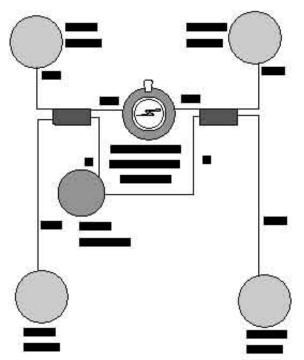


#### From The Editor:

The end of December and January is a pretty quiet time out in my part of the sticks. Winter, such as it is, gives me time to catch up on odds and ends. My Healey is sunning itself in front of the garage while I add snaps to the tonneau cover that I had been putting off doing. I bit the bullet and purchased the correct die stamp to install the Lift-a-Dot snaps without ruining the tonneau.

My best wishes for a great year to all those who are not enjoying nice summer days in the Peoples Republic of California. For us, today is just another shirtsleeve day in paradise. I am sure somewhere in Sacramento there's a clandestine group trying to figure how to tax days like these as a penalty for enjoying life without *their* permission. Then when it finally does come, they can crow that winter is what wretches like us really deserve who drive cars like Healey's in *their* state.



I have put off adding a turn signal flasher switch to my Healey for the emergency that I hope never happens. This should be fairly simple with the diagram (shown) that was in Healey Hearsay some time ago. If there is any interest in a very low level tech session to this (any model), I would consider hosting it. It would be a tech session with a lot of talk and not too much work. Think about it.

Regards, Warren



**Wednesday January 11th General Meeting**- 6:30 p.m. at Boll Weavil 4425 Balboa Avenue. The **Board Meeting** will follow the general meeting. All are welcome to attend.



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### President's January Message

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President's Message Bob Farnsworth January 2006

This will be the last "President's Message" from me for now as Rick Snover takes the reins next year. It is hard to believe that two years have passed so quickly. We have made some modest strides, added about 10 new members, secured our bid for sponsoring Conclave 2008 and have had some wonderful activities. Sue and I have had the opportunity to meet more of you than we would have and shared some memorable events. For the good times and friendship, we thank you.

The next few years promise to be even more rewarding as we gear up for Conclave, not to mention Open Roads, California Healey Week and Healey Rendezvous. Lots of fun and plenty of work for everyone lie ahead.

I thank all of the Board, Special Staff and club members for your support and for entrusting your club to me over the past two years. Now its time for me to get to work on the Healey, no excuses.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, if not before.



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## **Healey Salon**



#### Some Assembly... Done!

By Rick Snover

When the fellow (Scott?) from the Triumph Club approached our table at the March '04 Board Meeting at Abbey's Real Texas BBQ, to see if anybody in our club might be interested in a '64 Sprite, I decided to go take a look. That weekend, Terry Cowan and I met the seller at his friend's house in El Cajon where the car (along with a few others) was parked in the back yard. It turned out that the car had belonged to late AHCSD member Steve Houtz, and had been parked there since shortly after his death a few years ago. It wasn't running, due to a "head gasket leak", the interior was completely shot, and something had built a nest in the battery tray, but the body appeared to be pretty straight and the paint wasn't too bad. The price seemed right, so I wrote him a check and arranged for Terry to pick it up and take it down to the Toy Shop. I was hoping I had acquired a quick make-it-run-and-start-having-fun project. So much for hope!

The so-called head gasket problem turned out to be a broken piston. With the original 1098cc engine re-built, plus new wiring harness, interior, carpets, wheels, tires and various and sundry other essentials that I can't recall off-hand, I had it registered, insured, and on the road that summer, but only briefly. On the way to soft-



ball in Poway one evening, the old 1098 gave up the ghost, with a slipped cylin-der sleeve and re-sulting catastrophic damage. I limped it home to Clairemont and called Terry to come and get it. Rather than mess around with that engine any-more, we decided to upgrade to a known-good 1275 and got it back on the road in plenty of time for British Car Day. It's been running great ever since, and didn't really look too bad, but I knew I still wanted to get it painted.

I drove it a lot, racking up lots of COTY points through the end of '04 and the first half of '05. When our trip to Australia rolled around at the end of July I decided that would be a good time for the paint job. I chose a dark metallic gray I'd seen on late model Toyota Forerunners. I thought it would really look good on the

## Activities - what the future brings

#### **January Activities**

By Udo Putzke

What the future will bring for 2006

- Super Bowl party at the Schmidt's
- California Healey Week
- West Coast Meet in Canada
- **Openroads 2006 Stateline, Nevada –** Hosted by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club
- Conclave 2006, Akron Ohio
- Rolling British Car Day
- British Car Day

#### **3rd European Austin Healey Meeting in Sweden 2008**

The Austin Healey Club of Sweden has put up a web site for this upcoming event. Check @ HYPERLINK "http:// www.Healeysweden.com" www.Healeysweden.com for more information.

Please join us for the clubs monthly meeting every second Wednesday of the month. For location, please check the Healey Hearsay or the web site at http://www.sdhealey. org

Also, please check the Healey Hearsay for more details.

Sprite with its black soft parts and chrome wire wheels. When stripped, the body that had looked to be pretty straight turned out to be comprised mostly of bondo and rust. Once that was all repaired, and with all new chrome parts, the car was ready just in time for our Christmas Party at the Automotive Museum. The new paint was immaculate, that color I chose worked, and the car got rave reviews from everyone. I drove it every day and most nights for almost two weeks, including the Temecula Cork & Bottle Inspection Tour with the Triumph Club (more rave reviews), until it got too cold to be comfortable at night. Now it's back at the Toy Shop, while I'm at Mom's in Pennsylvania for the Holidays, getting those last few finish-ing touches that we decided to skip in order to have it ready for the party. I can't wait to get home!

#### JANUARY 2006

- 11 AHCSD GENERAL MEETING 6:30 PM...
- 22 San Diego Auto Swap & Sale 6:00AM-2:00PM at Grossmont College in El Cajon, sandiegoautoswap. com.

#### FEBRUARY 2006

- 5 AHCSD SUPERBOWL PARTY & MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF at the Schmidt's
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#### **APRIL 2006**

- **7-9** Texas Healey Roundup 26 at Inn of the Hills in Kernville, Texas. Hosted by Gulf Coast Healey Club, gulfcoasthealeyclub.com.
- 12 AHCSD GENERAL MEETING 6:30 PM...
- 16 11th ANNUAL SAN DIEGO ROLLING BRITISH CAR DAY, sandiegobritishcarday.org...
- **30** San Diego Auto Swap & Sale 6:00AM-2:00PM at Grossmont College in El Cajon, sandiegoautoswap. com.

#### **MAJOR EVENTS LATER IN 2006**

#### May? CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK?

- June 9-11 OpenRoads 2006 British Car Show at Lake Tahoe - Hosted by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, goldengatehealeys.com.
- June 18-22 AHCA CONCLAVE 2006 "Ohio Odyssey" in Akron, Ohio, austinhealeyconclave.com.
- July? HEALEY RENDEZVOUS 2006?
- **October 1** 27th ANNUAL SAN DIEGO BRITISH CAR DAY, sandiegobritishcarday.org...

#### 2007 AND BEYOND

- June 24-29 2007 AHCA CONCLAVE 2007 in Burlington, Vermont.
- June 2008 AHCA CONCLAVE 2008 in SAN DIEGO!
- June 2009 AHCA CONCLAVE 2009 in Taos Ski Valley, New Mexico.

## A.H.C.S.D. Holiday Party...

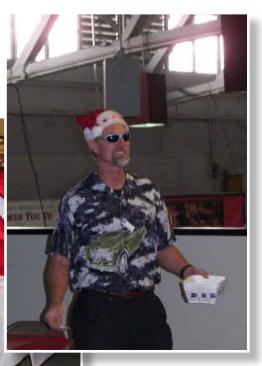


# **Our Annual Holiday Party**

37 Club members attended our annual Holiday Party at the San Diego Automotive Museum. They included; Randy Blum; Terry Cowan & Susan Carver; Lee & Joyce Dompe; Bob & S Farnsworth; Dave Grundies & Diane Schneider; Bob Humphreys; Desiree Ivers; Klaus Kind & Ling Guo; Gerry & Susan Kwiat; Sandy, Mark & James Leon; Dana & Bernie McPeek; Jim & Libby Pendleton; Udo & Gisela Putzke; John & Mary Schermerhorn; Dick & Jan Schmidt; Chuck & Debby Sharp; Rick Snover; Warren Voth; Jim & Barbara Widgery; Roland & Loreen Wilhelmy; and Mike Williams.

The bountiful banquet was wonderfully served again by the Ramona High School Food Services class and even included a chocolate fountain.

Activities Udo & Gisela Putzke ended their Activities term with a really great party.



Udo Putzke played an unusually jolly Santa this year. Left- the festive banquet buffet is ready to go.



Gisela Putzke is trying out the chocolate fondue fountain.

Below- Udo Putzke and the Leon boys are drawing names for the famous, and unusually peaceful this year, gift exchange.



Santa's helpers are the Ramona High School's Food Services class with Bev Spiker (center) teacher and the Farnsworth's daughter Laurie Ivers as teachers aide. Once again, they did a super job.





Roland Wilhelmy and Bob Humphreys and Lee Dompe and Rick Snover visit before the holiday banquet..

Chuck Sharp and Dick Schmidt reminisce about the Schmidt's car printed on a throw.



# **Randy Zoller's Cork Inspection Itinerary**

This year's Cork Inspection tour promises to be a good one. We will start at the spectacular new South Coast Winery Resort and Spa on Rancho California Road where we should arrive shortly after 11:00am. Their wines are excellent and you will want to spend some time exploring their impressive new facility which include private villas with marble fireplaces and Jacuzzi tubs for those of you looking for a weekend escape. We will also be dining in their beautiful new restaurant where we have reservations for lunch at noon. The food is superb!

Next we are going to take a detour a little off the beaten path down De Portola Road and visit two of the hidden treasures of the Temecula valley. First is Leonesse Cellars, which will be opening their fantastic new facility in January. But until then, we can still enjoy their beautiful view and award winning wines in their warm and friendly tasting room.



Finally, we will head down the road to Keyways Vineyard and Winery. This is a great place. A bit Spanish Hacienda and a bit ranch house where many of the local equestrian folks like to hang



out with there four legged rides. One of the best bargains in the valley, you get to taste all eleven of their superb wines.

Overall, I picked these three spots not only because we haven't been to them before, but because I thought their wines were truly excellent. I was especially impressed with Leonesse and Keyways. So it should be a lot of fun. *Randy Zoller* 

Above- South Coast Winery and Resort offers plenty of parking and beautifully kept grounds. Flowering plants are everywhere.

# ...Cork Inspection Tour

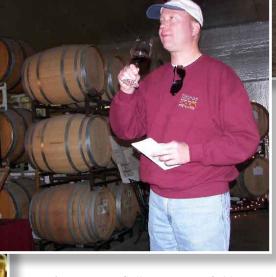


### Leonesse Cellers

... Leonesse Cellars, which will be opening their fantastic new facility in January. Don't wait! There are great wines, ready to be tasted now!

Below is the owners home on a hill overlooking the vinyards and winery. It's really a beautiful area for the drive alone.





Connoisseur Mike Williams, deep in concentration, (you can tell by his eyes) checks a nice Leonesse red for overtones and bouquet.

Left- Leonesse Cellers are justifiably proud of their awards already won.



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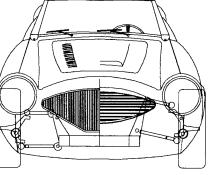
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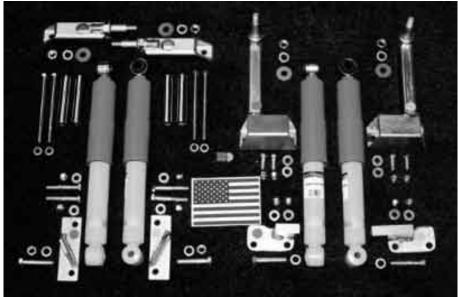




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Ask about club discount on order of three or more shock sets. 15% discount for poly shocks ordered with shock kit.

# <u>Car of The Year Amaro</u>



In an effort to recognize club members who participate in events with their Healeys, the Club awards Car of the Year (COTY) points for various activities. The opportunity to collect points include any car related events ( shows, drives, rallies etc.) sponsored by an official organization ( other car clubs, auto museum, city chambers of commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for

providing proof (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members, etc.) to the recorder, Gisela Putzke ( putzkes@cox.net) within 30 days of the event ( meetings, drives, etc.) AHCSD events will have a sign in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For Multi-Healey families, be sure to indicate which car(s) you drove.

Points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSD meetings, 4-pts, AHCSD tech sessions, 4-pts, AHCSD driving events, 6-pts, Healeys on the Green, 16-points, Calif. Healey Week, 16-pts, Healey Rendezvous, 16-pts. Conclave, 16-pts, Rolling British Car Day, 10-pts, S.D. British Car Day 10-pts, non-AHCSD one day events, 2-pts, multi-day events, 4-pts, Points for other events listed in Healey Hearsay will be awarded on a case by case basis.

The total points leader at the end of the year will receive the coveted "Car of the Year" grille badge for display on their Healey for the following year. Additionally, all points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCSD regalia. Good luck, and get out there and drive those Healeys.

Rick Snover AN8......12 Dana McPeek Jensen.....6 Klaus Kind BJ8......6 Pendleton BJ8......6 Warren Voth BJ8......6 Mike Williams TR6......3 Randy Zoller Morgan.....3

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## January Anniversaries

Arnulfo & Yolanda Ventura	01/08/77
Michael & Susan Snow	01/08/83
Spenser & Debbie Lawes	01/15/93
Klaus Kind	
& Ling Guo M.D. PH.D	01/30/04

**Rolling British Car Day** 



# Claim Jumper (in the Costco parking lot) at 12384 Carmel Mountain Rd Meet at 8:30, first cars out at 9:30

• If you haven't attended our "Rolling British Car Day" yet ... you've really, really missed a unique event! Last year, we exceeded all expectations .... and our wildest dreams, when over 225 English cars showed up for a backcountry tour of San Diego, ending at Buca de Beppo for a great lunch. That didn't even count a couple of Italian sports cars that snuck in, and a few modern irons!

• The purpose of Rolling British Car Day is simple—to get as many folks and clubs together as possible, and to put their wonderfully different British cars on the road!! We seek to foster camaraderie and have you meet new friends and see old ones! It's quite a sight to see British cars as far as you can see ahead of you, and even more in your rear view mirror!!!

• **Rolling British Car Day is a non-competitive**, no stress, only-fun-allowed event. There are no fees, no applications, no judging and no trophies . . . but we will have FREE raffle prizes at the end! WHAT A DEAL, EH???

This year's event will be a little different in that we've just become too dog gone big for any restaurant to handle us! So, bring your picnic basket—a great chance to show off that picnic basket and all the goodies you've been collecting all these years!

To reach the starting point--From I-15 near Poway, take Camino Del Norte EAST, turn right on Carmel Mountain Rd

We will travel through Poway, out the East and go North through the country and around Ramona, then West to Escondido arriving around Noon at Felicita Park for a picnic. Route will include short cuts for those who like to (or need to!) drive less.

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#### **CARS WANTED**

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<u>Austin Healey Parts-</u> I have a garage full of used parts for 100, 100-6 and 3000. Doors, fenders, shrouds, bonnets, engines, transmissions, overdrive unit, and lots of misc. small parts available. E-mail <u>putzkes@cox.net</u> or call (858) 486-3870 for availability. (1-05)

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