

EXHAUST NOTES

January 2017



Above: John Norwood and his GCHC Annual Holiday Party “cutthroat gift exchange” booty (Photo by V. Barnell)

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Calendar

January 2017

Jan 14th - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

February 2017

Feb 11th - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

March 2017

Mar 11th - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

April 2017

April 20th-23rd - TX Healey Roundup #37, Hosted by NTAHC (Waco, TX)

May 2017

May 13th - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

July 2017

July 9th-14th - AHCA CONCLAVE, Hosted by GCHC, STAHC, & NTAHC (Waco, TX)

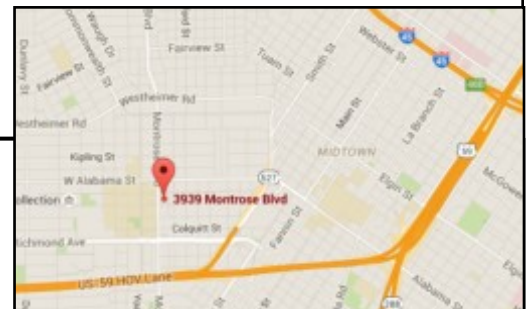
September 2017

Sept 11th-15th - [Healey International](http://www.healeyinternational.com), (Monterey, CA)

Monthly Meeting Location

Canopy on Montrose—3939 Montrose Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

<http://www.shadeandcanopy.com/Canopy/>



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Ladies and Gents,

I wish all of you a fruitful and prosperous New Year of 2017. We have a great year ahead of us with plenty of Healey times. It is time to start planning the club calendar and fill in the spaces with road trips, car shows, races, and good old leisurely drives. So, bring your ideas to the meeting and we will plan a great year of fun!

The Christmas party, **hosted by Jeff Walker**, was a great time. The food was excellent and the holiday cheer was abundant! The *cutthroat gift exchange* was fun as always with some big winners who fought hard for the coveted gifts. Thanks again Jeff for being such a great host!

Club Business, January 14th Meeting:

Club Awards: *We will be voting on the Hard Luck award & Driver of the Year of award. Also, we can't forget President's Appreciation award!*

Conclave 2017: *We will be addressing the need for volunteers and contributors for various events. This is a good opportunity to give a little and gain a lot and get to know some of the other clubs members in the process. We will pair up with the other clubs and all pitch in smaller amounts of time to get a grand affect for the Conclave. The areas you can assist include; Hospitality, meet and greet everyone to the party; Popularity Car Show, help shuffle the cars at the event; Gymkhana, set up and help direct cars in the event; Car Rally, also set up and direct cars; Sponsorship, anyone who may want to contribute money; Regalia, help assist in the booth in selling regalia items. I am leading up the Trophy area for these events and have some great ideas for trophies...TEXAS size ideas! Also, I will be looking to do some really exciting ideas with Gymkhana to step it up a notch for some "racing fun". So, there you go, let's get after it and have a blast!*

Club Officers: *Officer positions will be voted on...there are positions available including: the newsletter editor, web site, and Facebook manager. Much appreciation for those who consider helping the club fill these positions. We are like our sweet old Uncle Sam...WE NEED YOU!*

Discuss 2017 Club Calendar: *Ideas include: March Madness Drive, Yankee's Tavern Drive, Crawfish Boil (Boilmaster extraordinaire Vince Barnell hosting again!!), TX Healey Roundup #37 (Waco, April 20-23) and caravan getting there, Festival of Speed @ Johnson Space Center (May 5th-7th Houston's 1st Auto Corsa Event), Keels and Wheels Car show, La Torretta Car Show, Hemi Hideout Tour, Conclave 2017 details (Waco, July 9-14th), and much more!*

Video Recommendation - *The DRAGON SLAYER!*

Yes, if you would like to see how this slogan came about, and in real time, watch this YouTube video of an Austin Healey 3000 overtake 27 beasts such as Jaguars, Ferraris, Maserati's, Mustangs and, yes, a Cobra. Be sure to search for "Spa onboard footage in Austin Healey 3000" on September 28th, 2011. This guy can drive a Healey!

Well, that about wraps it up Blokes!! I look to seeing y'all this Saturday at Canopy's for the first meeting of the year!

Tally Ho...

Your President,

Terry Swanke



TOOL OF THE MONTH

By Mike McPhail

LED LIGHTING UPGRADE - BJ8

A couple of weeks ago, Jaime Molina asked me to swap out the incandescent bulbs in his BJ8 for the latest fad: light emitting diodes. Obviously, this is all the rage!

"No problem" I told him, but that remained to be seen. Dr. Molina had done quite a bit of research on Moss's website and was ready to dish out a couple of hundred bucks on this technology. Who could blame him? His Healey has been rear-ended twice in recent memory!

Upon visiting <http://www.mossmotoring.com/led-installation-and-common-issues/>, it becomes apparent that there is more to this job than replacing a couple of little bulbs. While LEDs are light sources, they are also diodes...an electrical gadget that allows current to flow in only one direction. Since most cars nowadays are wired for negative earth, there is a greater variety of LED bulbs for these vehicles. I am guessing Moss has purposely avoided probable headaches by not offering the positive earth versions.



Above: Out with the old...

Jaime's car already has a positive earth electric tachometer (factory) and a positive earth electronic distributor... so it is a little late to be converting to negative earth. Yet things would have been a lot simpler had "the Caracol's" battery polarity been changed.

And then there is the aforementioned problem with the turn signals. Austin Healey employs an overly complicated turn signal light wiring arrangement that is not compatible with LEDs, and the stock flasher unit won't work with them either. There are work-arounds for these problems, of course, but it certainly complicates matters! Also, LED bulbs come in several colors, which must be matched to their application...yikes!



Above: ...In with the new!

The brake/tail light positive earth LED bulbs are available from Litezup, a Texas company owned by British car enthusiasts. Jaime also wanted brighter dash lights, in which there are two styles...necessary to solve another difficulty. The turn signal indicator bulbs have to be the "short" style, as the "long" bulb won't fit the socket. The short bulb, besides being vertically challenged, sends light straight ahead only, while the long bulb illuminates in all directions. These came from Litezup too, and emit green light...nice touch! The LED dash lights seem to be somewhat fragile...I twisted the head right off, screwing one of them into its socket.

We ended up settling just for rear LED brake/running lights and LED instrument lights (still \$100), which are noticeably brighter than stock. But you know, for my money, the factory arrangement is more than adequate!

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Above: Mighty bright!



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Texas Healey Roundup #37

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TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP

APRIL 20-23, 2017

Waco is the place to be in April next year!!
North Texas is Roundup 37 host.

Everyone by now should have received the flyer on the happenings at our Roundup. For those who arrive early there's a special reception and tour followed by dinner. Friday is a hospitality dinner at the hotel to give us time to "catch up" with old friends.

Saturday's Car Show will be *WILD!* Cameron Park Zoo meadow will be the location for the show and BBQ Picnic Lunch. The benefits of this event will go to the Zoo. The Rally through the "Heart of Texas" will start immediately after the Car Show from the zoo.

Sunday's Gymkhana at *Texas State Technical College*, former James Connally AFB, should be a unique experience. If you have ever wondered how fast your Healey will go, then the ¼ Mile Speed Run is for you!! The proceeds from the day at the Airfield will go towards a scholarship, *In Honor of Dick & Sue Soloman*, two of the originators of Roundup.

We will conclude this fun-filled weekend with an awards luncheon.

Look forward to seeing you there,

Karen



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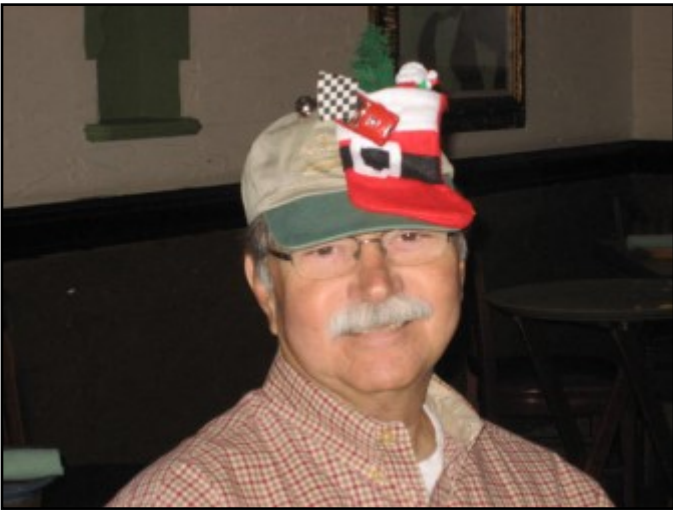
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1	48 Spoke Wheel		
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2	Side Curtains		
1	Ash Tray		

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WANTED: BJ8 OIL PAN

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WANTED: COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

GCHC is looking for a communications director to manage the monthly newsletter (Exhaust Notes), coordinate GCHC communications and manage the club's internet presence (website and Facebook account). If interested, please email gulfcoasthealeyclub@gmail.com