EXHAUST NOTES

April 2017



The First Glimpse of "Mini-Me"

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Calendar

April 2017

April 8th- Spring LeTour to Yankee's Tavern, Meet at Hubbell & Hudson Kitchen @ 9:30 am (The Woodlands)

April 21st -22nd - Roundup Anyway, Conclave Planning Weekend (Waco, TX)

May 2017

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

May 20th - Annual Crawfish Boil (details to follow)

June 2017

June 10th - 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 9th - GCHC Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Canopy on Montrose @ 9 am

Sept 11th-15th- Healey International, (Monterey, CA)

October 2017

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

Monthly Meeting Location

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

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



AHCA CONCLAYE 2017



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FROM THE DESK OF THE DRESIDENT...

Hello Ladies and Gents.

April kicks off with a great venue of Healey events. First, next weekend on *April 8th* our monthly meeting will be held at *Yankee's Tavern*! Back by popular demand, this place is quite unique with good food for a lunch and a cold brew to tame the palate. The sweeping lawns provide for a showcase for the Healey crew of cars. With outside seating, a bunch of biker dudes and their Harleys make for a fun afternoon! The drive is always spectacular and with an early spring in bloom, the flowers should be great to see.

We will meet at 9:30 am at Hubbell and Hudson Kitchen in the Woodlands. There will be a good reason to show up early for those of you who wish to be the first to see the John Norwood "Mini Me" fabulous Sprite, on its first outing! Come early for the unveiling! We will look to leave Hubbell and Hudson at 10:30 am and head for Yankee's Tavern. It is about a two hour drive, so lunch will be about 12:30 pm or so pending on the drive. This will be a great day, so if this is your first time to go, you will get a real kick out of the drive.

Meet: Hubbell and Hudson Kitchen

4526 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, Texas, 77381, 281-203-5650

Destination: Yankee's Tavern

10328 FM 244, Carlos, Texas, 77830, 936-873-3314

RSVP: Terry Swonke at tswonke2@gmail.com and/or cell: 832-876-0685

(PS: you can get a glimpse of John's car from the cover photo provided by the British paparazzi!)

Roundup Anyway Weekend - April 21st to 22nd

There are twelve GCHC members attending the Waco meeting along with various members of the other two Texas Healey clubs. This is a master planning committee meeting for the three clubs to pull together and tidy up the needs to get *Conclave 2017* accomplished. There will be some good fun in between the seriousness of it all. So please RSVP to Pat and Mike Vecellio at myeccelio@comcast.net or cell 713-467-5997.

Confirmed, participating members are: the Swonkes, Vecellios, O'Neils, Johnsons, Sandys, and McPhails.

Yes, we are looking for some *FUN volunteers* for various Conclave 2017 tasks. So, help (a lot or a little) is always appreciated. So look over the list on page 4, jump in, and volunteer!

Well that about wraps it up!

See you at Yankee's this weekend! Tally Ho...

Your President,

Terry Swonke







CONCLAYE 2017 HELD 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	Julia Miller	Hospitality
Final Banquet		Hospitality
Healey Matinee at the Movies	Ben Moore	Hospitality
Hospitality	Julie Miller	Hospitality
ce Cream Social		Hospitality
Musical Entertainment	Vince Barnell	Hospitality
Party on the Bridge		Hospitality

TOOL OF THE MONTH...

By Mike McPhail

BJ7 Carburetor Overhaul

Just about the biggest obstacle to having Beth Williams back on the road were the seriously gummed up HS6 carbs on her Big Healey. I had Jaime's HD8s all apart weeks before, but that job was a walk in the park compared to this one!

Thirty years of inactivity had turned that Esso Extra into Super Glue. As usual, getting the carbs off the intake manifold was just as difficult as on Dr. Molina's BJ8. Ron Redding emailed me a helpful hint to make the procedure less painful, which is included elsewhere in this publication (Editor's Note - see pages 5-6). I will certainly avail myself of his advice next time...thank you Ron!

For extremely crappy carbs like these, a half gallon can of Gumout Carburetor Cleaner was used to soak the components. One of the pistons would not budge until it sat in the powerful solvent for thirty minutes. Once everything was squeaky clean, the new parts from the carburetor repair kits were installed without much trouble. One of the jets resisted centering, even with the use of a centering tool.

Getting the carbs back on the car was a battle too, but the effort was certainly worthwhile... after three decades of idleness, the car started on the first try!



Above: Got GumOut?!?

Right: A happy BJ7, ready to go home!



Above: Pretty dirty... Below: ...Clean at last!



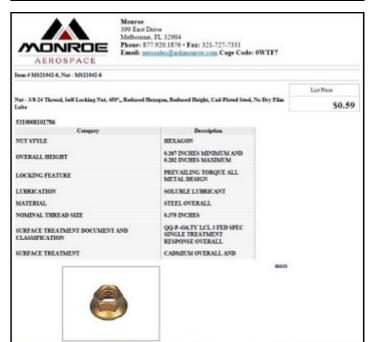


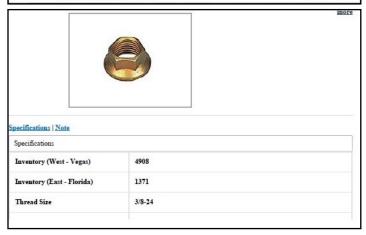
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Mike,

Read your article on HD8 carbs in the February *Exhaust Notes*. You mention the challenge to get the nuts off to remove carbs. You might try these aircraft nuts. The 5/16 -24 nuts use a 7/16 wrench to tighten, making it easier to access. They come in all the sizes and thread combos we use.

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Features	Reduced Height
Service Temperature	450 °F
Industry Standards/Certification	MS21042
Туре	Self-Locking Nut
Maximum Diameter A	0.620 in
Shape	Reduced Hexagon
Minimum Dimension C	0.491 in
Maximum Dimension H	0.282 in
Minimum Dimension H	0.267 in
Lubricant	Without Dry Film Lubricant
Thread	0.3750-24
Maximum W (Across Flats)	0.440 in
Minimum W (Across Flats)	0.430 in
Alternate Part Number	Possible
NSN	5310-00-810-1786 5310-01-338-3911
NIIN	00-810-1786 01-338-3911
Part (unpuctuated)	MS210426
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WANTED: HEALEY 100 PARTS

- 1 Distributor (any DM2P4)
- 1 Generator (C45PV5 / 22483A) 2 Seats
- 1 Oil Pan 1 Turn Signal/Horn Head (steering wheel)
- 1 Front Bumper 2 Horns
- 4 Bumper Over Riders (front & rear) 1 Rear View Mirror
- 2 Windshield Fold Down Hardware (both sides) 1 Tools & Bag
- 2 Rear Deck Hinges (left & right) 1 Jack & Bag
- 1 48 Spoke Wheel
- 1 Heater Assembly (round) Contact: Glenn Graham grg1946@comcast.net
- 2 Side Curtains
- 1 Ash Tray

WANTED: COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

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

THE PARTING NOTE...





