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JUNE 2007

FROM THE EDITOR

5/31/07, 10:00am

Hey there,

I had a great month of May, setting my personal best lap time at Buttonwillow, and taking another second in class at California Healey Week. The calendar [pages 5 & 6] looks pretty full for the next couple of months, too.

Thanks to everybody who contributed this month: John McGee for his fun story and great photo of the Healey In The Weeds *[page 7]*; Mike Williams for his excellent report and photos from California Healey Week [page 8]; new contributor Dewey de Butts for her race report and Terry Cowan for his photos from Buttonwillow [page 11]; John Schermerhorn and Gisela Putzke for their write-ups and Bob Farnsworth for his photos from the tech session *[page*] 12].

Nobody sent much news to Coyote for his "What's New?" column [page 6] this month. We really want to keep that column going, and we need y'all to let Coyote know what's going on with you and your cars. He's not psychic, as far as I know.

The Fathers's Day Brunch is all set, but we're still deciding where and when to start a group drive out to Julian. If you have any suggestions, let the Board know, or bring them to the Meeting on the 13^{th} .

I'm looking forward to the 38th installment of the Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye on July 21st [page 15]. It was a blast last year. If I get my Sprite's rear tire rub sorted out in time, so I can take a navigator, I might even try to win this time!

TTFN. Rick



Austin-Healey

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On the cover: Rick Snover didn't get around to washing his Sprite before attending CHW, so (Photo by Bob Segui)
Photos: John McGee, Mike Williams, Terry Cowen, CaliPhoto-

FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 30, 2007



Hey There You Healeyites,

June is upon us and hopefully we won't have very much gloom. Sorry I couldn't attend Healey Week, had too much stuff on my plate.

Current info:

- The race weekend at Buttonwillow went well, with only a few bumps!! [See article on page 11]
- The San Diego British Car Club Council met on the 14th to go over articles of incorporation.
- The Board met at Boomerang's on the 16th to check it out for a future monthly meeting... It doesn't really lend itself for a regular meeting place, so we plan to have the Monthly meeting June 13th @ the Greek Palace, but Boomerang's might be fun for a meal after a run, or perhaps a breakfast!!

We have a Father's Day Brunch planned at Pine Hills Lodge in Julian on June 17th. Look for details on the drive to be announced.

Our July 4th BBQ will be at Rick's!! We need some MORE activities ideas please!!! Conclave 07 is June 24-29 in Vermont, Rendezvous is July 16-20 in Washington, and the Ball Bearing Challenge Rallye is July 21st. I am still looking into whether we have to pay for the Xmas party at the Auto Museum, or if we have to find another place.

See You All At The Meeting.

Happy Healeying, Terry

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Jill Leaverton (Bernardo Heights) 1960 3000 BN7

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Randy Blum & Pamela Homfelt	06/03/06
George & Alice Hurley	06/06/69
Dana & Bernie McPeek	06/06/86
Gil & Deb Jemmott	06/09/79
William & Blanca Longaker	06/10/72
Alan & Pam Russell	06/11/88
Dave & Marji Nightingale	06/17/73
Charles & Debby Sharp	06/18/77
Frank & Marjorie Rotunda	06/24/67
Roland & Loreen Wilhelmy	06/26/65
Jim & Libby Pendleton	06/26/66
Steve & Diane Kirby	06/29/68

WELCOME BACK RETURNING MEMBERS

Bob & Lynda Lindsey (Elgin, Texas) 1958 100-6 BN6

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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MAY MEETING MINUTES

MAY 2007 MEETING MINUTES

HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY GO PADRES

Attendance for the May 9th Meeting (held at the Flavor Thai Restaurant, Convoy St, Kearny Mesa): 21 members were in attendance. Drove Healeys*, other British ~. Attending were: Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Terry Cowan*, Bob Humphries*, Steve Kirby*, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Mike Williams, Mike Dolphin, David Coyote*, Warren Voth*, John Banales, Dana McPeek*, and Jim Leaverton*(new member).

President Terry Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

New Member: Jim Leaverton (owns a BN7) was introduced.

Call for reports from the board:

Secretary: April meeting minutes were approved.

Vice President/Membership: Membership at 95. New membership directories will be mailed out.

Treasurer: See Treasurer for treasury balance. Some monies were transferred to Conclave account.

Newsletter: Info to Rick by 20th of month. Requests for stories and pictures.

Activities: Various activities to participate in: CA Healey Week in Ventura May 17-20; SD Auto Museum Car Show at Balboa Park, June 2; See newsletter for these and other listed activities.

Regalia: Jan had shirts available for sale with Conclave 08 patches and Sprite 50th anniversary T-shirts.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry reported on various car shows being planned: SD Auto Museum Show in Balboa Park on June 2 needs volunteers; Annual Automobile Heritage Day parade and car show, National City, Aug 5, local weekly cruise nights: Weds-El Cajon, Fri-Escondido, etc. Flyers available.

SD British Car Club Council: Steve Kirby reported about British Car Day planning activities and meeting on July 16th 7pm at Hsu's Szechwan in Kearny Mesa, and SD British Car Club Council Meeting on Monday May 14th, at same location.

Conclave 08: Mike Williams reported on the status of Conclave 08 planning and the taking of shirts and some regalia to Conclave 07 in Vermont in June. Also asking for pre-registration "seed" money from SD Club members. Planning meeting for Conclave 08 will be on May 10th, Thursday 6:30pm at Filippi's Pizza Grotto, Kearny Villa Rd.

Old Business: Discussion of meeting place/time for those going up together to CA Healey Week in Ventura, May 17-20. Reports on outcome, winners, and "adventures" at the VARA/Moss Motors British Extravaganza Vintage Races & Car Show at Buttonwillow Raceway, near Bakersfield, on May 5-6. Dewey DeButts came in first place.

New Business: Requests for ideas for activities in coming months and dinner meeting locations.

Drive to Julian and Sunday Brunch at Pine Hills Lodge for Father's Day was planned for June 17th, times and route to be determined. The 4th of July BBQ will be held at Rick Snover's house. Location of Christmas Party to be discussed by the Board. Board Meeting to be held May 16th at Bommerang's Restaurant, Clairemont Drive.

Warren Voth was the lucky dinner entrée winner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary

WHAT'S COMING UP?

JUNE 2007						
SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday	SATURDAY
					1 Wine Country <u>Classic</u> Cruisin' Grand	2 Greatest Show on Turf Wine Country Classic
3 Wine Country Classic	4	5 Conclave '08 Planning <u>Meeting</u> Blast from the Past	6 Cajon Classic	7	8 OpenRoads '07 Cruisin' Grand	9 OpenRoads '07
10 OpenRoads '07	11	12 Blast from the Past	13 AHCSD General Meeting Cajon Classic	14	15 Cruisin' Grand	16 Miramar Car Show
17 Father's Day AHCSD Brunch Spring Pow Wow	18	19 Blast from the Past	20 AHCSD Board <u>Meeting?</u> Cajon Classic	21 Rods & Woodies	22 Cruisin' Grand	23 Cops 'n Rodders
24 Conclave '07	25 Conclave '07	26 Conclave '07 Blast from Past	27 <u>Conclave '07</u> Cajon Classic	28 Conclave '07	29 Conclave '07 Cruisin' Grand	30

JUNE ACTIVITIES

- <u>June 1-3</u>: Wine Country Classic vintage races Infineon Raceway (Sears Point) in Sonoma <u>http://www.winecountryclassic.com/</u>
- Sat., June 2: "Greatest Show on Turf" car show in Balboa Park – SD Automotive Museum & Greater SD Car Club Council – Call Mike Partain (858) 549-4658 or email michael2@san.rr.com for info.
- <u>Tues., June 5, 6:30pm</u>: Conclave 2008 Planning Meeting Dick & Jan Schmidt's house, 2866 Gobat Ave in University City (TG 1228-B6)
- <u>June 8-10:</u> OpenRoads 2007 British Car Meet at Horizon Casino & Resort, Lake Tahoe – Golden Gate Austin Healey Club <u>http://www.goldengatehealeys.com/</u>
- Wed., June 13, 6:30pm: AHCSD Monthly Meeting at Greek Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Blvd in Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-D1)
- Sat., June 16, 9am-4pm: 7th Annual Miramar Car Show Benefits MCCS & Auto Skills Center – Register at 800-375-4599 or <u>http://www.thecarsarecoming.com</u>
- Sun., June 17, 10am-3pm:3rd Annual"Spring Pow Wow"Car Show Embarcadero Northhttp://www.sdpoci.com

Sun., June 17, 1:00pm: AHCSD Father's Day Brunch at Pine Hills Lodge, 2960 La Posada Way in Julian (TG 1155-H4) – \$16.95/adult, \$12.95/child under 11 – RSVP to Susan Virden-Kwiat or Dana McPeek if you're planning to attend – Pre-brunch drive details will be announced at the meeting on the 13th, on the web site, and by email.

Wed., June 20, 6:30pm: AHCSD Board Meeting, if needed.

- <u>Thu., June 21, 5:30pm-7:30pm</u>: Rods & Woodies monthly Classic Car Show on Highway 101 in Encinitas <u>http://www.encinitas101.com/classic.htm</u>
- Sat., June 23, 9am-3pm: 2nd Annual "Cops 'n Rodders" Car Show – 4000 Oregon St / North Park Rec. Park – Contect Ed LaValle (619) 922-2849 or Rick Carlson (619) 990-6197 for details.
- <u>June 24 29</u>: Green Mountain International Conclave "Healeys in the Hills" in Burlington, VT – Visit <u>http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/</u> for details and forms.
- <u>Every Tuesday, 5-8pm</u>: Blast from the Past Weekly cruise night 3^{rd} Ave. between E & G in Chula Vista.

<u>Every Wednesday, 5-8pm</u>: Cajon Classic – Weekly cruise night <u>http://www.downtownelcajon.com/event_ccc.shtml</u> <u>Every Friday, 5-9pm</u>: Cruisin' Grand –Weekly cruise night http://www.downtownescondido.com/events/cruisin_grand

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WHAT'S NEW?

Bringing Folks Up To Date

By David Coyote

Rick Snover's Tri-Carb came back from final blasting and priming this month, and is in final prep at Terry Cowan's Toy Shop Restorations. It should be going to the painter soon.

Lou Galper *almost* got to take his 100 to Ventura for California Healey Week. He got his new head installed Wednesday night, but found on the test drive he now has a bad water pump, so he had to drive his Jag.

Hope you're well – that the cars are purring,

david coyote

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Visit Coyote's Classic Cars and sign the Guest Book: www.dcoyote.org

WHAT'S COMING UP? (CONTINUED)

LOOKING AHEAD - NEXT MONTH & BEYOND

- Wed., Jul. 4, 1:00pm: AHCSD Independence Day BBQ at Rick Snover's house, 8669 Keystone Ct in Mira Mesa – The Club will provide soft drinks and ice – Bring your own grillables and a side dish or dessert to share. <u>http://people.qualcomm.com/rsnover/directions.html</u>
- <u>Sat., Jul. 7</u>: 1st Annual National City Car Show See <u>http://www.nationalcitycarshow.com</u> for details.
- Wed., Jul. 13, 6:30pm: AHCSD Monthly Meeting...
- <u>July 16 20</u>: Healey Rendezvous in Richland, WA See insert for details and registration & regalia forms, or visit <u>http://cascadeahc.homestead.com/Rendezvous-2007.html</u>
- Mon., Jul. 16, 7:00pm: San Diego British Car Day Planning Meeting– Hsu's Szechwan Cuisine, 9350 Clairemont Mesa Blvd in Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-E1)
- Sat., Jul. 21: Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye XXXVIII See page 15 for details.
- Sun., Jul. 22, 9am-3pm: 17th Annual CCBCC British Car Show – Channel Islands Yacht Harbor in Oxnard http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com
- Sun., Jul 29, 10am-2pm: Main Street America Car Show Embarcadero Park North (Seaport Village) – Presented by Corvette Owners Club of S.D. <u>http://www.cocsd.com</u> – Benefits S.D. Center for the Blind http://www.sdcb.org

Sun., Aug. 5: 16th Annual Automobile Heritage Day car show & parade - Kimball Park in National City http://www.nationalcitychamber.org August 17-19: 34th Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races – Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca http://www.montereyhistoric.com/ Sun., Sep. 9: 2nd Annual Beach'n 101 Cruise http://www.drivethe101.com/ October 5-7: Coronado Speed Festival "Race at the Base" vintage races at NAS North Island http://www.coronadospeedfestival.com/ Sun., Oct. 7: 28th Annual S.D. British Car Day & Picnic http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/ May 16-20, 2008: 50th Anniversary Sprite Jubilee at Hershev. PA http://www.spritejubilee.org/ June 26-29, 2008: Sprite Golden Anniversary Celebration at Lake of the Ozarks http://www.sprite-midgetclub.org/ Jun 29-Jul 4, 2008: Conclave 2008 "Healeys on the **Bay**" – Sprite 50th Anniversary – Sheraton Harbor Island, San Diego http://www.sdhealey.org/conclave08

For the latest event news see our on-line calendar at http://www.sdhealey.org/?calendar



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Healey In The Weeds

By John McGee

I was recently talking to a new employee named Tim where I work. The subject of cars came up, and I stated my favorite car is an Austin Healey 100-4. I stated that I own a 1954 10-4 that I restored.

Tim, who is in his early 40s, said a neighbor down the street from the house he grew up in had an Austin Healey sitting in the backyard. He said they would climb all over it as kids. He was pretty sure it was a 100 series and it had a hard top.

Tim said he bet it was still sitting in the backyard of that old house and asked me if I wanted to go for a drive and see if it was still there. You know what my answer was. We drove to the house, and no one was home. From over the fence, we could see trees where Tim said the car was sitting, through the tree-like weeds, we could vaguely make out a Healey.



I left a note on the door of the house stating I was interested in the old car in the backyard. I received a call the next day. She invited me to come over and see the car.

The car was a 100-6 with the jump seats in the back. The car had lots of rust, and the engine block was in the car but was completely bare.

She said the car belonged to her brother. I made what I thought was a reasonable offer for the car. She mentioned that a friend of hers had researched the value of the car on the Internet and it was very valuable. I took this picture and I will cherish it as one of the most unique Austin Healeys I have ever come across.

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK

California Healey Week

By Mike Williams, photos by Mike Williams

Our hats are off to all of the folks from the Austin Healey Association of Southern California for planning a wonderful CHW weekend at the Pierpont Inn in Ventura. The elegant accommodations and sunny So Cal weather were definitely to our liking. Last year's Big Bear outing proved to be a bit cooler and the '05 trek to Indio was scorching, but no complaints this year... it was perfect!

Most of the San Diego contingent got underway late Thursday morning and, after a brief stop in Costa Mesa to pick-up Dana's Jensen GT; they made good time through LA and on to Ventura. I left after work on Thursday around 3:30pm and unfortunately, did not have the same good driving fortune in LA... bumper-to-bumper the whole way. By the time I arrived at the hotel Bob & Barbara Humphreys had already turned in, but Rick Snover, Dan McPeek, Don Newman, and Lou Galper & Debbie Durham were getting reacquainted in the bar while several others, including Ken & Jeanne Deringer and Bob Segui, were just getting seated for a late dinner at the restaurant. After shucking a big plateful of clams and downing a couple of cold ones, I also retired for the evening.



Bob Segui's Nash Healey won Best of Show

Dana McPeek's Jensen GT & Rick Snover's Sprite

Friday morning we all enjoyed a very nice breakfast at the hotel then jumped in the Healeys for a pleasurable drive up into the mountains to do lunch and some wine tasting. As we arrived at the Old Creek Ranch Winery, we were greeted by two big ol' shaggy, four-legged car lovers running alongside us enjoying the view from ground level. The winery owners had a nice little outdoor tasting table set-up for us, and some picnic tables in the grass under a huge oak tree for our box lunches. There were a lot of great photo opportunities in this picturesque setting. After lunch, most of the group continued on up the hill through Ojai for a tour of the California Oil Museum in Santa Paula. There you received the complete history of petroleum products... I know what that sounds like, but those attending were very impressed by the museum's displays. Dana & I had decided instead to drive up the coast for a couple hours towards the Big Sur area, but had to turn around due to Dana's not feeling well.

Upon returning to the hotel, we ran into the Schmidts, who were just arriving. After a quick nap and some freshening-up, we headed over to "50's Flat" for a hosted Social Hour. This is a really cool suite that was built in the '50's and is still decorated that way. You can almost see Ward & June Cleaver enjoying a Martini while watching the sunset over the Pacific. That evening, the San Diego group walked over to enjoy a wonderful meal at Ericsson's Restaurant on the pier.

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK



Some of the cars at Old Creek Ranch Winery

AHCSD at one of the "50's Flat" parties

Saturday morning, another nice breakfast at the hotel and we were joined by Udo & Gisela Putzke who had driven up early that morning. Now it was time to head down to the marina for the "on the grass" car show. I didn't count, but I would guess that there were about 50-60 cars representing all models, even Bob Segui's beautiful '53 Nash-Healey coupe and George Keens one-owner '55 100 BN-1. There was also a western wear theme for the show and many of the folks had on cowboy/cowgirl outfits.



AHCSD at Ericsson's on Venture Pier

Dominic Valentino & his Sprite Easy Chair

After the show and some lunch at a nice little waterside Greek restaurant, many of us went for another mountain drive up and around Lake Casitas with many more photo ops then back to the hotel to get ready for the Awards Banquet. The hotel had a very tasty buffet set-up and we all enjoyed Bob Segui's photo presentation from the weekend's events as well as some vintage racing clips and a couple of commercials featuring Healeys. The awards presentation went smoothly with Bob's Nash-Healey winning "Best of Show". A late evening, enjoying several bottles of wine and making some new friends from LA.

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK

Sunday morning is always my favorite part of CHW, not the saying goodbye to everyone, but the buffet breakfast and auction/raffle. I didn't win any of the items I bid on this year, but I did manage to win the last \$100 gift certificate from Moss Motors! We also raffled off a complimentary registration for next year's Conclave in San Diego. The lucky winners were Bill Barnett & Ronnie Abel.



Car Show at Ventura Harbor Marina

Car Show at Ventura Harbor Marina

After saying our farewells, Rick, Dana and I hit the road south with just one stop for lunch and to drop Dana's car off again at Costa Mesa... they still hadn't gotten the carbs tuned right, but Dana now assures me his GT is running perfect with lots of power. So, again I say thanks to all the Association volunteers for putting on a fantastic weekend. We hope to see you all next year at Conclave.



San Diego members attending: Ralph & Ann Comito, Gil & Jeanette Daab, Ron & Sandy Davies, Ken & Jeanne Deringer, Danny DeSanto, Lou Galper & Debbie Durham, Ron Harris, Bob & Barbara Humphreys, George Keens, Chic & Pat Linde, Dana McPeek, Don Newman, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, and Mike Williams.





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Registration fee covers 1 car and 1 adult, registration packet, icebreaker, car show, tech sessions, tours and auction. Children, other guests and some events have additional charges, as specified.

Registration (per person)	Adults/Kids	Total
\$52.00 US (\$60.00 CDN) thru 6-01-07 (See Regalia)	/	
\$56.00 US (\$65.00 CDN) after 6-01-07	/	

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year	Make	Model (AN5, BN6)	Color	Comments

EVENT FEES

Events (per person)	Adults/Kids	Total
Park Lunch: \$22.00 US (\$26.00 CDN)	/	
Spaghetti Dinner: \$16.00 US (\$19.00 CDN)	/	
Wine Tasting: \$10.00 US (\$12.00 CDN)	/	
Columbia River Boat Ride: \$12.00 US (\$14.00 CDN)	/	

Austin-Healey Rendezvous 2007 Registration

CONCOURS

I am interested in having my Austin-Healey judged: Year _____ Model _____ Concours Judging entry fee includes standards and judging sheets. Call or e-mail our National Committee Representative direct to request the judging information order form. George Marinos telephone: 201+445-3124 or e-mail: <u>GMari2@verison.net</u> Cascade contact: Jim Slostad @ 253+988-8767 or e-mail: mobelle65@aol.com

I would like to park in the concours assigned parking area: _____

REGALIA

Available by pre-order ONLY! Dead line is June 1 st	Colors	Sizes S, M, L, XL * XXL add \$2 extra	Price *	Total
Polo Shirt, Embroided Meet Logo	Gray w/ Navy trim		\$42	
Polo Shirt, Embroided Meet Logo	Navy w/ Khaki trim		\$42	
T-Shirt, Silk Screen "100" Logo	Ash		\$14	
View regalia @ CAHC web site			Regalia Total	

PAYMENT, WAIVER and CONTACT

Rendezvous 2007 total:

Make checks payable to Cascade Austin-Healey Club of Washington, or credit card: Visa/MC: _____ Account: ______Expires: _____

Signature (required for CC): _____

I/we have read and agree to the Cascade Austin-Healey Club waiver form, available on the club web site (see below) or available on request.

Waiver Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Waiver Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Mail registration form and total to: Rendezvous 2007

Walt & Zoe Harrison 2018 Capital Way S.

Olympia, WA 98501

E-mail registration form and credit card information to: wzharrison@comcast.net

CAHC web site: http://www.cascadeahc.homestead.com/home.html

BRITISH EXTRAVAGANZA

2007 British Extravaganza, Buttonwillow, CA

By Dewey de Butts, Photos by Terry Cowan, on-track photos by CaliPhotography, <u>http://www.caliphotography.com</u>

A good time was had by Austin Healey club members at this Vintage Auto Racing Association yearly British Extravaganza event, sponsored by Moss Motors. *[See their ad on the back cover.]* Racing vintage Austin Healeys were Rick Snover (1959 Speedwell Sprite) and Dewey de Butts (1960 Bugeye Sprite). Dewey took

first place in H Production (best lap 2:39.125), and Rick placed 6^{th} , in top half of the large E Production class (best lap 2:20.141). Dewey also placed first in H Production in the Sprite/Triumph challenge (OK, the only H production entered in the 25-car event).



Rick finished in the top half of the E Production class

Supporting these racers in the pits were AHCSD President Terry Cowen and Josh from the Toy Shop, and Scott Tisdale. Terry and Josh changed out Dewey's axle that broke on the Saturday morning pace lap after a spinout in the middle of the pack of 40 racers on turn 2. Rick fortunately had no spins and only one wheel off the track the entire weekend.





Dewey finished first in H Production class



Next year, let's have some of our club members enter their cars in the popular All British Car Show held in conjunction with this event. Lots of trophies and prizes. For the more adventuresome, join the lunchtime drive around the track or the Saturday afternoon Car Show Participant Slalom. We'll take our club banner and pit together and enjoy a laid-back weekend of tire kicking, bench racing, BBQ eating, and the now infamous Karaoke night of laughter and song (yes, Terry can really sing).

SIFT & SORT AT THE SCHERMERHORNS'

What's To Sift & Sort?

By John Schermerhorn, photos by Bob Farnsworth

When we first got our Sprite, years and years ago (and years and years) our friend (and the car's owner) had been in the process of taking it apart to restore it. It was in six or eight milk cases and a dozen boxes.

He was transferred back East. We had loaned him some money so he left the pink slip. Thinking he would come back we parked the body in the side of the front yard and stacked the boxes in the garage. Over time I began to

clean parts placing nuts, bolts and smaller pieces in baggies with labels. As time is wont to do, it went on and on and we learned that the owner had died so we had a basket case to deal with.

With the help and encouragement of Dick Schmidt and others I began to take the larger body parts, clean them and start the restoration. The stripped body and a new 1275 engine went to Terry Cowan where he worked on some of the dings, etc. The floor was lace (from having sat out so long. The engine needed a lot of help, the seats etc. all needed to be re-done and so it went. Time and MONEY (or lack thereof) and beginning a new business with our son took its toll.

Finally last year a obstructions declined we began to seriously consider putting it back together. The fact that our club was going to host the "big one"



was enough to heat the motivation to where we are now. So -- it was time to sift and sort and put things back together.

Bobs Kitterer and Humphreys went to the patio room and began to put spring units together and into one new crate while taking non rear end parts out to the garage. Terry and Bob Farnsworth (and others) took other new containers and sorted baskets and boxes in the garage. (For instance, there are five or six carbs to be examined



to pick the best two.) While all this was going on, Udo and Dick continued work on the body of the car.

After about four hours the Salmon was ready and with the rest of the excellent dishes the ladies brought over we had lunch.

This is what is so great about our Club: so many people willing to take their time to help fix a car; so many wives willing to cook and share the guys' ambitions and hopes. It will get finished!!!

P.S. Have you sent in your \$200.00 yet? I know haw important it is to support Mike and his crew early. We never had to worry about "seed" money for "Fiesta" planning or securing venues. This is a real key to putting on a great show.

SIFT & SORT AT THE SCHERMERHORNS'

A Tech Session From A Woman's Point Of View

By Gisela Putzke, photo by Bob Farnsworth

On Saturday, April 28th a second Tech session was called in at the Schermerhorn's to sort and sift through all the parts they still would need to complete the restoration of their Austin-Healey Sprite. Many of you Austin-

Healey ladies out their may think what a boring event. Or why didn't you come?

The invitation promised a BBQ Salmon lunch with potato salad and beverages. Everybody else was asked to bring something to share. Since it was already Friday evening and I didn't want to go shopping so I searched my recipe files for a dessert which asked for ingredients I already had in my pantry.

When Udo and I arrived at the Schermerhorn's Bob Humphries, Jan and Dick Schmidt and Bob Kitterer were already there. The guys worked on different parts for the Sprite while Jan, Mary and I checked out the homemade dishes we had brought.



As the morning went on, the group of tech wizards got bigger. Rick Snover, Lou Galper, Terry Cowen and Bob Farnsworth joined the team. Our little group of women and their homemade goodies expended too when Sue Farnsworth presented her homemade dish.



The guys walked back and forth from the garage to the workshop in the back of the house. What a set up! Each time their stopped at the dining room table and sampled Jan's delicious shrimp dip, Mary's outstanding salmon (fresh from Washington State), the potato salad, a vegetable dish and for dessert Sue's lemon tart, Barbara Humphries' (not present) dessert and my almond covered peach pie.

Unfortunately, at this tech session we were only four women, but we had a great time gossiping, sharing stories, and recipes. So, next time when you think Tech sessions must be boring; think again!

I believe the guys had fun doing what they like to do. (I'm not quite sure which one comes first; working on cars or eating our delicious food). In addition, I think a tech session was successful when there are no leftovers. Makes you feel... happy!

Hope to see you all (and your favorite recipes) at one of our future tech sessions or any other Austin-Healey events.

CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD



various activities. Opportunities to collect COTY 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 of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members, etc.) to the CoTY recorder, Gisela Putzke (858-486-3870 or <u>putzkes@cox.net</u>), within 30 days after the event. 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.

COTY points currently approved by the Board are:

AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions	4 pts
AHCSD Driving Events, Parties, etc	6 pts
California Healey Week	. 16 pts
Healey Rendezvous	. 16 pts
Austin Healey Conclave	. 16 pts
S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D.	. 10 pts
Other non-AHCSD one-day events	2 pts
Other non-AHCSD multi-day events	4 pts

The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Other non-Healey British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award. All points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCSD regalia during the subsequent year. The total points leader at the end of the year will receive the coveted CAR OF THE YEAR badge for display on their Healey for the following year.

Current 2007 COTY Point Standings (As of May 23) Snover, R. Sprite Mk III (AN8) 68 Putzke, U&G 3000 Mk II (BT7) 54 Voth. W. 3000 Mk III (BJ8) 38 Humphreys, B&B 3000 (BT7) 32 McPeek. D&B 32 Jensen Healey Kirby, S&D 3000 (BT7) 26 Galper, L. Jaguar 22 Kind, K&LG 3000 Mk III (BJ8) 22 Tisdale, S. Abbott 20Newman, D&C 3000 Mk III (BJ8) 20 Daab, G&J 100 (BN2) 16 Davies, R&S 100 (modified) 16 Deringer, K&J 100 (modified) 16 Frost, A. Sprite (AN5) 16 Harris, R. Sprite (AN5) 16 Keens, G. 100 (BN1) 16 100 (BN1) Crawford, D&P 14 Humphreys, B&B Jensen Healey 12 Tisdale, S. Sprite Mk III (AN8) 12 Dompe, L&J 3000 Mk III (BJ8) 10 Ouillo, A&K 10 3000 Mk II (BT7) Brewer, N. Jensen Healey 8 Sprite Mk II (AN7) Schermerhorn, J&M 8 Galper, L. 100 (BN2) 6 Zoller. R. Morgan +8 6 Crawford, D&P MGB 5 Widgery, J&B Jaguar 5 DeButts. D. Sprite (AN5) 4 Grundies, D. 4 3000 Mk III (BJ8) Snover, R. Sprite (AN5) 4 Williams, M. Triumph TR4 3 Galper, L. MGB 2

Good Luck, and get out there and DRIVE THOSE HEALEYS!



BALL BEARING BREAKER CHALLENGE RALLYE XXXVIII

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By Dan Roslund

The Semiannual Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye XXXVIII (38) is planned and ready to go. Here are the details:

What: The Semiannual Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye XXXVIII (38)

- **Who:** All Clubs in the British Car Club Council (and anyone else who would like to come and have some fun!!).
- Date: Saturday July 21, 2007
- **Time:** Meet at 9:00 AM, first car out promptly at 10:00. There are many restaurants close-by so breakfast (or a quick coffee and muffin) can be had before you begin the Rallye.
- Eating Places: Muffin Break, IHOP, Starbucks, Dairy Queen and others.
- Location: Del Norte Plaza, 362 El Norte Parkway, corner of El Norte Parkway and Centre City Parkway, Escondido CA. For directions: <u>http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/BBBCR38.html</u>
- **Directions:** Just off Interstate 15 at the El Norte Pkwy Exit, it is the first shopping center East of 15 (about 1/4 mile), on the North side of El Norte Pkwy.
- **Cost:** \$10 per car. This is to cover the cost of the trophies for the First, Second and Third place finishers, both Driver and Navigator. All food costs are your own responsibility.

Last January's Rallye was truly FANTASTIC. Everyone that entered had a great time and we explored some new areas of San Diego. I am planning on living up to the great effort and work that went into putting on the January event.

As an added incentive to boost attendance, there will be some excellent raffle prizes given away. Each entrant (car) will be given a raffle ticket, and there will be a random drawing to select the winners (so you don't have to win the Rallye to win a great prize!!!). You will need to be present at the luncheon, though!

It is highly recommended to have both a driver and a navigator on the Rallye since there are clues and questions that need to be figured out and answered during the course, but solo drivers are welcome and no one is excluded.

A little bit about the Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye: This is a timed event BUT NOT A RACE. It is meant to be fun!!! Each entrant (driver and navigator) will get an instruction packet at the start. There are clues for directions, so you will not know the end point (a local restaurant) of the Rallye. During the Rallye, 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 a half 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 and food. The time of each car is recorded, and 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 misrouted, a sealed envelope is also given with the final destination (and a MAP). Also an emergency number (my cell) will be given out. I will have my trusty Map with me and I am sure to get you to the finish line no matter where you end up in San Diego (hopefully you don't end up in Yuma!!).

I am planning on an excellent turnout for the Rallye. Last January we had over 40 entrants and I will plan for some extras this time!

If you have any questions please call or email:

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Front and Rear, with brackets and all hardware. Bolt on, no frame modifications required

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MARKETPLACE

CARS FOR SALE

1976 Jensen GT – #290 of only 511 ever made! Recently purchased from an estate, I am finishing it for sale to a good home. Details: Dellorto 45 carbs and 2.2 Cam kit installed; recent silver paint; New reupholstered seats and headliner; New 3 core radiator, water pump, cam belt and shifter bushings; Removed old radiator fan and clutch and UPGRADED with dual 11" Spal electric fans and thermostat control. Previous owner had her for 20 years in LA area. He meticulously maintained it at Scrivner automotive. COMPLETE REPAIR DOCUMENTATION FOR 20 YEARS! More than \$45,000 in maintenance over last 20 years. Brand-new head gasket and valve adjustment. \$10,500.00 Some pictures available at:

http://good-times.webshots.com/album/558143268TjmoFL I would keep her, but I am only 6'6" and she is too hard to get into. Details, viewing and test-drive available with appointment in San Diego – Call Dana at 858-549-7878.

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AUSTIN HEALEY PARTS – 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. Email <u>putzkes@cox.net</u> or call 858-486-3870 for availability.

AUSTIN-HEALEY PARTS (USED) – For 100, 100-6 and 3000. Denby Jackson: 619-670-0722 or email dcj24k@highstream.net

AHCSD REGALIA

Club Logo T Shirts or Men's & Women's Polo Shirts \$10 ea or two for \$15. Club Logo Sweat Shirts \$20. **Club Logo Pins** \$4 each. **AHCSD Car Badges** 3" club logo car badges, only \$25 each (club members) and \$30 each (non-members). **Work Smocks** \$5 each. **Post Cards and Club Logo Stickers** \$1 each. Personalized Club Name Tags (w/ name & car type), magnetic backing \$6 ea, or pin style \$5 ea.

Visit <u>http://www.sdhealey.org/?regalia</u> for an order form and photos of some of the items. To order regalia, contact Jan Schmidt at (858) 453-3864. Unless you want to pick it up at the next meeting, please add \$2 for shipping and handling or \$5 for next day delivery. Make checks payable to AHCSD.

WANTED

"Wanted" classifieds for *Healey Hearsay*, - Anybody need anything? <u>ricksnover@earthlink.net</u>

HEALEY HEARSAY ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Classified ads are free to AHCSD members. Classifieds for items wanted or small items for sale are free to non-members, too. Ads may be placed any time. Submit artwork and payment to the Treasurer. Annual display ad and monthly non-member "Car For Sale" classified ad rates are as follows:

Full page display ad (7½"W x 10½"H) \$100/year ½ page display ad (7½"W x 5¼"H)...... \$75/year ¼ page display ad (3¾"W x 5¼"H)...... \$50/year Business Card (3½"W x 2"H) display ad \$30/year Non-member "Car For Sale" classified \$5/month





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See you at the June 13th Members' Meeting 6:30pm at Greek Palace, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Blvd in Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-D1)