

EXHAUST NOTES

May 2017



The Chronowski's 1954 BN1 at Keels & Wheels

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Calendar

May 2017

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

May 20th - Annual Crawfish Boil, The Brady Home @ High Noon

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](http://www.healeyinternational.com), (Monterey, CA)

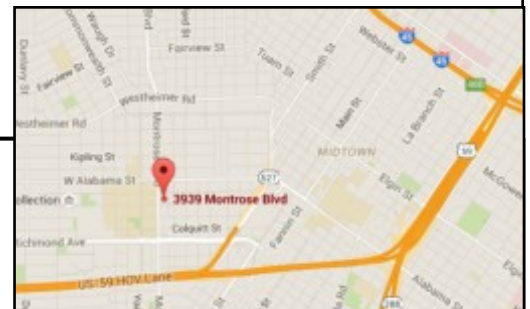
October 2017

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/>



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Everyone,

Boy have the last thirty days been one heck of a Healey time, the flowing stream of fun has been absolutely marvelous. It all started with our “*Spring Le Tour Drive*” to Yankees Tavern, we had a spot on a perfect day to meander through the backroads to Yankee’s Tavern. The start location of Hubbell and Hudson was perfect with its early morning alfresco dining, on a cool breezy day. The lineup of cars that arrived were four Big Healeys, two Sprites, two fabulous Jaguars, one gorgeous Ferrari, and one fast Porsche! Yes we had the debut of the infamous Norwood’s “Mini-Me”. John’s perfectly restored Sprite performed flawlessly on the tour!

We had a great showing of twenty-two people with their fine automobiles. The Haun family and their very orderly children of ages 6 and 9 were a joy to have along which gave Master William (Peter’s son) someone to pal around with. Looks like we will soon have some young boys jumping in our navigator seats! The event for the trip was over newly established knighting of individuals who complete their restorations of Healeys! A British thing! (Really just a reason to pop some champagne.) For this occasion, we proceeded with this Ceremony in honor of John Norwood for his restoration of his Sprite, “Mini-Me”.

Official Healey ceremony of Knighthood into the “**Order of Healey**” - a prestigious and distinctive merit of a fellow Healey enthusiast.

Ceremonial Speech

The Gulf Coast Healey Club, a distinguished and honorable club, gathers this day to acknowledgeable and recognize John Norwood.

For this outstanding achievement of resurrecting a ghost of an automobile; for restoring and refurbishing this fine automobile back to its glory.

In the British Empire Tradition, he promises to drive this automobile to victory as if there is no tomorrow.

(John kneels). I pronounce John Norward to be knighted into the Order of Healey with all its just rewards and honors. (Tap each shoulder with grease gilded crescent wrench)

I dub thee – Sir John Norwood; all hale to Sir John Norwood

(He stands and greets the crowd with a bow of service to his Healey)

(Crowd cheers and pops open the Champagne, and YES we partake!)

Well that should give you a little hint of the fun we had. Yes it can now be said John Norwood is our “First Knight.”

Waco Trip! Roundup Anyway Weekend

The City of Waco was much more than I expected; the Hilton is a great hotel for Conclave 2017. I highly recommend you make your reservations ASAP. The planning and accomplishments we all made that weekend were very inspiring. The various events planned are going to be Top Notch and, most of all, FUN. The “Party on the Bridge” will be spectacular with a perfect venue. The gymkhana and speed run at the airport will be great. Plus all the other events going on we are going to have a blast. So get registered and join in the fun. We can still use more volunteers for multiple events. Call your President and any one of the officers for connecting with your interest.

Keels and Wheels

Yes, we had a great showing of Healeys at Keels & Wheels down in Kemah. There were three Big Healey’s, one Sprite, and one Healey Silverstone among the myriad of MG’s. The weather was picture perfect with cool nights and breezy, sunny days. The competition was extremely tough with the fellow contenders, but my BN1 managed to land a *Best of Class* award, and a silver award was given to the Silverstone. We were well represented with Norberto DeSilva’s

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beautiful 1960 Bugeye Sprite along with a gorgeous Carmine Red 1954 BN1 shown by Dr. Gregory Chronowski. We had a large number of the club members show up and support our efforts. With so many I was unable to keep up and see all of you. What a great time and fun we all had with these beautiful cars and boats. Thanks to all of you for joining in; The Barnell's, The Sownke's, Norby DeSilva, the Chronowski Family, The Vecellio's, The Jeffrey's, Al Amato, and Jeff Walker. Can't wait to do it again next year.

Crawfish Cook-Off (See Flyer for Details / RSVP Required)

Saturday May 20th, 2017 12:00 – High Noon

Host: Kevin and Cheryl Brady

13627 Pine Rock Lane

Houston, TX 77079

Cajun Cooks: Kevin, Vince, and Norby

Mud Bug Lovers: All of us!

Come join in on our “Best ever crawfish boil”, show your Healey colors, and frolic with your friends. The President will be giving our Hard Luck Award, Driver of the Year Award, and the Presidents Appreciation Award. Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday May 13th 9:00 a.m.

Canopy's on Montrose!

See you at Breakfast...

Your President,

Terry Swanke



Above: The Recovery Room @ Keels & Wheels

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HELP NEEDED

***PLEASE CONTACT A CLUB OFFICER TO
SIGN-UP***

The Story of Mini-Me

By Peter Szekeres

It all started on a TX Healey Roundup 5 or 6 years ago. John heard about a little Frogeye that someone bought sight unseen in Hollywood CA, but really had no use for it. John had lots of fond memories with his old Sprite and resented selling the little "bug"ger ever since then. Long story short, we turned the '91 Buick cruiser to the west, hooked up my trailer and brought the Frogeye home.

Needless to say it was in very sad shape. It was hit from the back, then from the front. All the parts were grown together by heavy rust. Floorboards gone...and it was not only yellow but quite cute as well. John sat in it and felt 20 years younger right away. The work was started and 6 years later here it is.

The concept was to build a "cosmetically enhanced" (and not a real race) car. Build it using ONLY vintage parts and keep the look as it could have been built in the early 60's. It was John who was guiding me, but it was up to me to make it happen. The color choice was not a question since it had to match the Monster Healey and my "Healey-hauler". The maiden drive was a success, John's smile was a testimony to prove that.

I have many details on the build that I'll include in a later newsletter. I will be in Miami on a simulator training for the rest of May to qualify for my new job with Frontier Airlines. So, I very sadly won't be able to attend the Crawfish boil this year. Until next time, happy Healeying.

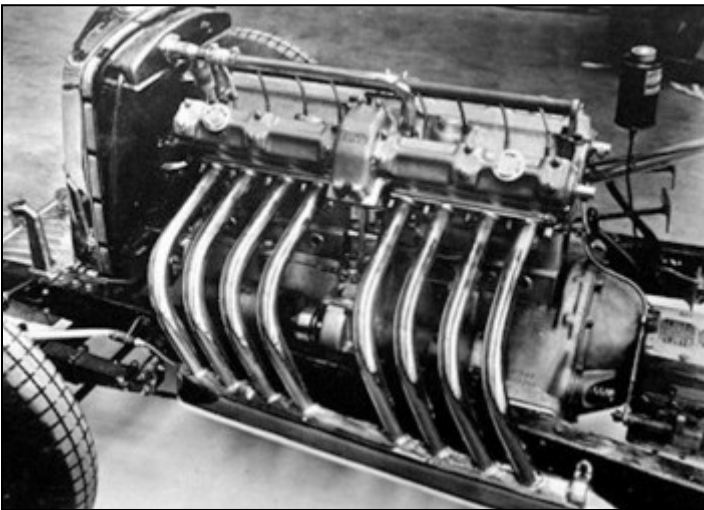


TOOL OF THE MONTH...

By Mike McPhail

Triumph Dolomite

In 1932, long before there was an Austin Healey, Donald was Technical director for Triumph. One of his greatest achievements was the development of the Dolomite 8-cylinder sports car which resembled the Alfa Romeo 8C. However this car did not make production, only 3 being made. The engine was of 1990 cc capacity with twin overhead camshafts and fitted with a Roots type super-charger. The engine output was 120 hp at 5500 rpm, giving the car a top speed of over 110 mph (175 km/h). Lockheed hydraulic brakes with large 16-inch (400 mm) drums were fitted. The pressed steel chassis was conventional with a beam front axle and half-elliptic springs all round.



One of the cars was entered in the 1935 Monte Carlo Rally driven by Donald Healey but was withdrawn after being written off in a collision with a railway train on a level crossing in Denmark.

A few years ago I was privileged to see one of the surviving Dolomites at a Triumph show in Dallas. It was certainly the bell of the ball!



AL'S OBSERVATION

By Al Amato



AUTOMOBILE DESIGN FROM
THE '50'S AND 60'S(Way in the
back is a Twin H-power Hornet)



AUTOMOBILE DESIGN FROM
THE 2000'S

Buick, Jeep, Nissan, Toyota &
Ford

Where have you gone Harley
Earl?!?!

*The above picture was not staged but rather
taken in a hotel parking lot*

KEELS & WHEELS



Above: Debbie Swonke's BN1



Above: Norby DeSilva's Sprite



Below: Pegasso Z102 - 1 of 2 made.



Below: Terry holding Debbie's Best in Class Award



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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		

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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