

HEALEY HEARSAY

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Austin-Healey

Club of San Diego



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January '07

From The Editor:

This is it!...my last issue...tango in Paris...end of the trail...whatever you want to call it. It's been a great ride, but it's time for something different...and who knows what that may turn out to be. My best wishes to Rick Snover or the new editor to be. I would be happy to pass on any postscript graphics, logos, art, free advice (worth little or nothing), etc., etc.

I want to thank Bob Humphreys for a very nice article and a great bunch of photos of their 1974 Jensen Healey, this month's featured Healey.

I will be using some of the time spent as editor, redoing my landscaping. Due to the expansion of the Sycuan casino and their housing boom, the wildlife on the reservation was driven to my property. Rabbits have decimated everything green that I spent years nurturing.

Club member Randy Blum's wife, Pamela Homfelt, is a landscape designer. As a matter of fact, I first met Pamela while planning a Club drive, as Activities Chair, to The Water Conservation Gardens in Rancho San Diego several years ago.

As I was watching my landscape being destroyed, I happened to see an article in the Sunday's Union-Tribune *Home and Garden* section showcasing Pamela's landscape projects. I called Pamela and reintroduced myself and I have a great estate style landscape in the works.

The plan will feature a fountain by the entrance with a meandering pathway and lots of interesting features such as a teak bench and artistic rocks and steps. With the final plan in hand, I am really looking forward to my new landscape. It is going to change the entire look of the site, and make it fit into the natural surroundings of the Dehesa valley area. There will be no lawn to be eaten by unwanted night time guests. Plus dirt is easier than grease to get out from under my fingernails.

My best wishes to the new AHCS D board for a successful 2007.

Happy New Year,
Warren

January Meetings

January 10 general meeting- 6:30 p.m. Boll Weevil Restaurant
9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd #E in Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-E1)

January 31st Conclave 2008 Meeting- 6:30 PM, Hsu's
Szchuawn Cusine 9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.



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President's January Message

December 27, 2006

Hi All,

I hope you all had a good Holiday Season! The first half of December was a lot of fun... The Cork & Bottle Inspection Tour with the Triumph Club was a lot of fun, and I even managed to stick to my budget! I had a great time at our Christmas Party, too. Several of our northern members that we don't get to see very often (the Widgerys, Lindes and Goldsworths) came down. It was good to see everybody. The food was excellent, the gift exchange was a hoot (as usual), and Warren Voth, the 2005 Car of the Year winner, presented me with the coveted CotY car badge as the 2006 winner. I'm told that my Sprite's 208 CotY points in 2006 established a new all-time record. There's something for you all to shoot for in 2007. If you missed the party, well, you missed it. Thanks to everybody who worked so hard to make it a success, especially Dick & Jan Schmidt, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Lou Galper, and Mike Williams.

This month we've got the 37th installment of the San Diego British Car Club Council's "Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge" Rallye on the 20th. I think I've got a navigator lined up for it, but if that falls through I may be looking for one. We're also invited to brunch with the Triumph Club at Southwestern Yacht Club on the 21st. See "Activities" for details on both events.

February 4th brings our annual Super Bowl Party & Men's Chili Cook-Off. This year it's at my house in Mira Mesa. I should have my big screen HDTV in the living room by then, and will probably set up another TV in the garage, and/or on the patio if it's nice out. I'm still on a quest for a chili recipe that'll win the "Best Tasting" award. Last year's double play, "Most Unusual" and "Hottest", while gratifying, wasn't really what I was after, so it won't be Chili Irlandes this year. See "Activities" for details and simple directions to the house from Mira Mesa Blvd. For more detailed directions from just about anywhere and a map link, see <http://people.qualcomm.com/rsnover/directions.html>.

I hope to have my Tri-Carb on the road pretty soon. It's been a long project, repeatedly delayed by budget cuts, but at last report the body repairs are complete and it's ready for final blasting & priming. It'll be a matter of painting and assembly after that, and all the requisite parts, except my Bilstein shock kit, are already on hand. It's going to be gorgeous, and a lot more driver-friendly than my Sprite is! I haven't spoken to Terry about it yet, but we might even be able to schedule a Tech Session on some interesting aspect of the assembly. I'm also lobbying the Board to decide whether or not the "...can't win CotY in consecutive years..." rule applies to the member or the car. If it's the latter, look out!

It's been, umm, interesting to be your President again, but it'll also be good to get back out of the spotlight. We'll be installing our new officers for 2007 at the meeting on January 10th, although according to the By-Laws they won't "officially" assume their duties until February 1st.

TTFN,

Rick Snover

AHCSD (Lame Duck) President

AHCSD VP/Membership – Elect

AHCSD Newsletter Editor (Interim) – Elect

View of the Leonessa Vineyards in Temceula

**Come one come all.
The Semi-Annual
Ball Bearing Breaker Rallaye
has been set and is ready to go.**

Here are the details.

What: The Semiannual Ball Bearing Breaker Rallaye

Who: All Clubs in the British Car Club Council (and anyone else who would like to come and have some fun)

When: Saturday January 20th

Time: Meet at 9am to 9:30am. First car out promptly at 10 am. There is a restaurant here so breakfast (or a quick coffee and danish) can be had before you set off if you like.

Location: Miltons Restaurant. 2660 Via De La Valle, Del Mar, CA

Directions to get there: It is just off Highway 5 and Via De La Valle. It is in the first shopping center to the East of 5, **and on the North side of Via De La Valle.**

Cost: \$10 per car. This is to cover the cost of the trophies that are given out to the first, second and third place finishers. All food is left up to each individual.

Note: Please send this out to each of your individual club members and see if we can get a great turnout this year.

Last years Rallaye was truly FANTASTIC. Everyone that entered had a great time and we explored some areas of San Diego that I had never been on before. I hope that I can live up to the great effort and work that went into putting on last years event.

It is highly recommended to have both a driver and a navigator on the Rallaye since there are clues and questions that need to be figured out and answered during the course, but there have been single drivers in the past and no one is excluded :).

A little bit about the Ball Bearing Rallaye. This is a timed event BUT NOT A RACE. It is meant to be fun!!! Each entrant (driver and navigator) get an instruction packet when you start. There are clues for directions, so you will not know where the end point of the Rallaye is. During the Rallaye, each entrant follows the directions and clues, and tries to answer as many of the questions as possible. The course has been mapped out, and driven (by ME) and a time has been calculated as to how long it "SHOULD" take each participant to finish. The approximate time is around an hour and ten minutes or so. Enough to get the car running nice and enjoy some great scenery. At the end, we all meet up and at the finishing point for some fun. The times of each car is calculated, and the points given for each correct answer for the questions within the packet. The winner is the one with the most points.

Oh, for those people who may get a bit lost or mis-routed, a sealed envelope is also given with the final destination given (and a MAP). Also an emergency number of my cell will be given out. I will have my trusty Map with me and I am sure to be able to get you to the finish line no matter where you end up in San Diego (hope you don't get so lost you end up in Arizona :)).

We hope to see a good turnout for the Rallaye. Last year we had nine entrants and I certainly hope that we can really break that number by a good 10 to 20 cars!!!!!! As an added incentive to bring everyone out to the Rallye, there are some very nice raffle prizes to be given away. Each entrant (car) will be given a raffle ticket, and there will be a random drawing at the end of the Rallye to select the prize winners (so you don't have to win the Rallye to win a great prize!!!).

If you have any questions please let me know. Chris Zacker
cell: 858-442-2940

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

• **Saturday January 20th Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye XXXVII-** see opposite page

• **January 31st Conclave 2008 Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Hsu's Szchuawn Cusine 9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

• **Brunch with the Triumph Club Sunday, January 21,** 11AM-1PM Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St in Point Loma (TG 1288-B3) The brunch is extensive, the usual breakfast fare, plus prime rib, seafood specials, omelet stations, waffles, FREE FLOWING CHAMPAGNE, and a dessert display that will top off the meal. Dress is casual, but no shorts, please. Bring your biggest appetite, and \$20.00 per person, which covers tax & gratuity.

RSVP to Rich Markson BY JANUARY 16TH, PLEASE!

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Directions: Head out Rosecrans past Shelter Island Drive. Approx ½ mile after you leave the business area, watch for a small street, Owen, on the left. Turn left onto Owen, then make another left onto San Antonio. Proceed almost to the end of the street, and turn right on Qualtrough. Finally, turn into the Yacht Club and park your British sports car in the marked-off area.

FEBRUARY

• **Super Bowl Party & Men's Chili Cook-Off Sunday, February 4,** 1PM-7PM Rick Snover's house, 8669 Keystone Court in Mira Mesa (TG 1209-C2) Men, bring a pot of your best chili. Everybody else, feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share if you want to. The club will provide soft drinks and ice. Bring whatever else you might want to drink. Kick-off is at 3PM – Chili Cook-Off prizes will be awarded at halftime (4:30'ish or 5'ish). Directions: From Mira Mesa Blvd, turn north onto Camino Ruiz. Turn right at the 3rd light onto Capricorn Way. Turn left after the second speed bump onto Ganesta Road. Take the second right onto Keystone Court, and follow it around the bend to the left. The house is on the right-hand side of the cul-de-sac at the end of the street.

JANUARY 2007

- 10 AHCSO Monthly Meeting – 6:30 PM Boll Weevil Restaurant 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd #E in Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-E1)
- 14 La Jolla Motorcar Classic 2007 car show at La Jolla Cove, with a tribute to British Marqueses. <http://www.lajollabythesea.com/>
- 17 AHCSO Combined 2006/2007 Board Meeting
- 20 Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye XXXVII... see Activities for details.
- 21 Brunch with the Triumph Club- see opposite page for details.
- 31 Conclave 2008 Meeting- 6:30 PM, Hsu's Szchuawn Cusine 9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd (TG 1249-E1).

FEBRUARY 2007

- 4 AHCSO Super Bowl Party & Men's Chili Cook-Off – 1PM - 7PM at Rick Snover's in Mira Mesa- See Activities column, left, for details.
- 10-11 University of VARA driving school at Buttonwillow Raceway Park. <http://www.vararacing.com/>
- 14 AHCSO Monthly Meeting – 6:30 PM...
- 21 AHCSO Board Meeting?

MARCH 2007

- 2-4 Midnight At The Oasis classic car & nostalgia festival – Ray Kroc Complex in Yuma, AZ. <http://www.cabaleros.org/midnight.htm>
- 14 AHCSO Monthly Meeting – 6:30 PM...
- 21 AHCSO Board Meeting?

APRIL 2007

- 11 AHCSO Monthly Meeting – 6:30 PM...
- 15 12th Annual San Diego Rolling British Car Day... <http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/>
- 18 AHCSO Board Meeting?

May 2007

- 5-6 VARA/Moss Motors British Extravaganza – Vintage races and car show at Buttonwillow Raceway Park. <http://www.vararacing.com/>
- 17-20 California Healey Week at the Pierpoint Inn in Ventura– Austin Healey Association of Southern California <http://www.sdhealey.org/>
- 9 AHCSO Monthly Meeting – 6:30 PM...
- 16 AHCSO Board Meeting?

Complete activities dates may be found at
<http://www.sdhealey.org>



Christmas Party

By Mike Williams

Cooked ham and classic cars, party people and Pecan pies. That's the setting for this year's AHCSD Christmas Party at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. With the "Hall of Champions" room festively decorated and a very nice spread of delicious potluck dishes and desserts, the gang, some 36 of us, got down to some serious holiday eating & drinking (like Jan's Spiced Holiday Punch and some creatively wrapped boxes of vino) before settling in for the annual, and sometimes heated, gift exchange. After the gift unwrapping, swapping, cursing, more swapping and more cursing was complete, we were all treated to a self-guided tour of the auto museum.

The special San Diego Automotive Museum display was "American Classics 1934-1937", however there was the usual Morgan, Jaguar, Ferrari, Mercedes, Tucker, motorcycles galore, and various eye candy that always adorn the museum.

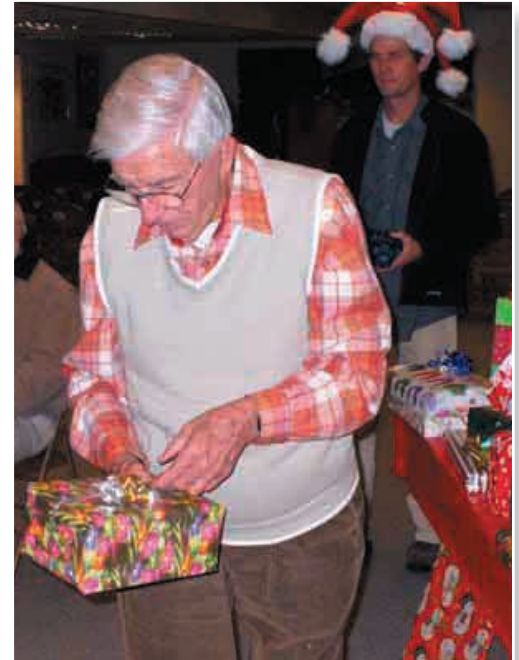
A good time was had by all those attending: Terry Cowan & Susan Carver, David & Pamela Crawford, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper & Deborah, Carroll & Karen Goldsworth, Bob & Barbara Humphreys, Bob Kitterer & Jennie Kline, Sandy, Lily, Mark & James Leon, Chic & Pat Linde, Jim & Libby Pendleton, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick, Jan & Douglas Schmidt, Rick Snover, Warren "better late than never" Voth, Jim & Barbara Widgery, Roland & Loreen Wilhelmy, and Mike Williams.



Above- The soon to be sacrificed, neatly wrapped, gifts for the spirited (and sometimes quite intense) gift exchange.

Below- Incoming Club President Terry Cowan & Susan Carver. Terry thinks the gift did really come from Nordstroms.





Above- Lou Galper & Deborah and Roland & Loreen Wilhelmy. Lou looks like he's the only one who bought a Christmas Party ticket. Behind are Dick & Jan Schmidt and son, Douglas. Across are Jim & Barbara Pendleton

Above right- A.T. "Jim" Widgery is cautiously checking surprise Christmas gift for a trip wire.



Above- Wise men and women from the North (the Association), Chic & Pat Linde and Carroll & Karen Goldsworth. Behind Sandy & Lily Leon with Mark & James.

Left- "Better late than never" Warren Voth graciously surrenders the COTY badge to road warrior, Rick Snover.



Triumph Club's Annual Temecula Cork Inspection Tour

by Warren Voth

The Cork Inspection Tourists left the Mira Mesa Park and Ride at 10 a.m. sharp, picking up the rest of the inspectors at the Deer Springs P & R. Those attending were; **Healey Club:** Bob & Barbara Hunphreys (3000), Warren Voth (3000), Rick Snover (Sprite), Mike Williams & Kathy Babcock, and Mike & Steve Coleman **TR Club:** Randy Zoller (Morgan), Bob & Julie Perkins (TR3), Frank & Nancy Conklin (TR3), Parker Burke & Sarah (TR3), Mel & Kristie Hildebrandt (TR6), Jerry & Betty Fischer (Herald), Kevin & Vicki Schulte, Dierdre Lee & Daria, Bob & Irene White

It's on to Wiens Wines and the first of our cork inspections. Wiens Winery is new and their offerings are very finished and complex. I couldn't resist the '02 Syrah, '01 Zinfandel, and the '03 Sangiovese. Their '03 Ruby Port is to die for when blended in the mouth with a Trader Joe's French Truffle (no, it's not a mushroom).

Lunch is at the Falkner Winery. Falkner's has a great restaurant, staged amongst beautiful modern Tuscan architecture. The site is perched on a hillside overlooking new vineyards and a dramatic view of the Temecula valley. We didn't taste there, but a glass of their chardonnay made my lunch memorable.

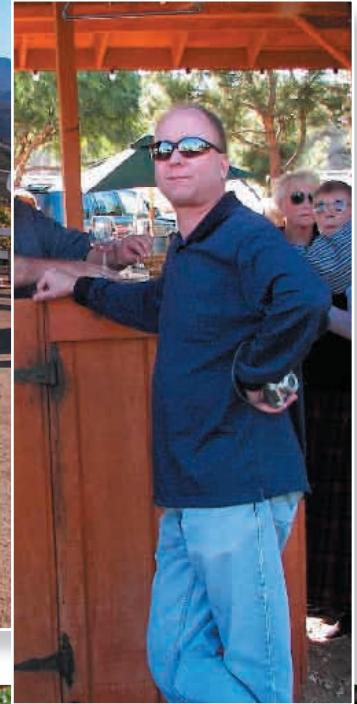
Lunch was followed by a tasting at Longshadow Ranch Winery. Their offerings seemed as rustic as their establishment, but interesting never the less. Their greeter was passed out in the sawdust by the bar when we arrived. We just stepped over him.

The Longshadow interlude led to more serious varietals at the-



Above- We arrive at the first stop, Wiens Winery. Left- Bob & Barbara Humphreys, Rick Snover and Kathy Babcock enjoying a great lunch at the Falkner Winery. Below- Randy Zoller, Rick Snover and I are "The Three Winos", at Wiens Winery, who will drink no wine before it's time...or is that any time?





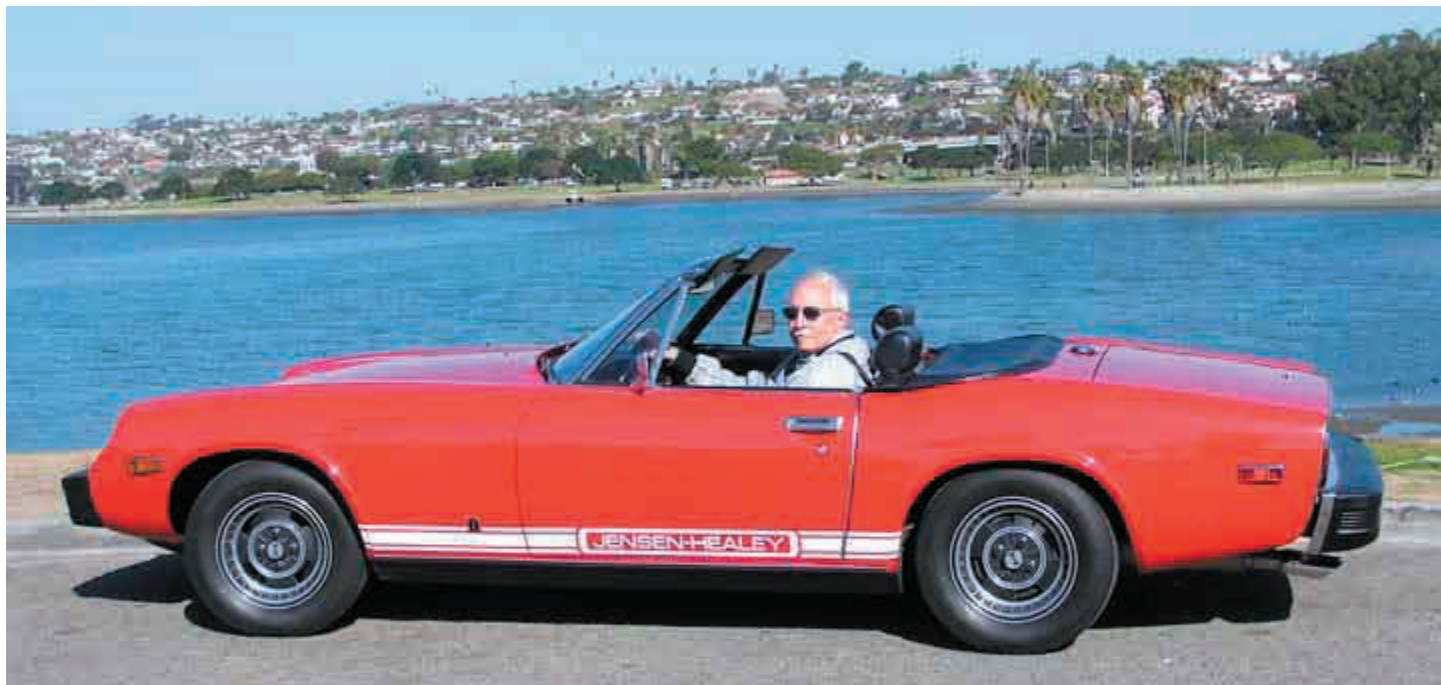
Leonesse Cellars. We visited this winery last year and were impressed with their wines. The tasting was done in a temporary building in '05 because the winery was not yet open. I shared tastes with Mike and Kathy to save myself for a non-scheduled stop at last year's South Coast Winery.

The South Coast stop was fortified with a stack of "tasting chips", courtesy of Rick Snover and Mike Williams who had joined their wine club last year. I did my best to help Mike and Rick out and at the same time purchased their excellent Elevation red and Romanza. Safety demanded that we eat again, so we stopped at a Mexican restaurant in Temecula, before heading south.

The top-down drive home was chilly but comfy. Driving a Healey in winter is just like sitting in front of the gasoline fired stove when I was a kid on the ranch. Thanks again Randy, for a great inspection day with fun group of people.



Clockwise- A pastoral view at Leonesse Vineyards. Wine expert Mike Williams at Longshadow Ranch. The Triumph Club inspectors checking out the Longshadow Ranch wine bar. The Longshadow Ranch greeter taking it easy in the sawdust.



Bob & Barbara Humphreys

1974 Jensen Healey

by Bob Humphreys

I have owned a British Sports Car almost continually since 1961, when I purchased my boss's 1960 Austin Healey 3000. The only time I didn't have one was during the period I was on active duty with the Navy and I was stationed overseas. Soon after I left active duty, we purchased an MGB.

When the Jensen Healey came out in 1973, I fell in love with the clean lines of the car and immediately wanted one. I liked the high-revving power of the 2-liter, 140 HP Lotus dual overhead cam, 4-valve engine, the smooth shifting transmission and the great handling. The relatively high cost prevented the purchase at that time; although I did take a number of test-drives. It wasn't until 1979 that I found a 1974 model, low-mileage, car in very good condition and we were in a position to acquire it. We saw an ad in the paper and decided to just go look at it. The price was reasonable and we bought it right there and then.

Our car is a transition model. It has the 4-speed transmission of the steel bumper cars and the rubber bumpers and

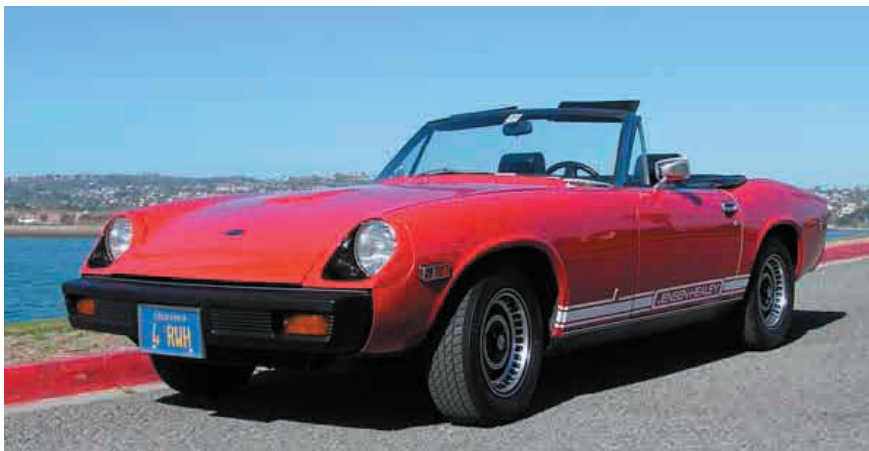
interior of the later 5-speed cars. It is relatively rare as only about 250 of the type were built. The advantage of the 1974 model was the clean burning engine that did not require the catalytic converter that was required on almost all other cars produced that year. It could burn regular leaded gas, but was set up to use unleaded gas, if necessary.

The car was a daily driver for a number of years. Barbara would often load it up with the two children, boogie boards and beach chairs and head to the beach for the day. I would drive it to work when I had the opportunity.

After the children outgrew the back shelf and we obtained a second larger car, the Jensen Healey began to spend more time in the garage and was eventually relegated to weekend use and occasional trips to work on nice days.

The car now has only 62,000 miles and is still almost all original. It still has the original top and interior. The only modifications are a new radio with cassette player to replace the original Jensen Healey brand 8-track, which we still have, and an electronic ignition. We did have it repainted in 1994, as the paint was getting a little dull after 20 years.

We have driven the car to a number of long distance events. The longest was to the West Coast Meet in Silver Star, Brit-



ish Columbia. The after-tour took us through British Columbia, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. We drove over 5000 miles and only had some minor problems, which were fixed well enough to permit us to continue on until we returned home. Barb developed an insulation pad to place under the top in order to keep out the high heat of the desert. The pad works so well that we made a similar one for the Austin Healey. It is invisible under normal conditions.



During the 27 years that we have owned the car, it has required little more than routine maintenance and we continue to enjoy the power and good handling that only a Healey designed automobile can provide.

When we joined the AHCSO, we had the only Jensen Healey in the group. The club members accepted us with open arms. We did have a few problems with other Healey clubs when we began to show the car at some of their meets. Some club members didn't quite believe it to be a "Real Healey". However, since Donald and Geoff Healey were involved with the design and manufacture of the car, over time, the Jensen Healey has been accepted as the last in a long line of Healey Sports Cars that fulfill the mystique of the Healey name.

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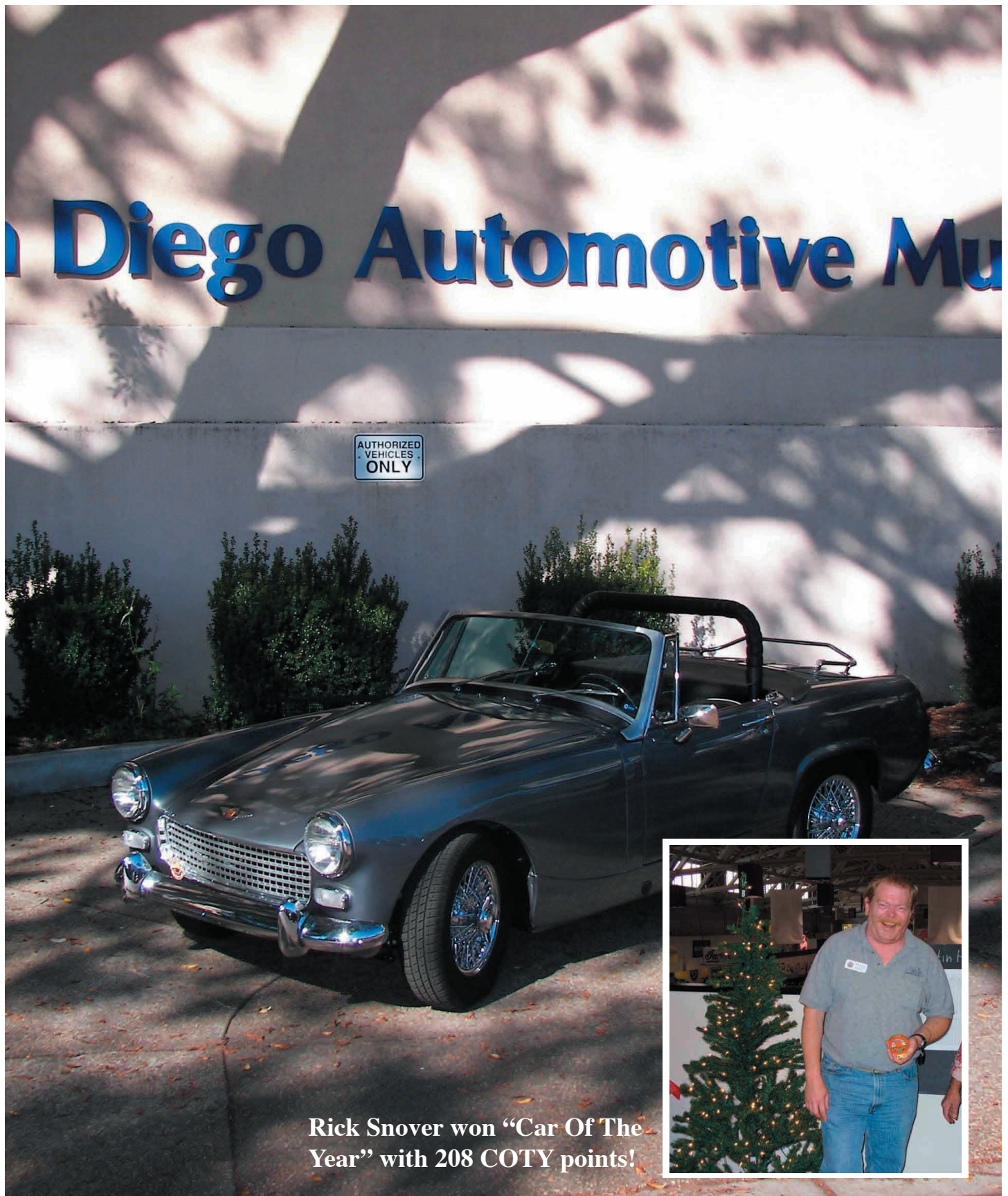
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Rick Snover won "Car Of The Year" with 208 COTY points!

CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD



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.) AHCSO 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: AHCSO meetings, 4-pts, AHCSO tech sessions, 4-pts, AHCSO 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-AHCSO 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 AHCSO regalia. Good luck, and get out there and drive those Healeys.

Rick Snover AN8.....12
Warren Voth BJ8.....6

Humphreys BT7.....6
Randy Zoller Morgan..3

New Members, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Gerry Kwait01/12
Ron Mears.....01/29
Libby Pendleton.....01/01
Jan Schmidt.....01/05
Diane Schneider, M.D.....01/12
Karen Goldsworth.....01/20
Barbara Widgery.....01/23
Carroll Goldsworth.....12/25

Anniversaries

Arnulfo & Yolanda
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Michael & Susan
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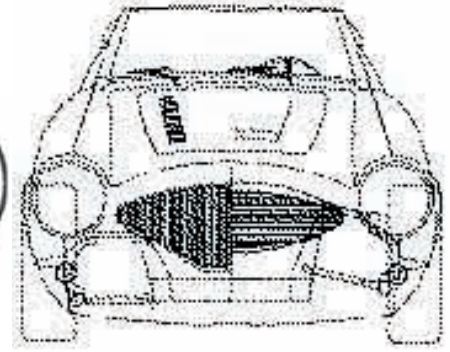
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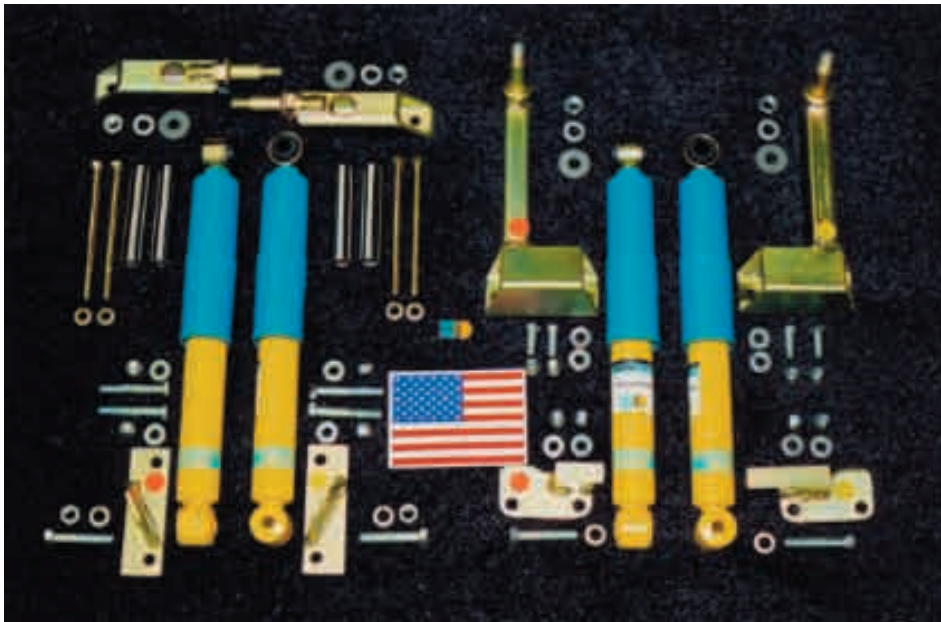
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