

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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July - August '08

## From The Editor:

*We did it!..didn't we!* While it was a great experience, as a business person, I was worried that the economy could sink the club along with Conclave. Lynn and I spent over five years teetering on bankruptcy due to the Great California Depression of the 90's. Thinking about that, I took a deep breath and went under with the rest of the board on Conclave 2008. I'm sure I was not the only one wondering about the sour economy as Conclave approached.

Would I do it again? To expect a club to be liable for as much as \$80,000.00 for a year, in hope of a successful event, is a leap of faith. This club has taken the leap not once, but twice. It's time for AHCA and AHCUSA to get in sync and start working together. West Coast Rendezvous and East Coast Conclaves are tough enough. To expect clubs with limited resources to host a national event, with financial risk on top of a huge club commitment can be a club killer.

Any organization, from my experience, is made up of three levels of participation. First, are those who "drive the club", know what needs to be done, and does it. Second are those "ad hoc" who rise to the occasion and fill out the ranks. Third are those who "go with the flow". This is not a criticism. It's the way the world seems to work. I mention this as I want to thank all those "ad hoc" who filled out the various committees and stepped up to the plate when they were needed. *Everyone did a great job! Thank you!*

As you may know "ad hoc" comes from the Latin "to this" or for a special purpose only. I am sure the board is hoping that some of these people will step up to a board position as club elections approach. I know I am.

This issue's Conclave 2008 article has become an unintended eulogy to Ron Phillips, whom I heard just passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Le Rae and family.

Regards,  
Warren

## August Meeting

**Wednesday, August 13th 6:30 PM** Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd in Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-E1)



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Well, here we are in August already and it's pretty strange not having a Conclave planning meeting of some sort or another. We probably should be having some get over Conclave meetings to decompress. From all of us, I'd like to take a moment to thank Mike for all his, and the Committee's hard work! There have been many nice letters saying how much people liked the event and they wonder how the next Conclave will keep up with ours! Again nice job !!!

It was very nice to see Gerry & Marion Coker as well as John & Caryl Sprinzel, both of which sent notes thanking us for a wonderful time.

I am so sorry to hear of Ron Phillips passing. We have been friends for many many years. He has always been a driving force in the Healey world. I'm glad I was able to chat with him at Conclave. All of our thoughts and prayers go out to LeRae and his family. Ron will be sorely missed

Our next meeting will be @ Boll Weevil Aug 13th 6:30 9330 Clairmont Mesa Blvd in Kearney Mesa, hope to see you all there

Until then....

Happy Healeying  
Your Pres, Terry Cowan



*Ron & LeRae Phillips ( second and third from left), enjoying lunch with Carroll & Karen Goldsworth and Ron and Sandy Davies at the Marina Deli during Conclave 2008 in San Diego.*



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## WHAT'S COMING UP

By Rick Snover, Activities Committee Chairman

It seems like a long time since I last wrote one of these columns... Actually, it has been a long time! I had a wonderful time at Conclave, and I think everybody else did, too. The Committee did a terrific job and pulled-off the finest meet I've ever attended. Thanks Mike and everybody for all your hard work. If you weren't there, then June and July may have been pretty boring for you, Healey-wise, but you've only yourself to blame!

We'll be participating in AHCA's National Ice Cream Social on the evening of Saturday, August 23, followed by Movie Nite at Santee Drive-In Theatre. First, we'll gather at Baskin-Robbins on La Mesa Blvd for ice cream at 6:30 PM. We need to finish our ice cream by about 7:30, so we can drive up to Santee and get parked for the movie starting at 8:30.

We don't have anything at all scheduled in September or November yet, but our Oktoberfest BBQ is back after a year's hiatus, and will be at Bob & Sue Farnsworth's newly rebuilt home in Ramona! Stay tuned to future issues of Healey Hearsay for date, time, and other details.

October also brings the 29th Annual S.D. British Car Day on the Sunday the 5th. This year the featured car is the Austin Healey Sprite, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the model, and the event is at a new location this year as well – Admiral Baker Field in Mission Valley. See insert for details and pre-registration form. (Be sure to mail in your form and fee right away, as trophy distribution will be based on the number of cars in each category that are pre-registered.)

The Activities Committee (and remember, you are a member of this committee) needs to come up with something for the Club to do in September and November, and we need to begin planning the annual Christmas Party soon, too. Hope to see you at the Meeting on the 13th, or the Ice Cream & Movie Nite on the 23rd.

TTFN,  
Rick

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, August 3** 17th Annual National City Automobile

Heritage Day Parade & Car Show. <http://nationalcitychamber.org/auto-heritage-show.asp>

- **Wednesday, August 13**, 6:30PM AHCS D Monthly Meeting – Boll Weevil Restaurant, 9330 Clairemont Mesa Blvd in Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-E1)

- **Wednesday, August 20**, 7:00PM AHCS D Board Meeting – If needed, location will be announced.

- **Saturday, August 23**, 6:30PM AHCS D Ice Cream & Movie Nite – We'll gather at Baskin-Robbins, 8807 La Mesa Blvd (TG 1271-A2) to participate in AHCA's National Ice Cream Social, then at 7:30 we'll drive up for a flick at Santee Drive-In Theatre, 10990 Woodside Ave. N. (TG 1231-F5).

### SEPTEMBER AND BEYOND

- **September 6 & 7** SF Bay Area British Car Meet at Sierra Point Marina in Brisbane, CA. Call for information: 310-392-6605, e-mail: Sierra Point Marina BritMeet rfeibusch1@earthlink.net

- **September 7**, 9AM-3PM 3rd Annual Beach 'n 101 Cruise – Cruise Hwy 101 between La Jolla & Oceanside – Registration, Awards & Raffle at Del Mar Racetrack. Sponsored by the Highway 101 Association. <http://drivethe101.com/>

- **Wednesday, September 10**, 6:30PM AHCS D Monthly Meeting – Location will be announced.

- **Sometime in September?** AHCS D Breakfast on the Bay, or...?

- **September 27 & 28**, 2008 11th Annual Coronado Speed Festival Historic Road Races – NAS North Island, Coronado. Produced by: Fleet Week San Diego Foundation. <http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/coronadospeedfest.htm>

- **Sunday, October 5, 2008**, 29th Annual San Diego British Car Day & Picnic – Admiral Baker Field, 604 Admiral Baker Rd in Mission Valley (TG 1249-H6). See insert for details and pre-registration form. Presented by the San Diego British Car Club Council. <http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/>

see <sdhealey.org> for additional activities

*Trying to write a Conclave story, I found it difficult to do a better job than that of Ron Phillips of the Austin Healey Association. What better way to look at our effort than through the eyes of a participant. Thanks Ron for a great accolade. You'll be missed.*  
-Conclave Committee.

## Conclave 2008, San Diego

*by Ron Phillips, the Nut Behind The Wheel*

Wow! What a great meet! Everything seemed to work. Let's look at some of the really good things about it!



First, we really owe the San Diego Club a terrific round of applause. Their organization and application of lessons learned from previous Conclaves really stood out. The presentation of the events in notebook form was simply the very best way I've ever seen

to present all the meet information for helping the participants understand each event and participate in it. Each day was documented with a discussion of the day's events, the time frames, and both maps and satellite views of each venue. All of these events ran on time, did not overrun the allotted time, and the venues chosen for each just couldn't have been better. Let's look at the venues a bit more closely.

The car show at Embarcadero Marina Park North, adjacent to Seaport village, was just



*Above left- Mike Williams, Conclave 2008 Chairman. Top down- The Embarcadero, adjacent to Seaport Village, is a perfect car show venue. Judy Wrobe's very early 100M wins a first, presented by Gerry Coker. A clutch of Bugeye Sprites. The beautiful Sprite of Dominic & Davana Valentino wins a first in class, presented by John Sprinzel.*



by to receive their awards for all the first place in class. This also removed this “burden” from the closing banquet, a great idea that was also used in Vermont, last year. This concept should become a tradition in the coming years.

The Funkanna and the Gymkana held at Qualcomm Stadium was just perfect for this event. Having experienced people set up the Gymkana course and run the equipment, made this event run as smoothly as any of this type I’ve ever

seen. The course was in an enclosed area West of the Stadium and we had it all to ourselves without the possibility of non-participants wandering through it! Where in the last few years there seemed to always be “issues” with this event, here we had an entire over one mile long course that ran slightly uphill and then back down to the finish. And there was covered shade for all the participants to view the action courtesy of the light rail transportation system that serves the Stadium. From that shade offered by the overhead tracks, you never lost sight of the cars on the course due to the up-hill nature of it, was simply terrific! And what drama to watch the mix of cars, both



*Above- Steve Kirby, trophy committee chairman, reads trophies to be awarded at end of the car show. The Kirby’s 60’ BT7 with San Diego Bay and the Coronado Bridge in background.*

about as perfect a place for this event that I’ve ever experienced. Possibly only Pebble Beach could top it! And the weather just couldn’t have been better, temps in the low 70’s with clear blue skies just added to the beauty of this unique site by San Diego Bay. There were scenic backdrops of City skyline and boaters on the bay that just added to the drama of our cars no matter which way you took that prized picture of your pride and joy. Bob Segui’s posing of everyone for a picture of them in their car as they entered the park for the car show featured a backdrop of the City skyline with the bay, boats, and marina framing each of our prized Healeys. Simply tremendous! Having the awards for the popular judging right at the venue worked superbly allowing for a drive



*A BNI is ready for a timed gymkana practice on track laid out at the San Diego Chargers Qualcomm Park.*

## The Gymkana & Funkanna...



as driver or navigator during the day. The path of travel was clearly marked on pavement. No confusion, nothing dangerous, just fun!

About the food. The closing banquet held at the Sheraton was the absolute best mass served meal I've ever had. Everyone else seemed to feel the same way. The combination dinner of Salmon and Chicken cooked perfectly and tasted delicious. How did they pull this off? The food was hot, served with great presentation, and considering that all meal service came from the other Sheraton tower, was a great accomplishment on the part of the Hotel.

our Healeys and the local Gymkana group's much "hotter" cars navigate the course. This professional course and management of it allowed each participant up to three or more practice sessions with three or more speed runs, depending on whether you wanted to just keep looping the course, or not. There was no hurry as the organizers could run multiple cars on the course at one time and not have to wait for each car to finish before the next one could start, a real time saver for this event. As Gymkana's go, it just doesn't get any better than this! Take a look at the times and you will see that a lot of people had a great time running this course.

The Funkanna, conveniently located on the other side of the shaded area, gave an opportunity for anyone to participate



About 40 members of our club, the Austin-Healey Association, on one of the "off-nights" went the Shakespeare Pub, a well known English style pub downtown San Diego, and sampled the wares. The food and brew was great. Even the "English" members of our club gave it a hearty thumbs up! Again, because of the mild climate, we were able to sit outside until dark and enjoy the weather, the grub, and the grog with all our club friends. Our club president, George McHarris organized this event for us, including Van transportation to and from the hotel so we could really kick back and enjoy the

*Above- Each participant was allowed up to three practice and three speed runs for plenty of gymkana fun. Below- Rick Snover in his blue Sprite in front of Udo Putzke in his red '61 BT7 get ready for a lap. Track was laid out for multiple runs, a real time saver.*



evening without concern for driving after a brew or two.

And I really have to mention the marina deli just at the end of the parking lot. I'd bet that every attendee of Conclave had at least one meal there! Breakfast, Lunch, even Pizza for dinner, their food was delicious, reasonably priced, and with outside seating overlooking the marina, and the terrific San Diego climate, made any of these meals a pleasure to partake. And anytime you went there, you would find Healey friends to sit with and chat with while enjoying your meal. They even had a beer and wine license! Having his kind of facility this close to the hotel was so unique in our experience of attending these kind of events that it's possible the Deli will be a subject of discussion for years to come when we think back to this event. Strange, but true!

We really need to thank Udo Putzke, not only for his and Gisela's help and financial support with the event, but for putting on an "honest" rally! But you had to pay attention in the driver's meeting, and then to the route instructions, and the generals, to do well. If you didn't, then you, too, may have gotten lost looking for "China" as referenced in the directions. But the rally did take us, once out of town, through some of San Diego County's open space parks and then through beautiful Rancho Santa Fe and back down the coast to return to San Diego. Again, with temps in the low 70's, it made for fine motoring!

The tech sessions again featured some of our major parts and service providers. I enjoyed them all, particularly David Noch's presentation on roadside failures and how to overcome them. Having a boot full of spares helps! David brought a collection of show-and-tell items and handled all the questions thrown at him. We have all had these same emergency breakdown and repair experiences, especially those of us who have been around these cars for many years. The presentations by Martin MacGregor on interior trim and upholstery, and

*Above top- The awards banquet featured salmon and chicken. Table included Mike Williams father Bill, cousin Frank from Germany, Mike, and John & Caryl Sprinzel, AHCA Pres. Carl & Linda Brown . Bob Segui provided a grand photo "road show" of the popular choice car show. Below- Barbara & Bob Humphreys, and Dave Grundies at the Beach Party Banquet-Sprite 50th Anniversary.*

## Honored Guests & Tech Sessions

Martin Jansen of Jule Enterprises on their frame replacement process were received well by a new West Coast audience who may not have seen or heard from these two professionals in Healey restorations.

Then there was the Gerry Coker and John Sprinzel chat. What terrific guys to put up with us novices! Whether rumor squashing or their experiences, we all enjoyed their sharing with us their years of experience and insights into those funny little British cars called Austin-Healeys! Having this scheduled as a tech session instead of during the closing banquet is the right way to go. This way, those interested can attend. Those not interested need not apply or be held captive!



And then there were our friends, from all over the world and the USA. It's wonderful to see them again, catch up on what's happening, and simply pass the time with them. We see each other so little that these times together help us to reconnect, to share, and to look forward to next time we meet to pick up where we left off in our conversations and our lives. As my good buddy from the San Francisco Bay

*Above left- Concours judging elevated two Healeys to gold and two to bronze. Above right- Gang from the Austin Healey Association enjoy the Marina Deli's great food and prices. Above- Gerry Coker and John Sprinzel auto-graph almost anything. Left- Martin MacGregor's tech session on door seals and correct interior trim.*

area, Len Hartnet said, he and his wife were still "vertical", and seemed to know their doctors much more intimately. But there was Len with his well traveled BJ8 and his 'arf-a-healey' trailer, enjoying things so much he even placed first in the TSD rally with last minute Australian co-driver! Way to go Len!

Again, LeRae and I would like to thank the San Diego club members and, particularly, Mike Williams for putting on a really good show! They may have set, possibly, an impossibly high standard for our Conclaves of the future.

'Till next time, Ron Phillips.

## Sprite Award For Gerry Coker Co-Sponsored By The Austin- Healey Club of San Diego

By: Bill Meade

Gerry Coker, the body designer for the Austin-Healey and the Sprite was presented a beautiful 1/18 scale die-cast model of the first prototype Sprite at the recent Conclave in San Diego, CA organized by the AHCSA. The metal model was planned by Bill Meade, built by Andy Rowland and equally sponsored by The Austin-Healey Club San Diego, The Austin-Healey Sports and Touring Club, The Austin-Healey Club of America, The Austin-Healey Club USA and The Golden Gate Austin-Healey Club.

This one-of-a-kind model car was of the Sprite Gerry originally designed with recessed headlights and a forward sloping grille. This original car had an aggressive, race car look, which was lost when BMC decided to install the less expensive "bug-eye" headlights and an upright grille.



*Gerry Coker (left), body designer of the Austin-Healey Sprite, receives a model of the first Sprite, presented by Bill Meade at the 2008 Conclave in San Diego, CA. The presentation was made at the birthday party celebrating 50 years since the Sprite's design.*



*This close-up photo shows the racy good looks of the original prototype design reproduced exactly in this 1/18 scale model. The grille was lowered in height by a couple of inches and sloped forward at the top about 4 inches.*

The original prototype was actually built as a running car and finished in "Ferrari" red at Gerry's suggestion. Bic Healey recently said he was not sure what happened to the prototype car but he felt the front shroud was probably destroyed when the decision was made to use the "bug-eye" style front end. Gerry saw the prototype in its red finish just before immigrating to his new home in the US in 1957. He didn't know the appearance of the car had been drastically changed until he later saw the production car shown in a US dealership.

When the bug-eye Sprite was first introduced, it received much criticism from the public and press because of the funny, bulging headlights. However, after fifty years of seeing the bug-eye Sprites on the road, people have come to enjoy its quirky, smiling face. However, had the car been produced with the more racy styled front shroud, it probably would have greatly increased its original sales and its reputation today as an outstanding, classic sports car design.

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## Conclave's Honored Guests

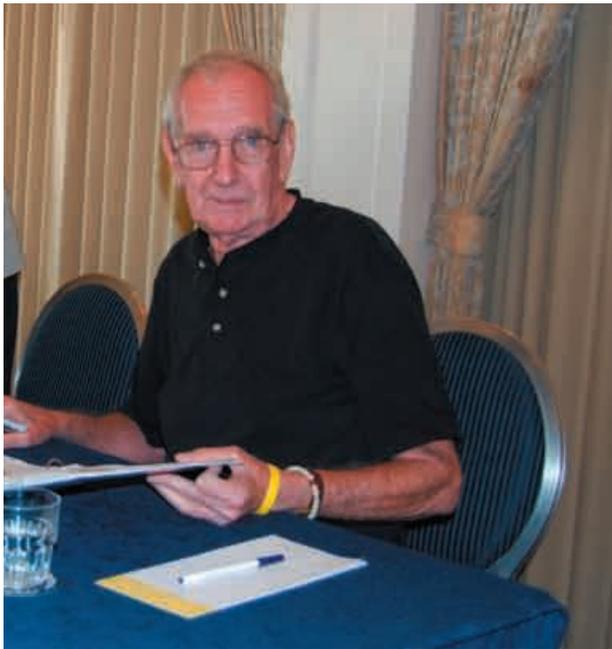
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Greetings Mike,

This is to thank you and all of your enthusiastic San Diego Austin Healey club members for the wonderful time Marion and I had as guests for the Conclave 2008. The hotel room and view were fantastic, as were all the Healey owners enthusing over their cars. Marion enjoyed the ladies special afternoon tea, and I had lots of fun with the little projects you had lined up for me.

Cheers,

Gerry Coker



Safely home again! Caryl and I wanted to thank you so very much for a really super week. You guys looked after us so well, and we could not have enjoyed ourselves more. Please give our thanks to your committee for one of the very best Healey meets we have ever enjoyed. I believe you have the movie (1958 Alpine Rally) on a computer, so maybe you can show it to your members at one of your evenings without all the clatter and diversions. Again - Thanks a bunch.

Aloha,

John and Caryl Sprinzel

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Gerry Coker said he would love to see a restorer build up a Sprite using the look of the prototype body. All that would be required would be installation of a set of recessed headlights (perhaps from an older Maita), smoothing the fender

joints and extending and sloping the front grille a few inches. The first person to build this car will have a real attention getter that is historically accurate of the first prototype Sprite.

### HAPPY FLAG DAY    HAPPY SUMMER    GO PADRES

Attendance for the June 11th Meeting (held at Round Table Pizza, Governor Drive)

39 members and guests were in attendance. Drove Healeys\*, other British ~. Attending were: Steve & Diane Kirby, Rick Snover, Susan Kwiat', John & Mary Schermerhorn, Bob Kitterer, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Gisela Putzke, Jim & Barbara Widgery, Bob Humphries\*, David Coyote\*, Terry Cowan, Jim Leaverton, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Sam Talbert, Mike Dolphin, Gary Stalker, Chuck Sharp, Bob & Jo-Ann Carberry, Wayne Johnson, Jim & Libby Pendleton, Howard & Lynne Stark, Curt Arndt, Neil & Nancy Tabachki\*, John Banales, Lou Galper & Debby, and Sandy Leon & family.

Meeting was called to order by President, Terry Cowan at 7:20pm.  
Call for reports from the board.

- **Secretary:** May meeting minutes were approve.
- **Vice President/Membership:** Membership is at 100 members. Welcome some of old members back attending meeting.
- **Treasurer:** See Treasurer for treasury balance.
- **Newsletter:** Info to Warren by 16th-17th of this month as Warren was on vacation. Requests for stories and pictures. Happenings with your cars and related info to David Coyote or Lou Galper for What's New article. Blast to the Past articles, remembrances and pictures from the early days of the Club to be included in the newsletter for our 30th anniversary year.
- **Activities:** Rick reported no specific Club events for June due to Conclave being held end of June. Various activities to participate in July: July 12th Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye leaving out of Carlsbad; July 18th Cruisin'Grand "British Invasion" in Escondido, see Steve Kirby about reserving space. Various car shows are held during the summer months. See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.
- **Regalia:** Steve Kirby showed wall-hanging black silhouettes of various makes/models of Healeys' for sale. Sprite Anniversary Grill Badges for sale.
- **Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** No Report. Various flyers available.
- **SD British Car Club Council:** British Car Day location to be held at Admiral Baker Field. No food vendors. Going back to original format of bringing own picnics.
- **Conclave 08:** Final Conclave Planning Meeting June 22 9am-noon at Bilsteins, Poway. Bob Humphries reported about 171 registrations/351 people and 100% of hotel reservations taken. Steve Kirby reported about trophy's and special trophy for Mike Williams. Donations for raffle/auction were asked for/taken. Volunteer sign up list for Conclave events was available.
- **Old Business:** Continued plans and arrangements discussed for Conclave (i.e. Concur's judging, Gymkhana, Car Show, etc).
- **New Business:** No board meeting to be held this month.

Carberry's were the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary

## July 12th Ball Bearing Breaker Rally



We all met at Carlsbad Outlet Mall for the start. Only one Healey in attendance - me, but as you will quickly find out, not the only club member. If I recall there were ten entries since it was a Saturday event.

This was an interesting event as it was a little different from prior BBBs. Not only did we have the usual Questions along the way - though no COLs or CORs - making it much more difficult having to look on both sides of the road at all times! But a new twist was added in that along the way you had to stop and pick things up. In this case it was flags. NASCAR flags - and you had to correctly name the meaning of the colors for bonus points. Did you know there was a blue flag? I didn't.

After 1 hour and 43 minutes we arrived at the end which was the Bernado Winery for lunch and results.

Winner of this rally - if you can call it winning - was our own and the Jaguar Club's (pronounced Jag -YOU-are) Lou Galper. Didn't get 2nd and 3rd place names as I was running for my camera.

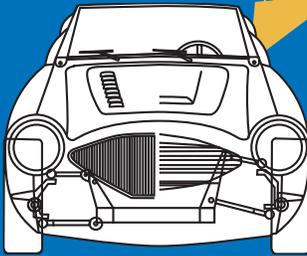


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Ron Phillips and I joined the Austin Healey Association at about the same time. I no longer remember if he was a couple months ahead of me or if I joined first, but I do remember the first conversation we had where we discovered that we were both "newbies". We were both learning about our cars, what made them run and how to keep them running, and about the history and lore that came with them.

I learned what I needed to and a bit more but Ron took it to a whole "nut-her level". He studied the car, the history, and the people involved until he was one of the most informed people on the subject anywhere.

I sometimes thought that he had memorized the entire Healey parts book.

He could look at what to most people would be a rusted piece of junk, and tell you what it was, its function, what Healey or Healeys it fit and, incredibly, often the Healey factory part number as well.

In my younger days I accumulated, mostly legally, a huge mountain of used Healey parts. It was an enormous collection of stuff, a lot of which was unidentifiable to me. There came a time when Ron was between jobs and had some time to spare so I engaged him to help me identify this monstrous mess. He not only identified all the parts, not all of which it turns out were Healey, but he categorized, organized, and computerized them. He presented me with a spreadsheet showing what was there, what it fit and his evaluation of its serviceability. Not many people could have done that. Even fewer would have.

Ron didn't keep all his knowledge to himself. He was always willing to share his expertise. Many times, probably too many times, I would call him and say, "Ron, I have this problem..." I can picture him rolling his eyes and saying, "What now?." Then he would tell me what I needed to know. Sometimes I could have looked up the information myself, but it was so much easier to just ask Ron.



He was always willing to get his hands dirty helping a stranded Healey owner get his car back on the road. I can't count how many times at Healey Weeks, Ron would hold an impromptu parking lot tech session to get someone's Healey healthy again. He also conducted scheduled tech sessions to

share his knowledge with the rest of us. I can remember one CHW when I was having carburetor troubles with my BT7 (yes I actually drove it to San Diego), and Ron discovered that one thing wrong was that the front carb had an extra float valve!

Although Ron was thoroughly immersed in them, his world did not revolve around Healeys. His world and in Ron's mind the universe, was centered on his wife, LeRae. And that is a good thing.

He was a good man, a devoted husband and father, and a great friend.

I will miss him. A lot.

Carrol Goldsworth



**CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD**



In an effort to recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards Car of the Year (CotY) points for 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 putzkes@cox.net), within 30 days after the event. 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.

CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts, AHCSO 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-AHCSO one-day events 2 pts, Other non-AHCSO multi-day events 4 pts, The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Putzke, U&G(BT7).....58	Leaverton, J. (BN7).....20	Cacciatore, C (BJ8).....6
Voth, W. (BJ8).....56	Snover, R. (AN5).....20	Coyote, D. MG A.....5
Snover, R. (AN8).....52	Newman, D&C (BJ8).....18	Galper, L. MG B.....5
Humphreys, B&B (BT7)....48	Daab, G&J (BJ8).....16	Kirby, S&D MG T.....5
Coyote, D (BN1).....46	Davies, R&S mod.....16	Brewer, N. Jensen.....4
Cowan, T. (BN2).....44	DeButts, D. AN5).....16	Kirby, S&D Mors.....3
Humphreys, B&B(JH).....42	Deringer, K&J mod.....16	Stark, H&L Jaguar.....3
Galper, L. 100 (BN2).....34	Harris, R. (AN5).....16	Williams, M TR6.....3
Williams, M. (BT7).....34	Leon, S&L (AN5).....16	
Grundies, D. (BJ8).....32	Pleasant, M. (AN5).....16	
Kirby, S&D (BT7).....32	Segal, C. (AN5).....16	
Frost, A. (AN5).....30	Sharp, C&D (BJ8).....16	
Hess, G&M (BJ8).....28	Shoemaker, R&K (BN6)....16	
Tabachki, N&N (BN6).....26	Tisdale, S. Abbot.....16	
Kitterer, B. (AN5).....24	Coombs, C (AN9).....10	
Kwiat, G&S (BN4).....22	Galper, L. Jaguar.....10	

**New Members, Birthdays, & Anniversaries**

**JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- Bob Humphreys 07/01
- Skylar Whitton 07/03
- Elisabeth Mears 07/04
- Silvia Torres 07/06
- Kurt May 07/13
- Jo-Ann Carberry 07/14
- John Banales 07/14
- Sheri Whitton 07/14
- Ann Comito 07/16
- Bob Lindsey 07/16
- Alice Hurley 07/17
- Frank Leamy 07/17
- John Farkash 07/17
- Jim Widgery 07/21
- Dr. Janet Bowers 07/22
- Andy Nelson 07/24
- Bridget McGee 07/25
- Neil Tabachki 07/28
- Loreen Wilhelmy 07/30
- Ken Deringer 07/31
- Patrick McGee 07/31
- Heidi Farkash 08/01
- Sue Turner 08/01
- Andy Duncan 08/02
- Gary Stalker 08/02
- Gaye Goodwin 08/02
- Rick Snover 08/05
- T. Wukadinovic 08/05
- Gregory Sharp 08/09
- Hooward Stark 08/09
- Alex Arndt 08/10
- M. Wukadinovich 08/14
- Ron Davies 08/14
- Alex Dolphin 08/14
- Udo Putzke 08/14
- Curt Arndt 08/16
- David Coyote 08/16
- Roland Wilhelmy 08/17
- E. P. Gonzles 08/19
- Dennis Toler 08/21
- Judy Hodges 08/22
- Blanca Longaker 08/23
- Richard Thrift 08/27
- Virginia de Boer 08/27

**JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- Chic & Pat Linde 07/10/50
- Udo & Gisela Putzke 07/17/92
- Gil & Jeanette Daab 07/18/54
- David Coyote & Pamela Hill Crawford 08/08/94
- Hank & Ramona Kohlmann 08/17/68
- Jim & Barbara Widgery 08/19/44
- Chris & Karina Segal 08/19/95
- John Banales & Silvia Torres 08/23/03
- Richard & Jo-Marie Roberts 08/23/80
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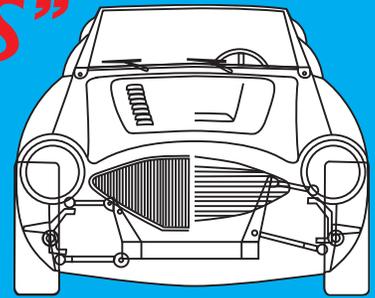
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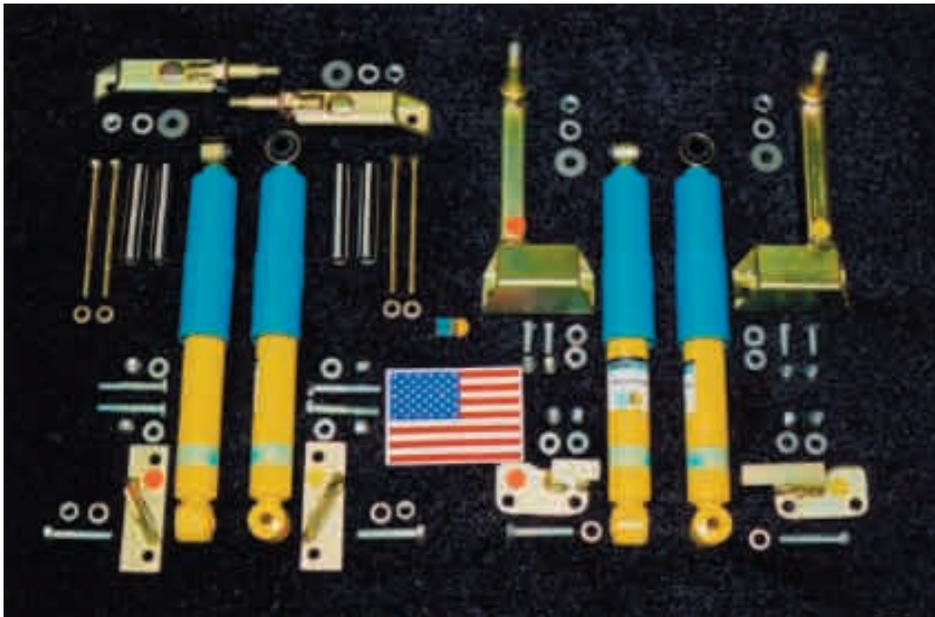
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