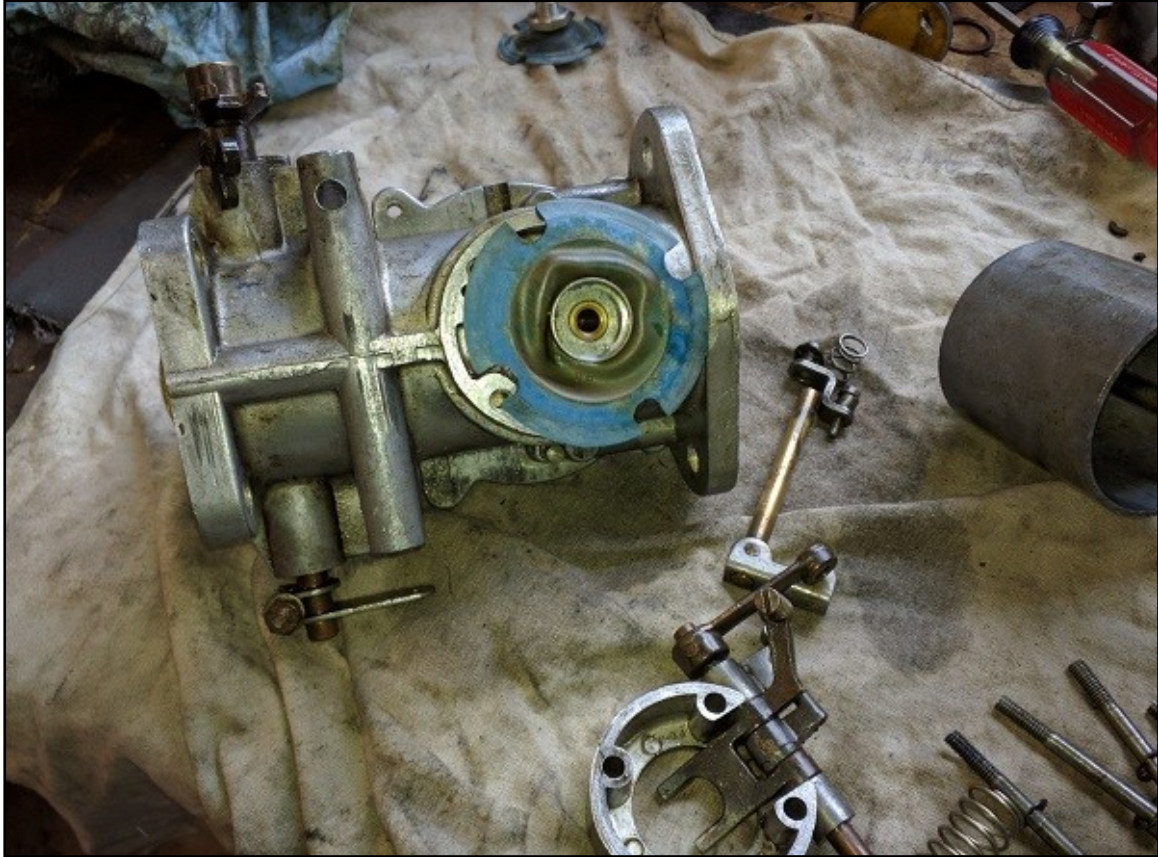


EXHAUST NOTES

February 2017



Above: Take the bottom off to see the jet (See TOTM for more details)

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Calendar

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 8th - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

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)

August 2017

August 12th - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

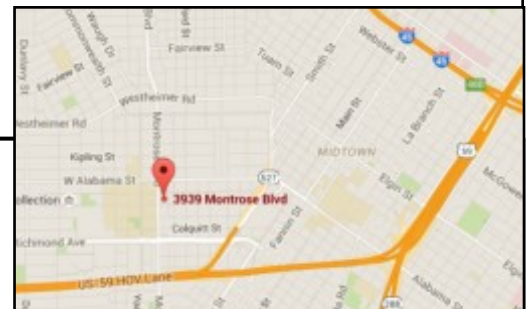
September 2017

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!

Great to have such marvelous weather, or so, with the on and off cool clear days! With such weather, I got a few laps around the neighborhood in the BN-1...marvelous driving in a Healey on a brisk cool day! Why is it so invigorating driving these glistening, two-door convertibles with a rear view mirror the size of a butter knife? And they are so pleasant to scoot around on a country road. Speaking of back roads, we need to put some plans down on the calendar for such fun!

At the January meeting we voted on the *Hard Luck* and *Driver of the Year* awards; the President's Appreciation award is still a secret. The club awards will be presented at the Crawfish Boil as usual, so be sure to plan to attend to see these lucky members receive their awards!

Club Officers: Positions as voted are...

- * President - Terry Swonke
- * Treasurer / Membership - Mike & Pat Vecellio
- * Delegate - Nathan Bennett
- * Roundup - Mike & Anne Johnson
- * Event Coordinators - Peter Szekeres & John Norwood
- * Tech - Pete Sandy
- * Racing - Roger Williams

Club Calendar: We need dates for the following events...

- * March Madness Drive
- * Crawfish Boil
- * British Pub Drive
- * Yankees Tavern Drive
- * Hemi Hideout Tour
- * Any other ideas??

CONCLAVE 2017:

Vince will be giving an update on Conclave 2017, be seriously looking at the list on page 4 for needed volunteers.

NOTE:

We are STILL looking for a member to take on the website manager position and the editor of the newsletter. Please call Terry Swonke @ 832-876-0685 or Nathan Bennett @ 570-932-0776 if you're interested. Thanks...

Look forward to a great February meeting at Canopy's this Saturday @ 9 am.

Tally Ho...

Your President,

Terry Swonke



CONCLAVE 2017 HELP NEEDED

Committee	Chair	Category
MASTER	Neil Anderson	AHCA Conclave VP
MASTER	Bonnie Ayer	Event Chair
MASTER	Hilary Cooper	Event CoChair
MASTER	Anne Johnson	Event CoChair
MASTER	Vince Barnell	Sponsorship
MASTER	Ed Reiss	Registration
MASTER	Ed Reiss	Treasurer
Arts and Crafts		Administration
Auction		Administration
Car Washing		Administration
Coordination/Hotels		Administration
Cornish Auction		Administration
Donation Solicitation		Administration
Event Program		Administration
Fixer Upper Focus		Administration
Golf		Administration
Maps		Administration
PR Facebook		Administration
PR Marque	Bonnie Ayer	Administration
Photography		Administration
Regalia		Administration
Regalia Resale Shop		Administration
Tech Inspections		Administration
Tech Session Coordinator		Administration
Website	Ben Moore	Administration
Acceleration Runs		Competition
Awards	Terry Swonke	Competition
Concours	Marion Brantley	Competition
Funkhana	Kate O'Leary	Competition
Gymkhana	David Freed	Competition
Kids Events	Pam Andorn	Competition
Pinewood Derby Races	Gary/Paulette Lownsdale	Competition
Popularity	Jim Richmond	Competition
Rally		Competition
Safety	Don Klein	Competition
Valve Cover Races		Competition
Auction		Hospitality
Date Nights	<i>Julie Miller</i>	Hospitality
Final Banquet		Hospitality
Healey Matinee at the Movies	Ben Moore	Hospitality
Hospitality	<i>Julie Miller</i>	Hospitality
Ice Cream Social		Hospitality
Musical Entertainment	Vince Barnell	Hospitality
Party on the Bridge		Hospitality

TOOL OF THE MONTH

By Mike McPhail

CHOKE ON THIS!!

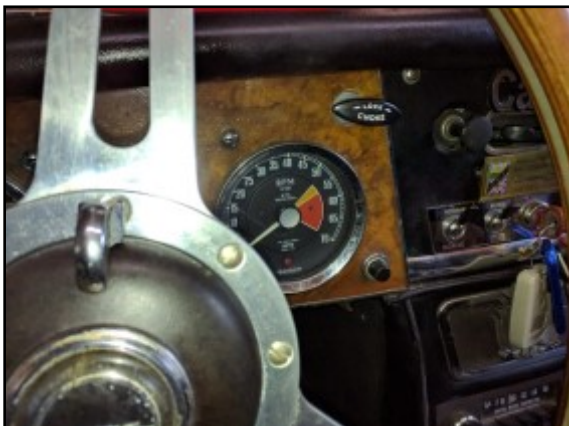
Jaime dropped his BJ8 off at my place the other day. It seems like the engine just didn't want to start and he rightly suspected that the choke was not working properly. I'll say! Pulling the choke had absolutely no effect on the HD8 carburetors and the limited motion provided by yanking with both hands was just play in the linkage. As we all know, the "choke" is actually a mechanism that lowers the jets to enrich the mixture.

I pulled the cotter pins holding the cables on the carbs and discovered that the cable worked quite easily. The choke levers, however, were frozen solid. Glutton for punishment that I am, the decision was made to remove the carbs for closer examination. Those eight nuts are a challenge to get to for certain!

Once on the bench, the problem revealed itself to be the cam shoe and rod assemblies frozen in place. No, I did not make that up...look in the Moss catalog. The rubber diaphragms on the jets turned out to be in pretty good shape, but were replaced as a precautionary measure. With all the rather complicated linkages cleaned and lubricated, the mechanism worked perfectly and the springs that return the jets to its non-choked position were able to do their job even with the choke cable connected. I see that David Nock has some supplementary springs to aid this operation, but I am beginning to think that a sticking choke is just a symptom of carburetors in need of attention!

Now that the choke was easy to pull and returned the jets to the proper position when released, there was still another detail to consider. Dr. Molina pointed out that turning the knob ninety degrees no longer had the effect of locking the cable in position. Having lost his last clothes pin, it was my task to get things right. Mike Johnson to the rescue! Mike had alerted me long ago to the virtues of the T-handled choke cable used on some MGs (Moss 331-490). This is an economical and effective substitute for the OE item. Of course nothing difficult is ever easy, and for one thing, the replacement cable must be cut to length. The wooden dash board is recessed in the back, making it difficult to get hold of the nut holding the cable in place. After disconnecting the cable at the firewall, I was able to simply unscrew the cable from the front of the dash board. Results may vary...

Below: the horizontal bit was stuck



Above: Isn't that dandy...



TEXAS HEALEY ROUNDUP #37

Healey Roundup #37 is Cancelled

As of January 31st, we did not receive enough registrations to proceed with the event. Whether it is the usual late registration habits of our members or the fact that Conclave is in the same town in July, we don't know. We will be re-funding everyone's Registration fees as soon as possible.

Please be sure to cancel your Hotel reservations if you made them. Also be sure that the reservation was made for Roundup (and not Conclave) as the reservationists have occasionally gotten them confused.

We thank those that volunteered and worked so diligently to try and make this year's Roundup happen. As we discovered, Waco has a lot to offer as a good venue so be sure to get your registration in for Conclave 2017 in Waco.

We look forward to seeing our Texas Healey members in July.

Bob Gilleland, Co-Chairperson
Healey Roundup #37

Patrick Yoas, President / Editor
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WANTED: HEALEY 100 PARTS

1	Distributor (any DM2P4)	2	Seats
1	Generator (C45PV5 / 22483A)	1	Turn Signal/Horn Head (steering wheel)
1	Oil Pan	2	Horns
1	Front Bumper	1	Rear View Mirror
4	Bumper Over Riders (front & rear)	1	Tools & Bag
2	Windshield Fold Down Hardware (both sides)	1	Jack & Bag
2	Rear Deck Hinges (left & right)		
1	48 Spoke Wheel		
1	Heater Assembly (round)		
2	Side Curtains		
1	Ash Tray		

Contact: Glenn Graham grg1946@comcast.net

WANTED: BJ8 OIL PAN

Contact: John Clark jmc@clark-engineers.com

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