

The event of the year! Austin Healey Conclave 2021.

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CONCLAVE 2021: THE CARS ARE THE STARS

It's All About the Healeys at Conclave

Of course, YOUR Healey is the Star! But there will be plenty of other stars in the sky, and on the streets as well. We expect upwards of 150 cars to line both sides of Pine Knot and beyond for the Conclave Car Show on Wednesday. Cars will be arranged by Class and will have color coded window placards to match the People's Choice ballots. Competition will be fierce for Best in Class and Best in Show Awards.

Big Turnout for Concours Judging

As of mid-January, we had ten cars registered for Concours Judging, a very strong turnout. For those of you who may not be familiar with this aspect of Conclave, Concours Judging allows an owner to have his car (usually a fresh



Clarke Kniesal 100M Racer Healey

restoration) minutely inspected by a team of expert judges. Using the 300+ page Austin Healey Authenticity Guide as the definitive reference, four judges go over each car with a fine toothed comb. The typical inspection can take up to four hours!

The end result is a numerical score that could entitle the owner to a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Award. This year should be particularly interesting, as we have no fewer than SIX 100-4s to be evaluated. Getting those great cars together for a photo op should be a treat.

Great Cars on the Track Too

Some of the more special cars to be seen around Conclave will be enjoyed at the Gymkhana as well.

Terry Cowan will be



bringing his very rare Sebring Sprite racer originally owned by Bob Snow and the Octagon Race Team in England. It ran at Oulton Park, Nürburgring, Silverstone, LeMans and Sebring. Later owned by John Sprinzel and rebadged PMO 200. Terry campaigns the car in vintage races every year.

We also expect to see Clarke

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PMO 200 on track

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It's All About the Healeys at Conclave continued...

Kniesal in his 100M racer. This 1956 factory 100M was originally purchased by Clarke's dad, John. He drove it back-and-forth to work and both he and his wife Genevieve raced it on weekends in the good old days of racing. Clarke bought the car from his dad when he was 13 and spent three years restoring it. He drove it during his senior year in high school and during his time in the army. When Clarke came home from Vietnam he and his dad made it a full-time race car and started to campaign it in 1971. It is currently still being raced and always makes a good showing and is well received at every event.

And Even a Healey that Floats!

Sure, you knew that Donald Healey was a big boat fan and even built some commercially in the 50's. But have you ever seen one? Well expect to see a meticulously restored 1957 Healey marine Sport Boat 55 at Conclave. This is one of the earlier teak top boats, the prettiest of the series. Seating five, this little runabout was made specifically to tow water skiers, which was a passion of Donald's.

We are currently in talks with the owner about the possibility of putting the Healey boat in the lake. Maybe a ride in a Healey boat is in your future. By

the way, the boat is for sale if you need something to tow home!



Healey Boat

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Conclave 2021 – Day by Day

Conclave 2021 will offer all the traditional events and much more, with plenty of time to socialize with old friends and make new acquaintances. The week will unfold as follows:

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Hotel and Event Check-in, time for a **Car Wash** (on site) or to relax in the Social Center. No host evening **Cocktail Party** with appetizers and a special **Guest Speaker**. Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts and Photo Contest displays open. Dinner on your own at the hotel or one of the numerous nearby establishments.



MONDAY, MAY 17

After breakfast we will head out on our **Poker Run and Tour** around the Lake and into the mountains. **Concours Judging** all day. **Cocktails and final**

Poker Card draw in the evening, followed by the optional **Santa Maria BBQ Dinner** by the pool.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Today is our big drive, your choice of participating in the TSD Rally or just enjoying the scenery. We will head down the mountain on scenic Highway 38 to visit **Joshua Tree National Park**, a truly unique landscape and habitat. After lunch, we will return to Big Bear via another mountain route. Tonight will feature the preliminary and practice rounds of **Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center. Many have decided to partake of the optional **Paddlewheel Boat Tour** on the Lake.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Car Show Day is here! After your commemorative photo is taken you will be directed to your parking spot on Pine Knot Avenue, the main drag in Big Bear



where we will wow the tourists with our dazzling cars. Late afternoon will see the finals of **Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center and more **Paddlewheel Boat Touring**.



Healeys on tour

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Gymkhana and Funkhana Day at the Big Bear Airport. For those not participating there will be several optional self-driving opportunities including a **Lake Arrowhead drive, Morongo/Las Vegas style casino visit, Palm Spring Aerial Tramway ride, Idyllwild and Palms to Pines Highway tour and many other options**. Late afternoon

will include **Tech Sessions** and a **Ladies Only Event**. A final **Cocktail Party** with appetizers will precede the **Grand Banquet, Awards Ceremony, conclusion of the Silent Auction and a very special Healey guest**.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Start your morning with an included **Farewell Breakfast**. We will have some special fun awards and the event signage will be auctioned off.

(Please note that the hotel room rate is \$100 plus tax for Sunday through Thursday nights. Early arrival on Saturday or stayover on Friday night will also enjoy a discounted rate).



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is now open. You may register online or by mail. Visit www.conclave2021.com for full event and hotel information and to start registration. Please note the money back COVID-19 Guarantee. Please answer all the questions carefully, we are collecting a lot of information to make your visit as personalized and enjoyable as possible. Once we have received your paid registration, you will receive an email containing the code required to book your room.