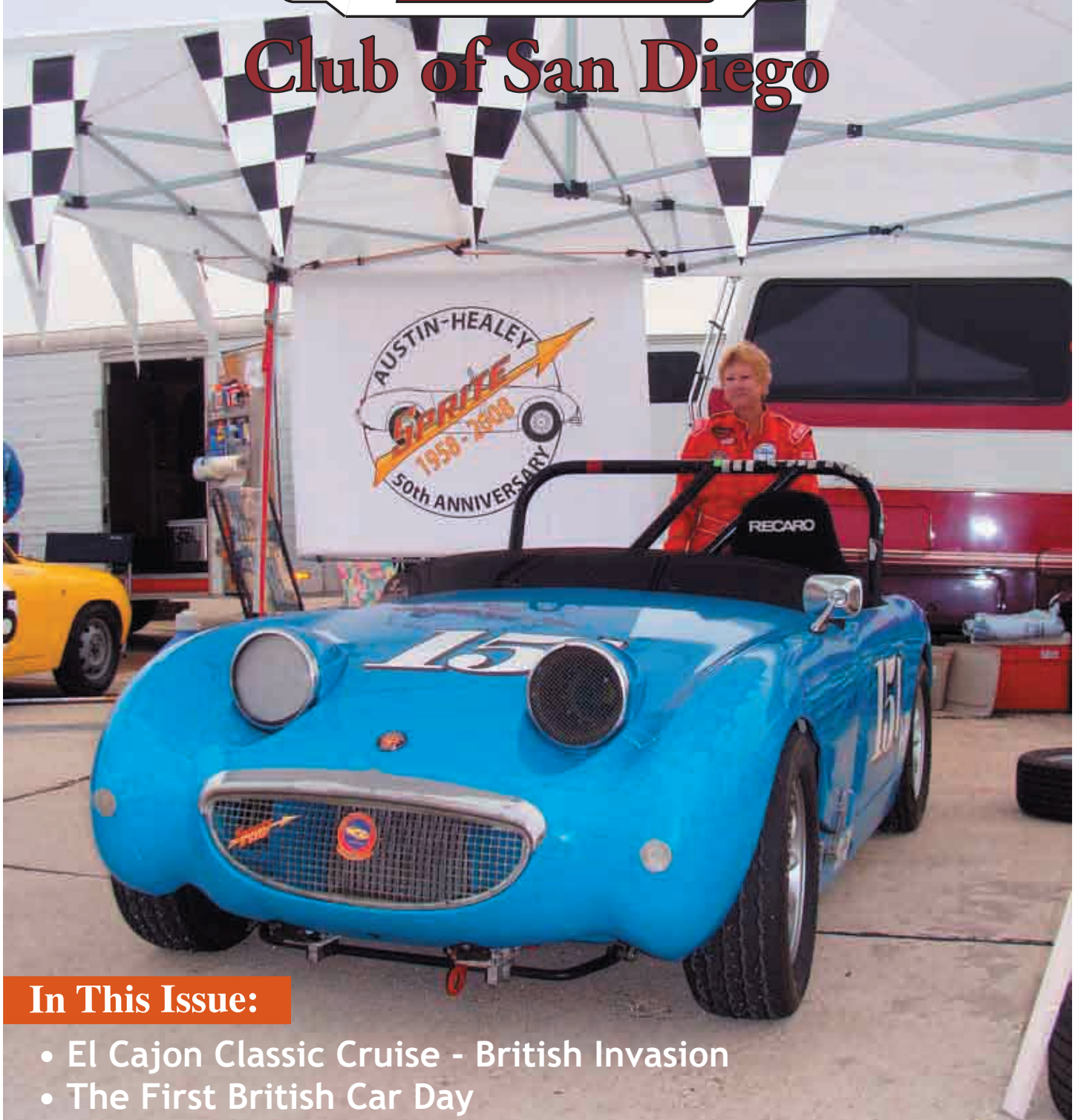


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Club of San Diego



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October '08

From The Editor:

From **September Song**, a favorite of mine,...*Oh the days dwindle down to a precious few... September... November...and these few precious days I'll spend with you...*

Change the *days* to events and I'm thinking of my all time favorite fall event. For me, it is the October drive to the Widgery's home in Rianbow for brats and visiting. The drive was long enough to be fun, with the stop at Dudleys on the way out.

Jim and Barbara meet us in the gravel parking area in front of their home. Barbara tells us how great the cars look. We unload our stuff for the potluck, open our coolers for a cool one and visit. Barbara would have chips and dips to go with the drinks. John Schermerhorn would do the brats and we eat and talk..

We tease Jim about getting their Healey finished. If we're lucky, we get a peek in the shed containing his blue racing Sprite that Dewey Dubutts ran at this years Coronado Speed Festival. He would finally close the garage door to keep us from driving him nuts about it and the progress on the big Healey.

Barbara gives us a tour of the desert garden area and a commentary about the wild life that lives in it. The birds, coyotes, squirrels, rabbits and rattlers. We get a run down on all the local critters. Living in the back country myself, I always enjoyed the walk and talk.

Jim and Barbara gave me a watercolor by Jim's artist brother, Jack Widgery. It's of the pier at Laguna Beach. I always admired Jack's work displayed in their home. Their gift is very special because watercolor is my medium when I painted years ago. The painting, now in my office, reminds me of good times and great friends.

I'm looking forward to the Octoberfest at the Farnsworth's new home.

Regards,
Warren

October Meetings

Wednesday, October 8th AHCS D General Meeting
6:30 PM at Round Table Pizza, 3250 Governor Drive in University City (TG 1228-C5)



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Hey there Healeyites....what happened to this year ??

It's British Car Day on October 5th! And it's already time to think of Oktoberfest at the Farnsworth's on October 18th in their new after-fire home. Bless them both! It's going to be a great October!!

We're planning a 30th year celebration brunch! Check the Activities page for details. Hard to believe it's been 30 years. What a ride its been for the Club.

Nice to see a group of us at the Coronado Speed Festival, cheering the Healey's on the track. Go Dewey duButts, who by the way, was featured in the UT on Saturday !!

We always need new blood for officer positions to be elected at the annual meeting. Your new ideas will keep the club fresh !! Not all of the current board will be returning, and four of us have been doing the work of six or more. The club doesn't run by itself !! OK... See you all on the 8th at Round Table Pizza...

Cheers, Terry

More From The Editor

To Craig K. Anderson,
Cascade Editor - July/August 2008 "Floorsweepings" column;

As one editor to another, I was at Conclave every day & night. You could have humbled yourself and honored me by asking for help. I don't think I have ever met anyone as important as you think you are. I am sure a proper response will be coming from those more qualified than I. In the mean time, why not spend more time in the Avenue of the Giants. The redwoods will help make you feel as small as you really are.

Warren Voth
Editor, Healey Hearsay
Austin Healey Club Of San Diego

September Meeting Minutes

HAPPY FALL GO CHARGERS

Note: Please excuse any errors or omissions as the environment for this month's meeting (outside at the El Cajon Car Show) prevented hearing proceedings and people's talking.

Attendance for the Sept 10th Meeting (held the El Cajon Cruisin Car Show, Orange Ave, El Cajon) 25 members and guests were in attendance. Drove Healeys*, other British ~. Attending were: Steve & Diane Kirby~, Rick Snover, Gerry & Susan Kwiat*, Mike Dolphin, Lou Galper* & Debby, Gisela & Udo Putzke*, David Coyote*, Terry Cowan* & Marlene, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Sam Talbert* John & Mary Schermerhorn, Howard* & Lynne Stark~, Gale & Martha Hess, Warren Voth*, Randy Blum, and Sandy Leon*.

Meeting was called to order by President, Terry Cowan at 6:45 pm. Call for reports from the board. Secretary: August meeting minutes were approved.

- **Vice President/Membership:** Membership is at 102 members. Renewal notices will be coming out via e-mail and then snail mail for those that do no renew by e-mail.

- **Treasurer:** See Treasurer for treasury balance.

- **Newsletter:** Info to Warren by 20th of this month. 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:** Discussion was held as to the various activities to participate in. These included: Sept 27&28 Coronado Speed Festival, Rick has passes for the Car Corral parking. Breakfast by the Bay outing was cancelled and discussion held as to having a Breakfast meet on Saturday 27th prior to Coronado Speed Festival—announcement to be made via e-mail notice; Oktoberfest at Farnsworth's on Oct 18th at 1pm, discussion of drive before to the Farnsworth's. Other activities being planned (See Old/New Business). See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.

- **Regalia:** No Report.

- **Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** No report, as Gerry Kwiat' had to leave meeting area early to go to Promenade to pick up his winning trophy for the Car Show tonite.

- **SD British Car Club Council:** Steve Kirby reported on getting registrations in for British Car Day deadline, Sept 12 (only had 9 Healeys registered so far—need more for trophy qualification). British Car Day October 5th location to be held at Admiral Baker Field. No food vendors. Going back to original format of bringing own picnics, no glass, no hard alcohol. Discussion held as to who has the Sprite Anniversary sign which could be used at BCD. Monday Sept 22, last planning meeting for BCD will be held at Coco's Bakery Restaurant, Mission Valley.

- **Old Business:** Board made the decision of sending the approved Club monies of \$200.00 to the American Heart Association in memory of Ron Phillips. AHA sent a "Thank-You" receipt. Nominations for new officers to be coming up at October's meeting; needing to have an Election Committee. Positions that will definitely need to be filled are Newsletter Editor and Activities Chairperson. Other volunteers welcome.

- **New Business:** It was presented that our Club's 30th Anniversary Party will be on November 2nd and would be a brunch at Bellefleur's in Carlsbad. Discussion was held as far as preferred times, getting a cake, parking, and a possible caravan up to Carlsbad. Further details at next meeting. The annual Christmas Party is tentatively set for Dec 13th at the Aerospace Museum. Further details and planning to be announced later. October meeting to be held at Round Table Pizza, Governor Drive.

Susan Kwiat' was the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m. People dispersed to various places to eat along El Cajon's Main Street and to go see Gerry Kwiat' get his Winner's Trophy.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary

What's Coming Up?

By Rick Snover, Activities Committee Chairman

By the time you read this, British Car Day will probably have come and gone. I hope everyone had a great time.

Our annual **Oktoberfest** barbeque returns this year, after the hiatus caused by the wildfires last year, and will again be at Bob & Sue Farnsworth's home in Ramona – Their brand-new, freshly rebuilt home that is! The address is 19791 Via Vista Grande, 1151-G2 in your Thomas Guide. I'm not sure at this time whether or not we'll need a gate code. We'll get that information from Bob & Sue and put it out to the members at the meeting on the 8th, and via email to our Club's announcements Yahoo! group. Any pre- or post-party drive will also be announced, after the details are determined at the meeting. If you're not at the meeting and don't receive our announcement emails, you can call me for the information.

The Committee has been busy arranging our **30th Anniversary Celebration** champagne brunch, which will be at Bellefleur Restaurant in Carlsbad, at Noon on Sunday, November 2nd. (Directions: From Interstate 5 take the Palomar Airport Road exit and head east. Take the first left onto Paseo Del Norte and head north. Travel north past three parking lot entrances to Carlsbad Premium Outlets and turn right at the north end of the mall onto Car Country Drive [Hoehn Honda is on the northeast corner]. Take the first right into the mall's north parking lot. You'll see it on the left.) The Club will be subsidizing most, if not all, of the cost for this event (to be decided at the meeting on the 8th), so we're hoping to see a large turn-out.

Our annual Christmas Party returns to the San Diego Automotive Museum this year, on Saturday December 13. Stay tuned for details.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, October 5, 2008, 10AM-3PM: 29th Annual San Diego British Car Day & Picnic** – Featured: Austin Healey Sprite 50th Anniversary – Admiral Baker Field, 604 Admiral Baker Rd in Mission Valley (TG 1249-H6). Presented by: San Diego British Car Club Council, <http://www.sandiego-britishcarday.org/>

- **Wednesday, October 8, 6:30PM: AHCSO Monthly Meeting & Nomination of Officers** – Round Table Pizza, 3250 Governor Drive in University City (TG 1228-C5).

- **Wednesday, October 15, 7:00PM: AHCSO Board Meeting** (If needed, location will be announced.)

- **Saturday, October 18, 1:00 PM: AHCSO Oktoberfest** – At Bob & Sue Farnsworth's newly rebuilt house, 19791 Via Vista Grande in Ramona (1151-G2) – The Club will provide the soft drinks, ice, bratwursts, buns & fixings. Bring your own other beverages, and a side dish or dessert to share.

- **Saturday, October 25, 11:00 AM: AHCSO Tech Session** – BJ7 Fuel System – Kurt May's house, 13313 Landfair Rd in Del Mar Heights.

NOVEMBER AND BEYOND

- **Sunday, November 2, 12:00 PM: AHCSO 30th Anniversary Celebration** – Champagne Brunch at Bellefleur Restaurant, 5610 Paseo Del Norte in Carlsbad. <http://www.bellefleur.com/>

- **Wednesday, November , 6:30 PM: AHCSO Monthly Meeting & Election Of Officers** – Location will be announced.

- **Sunday, December 7, Annual Temecula Cork Inspection Tour** with the Triumph Club.

- **Saturday, December 13, AHCSO Christmas Party and Gift Exchange** at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park.

- **Saturday, January 10, 2009, Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye XLI.** <http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/>

- **Sunday, January 11, 2009, La Jolla Motorcar Classic at the Cove** car show at La Jolla Cove. <http://www.lajollaby-thesea.com/about/events.php>

- **June 21-26, 2009, Austin Healey Conclave 2009** – Ambassador Conference Resort in Kingston, Ontario Canada. <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>



El Cajon Classic Cruise British Invasion Night & AHCS D Meeting.

by Susan Virden-Kwait'

On Sept 10, 2008, 24 Club members attended the El Cajon Classic Cruise British Invasion Night. We had a section of S. Orange Ave, off of Main Street, allotted for our Austin Healey marque to share with the Mini-Coopers. Interestingly, only a few Mini's were present, and the Austin Healey Club members had 9 of their cars present. They included: Lou Galper-Bugeye, Sam Talbert-Sprite, Terry Cowan-100-4, Gisela Putzke-3000, Warren Voth-BJ8, Gerry

& Susan Kwait'-100-6 BN4, Howard Stark-100-6, David Coyote-BN1. Sandy Leon-Sprite and Steve & Diane Kirby-MGB and Lynne Stark-JagXJS.

Gerry Kwait' won a trophy for his 1957 Blue & White 100-6 BN4.

After "ogling" other cars along Main Street, a short meeting was held to discuss upcoming events for the future months, and cars and people dispersed to various eating places. A few of us met up at the Downtown Cafe & Grille for eats & drinks and to "ogle" Gerry's trophy.

I was impressed to see that so many of our members DID bring their cars and on a work week night, the commute to El Cajon being a hard one.



Left- Cajon Classic Cruise Orange Street line-up includes; Howard & Lynn Stark's 1959 100-6, Warren Voth's 1966 BJ8, David Coyote's 1954 BN-1, Udo & Gisela Putzke's 1961 BT7, Lou Galper's 1959 AN5, Gerry & Susan Virden- Kwait's 1957 BN4.

Below- Gerry & Susan Virden-Kwait's '57 BN4.

Below left- Orange Street hangouts include; Debbie Durham, Lou Galper, Gerry Kwait', Rick Snover, Gale Hess, Susan Virden-Kwait', Martha Hess, Bob Farnsworth, Udo Putzke, Sam Talbot, and Gisela Putzke waiting for President Terry Cowan's arrival.

Gisela Putzke and I walked the length of both sides of Main Street to see the usual hot rods attended by owners serenaded by loud strains of 50's and 60's music typical of these events. There are a number of restaurants adjacent that were full of gear heads, drinking, eating and reliving their youth. The promenade area held representative examples of Triumph, MG, Jaguar etc., and I think a Sprite. There



seemed to be room for several, if not all, of our Healey's with better use of spacing and planning.

We held our club meeting in our designated car area accompanied by large exhaust blasts from a couple of dragster owners. At least I think we had a meeting. I saw lips moving. We ended about 7:30ish with no consensus about supper. Many of us drifted away like the echoing exhaust notes.

Dividing the marques for British Invasion Night, the event theme, was a disappointment. -editor

September 21, 1980

The First Annual British Car Day by Susan Virden-Kwiat'

After searching through the archives and files of old Healey Hearsay newsletters, the following are excerpts from the September and October 1980 newsletters:

Sept 15, 1980 (Elaine Mayer – Newsletter Editor):

Are you coming to the 1st Annual British Car Days??? Clubs attending will be the Austin Healey, Jaguar, MG, MG T Register, Morris, and Triumph.

September 21st (Sunday) beginning at 11:00am. The meet will be at Dos Picos Park, Highway 67 out of Ramona. 50 cents a car parking. Bring your own food and drink.

October 18, 1980 Healey Hurrahs: (Elaine Mayer – Newsletter Editor):

1st Annual British Car Day. Members in attendance with their cars were: Bob & Sue Carberry, Wayne Baker, Joe & Carol Feldman, Gerry Kwiat, Richard Levering, Matt Mathews, Will Rogers, Bob Segui, David Siegel and George Workman. Members without their cars included Fran & Phyllis Weltner and Ken & Elaine Mayer. Several non-member Healeys appeared and we signed up two new members – Matt Mathews and Bob Farnsworth.

See the President's Corner for more particulars on this wonderful event. Now don't you wish you had come? We had a great time!

President's Corner: (Bob Carberry, President): San Diego British Car Day. On Sept 21st, 14 Healeys were part of over 135 British Cars gathered at Doc Picos Park near Ramona

for the first annual British Car Day. The San Diego and North County groups toured to the park separately and arrived within a minute of each other. The San Diego group had a notable non-Healey join them for the drive: bringing up the rear was Bill Geiss in his 429 Cobra.

The participating clubs from San Diego included the following marques: Jaguar, MG, MGT, Morris, Triumph and Austin Healey. The Triumph Club had the largest turnout with over 38 cars and won the inter-club competition for the Joseph Lucas "Prince of Darkness" memorial trophy. This award was based on the results of the People's Choice favorite car voting, the number of cars present and the results of the inter-club volleyball event. The Healey Club finished second.

An outstanding beige MG TD won the People's Choice award with a neat Morris Minor woody wagon taking second place, and yours truly's MK III 3000 in 3rd spot. Some of the exotic machinery included the Cobra, a TVR, 6 Morgans, a Rover, a Riley, a Princess, and a couple of Lotus kit racing cars.





Above- Group Three bunched before the green flag with John Shirley 4th back on the inside. Middle- John Shirley's great looking BRG 1954 100-4. Below- Group Two, Dewey du Butts #15, being chased by #32 James Phillion in his '59 MGA.



by Warren Voth

Another great Coronado Speed Festival is history. It continues to be a first rate family event with plenty of displays, food, drinks and porta-pottys. Did I mention the aromatic odors of exhaust fumes, castor oil and rubber? I attended Sunday's event with usual suspects including; Bob & Barbara Humphreys, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Mike Williams, Coyote, Terry Cowan, Lou Galper & Debbie Durham, and Sandy Leon & Mark. It was nice to see Coyote's Pamela in attendance too. Did I miss anyone? Sorry.

Gisela and I walked to the garage area to see the Healeys. First stop was to visit Dewey deButts and her blue '60 Sprite, formerly Jim Widgery's. Saturday was Dewey's birthday and she offered birthday cake, which we had for breakfast. She even made coffee for us.

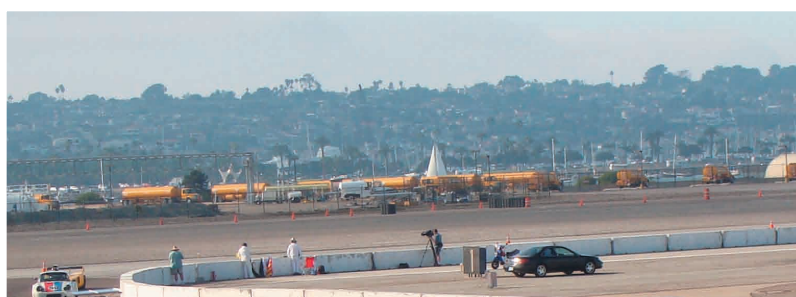


What a nice lady. We all got pictures with Dewey and Sprite with the Sprite 50th Anniversary banner in the background. In the bleachers, we cheered loud and got a wave from Dewey at the bunch-up before the Group Two green flag. It was a nice touch to see Dewey and her car featured in Saturday's U-T Wheels section article featuring the Speed Festival.

More Speed Festival...

Mike caught my attention and we went over to John Shirley's garage and checked out his eye catching '54 100, BRG with gold wire wheels. John's great looking car represented big Healeys well in Group Three.

Between events, we commented on the Car Club Corral from the top of our bleacher. Eleven years ago, the Car Club Corrals of the first Speed Festivals consisted mainly of clubs and cars that had a link, however distant, to the marques and races that the Festival celebrates. Now, Jaguars, Triumphs, Healeys, MG's, Morgans,



Sunbeams, Rileys, in fact all early Italian, German and British cars are swallowed up by Miata's, Vipers, Rat Rods, Nascar, and trucks for best motor and paint prizes. I believe Coyote said "the Corral looks like a Haynes underwear sale at the local May Co. parking lot". He may be right, but times are changing. Reminds me why I quit watching the Speed Vision Channel when it became Speed Channel. Nascar seems all one flavor.

Most of us stayed to the end of Group Nine Trans-AM's. We left the bleachers with ears ringing and yaked in the Car Club Corral while the traffic cleared out. Same time next year?

Top- The 300 cc BMW engined Italian Isetta was imported in the US when Gas was still about 30 cents a gallon. Middle- Group Eight, Can-Am & FIA Sports Cars with #2 Chevron B-19 driven by Jonathan Fieber behind the pace car. Bottom left- Who had more fun than Bill Wells in his 1922 Ford Model T racer, waving as he went by and passed by everyone. Bottom- Even the Californian was part of the day.

Right- The grand finale, Group Nine included 31 thundering 1666 to 1972 Historic Trans-Am cars. Herd of Mustangs is led by a '65 driven by Craig White. Below- Udo, Gisela and I, caught in the act of jumping the guy with the bag of popcorn.



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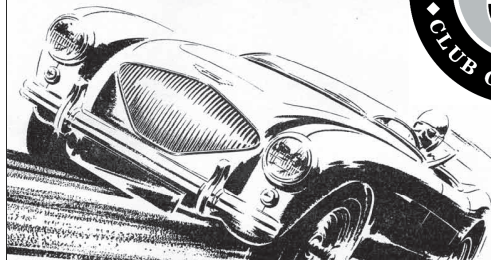
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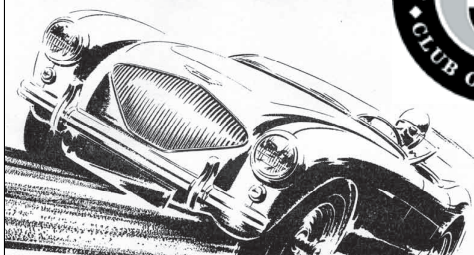
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will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For multi-Healey families, be sure to indicate which car(s) you drove.

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.

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New Members, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

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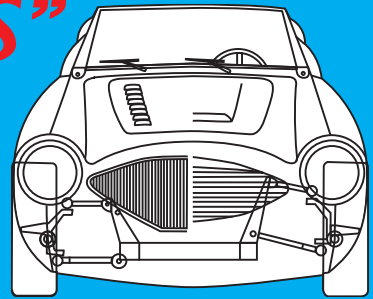


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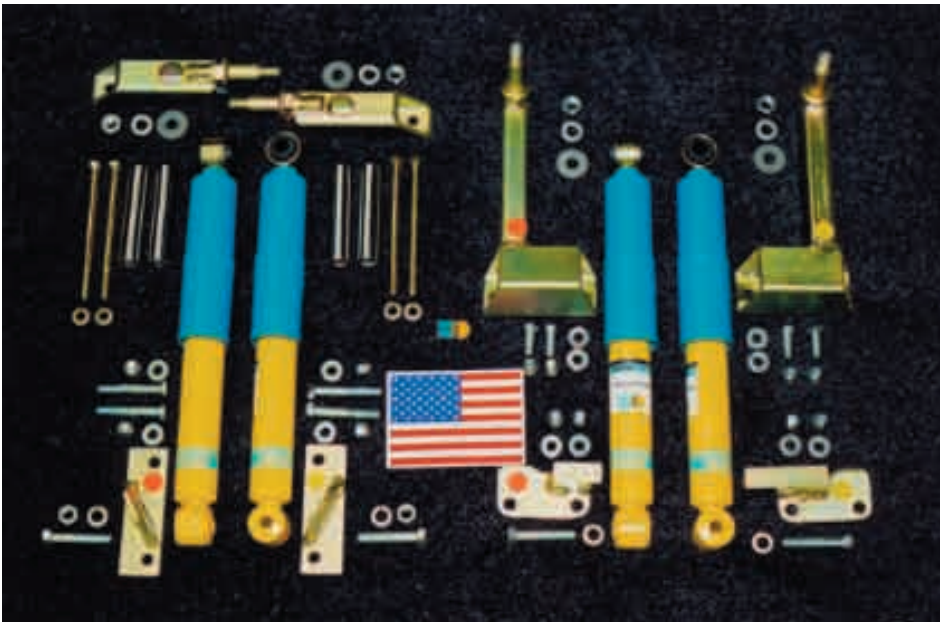
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