



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

Hot! The first part of August was hot, too hot for many of us to enjoy driving our Healeys any distance. The last part saw cooler but very wet weather. Last Sunday was (almost) perfect, so several STAHC members celebrated National Ice Cream Social day at the Dairy Queen in Wimberley. Ron and Lera Borden did an outstanding job arranging and hosting



STAHC Members enjoying ice Cream Social.

this event. Thank you Borden!

We had a good turnout with the following members and two Healeys:

- David and Bonnie Ayer
- Brett and Julie Miller
- Jaime and Doris Molina
- Ron and Lera Borden
- Bob and Tina Adkins

## “DOWN UNDER CHRONICLES,” by an “UP-OVER”!!!

### By Sarah A. ?Crombie

So, I went off again.. Down Under, again.. This time, I started my travels in New Zealand. After meeting so many great Healey folks on my first trip to Australia, I thought I'd look and see if there were any Austin Healey Clubs in New Zealand – since, I was going there anyway! Sure enough, there was, so I sent out some emails, and ended

up touching base with a handful of club members.

It was New Year's Day, 2016, when I met Diane and Peter Nelligan. I left Christchurch that morning to set off on my road trip with my new friend, Elke – a German girl I'd met at the airport in L.A. on my way to New Zealand one month before. Members from the Christchurch region, the



Nelligans had been displaced from their home since the earthquake – in 2012!! With the aftershocks following the earthquake, their house



Austin Healey boat at  
Conclave 2016

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## Presidents Rumblins (Cont'd)

- Jim and Karen Richmond

The Millers brought Julie's dad, Glenn Leonard, and Ron invited Wimberley residents, Gene and Angel Robinson who showed up with two Triumph Spitfires and an MGB; British sports cars were well represented.

A part of the Ice Cream Social was a club business meeting. Bonnie Ayer presented trophies as a thank you to several STAHC members present for their help with the very successful Texas Healey Roundup 36. Several members of the other Texas clubs have told Bonnie that they really enjoyed Roundup this year. (I have trophies for members that were not present Sunday and will see that they are distributed as quickly as possible.)

Bonnie made a brief presentation as chairperson for Conclave 2017, which will be hosted by the three Texas Healey clubs. Our preparation time for Conclave is very short and all STAHC members, as well as members of the Gulf Coast and North Texas clubs, should be prepared to help when asked. Entry forms will be available soon and the committee is encouraging club members to submit these, together with payment, as soon as the forms are received. I agreed to chair the popularity show and Ron Borden volunteered to help. Conclave 2017 will be held in Waco from July 9 to July 14, 2017. The Hilton Waco will be the host hotel.

A nominating committee, consisting of Julie Miller, David Ayer and me, was formed to find nominees for election/appointment to 2017 STAHC positions. Our first step will be to determine if current incumbents are willing to serve again next year. If you are an incumbent, please decide if you want to run for reelection or reappointment. (Several of you have responded already.) If you are not an in-

cumbent but would like to serve in any of our positions, please let me know. This is your club and we would love to see you involved! Elections will be held at our Holiday party in December and nominations will be accepted from the floor. If you would like to nominate someone, make sure that he or she is willing to serve.

It is now the beginning of September and we can look forward to cooler weather and driving our Healeys on the wonderful roads that we have in our part of South Texas. With that in mind, the Whitmores have scheduled a highway pickup for September 17. Texas All British Car Days will be held in Round Rock September 23 – 25.

On a personal note, some of you know that my BNI has spent the last year at the Fourintune Garage in Wisconsin undergoing a complete restoration. It is almost done and Karen and I are looking forward to having it back to drive and take part in club events. Later this month, I plan to go to Wisconsin to test-drive the Healey and then have it shipped home. When completed, I will write about this experience and will in

Include pictures in a future Rumblins.

Jim

### **Down Under Chronocles (Cont'd)**

had become a bit unstable and was in the process of being restored. Their Healey had been spared from damage, and was being kept at a “safe house,” (so to speak), in Christchurch while they were “camping out” on Akaroa Harbour.

Elke and I were camping ourselves – her in a tent, and me covered up with a bath towel in the car. (At this point, I was still experimenting between reclining the front seats versus laying across the backseat! For anybody curious, Mercedes’ were NOT made for sleeping in! The curve in the bottom of the seat-back of the front seat was firm enough to pinch the nerve making my legs go numb in a matter of

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**New Zealand Sunset**

## Event Calendar -

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHO
Highway Pickup & Tour to River Cottage	Highway Pickup in Blanco, Chamberlains River Cottage near Wimberly	September 17, 2016	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





## Down Under Chronicles (Cont'd)

camp park leading down to the town's main road, and we'd arranged to meet up with Diane and Peter there about 7:30, I suppose. Not sure of which end of the path we were meeting at, Elke and I waited a little bit on the "camp side" before thinking to check the other end. Having no idea what each other looked like, I mistook the couple at the far end of the path for them! I'm there, introducing myself and my friend, giving them both a hug. All the while, they're giving me a confused look and not saying anything – (I don't even know if they spoke English)! Suddenly, I noticed a couple across the street stop, looking at us and pointing. A light bulb went off, and I finally realized my mistake!! I apologized and explained to the poor, be-wildered couple I'd thought they were the friends I was meeting. (I'm still not sure they spoke or understood English!) At least we all got a smile out of it!

We strolled from one end of the town of Akaroa to the infamous lighthouse at the other end, the four of us chatting as though it wasn't the first time any of us had met. We stopped at one of their "local haunts" on the way back for a glass of wine out on the patio, while the sun set a fiery bright orange over the harbour. We walked back through town, parting ways and saying good night where we'd met up at the bottom on the footpath from the camp park. On the surface, it was perhaps nothing special – just a meeting a couple of hours spent visiting among friends. But to think, neither group knew anything about the other group except for their interest in a car – the Austin Healey. Amazing how from that – something so simple – strangers can become friends, and people from oppo-

site sides of the world can have a bit of familiarity in a new place!

## TOOL BOX

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@gvvc.com](mailto:jkrich@gvvc.com) or (830) 537-5075.

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Ressie and I did see some British cars while cruising the northeast coast.

## 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



# REGISTRATION FORM

## 29th Annual South Texas All British Car Day

### On the Square in Boerne, Texas

#### Saturday, October 29, 2016 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

## RAIN OR SHINE

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**2016**

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Day Eve Cell

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Marque \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration at the show is \$25 per car.**

Sponsored this year of rotation by the Alamo MG Association.

**1. Pre-Registration is \$20 per car and must be postmarked by October 20, 2016**

**2. Pre-Order T Shirts to be sure you get one. Select size and quantity below**

\$20.00



Quantity	\$ 20.00
SMALL @ \$15 EACH =	\$
MEDIUM @ \$15 EACH =	\$
LARGE @ \$15 EACH =	\$
X LARGE @ \$15 EACH =	\$
XXL @ \$18 EACH	\$
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	

QUESTIONS? Call Larry Rogers at (210) 497-1541, or email at [mgrollers@yahoo.com](mailto:mgrollers@yahoo.com) for questions about entry or registration. Please make checks payable to Alamo MG Association (AMGA). Mail this form and your check to:

2016 All British Car Day  
 c/o Larry Rogers  
 P.O. Box 591129  
 San Antonio, TX 78259

PLEASE READ AND SIGN: I understand and agree that all parties participating in the October 29 2016 AMGA event do so at their own risk. I will not hold organizers, club members and/or the property owners liable for any damages, injuries, or losses while participating in, or traveling to and from this event. I understand that club officers, club members and property owners cannot be held responsible for the actions of others and I will exercise care and caution throughout this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_