

# EXHAUST NOTES

*March 2017*



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# Calendar

## March 2017

March 11<sup>th</sup> - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

March 18<sup>th</sup> - March Madness Tour (*tentative, to be confirmed*)

March 25<sup>th</sup> - American Pontiac Spring Car Show, Harbor House (Galveston, TX)

## April 2017

April 8<sup>th</sup> - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

## May 2017

May 13<sup>th</sup> - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Annual Crawfish Boil (*details to follow*)

## June 2017

June 10<sup>th</sup> - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

## July 2017

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

## August 2017

August 12<sup>th</sup> - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

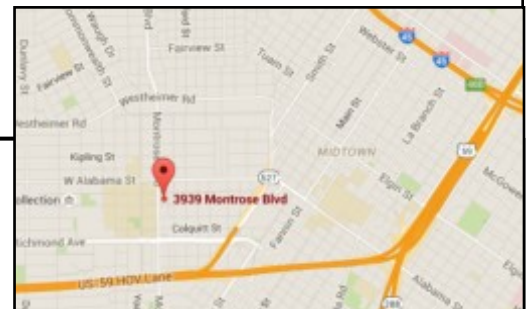
## September 2017

Sept 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - [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 Everyone,

**March** is here with an early spring to boot! Rumors have it that the **bluebonnets** are popping up on the backroads of Texas. Time to do a backroads drive through this scenic splendor that Mother Nature provides so effortlessly. Both our cars, the BN1 and the Bugeye Sprite, are ready to go! Hope your Healey is too.

## Calendar of events (*tentative dates to be confirmed at the meeting*)

- March 18th: March Madness tour (*tentative*)
- March 25th: American Pontiac Spring Car Show – Galveston Harbor House.
- April 8th: Drive to Yankee's Tavern & Monthly meeting (*tentative*)
- April 21st -22nd: Roundup Anyway (Waco, TX). There is a group of us going to Waco for fun, to get a jump on the Conclave agenda, and lay of the land with some final touches on event planning for Conclave.
- May 6th: Keels and Wheels (Seabrook, TX). Yours truly will be showing his car (BN1) and hosting a PARTY on the yacht Saturday evening.
- May 20th: Annual GCHC Crawfish Boil at the Fabulous Kevin Brady home.
- July 9th – 14th: AHCA Conclave (Waco, TX). "We're getting it ready"!!

Also there are two standing Cars & Coffee events in the Houston area: 1st Saturday of every month at the Memorial City Mall; and, 1st Sunday of every month at Market Street in The Woodlands. Perhaps we can participate in future events and hold our monthly meeting following the festivities.

Other ideas for future plans include: British Pub Drive, Hemi Hideout Tour, Brenham Drive (did someone say overnight stay??), and...any other ideas??

**Conclave 2017** – more updates and the latest info will be provided at Saturday's meeting. There will be some serious discussion regarding our club's involvement. Several club members have assumed key functions to ensure this event happens. However, additional support is still needed.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting – Saturday March 11th at 9:00 a.m. Canopy's on Montrose

Look forward to seeing you all there!

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*

## **NEW KID ON THE BLOCK**

After starting her new job at the Newport News Naval Shipyard, young engineering grad Beth Williams went right out and bought a shiny new 1963 Austin-Healey 3000 Mark III (BJ7). She must have knocked the boys out cruising Virginia Beach, top down with her long blonde hair blowing gently in the sea breeze!

Fast forward to 2017, Beth is a grandmother enjoying her retirement and still owns the BJ7, but it hasn't run since 1988. She has been wanting to resurrect the car for quite some time, but has been unable to find a mechanic in Austin willing to take on such a project. Eventually, someone told her of a fellow in Dripping Springs that might be able to get the Healey back on the road.

**"Bring 'em back alive"** is our motto at Mike's Busted Knuckle Garage and Beth's Healey turned out to be a piece of cake! New tires, tubes, fuel pump, gas tank, fuel lines, hoses, battery, distributor, brakes, clutch hydraulics, carb rebuild...and lots of elbow grease got the job done.

With only 55,000 original miles, the engine started on the first crank as if it was never sidelined. The frame and body are surprisingly solid for a car that spent some time near the ocean. In reality, a complete restoration would be the proper course of action...yet an original unrestored Austin-Healey 3000 that runs this well would be a lot of fun as is!



*Above: Junk in the trunk...*

*Below: Mouse house*



*Above: Needs a good scrubbin'*



*Above: Got a good scrubbin'*



# ...TOOL OF THE MONTH



*Above:  
yuuck...  
Right:  
cleans up  
nice!*

*Above:  
After*



*Left:  
Cotswald  
Clotted  
Cream  
w/ Rasp-  
berry  
interior*

# AHCA CONCLAVE 2017



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# CLASSIFIEDS

## WANTED

### 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](mailto:grg1946@comcast.net)

### WANTED: BJ8 OIL PAN

Contact: John Clark [jmc@clark-engineers.com](mailto: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](mailto:gulfcoasthealeyclub@gmail.com)