

# **Chico Tour: April 25-26**

***by Loren Parks***

The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club will sponsor a weekend tour to Chico on April 25-26 to coincide with the annual Chico British Car Show on Sunday, April 26. The tour will begin on Saturday, April 25 at 9:00am at MacDonald's in Vallejo (5200 Sonoma Boulevard Vallejo, CA 94589, on Hwy 29 just north of the intersection with Hwy 37). David Nock will lead the tour through the Napa Valley to Clear Lake, then east on State Highway 20 towards Williams. About five miles before reaching Williams, I will meet the group at the intersection of Bear Valley Road. We will proceed north through one of the most beautiful and remote roads in northern California. Wildflowers should be at their peak. The tour passes through Stonyford and continues north until required to turn east to stay on pavement, continuing on to Orland and then Chico. Bring your lunch for an outdoor picnic.

Club members coming from Sacramento and other locations inconvenient for a Vallejo start can meet us at the intersection of Highway 20 and Bear Valley Road just west of Williams for the latter part of the drive. A meeting time will be specified.

Saturday evening there will be a barbeque dinner for Club members at my house at no cost to attendees. During the car show on Sunday members can frequent my house for lunch or rest since it is just a 10-minute walk from the show.

If you intend to participate in the Saturday tour or barbecue, ***please let me know***. If you want to reserve a hotel room in Chico contact **Oxford Suites** where 15 rooms have been reserved for Club members at the discount price of \$109. A full breakfast is included. That will be a busy night in Chico because of a major bicycling event the same weekend, and hotels will be full. Rooms will be held for Club members until **March 25**, after which they will be released for general sale. Call the Oxford Suites to make your reservation, being sure to say that you are with the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club.

**Oxford Suites (530) 899-9090**  
**2035 Business Lane**  
**Chico, CA 95928**

More information will be forthcoming about the tour. Meanwhile, please call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

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# Chico British Car Show

**Sunday, April 26**

The Chico British Car Show featuring the **Austin Healey** marquee will take place Sunday, April 26, on the first fairway at the Canyon Oaks Country Club (999 Yosemite Drive, Chico, CA 95928). Please be advised that this is *not* a concours d'elegance. The entry fee is \$25; the registration form can be downloaded at

[www.chicobritishcarshow.com](http://www.chicobritishcarshow.com)

Last year's event included about 105 cars, and more are expected this year. There will be vendors for food, crafts, and auto accessories, plus a silent auction. Loren Parks' **Chico Saxophone Quartet** will perform for two hours mid-day, and a bagpiper will roam the grounds looking for someone to bag. Registration begins at 8:00am and the show runs from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Numerous awards will be presented; all entrants will receive a dash plaque.

Event posters and T-shirts will feature the Austin Healey 100.