fun. (In addition to cars, we’ll also

be on the Fixer Upper Trail.) The host hotel will be the Waco Hilton. Across the Street, the Courtyard by Marriott will provide the remainder of the rooms. Both hotels have just finished renovations. Each hotel room has a refrigerator, microwave, and free Wi-Fi. Registration forms are being formulated. A questionnaire is also being developed. Stay tuned and get ready to start communicating ideas.



Austin Healey boat at Conclave 2016

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Presidents Rumblins (Cont'd)

sions" took place in recent weeks, to help fellow club members improve their Healey's. The first, at the O'Connors home, was attended by Ron Borden, Lynn McKinnie, Brian Eaton, me and of course Charlie O'Connors. The second, at the Eaton home, had Ron Borden, Brian Eaton and me to turn wrenches and discuss the pros and cons of DOT 3 or 4 vs. Silicon (DOT 5) brake fluid.

Tech sessions are fun, educational and (sometimes!) successful in helping a member improve his/her Healey. If you would like help with your Healey project, please consider a tech session and contact Charlie O'Connors to set one up. We have STAHC members that have had experience fixing and improving Healeys and we can very often provided tools from the club's tool box or from members that make the task easier.

Who should attend a tech session? Members with expertise for the task at hand. Those that want to learn about how to fix and maintain their Healeys. Members that want to help turn wrenches. And, those that just want to socialize with other Healey owners. In other words, all STAHC members.

Our August event will be the Ice Cream Social. At the Social, we will have a brief business meeting to discuss forming a committee that will select members for nomination for 2017 club officer positions.

Hope to see all of you for the Ice Cream Social.

Jim

Editor's Rumblins

Did you know that 6 August (this Saturday) is Austin Healey Day? I wish the weather was a bit cooler. It would be nice to take a nice afternoon drive on Austin Healey Day and not have to worry about melting while sitting at a traffic light.

The past couple of months have seen club members hosting 3 tech sessions. I feel I benefited the most because two of them took place in my garage. During the first session we were able to install new leaf springs on my Austin Healey 3000 along with a new Phars Pass Shock kit to replace my lever shocks on the rear of the car. The following weekend Lynn McKinnie came back and helped me replace the shocks on the front. What a difference in driving the car!

Then club members converged on Brian Eaton's garage to replace work on his clutch and brake system. From talking to Ron (I couldn't make it because my Jeep died in Universal City) it appears there may be another tech session to continue work on that project.

And on a final note, I could really use some help with material to include in our newsletter. We would prefer it be information about Austin Healeys, but it doesn't have to be. If you take a drive some place that you think others would enjoy, tell us about it. I'm also happy to post pictures that you send me.

I also encourage everyone to join us on Facebook. Especially now that we will be hosting Conclave next year, I suspect there will be a lot of information that will be available on the Facebook page and the web site. This is also where we schedule Tech Sessions.

Current and past issues of Rumblins, as well as other information about our club, can be found on the STAHC Website



Healeys on Display at Conclave 2016

Event Calendar -

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHO
STAHC Annual Ice Cream Social	Dairy Queen 14600 Ranch Rd 12N Wimberly, Texas	August 28, 2016 2:00 PM	
Highway Pickup & Tour to River Cottage	Highway Pickup in Blanco, Chamberlains River Cottage near Wimberly	September Date TBA	Witmores & Chamberlains
All British Car Day	Roundrock, TX	September 23-25, 2016	
South Texas All British Car Day	Boerne, TX	October 29, 2016	San Antonio Jaguar club
Fall AHCA Delegates Meeting	TBA	TBA	AHCA
Holiday Party	Dick's Classic Car Garage	December 4, 2016	Millers



STAHC Annual Ice Cream Social **TOOL BOX**

This year's Ice Cream Social will be held at the Dairy Queen in Wimberley, on Sunday, August 28, starting at 2 p.m. The DQ's address is 14600 Ranch Road 12N, Wimberley, 78676. In addition to enjoying ice cream, there are several wineries and a micro-brewery in the area plus shopping at Wimberley's many unique shops. And 10 miles south and west on state highway 32 toward Blanco is the spectacular Devil's Backbone Overlook, a location that should make a great backdrop for beautiful photographs of beautiful Healeys. Come join the club social, with or without a Healey!

Directions to the Wimberley, Texas DQ:

From Austin/Dripping-Springs:

- ◆ US 290 West to Dripping-Springs
- ◆ Turn south on Ranch Road South. Go approximately 14 miles.
- ◆ The Dairy Queen will be on the left/east side of RR 12

The purpose of the Tool Box is to assemble, and make available for use by STAHC members, specialty tools that are used in the restoration of and/or maintenance of Healeys. In general, such tools will beat those that are too expensive for an individual member to acquire for one time or infrequent use.

Currently, the STAHC Tool Box contains the following:

- Lift the dot Hand Punch (Punches center hole and prong holes for installation of Lift-the-Dot fasteners for tops and tonneau covers. (Moss Motors No. 226-105)
- Tenax Fastening Tool
- Snap Fastening Tool
- Valve Guide Reamer size .281 for intake and exhaust standard size valve guides used on all Sprite and Midget A series engines 1958-1974.
- Engine leveler (for removing or installing an engine
- Carb Synchronizer
- Colortune Carb Synchronizer
- Wire wheel spoke tool
- 1/8" OD pipe bending tool
- Panel & Trim Removal Tool Set
- CD Workshop Manual for Sprite MK 2, 3 & 4

If you would like to borrow any of these tools, please contact Jim Richmond at jkrich@gvtc.com or (830) 537-5075.

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DQ Directions (Cont'd)

From San Antonio:

- ◆ I-35 North to exit 191 in New Braunfels
- ◆ Left turn onto FM 306. Go 9.1 Miles on FM 306, then
- ◆ Right turn onto Purgatory Rd. Go 6.6 miles, then
- ◆ Right turn onto FM 32. Go 2.3 miles, then
- ◆ Left turn onto RR 12. Stay on RR 12 to and through Wimberley to the Dairy Queen on the north side of town.

From San Antonio Via I-37/US 281:

- ◆ North on I-37/US 281 to FM 306, then
- ◆ Right turn onto FM 306. Go 12.1 miles, then
- ◆ Left turn onto FM 3424. Go 1.3 miles, then
- ◆ Right turn onto FM 32. Go 7.3 miles, then
- ◆ Left turn onto RR 12. Stay on RR 12 to and through Wimberley to the Dairy Queen on the north side of town.

Beer and Pizza:

**Wimberley Brewing Company/
Brewsters Pizza**
9595 Ranch Road 12
Wimberley, TX 78676
wimberleybrewingcompany.com

Wineries in Wimberley Area:

Hill Country Wine Shoppe

114B Wimberley Sq
Wimberley, TX 78676
(512) 847-2828
Hillcountrywineshoppe.com

Wimberley Valley Winery

2825 Lone Man Mountain Rd
Driftwood, TX 78619
(512) 847-2592
Wimberleyvalleywine.com

Driftwood Estate Winery

4001 Elder Hill Rd
Driftwood, TX 78619
(512) 858-9667
Driftwoodwine.com

Fall Creek Vineyards

18059 FM 1826
Driftwood, TX 78619
(512) 858-4050
Fcv.com

Duchman Family Winery

13308 FM 150 W
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EL MERCADO

El Mercado is our advertising section. If you have Healeys, Healey parts, Healey stuff or even other British stuff that your spouse says has to go, send it in and we'll post it here. If you are looking for any of these things we will run that to. El Mercado is free to members, very inexpensive to others.

Charlie O'Connors has a pair of rubber floor mats w/AH Logo. Great condition and they are "FREE". Call Charlie at (210) 284-0095 or email him at charliebt7@gmail.com

There are still free Sprite parts left from those donated by Bob McFarland. If interested, please contact Jim Richmond at jkrich@gvvc.com or (830) 537-5075.

We're on the web at
<http://www.stahc.org>

TECH Sessions

Tech sessions can be a get together of members to help a fellow club member with a specific problem or a task that requires, or is easier, with one or more helpers. A the session can also be a meeting where a member, or non-member, with some particular skill or expertise demonstrates how to accomplish a particular task. Tech session attendees may be helpers, teachers, learners, tool suppliers or any combination of the above. Tech session hosts usually supply light refreshments. Beer is recommended.

If you would like to host a Tech Session please contact Charlie O'Connors at (210) 284-0095 or char-

liebt7@gmail.com as far in advance as possible, but no less than one week ahead of the session date. I will forward your request to all members on the Rumblyns email list as soon as possible. Please supply the following information.

- Date, time & location
- Task that you hope to accomplish
- Description fo the problems, if any, that you have encountered
- Tools required that you do not have
- Model and year of your Healey

- Other information that you would like to include in your notice/invite

