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## Golden Gate Sets Aggressive Event Schedule for 2007

**OpenRoads British Car Show at Tahoe to Be Held in June 2007**  
 Registration form is on page 10  
 Golden Gate's OpenRoads 2007 Weekend at Tahoe for owners and enthusiasts of Healeys and all other British cars, will be held Friday June 8 to Sunday June 10, 2007 at the Horizon Casino and Resort at Stateline NV on the south shore of Lake Tahoe.

The multi-marque OpenRoads 2007 event will start Friday June 8, 2007 with check-in and evening reception. On Saturday,  
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The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club has put together an aggressive event schedule for 2007 starting with the club's annual tune-up/get-your-car-ready tech session at British Car Specialists in Stockton, Saturday, March 3. First run of the year will be up to Mount Hamilton on Saturday April 21.

Tracy Drummond, VP for Events at the club is also looking into a Golden Gate/Healey presence at the popular Pacific Coast Dream Machines show in Half Moon Bay. For a complete listing of club events for 2007 as well as other ac-  
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## Editor's Page and Club News

By  
John Trifari  
Sunnyvale

Off we go for another year of Healeying. We had our planning meeting on January 13 and we've come up with a mix of shows, tours and events for the coming year. As per usual, things may change slightly as the year progresses, but you can count on the schedule being more or less intact.

We've also minimized activities during March after last year's weather debacle that cancelled out our "kick-off" event more times than we announced it. First event is the annual Get-Ready Tech Session at British car Specialists in Stockton on March 3. First driving event is a day tour up to Mount Hamilton on Saturday, April 21, and if you haven't made this run, get the Healey warmed up and be prepared for a surprise. This is one of the Bay Area's all-time great runs along scenic back roads and with some outstanding views along the way. First "club show" will be April 29 at Pacific Coast Dream Machines in Half Moon Bay.

Be sure to block off the second weekend in September for the British Car Meet in Palo Alto. It might well be the last one. According to show organizer Rick Feibusch, the 2007 show will go on as scheduled, but he says Palo Alto plans has plans to build a performing arts center on El Camino Park across from the Stanford Shopping Center--the site now occupied by the show. (Hope they sound-proof it--the railroad tracks are right next to it.)

Feibusch says he's out looking for a new site in Palo Alto for the 2008 show, he fears  
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## **Get Going Tech Session To Be Held Saturday, March 3, in Stockton**

Golden Gate President Dave Nock and British Car Specialist founder Norman Nock will host Golden Gate's annual Get-Your-Car-Ready-for-Healey Tech Session at their shop in Stockton on Saturday March 3.

The Session starts at 10:30 AM and will cover tuning and troubleshooting along with tips on how to keep you Healey running at its best.

Directions: British Car Specialists is located at 2060 North Wilson Way in Stockton. From the North or South take I-5 to Cal 4 east and turn off at the Wilson Way exit. Go back under the freeway and head north about 3 miles to 2060. The shop is on the right. If you are coming from the East Bay take I-680 to Cal 242 to Cal 4 east. At I-5 head north one exit to the continuation of Cal 4 east.

If you are planning on attending, please give Dave a call at 209-948-8767 and let him know. He will be looking for a "volunteer" car, so if interested, please let him know. Dave promises coffee and doughnuts. See you there!

## **President's Letter**

By  
Dave Nock  
British car Specialists  
Stockton

We are starting off this year with some great new changes. Tracy Drummond has completely revamped the Web site it has a totally new look, there are places to post photos of your latest Healey tour, as well as places to sell your miscellaneous parts that are sitting in the corner collecting dust. You can get in contact with other members as well as purchase your club regalia.

**GREAT JOB TRACY**

We had our annual planning meeting in mid January and have put together a good looking calendar for the next year. We are going to the coast, the mountains, the wine country and more. We also are going to attempt the Sierra Pass tour for those steel butt Healey drivers. This is a chance to put some real miles on the car and see some great sites along the way. We will be going over Carson, Ebets, Sonora and Tioga Pass in one weekend.

You are the success of the club  
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## Golden Gate 2007 Event Schedule

The following events have been scheduled for 2007. If you wish to have an event listed, contact Tracy Drummond at 408-776-0133 or at [bighealey@charter.net](mailto:bighealey@charter.net). Day events are on Sundays unless specified.

Feb 25, 2007--Hayward Swap meet and Car Show. Cal State University, Hayward. Contact: Dave Pave at [dave@pava.com](mailto:dave@pava.com)

Saturday, March 3--Annual Get-Going Tech Session: Golden Gate Prez Dave Nock will help get you on the road for 2007 at the club's annual tech session at British Car Specialists in Stockton. Contact Dave at 209-924-1562 or at [healeydoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:healeydoc@sbcglobal.net).

March, 7-10--Car Show at Leguna Seca Celebration of the 50th year of racing at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. Gary Anderson and Tracy Drummond are working out the details. Stay tuned.

March 21-25--Yosemite Art Film Festival. See 23 of your all-time favorite car movies starting with Hot Rods to Hell. Includes Steve McQueen's LeMans and James Garner's Grand Prix. Festival held in Oakhurst. Contact Tracy Drummond at 408-776-0133 or at [bighealey@charter.net](mailto:bighealey@charter.net).

Saturday March 31--Annual Clubman's All-British Motorcycle Show, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose. Special display of British competition motorcycles and Norton race bikes. Contact Barry Porter at 408-377-9457 or at [www.bsacnc.org](http://www.bsacnc.org).

April 7-9--Texas Healey Roundup, Kerrville

TX. For more information, go to [www.GulfCoastHealeys.com](http://www.GulfCoastHealeys.com).

Saturday, April 21--Mount Hamilton Run. Contact Tracy Drummond at 408-776-0133 or at [bighealey@charter.net](mailto:bighealey@charter.net).

April 28-29--Alpine 500. Contact Robert Walters at [norm@alpine500.com](mailto:norm@alpine500.com).

April 29--Pacific Coast Dream Machines. Great show with vintage cars and planes at Half Moon Bay. We're planning a Healey presence. Stay tuned. Info on the show at <http://www.miramarevents.com/dreammachines/index.html>.

Saturday, May 12--Junior ROTC Car Show, Manteca. Contact Dave Nock at 209-924-1562/[healeydoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:healeydoc@sbcglobal.net).

May 17-20--California Healey Week, Ventura CA. Sponsored by the Austin Healey Association of Southern CA. For information contact: [gmerino1@telis.net](mailto:gmerino1@telis.net).

May 20: Dixon Car Show and Swap Meet. See upcoming newsletter for registration info. Contact John Trifari at [jtrifari@comcast.net](mailto:jtrifari@comcast.net) or at 408-373-6479 for caravan info.

May 20, 2007--Friendship Day 07 collector car show at Canada College Redwood City. \$10 entry fee. Contact Mark Barchas 650-941-1120 or at [barchas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barchas@sbcglobal.net).

May 26-June 3--British Car Week. Drive that Healey. For more info go to [www.BritishCarWeek.org](http://www.BritishCarWeek.org).

May 26-27--Southbay Tour, Monterey to Morro Bay. Details to come. Contact Tom Gano at [tomg@firstwestern.com](mailto:tomg@firstwestern.com).

Saturday, June 2--Wine Country Classic at Infineon Raceway. Contact Tracy Drummond at 408-776-0133 or at bighealey@charter.net for more information.

June 8 (Friday) to June 10 (Sunday) — OpenRoads 2007 weekend at Tahoe. Registration now open. For registration form go to the club web site at [www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com). Registration form also on page 10.

Saturday, June 23--Lucas/Morelli tour of the Peninsula back roads with local Alfa and Morgan clubs. Contact Don Reichel at 408-354-2222.

June 24, Palo Alto Concours--Contact Tracy Drummond at 408-776-0133 or at bighealey@charter.net for more information.

June 24-29 2007—Conclave Burlington VT. Event hosted by the New England Region of the Austin Healey Club of America. Go to [www.conclave.com](http://www.conclave.com) for registration info, event schedule and details concerning the meet.

Tuesday, July 3--Donald Healey's birthday.

Saturday, July 7: Route 1 Tour—Tour starts in Half Moon Bay. Contact Roger Swales at [rswales@visa.com](mailto:rswales@visa.com).

Wednesday July 11 to Monday July 15-- Pre-tour of California, Oregon and Washington prior to Rendezvous 2007 in Richland WA. Registration fee for tour goes to charity. Join in the whole tour or just drive a segment. Details to come in club newsletter.

July 16-20 2007—Rendezvous 2007: Shilo Inn, Richland WA. Event hosted by the Cascade Austin Healey Club. Go to [www.cascadeAHC.homestead.com/home.html](http://www.cascadeAHC.homestead.com/home.html).

July 31-August 8--Hot August Nights: Classic car show held in Reno NV. Go to [www.hotaugustnights.net](http://www.hotaugustnights.net) for more info. If you plan to be anywhere in the Tahoe area this week, make your hotel reservations NOW.

August 11-19—Race week at Laguna Seca. For all information on Race Week at Laguna Seca and associated events, Contact Tracy Drummond at 408-776-0133 or at bighealey@charter.net.

August 11-12--Day at the Races  
Watch the Pre-Historics.

August 14—Special Healey Display.

August 15-16—Concours in Carmel.

August 17-19—Monterey Historics.

August 25-26—Passes Tour. Drive across the Sierras in your Healey. Contact Dave Nock at 209-924-1562 or at [healeydoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:healeydoc@sbcglobal.net).

August 26—Annual Ice Cream Social. Contact Len Hartnett at 707-448-3027 or at [thehartnetts@earthlink.net](mailto:thehartnetts@earthlink.net).

September 9—Palo Alto car Show. Maybe the last one. Tour the day before. Details to come.

Saturday September 22—Ironstone Concours. Beautiful show in great setting. Golden Gate always out in force. Details to come.

Saturday September 29—Mystery Poker Tour. Contact Dave Nock at 209-924-1562 or at [healeydoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:healeydoc@sbcglobal.net).

Saturday October 13—Tour Castle Air Force Base and Museum. Contact Dave Nock at 209-924-1562 or at [healeydoc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:healeydoc@sbcglobal.net).

## Golden Gate Event Schedule for 2007—continued

October 21—Autumn Classic, San Juan Bautista. Always a large Healey turnout. Don't miss it. Saturday tour and dinner included. Contact Bill Meade at [BillMeade@charter.net](mailto:BillMeade@charter.net).

Saturday November 3—Santa Cruz Mountains tour. Details to come.

December 2—Annual Holiday party and Club meeting. Details to come.

For Healey Events Nationwide, go to the web site of the Austin Healey Club of America at <http://www.serve.com/AHCA/ahcaevnt.htm>

For Healey events worldwide, go to Golden Gate's new website at [www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com) and click on LINKS.



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### Have you Renewed?

If you have not renewed your membership in Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, next month will be your last issue of Golden Gate Healey Happenings. To renew your Golden Gate membership, send \$25 to John Trifari, 1160B La Rochelle Terrace, Sunnyvale CA 94089

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activities of interest to Golden Gate members, please turn to page 4.

Golden Gate's major event for Spring 2007 will be OpenRoads 2007 British Car Weekend at Tahoe. For more information go to page 1 of the newsletter or visit the club's new website. A registration form is on page 10.

The club is also planning a Pre-tour of California, Oregon and Washington prior to Rendezvous 2007 in Richland WA. The tour will be set up so that all members of the club can participate on all or part of the tour. Registrations fees will be donated to a charity. Tentative dates: July 11-15.

**Other planned events include:**

- **Former Golden Gate president Don Reichel will lead a combined Healey-Alfa-Morgan tour through the Peninsula on Saturday June 23.**
- **Roger Swales will direct the annual Route 1 Tour starting in Half Moon Bay on Saturday July 8.**
- **Club president Dave Nock**

will lead three tours—a two-day Passes tour on August 25-26; a Saturday, September 29—Mystery Poker Tour, and a Tour of the Castle Air Force Base Museum on Saturday October 13.

- **Len Hartnett will host the Annual Ice Cream Social on August 26.**

**Conclave this year will be held June 24-29 in Burlington VT; Rendezvous will run July 16-20 at the Shilo Inn in Richland WA.**

## **Open Seating for Golden Gate Events**

No it's not Southwest Airlines. It's Golden Gate's way of encouraging more members to participate in club events—even if your Healey isn't up and running.

Here's how it works: If you are attending an event and have an open seat let Tracy Drummond know ahead of time. Maybe your wife can't make it; maybe she has better things to do with her time. Maybe your husband can't make it. Maybe he's got better things to do with his time.

Tracy will announce the open seating on the club web site. Those interested in coming along can then get in touch with those with open seats. Open seating on Golden Gate Airlines is available now. If you have a seat available Contact Tracy at bighealey@charter.net, and let him know how a club member can contact you.

## Editor's Page and Club News— Continued

that city officials may not be receptive. Reason: cities have "...stacked the cards against 'show promoters' who are not affiliated with charities and without massive sponsor support (like a \$40K check from Jag or Range Rover, not \$500 from Moss)," he says. Feibush adds he does not know what is going to happen in Palo Alto, but "...after years of disappointment [trying to set up a British Car Show in Los Angeles] I'm not encouraged." We'll keep you posted.

Tracy Drummond, vice president of activities at Golden Gate, is a busy guy, but not quite as busy as it may have appeared from last month's newsletter. Last month we reported that Tracy was the new president of both national Healey clubs--Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA) and the new president of Austin Healey Club—USA (AHC-USA).

## Have you renewed?

To set the record straight, Tracy is the new president of AHCA-USA (publisher of Austin Healey Magazine), not the new president of AHCA as well. Our mistake. Carl Brown of the Carolinas Austin Healey Club takes over as AHCA president in 2007; Gary Brierton of the Triad Club (North Carolina) is the new AHCA VP of Club Support, and Jim Frakes (Central Indiana AHC) become VP for Conclave.

2007 Club renewals continue to trickle in and right now we are at 170 members—about 30 less than we had at the end of 2006. Just an advisory, but next month (March) will be your last issue of the club newsletter if you have not renewed. See you later, John

## *A short Note Concerning 2007 Renewals:*

There has been some confusion over the renewal forms sent to many of you by our national affiliate, the Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA).

Here's why: Usually, Golden Gate collects dues for Golden Gate and AHCA for the coming year. In the past you could renew for Golden Gate only (\$25) or you can renew for both Golden Gate and AHCA (a total of \$65--\$40 AHCA + \$25 Golden Gate).

This year, however, AHCA considered raising their 2007 dues (they decided not to). We talked to AHCA about this and told them that since we would not know how much AHCA dues would be for 2007, we would not be able to collect membership dues for them this year. The plan was that we would collect only Golden Gate 2007 dues; AHCA would do its own renewals. We assumed that the renewal payments would be sent directly back to AHCA. Instead the AHCA form instructs you to send the AHCA renewals to us and that dues for Golden Gate are \$0.

Confusing? A bit. Here's what you do: First, if you have renewed Golden Gate for 2007 and you have sent us a check for \$25 and you want to renew AHCA for 2007, follow the instructions on the AHCA form--send the AHCA form to us with a check for \$40 made out to Golden Gate AHC. We will forward this money to AHCA.

Second, if you haven't renewed your Golden Gate membership for 2007 and you wish to renew Golden Gate only, send the Golden Gate form with any corrections to us with a check for \$25. If you want to renew both your Golden Gate and your AHCA memberships for 2007, send us a check for \$65 along with the AHCA form and any corrections.

Finally, if you have renewed your AHCA membership through AHCA, and paid them for membership in AHCA and Golden Gate (a total of \$65), you need to do nothing. If you have any questions about whether you have renewed your Golden Gate membership for 2007, contact me at [jtrifari@comcast.net](mailto:jtrifari@comcast.net).

## OpenRoads 2007—Continued

June 9, there will be a day of tours and autocrossing, followed by an awards event in the evening. On Sunday morning, June 10 there will be a morning car show and awards ceremony followed by departure early that afternoon.

A registration fee of \$50 will cover one car and two adults. Additional adults are \$20 each; additional cars \$20. There is no charge for children under 15. Double rooms will be available at the Horizon at a special rate of \$97 per night (single or double); \$107 (triple occupancy) and \$117 (four). Taxes are not included.

Registrants must have a registration number issued by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club to obtain this special rate. Registration forms for OpenRoads 2007 can be found on the club web site [www.GoldenGateHealeys.com](http://www.GoldenGateHealeys.com), or you can use the registration form on page 10 of this issue of Golden Gate Healey Happenings. Other links to the Lake Tahoe area can also be accessed from the club web page. See you at Tahoe in June!

## President's Letter—Continued

and we need your help. I hear a lot of times when suggesting people put on a

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tour that they don't know want to do or they don't have the time. I will be covering this in a article in this months newsletter.

Also there are lots of local car shows around our area, if you hear about one please let Tracy know and we can get it on the calendar. Then we can get some Healeys at these events and possible get some youth interested in our cars. I attend a lot of the local car shows in the valley and the Healey gets a lot of attention even from the hot rodders. These are also a good reason to call a couple of the other Healey owners in your area and make the show a small get-together.

David Nock  
Golden Gate AHC President



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