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Things to consider if you are headed for Big Bear



North Shore View

As you gear up to head out to Conclave in Big Bear, here are some things you might want to keep in mind.

Weather and Altitude

Big Bear generally has good weather in May, but it is an Alpine area, so it can really cool off at night. Average highs for mid-May are about 70 degrees, with lows around 40. Great driving weather for our hot little Healeys during the day, but you will want warm clothing for the evenings. Average rainfall for the month is only one day, but it is not unknown to even get a little snow. So be prepared for a bit of anything.

Also, keep in mind that Big Bear is at an altitude of 6,752 feet (with some drives over higher passes) so the UV levels can be elevated even if the temperature is on the cool side. Bring that sunscreen and a hat.

Some events, like the Santa Maria BBQ will be held poolside, so be prepared. Currently, we hope to hold most of the major events (cocktail parties, banquet, etc.) inside, but our COVID "Plan B" is to move those outdoors if restrictions preclude large indoor gatherings.

Spares and Repairs

The year-round population in Big Bear and surrounding areas is about 20,000, but many Southern Californians maintain vacation homes in the area and visitors' number in the hundreds of thousands. Therefore, the area is well served, not only with restaurants and shops, but also with the essentials of daily life.

Gas stations are plentiful. There are two auto parts stores and several repair shops. Towing is available from two companies (but you won't need it)! There are a handful of full-sized grocery and drug stores. Big Bear is served by a regional hospital with a 24-hour emergency room.

Of more specific interest, Moss Motors will be providing a "chase van" for the driving events that will be stocked with common Healey repair parts, and overnight service is available for items not on hand. And as Conclave veterans know, there is no shortage of parts (and advice) from Healey owners. At least four full-time Healey technicians will be in attendance.

Getting the Healey Ready

Needless to say, you will be planning to have your Healey in top condition before setting off for Big Bear. Pay particular attention to cooling and brakes. Your arrival and our drives will take you up some long and steep grades (and down the other side), so you will want to avoid cooling and braking issues.

Fortunately, our SU carburetors are designed so that

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adjustment for altitude is usually not necessary. The air is thin, so you might run a little rich, but probably not enough to require turning any screws.

On Your Way In

There are four main routes into Big Bear. If you are coming from the Northwest, the South or the Southwest (I-10) you will have three choices. From west to east, they are Highway 18, Highway 330, and Highway 38. A suggestion would be to try 330, as our driving tours will take you on 18 and 38 later in the week. All routes are roughly the same distance and drive time.

If you are coming from the Northeast (I-15), you can take Highway 138 from the Cajon Junction and then Highway 18 to Big Bear. Alternatively, you could cut off in Victorville and take Highway 18 all the way.

There is really no reason to "stock up" before heading up the mountain as supplies and gas in Big Bear are plentiful and not expensive (by California standards).

Other Considerations

- If you have a National Park pass, bring it along. You will get into Joshua Tree National Park for free.
- Please bring your club banners. About half the rooms have balconies facing the parking lot. We would love to have the whole face of the hotel covered with Healey banners.
- Don't forget your Theme Night attire: *California Cowboy, 50's/60's, Wearable Art, and Beach Party*.
- And remember your Arts and Crafts and Photo Competition entries.
- If you are in the Gymkhana, try to bring a helmet as we will have limited loaners and all helmets need to be 2005 or newer.
- Finally, take lots of photos on your way to Big Bear. We will have an Online Photo Contest.

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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.



Big Bear Zoo

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**.



Sunset over Big Bear Lake

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.