

HEALEY HEARSAY

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The Year That Was...



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December '08

From The Editor:

This is an historic time, and the year from hell, for American car manufacturers. Who would have thought, 30 years ago, that the big three would be in the shape they are in now? Is the bail-out, they will eventually get, make a real difference? Or will it simply move the eventual staggering changes that must be made at this late date to a more convenient time?

Most of us remember British Leland and the end of Austin Healey, MG and others. The people that know more about this than I predict one, maybe two bail outs before the Big Three morph into something similar to what happened to the steel industry in this country in the 70's. They predict that GM, Ford and Chrysler will possibly merge and or become speciality manufacturers resembling what happened to U.S. Steel and others.

It's amazing that viewed from a distance, Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Toyota, and Nissan have had marketing strategies in place for years that American manufacturers didn't follow. Mercedes-Benz manufactures cars from the resurrected luxury Mybach to the tiny Smart car that is seen all over Europe and now in this country. BMW, while staying up-scale, now has the 1,3,5,7, and 8 series cars, with the 3- series sedan being the flagship, that again, is seen all over Europe with small diesel engines. The same can be said for Toyota and Nissan. Their large vehicles are add-on's to their lines that could go away, when economy dictates, to insure their survival.

While Ford and GM have European subsidiary manufactured products, they seem not to be integrated into a market/manufacturing strategy to be readily introduced into this country. Now it's easy to see that as American manufacturers were exposed to a volatile oil market for years, they had little on the back burner for tough times to come and themselves.

But what do I know? See you at the Christmas Party.

Warren

Christmas Party

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



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To all who follow the Great Healey in the Sky

Wow !! What a crazy year its been, fun & sad at times.

I can't believe we are looking at the New Year already. I guess time flies whether you're having fun or not. Now it's time for turkey with all the fixins and family !!

Thanks to everyone who participated at last month's board member election meeting. We still need more help to keep the club working !!

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas party / meeting at The Automotive Museum in Balboa Park, Saturday, December 13th ,10 AM to 2 PM. The Christmas Party is always lots of fun !! Don't forget your gift for the exchange

Have a great Thanksgiving, and Happy Holidays if you can't make the party.

Cheers, Terry

Photo by Bob Segui.

November Meeting Minutes

HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY AHCSO

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

GO CHARGERS

Attendance for the Nov 12th, Meeting (held the Coco's Restaurant, Friars Rd, Mission Gorge).

28 members and guests were in attendance. Drove Healeys*, other British ~. Attending were:

Rick Snover, Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Chuck Sharp, Bob Kitterer & Jennie Kline, Steve Kirby, Bob Humphreys*, Dick & Jan Schmidt, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Mike Dolphin, Craig & Sue Turner*, Gisela & Udo Putzke, Warren Voth*, Terry Cowan, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Mike Williams, Howard & Lynne Stark~, Lou Galper & Debby, Bob & Jo-Ann Carberry.

Meeting was called to order by President, Terry Cowan at 7:10 pm.

Call for reports from the board.

- **Secretary:** Oct /Nov Minutes were not yet approved as had not yet been written & posted.
- **Vice President/Membership:** Membership is at 104 members. Renewal notices will be coming out via e-mail and then snail mail for those that do not renew by e-mail.
- **Treasurer:** Year End (Oct 07-Oct 08) Treasury Report was given. See Treasurer for treasury balance.
- **Newsletter:** Info to Warren by 20th of this month. Requests for stories and pictures. Warren stated that he would not be Editor next year, but would be willing to help with sharing of software/graphics pages.

• **Activities:** Terry Cowan thanked everyone for attending the 30th Anniversary Party Brunch at Bellefleurs on Nov 2nd. Discussion was held as to the various activities to participate in. These included: Sat, Nov 15th, 11am, Tech Session at Gale Hess's house in Lakeside in which a new Jule Frame and superstructure will be displayed; Sat Nov 22nd 10am Tech Session at Schermerhorn's for painting session on the square- body Sprite; Sunday Dec 7th Annual Temecula Cork Inspection Tour w/Triumph Club (e-mail/website for further details); Sat Dec 13th Christmas Party at Automotive Museum. Christmas Party Planning Committee to meet at Schermerhorn's Tech Session. See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.

• **Regalia:** Mike reported selling Sprite 50th Anniversary Car Badges at Delegates Meeting. Also brought back cookbooks for sale as Club regalia. Also orders are being taken for the Conclave 08 Grill Badges, see Susan Virden-Kwiat' for order forms/pay monies.

• **Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Gerry Kwiat' reported on a few car related activities (See flyers left) but not much was accomplished at meeting because of Ferrarri Open House Event at the Museum.

• **SD British Car Club Council:** No report except that Steve Kirby asked Lou Galper about the progress of planning for the Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye on Jan 10, 2009. Nothing to report.

• **AH Club of America Delegates Meeting:** Mike reported on the Delegates Meeting that was held in St.Louis, Nov8-9th. A summary of the information will be posted in the December newsletter.

• **Old Business:** Discussion was held as to the Club subsidizing the entire Christmas Party with the funds that are in the Treasury which included profits from regalia from Conclave. Motion made and vote taken as to approve the Club paying for the entire Christmas Party, 23 voted "Yes", 5 voted "No". Approved.

Discussion was held concerning changing the amount of the dues for 2009 and it was decided that the dues will remain the same for 2009.

• **New Business:** Election of Officers for 2009 were held. Terry Cowan was elected as President. Rick Snover was elected as Vice President. Susan Virden-Kwiat' was elected as Secretary and Treasurer. Lynne Stark was elected as Activities Chairman. The position for Newsletter Editor remains open.

Bob Kitterer was the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m. There will be no meeting in December as it is replaced with the annual Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary

What's Coming Up

by Rick Snover, Activities Committee Chairman

I'm running REALLY late this month, and I expect that by the time anybody sees this it'll be too late for anything I say about the Temecula Cork Inspection Tour on the 7th to do any good. I hope I saw some of you there, and that we had a good time.

I was only able to stop by briefly at the Schermerhorns' Sprite Spray Spree tech session last month, but it looked like there was some significant progress being made. We all hope to see that newly blue Sprite back on the road very soon!

The only other thing coming up this month is our annual Christmas Party on Saturday the 13th. We're back at the San Diego Automotive Museum, for a brunch catered by the kids from Ramona High, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. I hope to see a LOT of you there... I believe the "final" count I saw from Susan was 57! Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift (NOT "white elephant") for the Gift Exchange. It's always a blast. Huge thanks to Susan Virden-Kwiat', Terry Cowan and everybody else who helped. This should be a good one.

The next iteration of the Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye will be on Saturday January 10. Our own Lou Galper won the last one, so he's on the hook for organizing this one. Fortunately, he drove his Jag so we're not on the hook with him! I hope to have some details from Lou for the next newsletter. Also in January is the annual La Jolla Motorcar Classic At The Cove on Sunday the 11th.

That's about all for now. I've got to get this to Warren. See you soon.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, December 7, 9:00 AM:** Cork Inspection Tour with the Triumph Club
- **Wednesday, December 10:** NO MEETING THIS MONTH.
- **Saturday, December 13, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM:** AHCSA Christmas Party - catered brunch and gift exchange at the San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza in Balboa Park (TG 1289-B1).

JANUARY AND BEYOND

- **Saturday, January 10, 2009: Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye XLI** - Stay tuned for details...
- **Sunday, January 11, 2009: La Jolla Motorcar Classic at the Cove.** <http://www.lajollabythesea.com/>
- **Saturday, April 18, 2009: 14th Annual San Diego Rolling British Car Day.** <http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/>
- **June 21-26 2009: Austin Healey Conclave 2009 at the Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston, Ontario Canada.** <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>



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Reminiscing Thirty Years Of Healeys, Friends And Fun

The November 2nd 30th Anniversary Brunch at the Bellefleur, in Carlsbad, was a grand time. Again, thanks to Susan Kwiat', who ordered the 30th Anniversary cake with the eatable Club logo, Lynne Stark, and all who made it happen. Bellefleur's prime rib, ham, omelet and sea food bars were matched by their very attentive hospitality, which made the brunch memorable...and oh yes, the champagne.

Those attending included; Terry Cowan & guest, Mike Williams & Sherry, Warren Voth, Gerry & Sus Kwiat', Mike Dolphin, Lou Galper, Bob & Barbara Humphreys, Steve & Diane Kirby, Jim & Jill Leaverton, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Dick & Jan Schmidt, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Chuck & Debby Sharp, Rick Snover & Allie Kasarta, Howard & Lynne Stark, Jim & Barbara Widgery, Mickey & Marsha

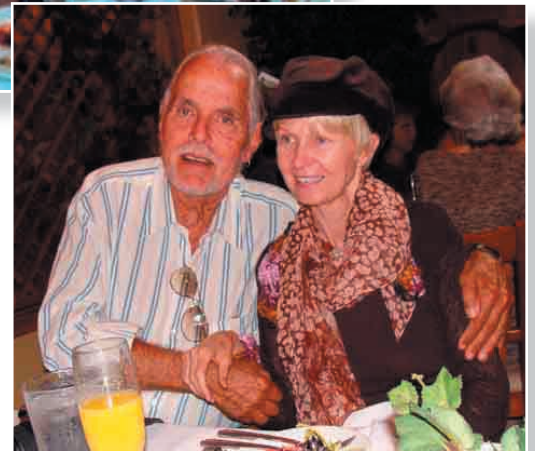


Top- Jan Schmidt, Gerry Kwiat', Terry Cowan, and Bob Carberry hoist the 30th Anniversary cake. Below-...and oh yes, the champagne.

Pleasant, Bob Kitterer & Jennie Kline, Jose & Angelina Mondragon, Bob & Jo-Ann Carberry, Jim & Libby Pendleton, Craig Turner & daughter Candace, Dave Grundie & Diane Schneider MD, and David Coyote & Pamela Hill Crawford.



Top- Club President Terry Cowan welcomes members with reminiscences of thirty years of the Austin Healey Club of San Diego. Middle center- Jennie Kline & Bob Kitterer. Center- Bob & Barbara Widgery. Middle left- Dave Grundies & Diane Schneider MD, Below- Bob & Barbara Humphreys with Chuck & Debby Sharp. Bottom right- David Coyote & Pamela Hill Crawford.





Above- John, Gale Hess and Bob Humphreys ready the "carcass" for Terry Cowan's rotisserie. Right- Dick Schmidt and Bob Humphreys build a spray booth in the garage and ready the body for interior spraying.



The Schermerhorn's Sprite Gets Color Inside And Under

By John Schermerhorn

Yes Virginia, there is a color other than gun metal gray! As we move into the season of Thanksgiving and the joys of the Advent Season, I am nervously awaiting the completion of the event of Saturday, Nov. 22. Years after I stripped the faded Healey Green off the disjointed fenders, braces, deck lid, and bonnet cover, etc., it finally seemed ready to put some color on the carcass. For what seemed like years I was bending sheet iron, spreading All Metal & Metal to Metal. Sanding, priming, more filler, on and on.

Several months ago Dick Schmidt said he would help me get ready and would show me how to prep pieces. Finally on Nov. 22, fourteen Healey Members got together and prepared to put color on the gray hulk. With Dick as a sort of major domo and Udo as Van Gough we began. Terry Cowan brought over his "rotisserie", we mounted the chassie and

turned it over and began painting. We finished when Udo and Dick came over again on Tuesday evening, turned the car upright and began to paint the inside metal.

Of course, Tuesday was the day it was supposed to rain and it did, but not before we finished.

Mary and I are thankful and grateful to those who joined us these days as well as in the past. Dick & Jan Schmidt, Terry Cowan, Howard & Lynne Stark, Bob Humphreys, Mike Williams, Sus & Gerry Kwiat', Gisela & Udo Putzke, Gale Hess, Lou Galper, and Rick Snover.

Lynne and the ladies also took time to wrap some neat stuff for the Holiday Party.



Above- Udo Putzke spraying the underside. Above right- looks like Mike Williams and Dick Schmidt are buzzed on paint fumes. Right- Dick takes a peak at the finished job.



Below left- Jan Schmidt, Gisela Putzke and Lynn Stark are wrapping gifts for the Christmas Party. Looks like Lynn's saying, "We could use some help here!" Below Center- Gisela is knitting Udo a pair of socks for Christmas. Below right- Lynn is thinking, "Maybe I'll try wrapping this thing again."





Left- Martin Jansen “The Frame Man” of Jule Enterprises explains the advantages of his new frame, (and they are many) to Udo Putzke, Dave Grundies, Steve Kirby, Lou Galper, Gerry Kwiat’ and Mike Williams. Below- The original frame showed engine mount stress cracks, saw cuts from an earlier floor pan repair, plus being much stiffer than the original, now 42 years old. Bottom- Resting on Gale’s great new lift in his super sized garage, the Healey is ready to be reassembled. Like Gale, we’ll be following Martha’s progress.

The Hess’ BJ8 receives a new Installed Jule Frame

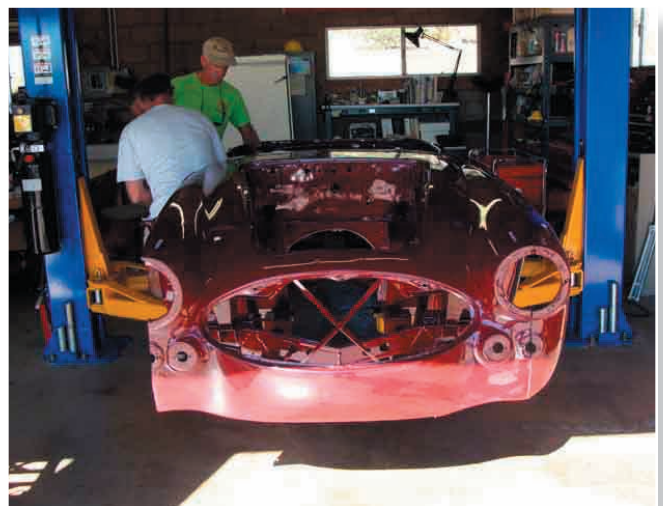
by Gale Hess

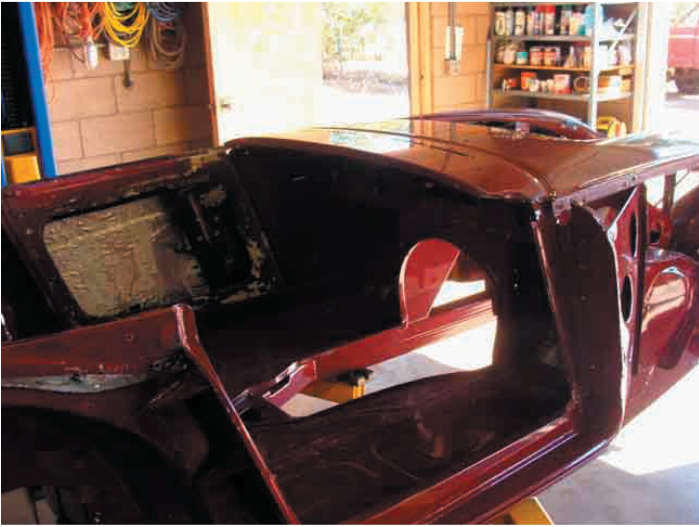
On Saturday, November 15th, one of our members was framed!! That is the BJ8 owned by Martha and Gale Hess, now outfitted with a new Jule Frame, was displayed along with the old frame during a tech session conducted by Martin Jansen owner, of Jule Enterprises.

Martin discussed the reasons for the replacement of the frame and illustrated the importance of having a base that is extremely resistant to flexing. While the old frame had a small amount of deep rust there were significant areas where parts of the frame were cracked and many of the original factory welds had also failed. This original frame is what some have called a “California Frame” where things looked good as far as rust goes but the cracks and weld failures allow significant flexing and scuttle shake.

A lunch of “Brats and Beans” was served and all of the members, many arriving in their beautiful Healeys, seemed to have a good time.

All that remains is to complete Martha’s training in the fine art of handling a wrench and putting everything back together!





Above- Healey is primed, painted and ready for assembly. Jule frame is of heavier seamless tubing without weld lines on top and bottom of original frame rails. Above right- The Hess' had a very nice lunch of tasty barbecued brats, beans, salads, and cold drinks in the covered patio attached to separate flat and garage.



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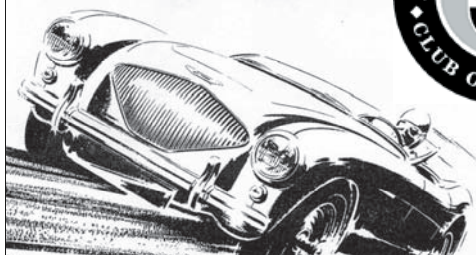
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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts, AHCSO Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6 pts, California Healey Week 16 pts, Healey Rendezvous 16 pts, Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts, S.D. British Car Day & Rolling 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.

Voth, Warren BJ8.....	100	Talbert, Sam Sprite.....	14
Putzke, U+G BT7.....	98	Galper, Lou Bugeye.....	14
Humphreys, B&B BT7.....	86	Coyote, David MGA.....	12
Snover, Rick AN8.....	72	Sharp, Chuck BJ8.....	12
Cowan, Terry 100.....	70	Stark, H + Lynn 100-6.....	12
Williams, Mike BT7.....	66	Ventora, Arnulfo Bugeye.....	10
Coyote, David 100.....	62	Quillo, Art BT7.....	10
Humphreys, B&B Jensen.....	52	Ganino, Franco Bugeye.....	10
Grundies, Dave BJ8.....	52	Galper, Lou Jag.....	10
Kwiat, Gerry 100-6.....	50	DeSanto, Denny BJ8.....	10
Galper, Lou 10048.....	48	Coombs, Claire AN9.....	10
Leon, S & L AN5.....	42	Carberry, Bob + Jo-A BJ8.....	10
Kirby, S + D BT7.....	42	Brewer, Norm Jensen.....	10
Kitterer, Bob AN5.....	34	Thrift, Rick BT7.....	6
Segal, Chris AN5.....	32	Cacciatore, Cass BJ8.....	6
Hess, G + M BJ8.....	32	Kirby, Steve + Diane MG-T...5	
Frost, Allen AN5.....	30	Kirby, Steve + Diane MGB...5	
DeButts, D. AN5.....	28	Galper, Lou MG.....	5
Tabachki, N+N 100-6.....	26	Schermerhorn AN7.....	4
Pendleton, Jim BJ8.....	22	Turner, Graig ?.....	4
Snover, Rick AN5 race.....	20	Williams, Mike TR6.....	3
Leaverton, Jim BN7.....	20	Kirby, Steve & Diane Morris..3	
Newman, D & C BJ8.....	18	Cowan, Terry MGB V8.....	2
Stark, H + Lynn Jag.....	18		
Tisdale, Scott Abbot.....	16		
Shoemaker, K & K 100-6.....	16		
Pleasant, Mickey Sprite.....	16		
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Daab, G&J ?.....	16		

New Members, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- LeRae Phillips (La Habra Heights) 1955 100, 1962 3000 Mk II, 1964 3000 Mk III, 1967 Sprite Mk IV
- Aaron Roberts (San Diego) 1961 3000
- George & Kathy McHarris (Santa Ana) 1956 100, 1959 Sprite

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Barbara Humphreys 12/01
- Angela Armstrong 12/05
- Marji Nightingale 12/10
- Susan Virden-Kwiat 12/10
- Michael Cooper 12/12
- John McGee 12/12
- Kathleen Quillo 12/14
- George Hurley 12/16
- Chris Segal 12/18
- Sue Farnsworth 12/22
- Johathan Gonzales 12/22
- Carroll Goldsworth 12/25
- Debbie Cummings 12/28
- Lynne Stark 12/30
- Nancy Stalker 12/30
- Aejnt de Boer 12/31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Craig & Sue Turner 12/01/79
- Carroll & Karen Goldsworth 12/17/61
- Ken & Jeanne Deringer 12/18/77
- Curt & Nancy Arndt 12/21/84
- Lee & Joyce Dompe 12/26/67
- Aejnt & Virginia de Boer 12/27/94
- Gale & Martha Hess 12/30/56
- Dick & Jan Schmidt 12/31/59

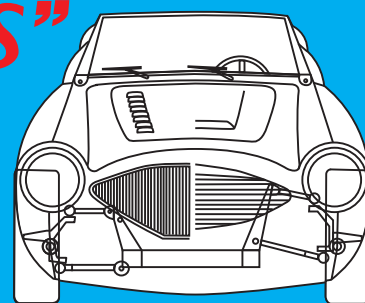
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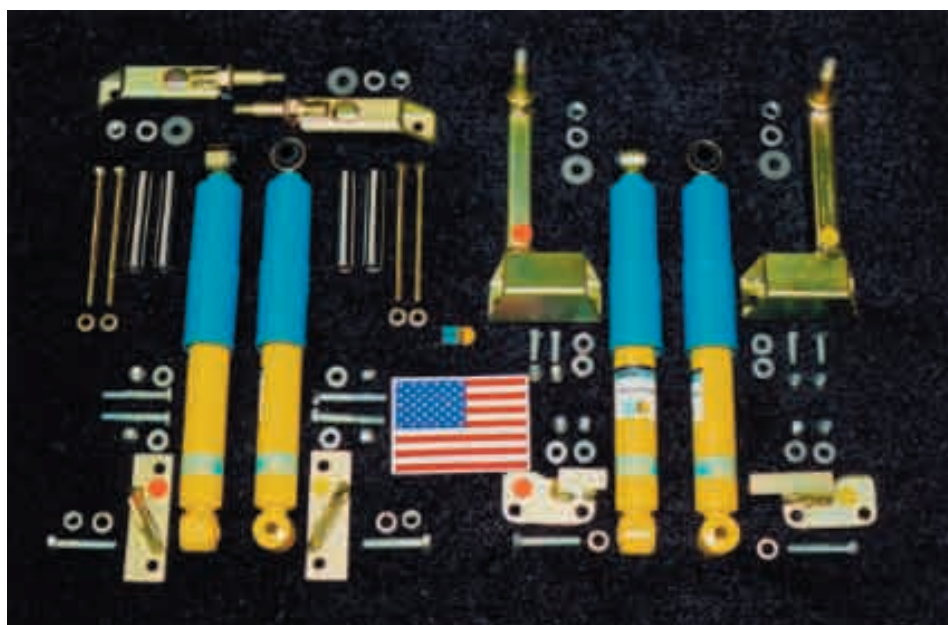
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Contact Bob Humphreys (858) 278-0414 (eve), Email: roberth148@aol.com



For health reasons Kirk Kvam must sell his beautiful 1962 Tricarb. The car was professionally restored in a frame off total restoration. The frame and suspension are powder coated. The engine, built by Ken Rock, has a K code BJ8 block and cam. The three HS4 carbs are new and another new set comes with the car.

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The NADA value for this "excellent" car is \$ 60,400. Kirk is looking for something close to that but will negotiate. Kirk's cell # is 951-205-3035

This is one outstanding looking and driving car. Photos taken this week can be viewed at: <http://www.sdhealey.org//kvamTricarb/Kirk%20Kvam/kirk1.JPG>

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