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# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## Club of San Diego



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**From The Editor:**

Wow, another month has already gone by.

First I want to thank all of the contributors who's articles fill this months newsletter. More of the ladies are contributing which is great. Hopefully more of you will be seen in future newsletters. So much for the editors whining this month.

Along with the addition of the Members Car page consideration is being given to a club calendar with club members cars that would be produce towards the end of the year. Let me or a board member know your thoughts on this idea - - neat idea - - lousy idea - - I would buy one at \$ ? . If you like the idea and would like your car included find or take a picture, preferably with you in the photo. Send it to me with a note that it is for the calendar to [hearsay@me.com](mailto:hearsay@me.com).

With the coming of warmer days we should be seeing more of our cars out and attending events. Unlike our Healey friends to the east - north east we do not have to put our cars into winter storage. But for some reason we just seem to drive them less in the winter months.

With any luck I will finish the changes and ten year, well twelve year, service on my car this month so it will be out and about once more. I had been running Udo's proto-type shock mounts (for original equipment Sprites) and now have the production shock conversion along with new carburetors and silicon water hoses. It was a bit of a task to find proper hose clamps for the silicon hoses and have a few extras if anyone is in need - Sprite size's.

It would be nice to get the Mk III on the road this year but that may be asking too much.

Bob

**March Meetings**

- Monthly Meeting - March 11
  - COCO'S
- 10430 Friars Rd., San Diego**  
**Thomas Guide 1249 H6**



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**Cover:** Udo & Gisela Putzke placing their "Fire Marshall" in the Farnsworth's yard.

Photo: B. Kitterer

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President's Message

Oh you many Healeyites...

I want to thanks all of you for making the donation Lungevity n Pam Crawfords name !!!

Also I would like to thank the Farnsworths for having us to their open house, and what a great party it was !!

Also thank the Putzke's and whoever else was in on the Healey Scarecrow what a clever and thoughtful idea that was... Bob Farnsworth for driving us home when the Healey didn't want to go home...again !!

Rick Snover for hosting a great superbowl party, we have some cool stuff coming up in March...soooo

looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting !!

Cheers, Terry



**Terry's 100 at the Farnsworths Open House**

**Jan. 24, 2009**

photo: Terry Cowan

**Minutes Last Meeting:****FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES 2009****HAPPY GROUND HOG DAY      HAPPY VALENTINES DAY      HAPPY LEAP YEAR**

Attendance for the Feb 11th, Meeting (held the Round Table Pizza, University City, Governor Dr). 21 members and guests were in attendance. Drove Healeys\*, other British ~. Attending were: Rick Snover, Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Chuck Sharp, Bob Kitterer, Dick & Jan Schmidt, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Udo Putzke\*, Terry Cowan, Howard & Lynne Stark~, Sam Talbert, Steve Kirby\*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Mike Dolphin, Roland Wilhelmy, Colin Seid and Richard Annis.

Meeting was called to order by **President**, Terry Cowan at 7:15pm. Terry reported on the passing of Pamela Hill Crawford and a motion was made by Jan Schmidt and voted on/approved to donate \$500 to Lungevity charity in Pam's name. Card to sign and sent to David from the Club.

Call for reports from the Board.

**Secretary:** January Minutes were approved.

**Vice President/Membership:** Rick reported membership is at approx 68 member with more renewals coming in. 2009 Dues are currently due. 2 new members were introduced Colin Seid and Richard Annis. They have a 1964 BJ8 in which they are beginning to restore. Colin gave a quick introduction and story of their project and they welcome any assistance.

**Treasurer:** Treasury Report was given. See Treasurer for treasury balance.

**Newsletter:** Everyone commended Bob on the January newsletter. Bob asked for stories to be written up for the newsletter of events. Photos and info to Bob at [hearsay@me.com](mailto:hearsay@me.com) by 20th of the month.

**Activities:** Lynne reported on various events to participate in during March and asked for input on future activities. Activities included: Swap Meet at Qualcomm Stadium Feb 27, 28, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>; Midnight At the Oasis Car Show in Yuma, AZ, Mar 6-8<sup>th</sup>; Tech Session at Schermerhorn's March 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am; East County Drive (meeting at Hooley's Rancho San Diego at 9am) and Train Ride at Campo 11am, Mar 21st. See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.

**Regalia:** No report except Susan Kwiat' reported that the Conclave Grille Badges were in and that there were the broken ones available to possibly make refrigerator magnets, paperweights or ?? for Club regalia.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Gerry Kwiat' reported on upcoming car related activities for 2009 (See flyers left). Coronado Main Street Car Show April 19<sup>th</sup> registration forms available; various local towns weekly car shows (i.e. Santee Lakes 3-7pm April-Sept; La Mesa Thursdays; Escondido Fridays). Reported that the Cash for Clunkers Bill was defeated (see January newsletter article) however other similar bills are in the works.

**SD British Car Club Council:** Steve Kirby announced Annual Rolling British Car Day April 18<sup>th</sup> ending with picnic at San Dieguito Park. See newsletter/website for further information.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

Colin Seid was the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary



## What's Coming Up?

### Campo Train Ride and Museum Tour

Hi Everyone...

Hope you are all ready for our next event. On Saturday March 21st we will meet at Hooleys Irish Pub at Jamacha and Hwy94/Campo Rd. (next to the Edwards Cinemas) El Cajon at 9am. We will leave there at 9:15am sharp and caravan to the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum and Campo Train Depot at State Hwy 94 and Forrest Gate Rd. in Campo. This is approx. a 45 min. to an hour drive. Once there we will purchase tickets, \$15.00 adult, \$12.00 seniors and tour the museum, and Boxcar Theater. At 11am we board the Golden State historic train for a 60 to 90 minute 12 to 16 mile round-trip ride through beautiful rural east county. After our tour and ride we will probably be thirsty and hungry so we'll head for food at either the Campo Diner, Barret Junction or back to Hooleys wherever you all vote to go. This is a very cool event so please plan on attending, I know everyone will enjoy it. Maps and directions will be available at the monthly meeting. There is a lot of really interesting facts and more detailed info on their website at [www.PSRM.org](http://www.PSRM.org) or (619) 465-7776 or (619) 478-9937 (weekends). If you have any questions for me I can be reached at [redjag99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redjag99@sbcglobal.net) or (619)579-7551.

Hope to see you there...

....Lynne

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### March AND BEYOND

- Feb. 27 to March 1, Friday to Sunday  
Big 3 Parts Exchange and Car corral  
Qualcomm Stadium  
12p.m.-5p.m. Fri.; 8 a.m.-5p.m. Sat.; 8a.m.-2p.m. Sun.
- March 6-8, Friday to Sunday  
Midnight at the Oasis  
Classic Car and Nostalgia Festival  
Ray Kroc Complex, Yuma, AZ  
Presented by: Caballeros de Yuma
- **March 11 AHCS Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.**  
**COCO'S, 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego**
- **March 14 Saturday Tech Session: 10:00 a.m.**  
**John and Mary Schermerhorn**  
**3042 Martindale Ct., S.D.**
- **March 21 Saturday 9 a.m..**  
**Train Ride from the Campo Depot**  
**see following article.**
- April 3rd Friday 4pm  
"Cruisin Grand" begins in Escondido
- **Saturday, April 18, 2009:**  
**14th Annual San Diego Rolling British Car Day.**  
<http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org>
- May 2 - 3 British Extravaganza - Vintage Races & Car Show  
Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- **May 27 - 31 California Healey Week 2009**  
Paso Robles Inn, Paso Robles  
Presented by: Austin Healey Association
- **June 14 - 18 Healey Rendezvous 2009, Jackson, CA.**  
Host: Golden Gate AHC
- **June 21-26 2009:**
  - **Austin Healey Conclave 2009 at the Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston, Ontario Canada.**
  - <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>
- **October 4 - San Diego British Car Day**



PAMELA FRANCES HILL-CRAWFORD (née LONGFIELD)

On February 1, 2009, passed peacefully at home in San Diego, her beloved husband David holding her hands. Diagnosed in 2003 with Stage IV lung cancer, Pamela, a non-smoker, amazed doctors, family and friends by overcoming her 6-month prognosis with research, optimism, and humour. Funny, smart and kind, raised in Toronto, she spent her life in New Orleans and San Diego, where she worked in the biotech industry. She embraced all the arts and travel, especially to Hawai'i and Vancouver Island.



Her family especially remembers Pamela's deep love for her son Keeth. Pamela wished to increase the little funding received for lung cancer research, by far the biggest cancer killer. If desired memorial donations to Pamela's Pals San Diego Walk <http://events.lungevity.org>, or the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation - Lung Cancer Research pmhf.ca would be appreciated. Celebrations of her life will be announced. A bright light has gone out of our lives. "And death shall have no dominion.

Many of you know what it feels like to lose your co-pilot/navigator in the middle of an important journey. Now I do, too. I've given so much thought as to what I might say so all of you might understand how wonderful it's been to have had Pamela's light making my road ahead clearer and easier to drive.



She was always such a good sport about my enjoyment of these old pieces of rolling art. I say rolling, for they weren't always motoring. Now my motor is missing and there's no one around who knows how to tune a broken heart. Except Mother Nature and Father Time.

I've been so supported, indulged and loved that my heart will repair, and those memories will last forever. Pamela made me the luckiest man in the world.

Your friendships have improved the shine in my life, and the surfaces of my little cars. Pamela always said you were the nicest folks – so glad that you were so nice to me. That meant a lot to her. It means a lot to me, as well. Thank you so much for being so swell.

scruffy





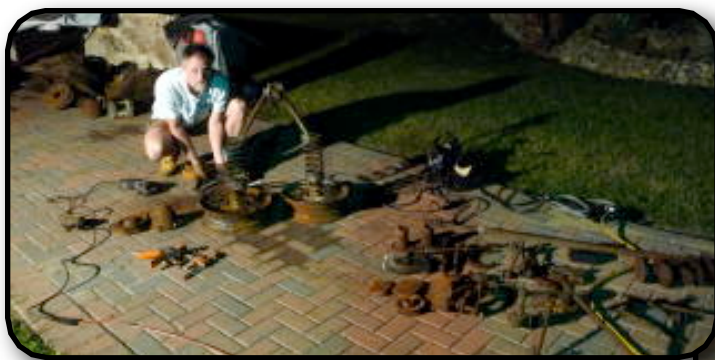
## The Fire Marshall

text and photos by Udo and Gisela Putzke and B. Kitterer

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As we all know the Farnsworth suffered a major loss in 2007 as a result of the fires. The club helped them go through the ashes that were the remains of their house and cars.

The Putzke's loaded up what was left of the lost cars in the hopes that they might be useful. Udo took the melted and charred car bodies apart. The metal, which could not be salvaged, was brought to the scrap yard. Udo, with tears in his eyes, unloaded what were once three Austin-Healey 100's.



In the ensuing time Gisela and Udo had a general idea of how to use some of the parts but nothing solid. Then on the afternoon before the Farnsworth were to have an open house at their newly rebuilt house the idea took shape.



That evening and the following morning they built a sculpture from the parts of the lost cars. At the open house they placed the sculpture in the yard and presented it to Bob and Sue along with all the club members present. May this metal sculpture the Putzke's call "The Fire Marshall" keep us all safe in the future.



## **Farnsworth Drive and Open House**

by Lynne Stark; photos B. Kitterer (bk) & Terry Cowan (tc)



### **Pre-run car talk.**

Terry Cowan, Mike Williams, Bob Humphreys  
and Udo Putzke (bk)



### **Getting through traffic**

Udo, Mike and Terry (bk)

If you didn't go to the Farnsworths' open house on January 24th you missed a terrific party.

A few of us met at Bilstein Shock Absorbers in Poway, and led by Udo took a wonderful hour long scenic drive to their house in Ramona. Udo, Mike Williams and Terry drove their Healeys. Udo, having too much fun lost everyone except Terry. Good thing we all had maps! We all arrived safely and were met by many others in the club. Attendees there included Terry Cowan and Lisa, Udo and Gisela Putzke, Bob Kitterer, Dick and Jan Schmidt, Mike Williams, Rick Snover and Allie, Lou Galper, Bob and Barbara Humphreys, Gerry and Susan Kwait' and Susans parents, Craig Turner, John and Mary Schermerhorn, Roland and Loreen Wilhelmy, and Howard and I. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize. Being new at the Activities gig I didn't realize I would be doing a write up on the event, and neglected to take notes. Also, I was just having too much fun and had a glass of wine as well, and we all know I'm a lightweight and can't hold my alcohol. What can I say... it was a great party and everyone had fun, me included.

Udo and Gisela presented Bob and Sue with a lovely scarecrow (Fire Marshall) they designed and made using parts of Bob's three Healeys that were burned in the fire. It's a whimsical metal man for their garden, and a true work of art. Bob showed us all his new black 62 Tri carb big Healey he just bought and its a beauty! Congrats Bob and Sue!



### **Nice parking** (bk)

The Farnsworths' new house is beautiful, and the views spectacular! It was a wonderful party filled with people from the Healey club and many friends and neighbors of Bob and Sue. The food was delicious, prepared by the Ramona High School ROP cooking and catering program. These kids might still be in high school but they





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sure can cook. Thank you to our gracious host and hostess Bob and Sue for inviting all of us, it was a fun time.



**Above: Bob and Sue Farnsworth's 1962 3000 Mark II Tri Carb (tc)**

**Below: Friends and club members enjoy all the great food. (bk)**



**Above: Jim Widgery and Mike Williams in a discussion with Giela Putzke and Barbara Widgery in the back ground. (tc)**



**Above: Sue Farnsworth enjoying a conversation with friends in her new home. (tc)**



## Super Bowl & Men's Chile Cook Off

text Terry Cowan, photos Lou Galper

Thanks,

To our kind host Rick Snover The Super Bowl Party was a great success and very well attended including a few Healey's in the driveway, Rick's Sprite, Terry's 100-4, Putzke's Tri-Carb, Warren's 3000, Stark's Jag it was a packed house with people playing musical chairs all day so if you wanted to keep your place you had to pay real attention to it !!

Those in attendance were Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Mike Dolphin, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper & friend Debbie, Bob Kitterer & Jennie Kline, Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Shelby Palmore, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Dick & Jan Schmidt, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Douglas Schmidt & friend, Chelsea Snover, Rick Snover & Allie Casarda, Scott Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Mark Veatch, Warren Voth and last but not least Mike Williams.



**Getting started on the chile tasting are Mark Veatch and Mike Williams.**

The men's chilli cook off was great as usual with Dick Schmidt winning two categories Mildest & Most Unusual, Rick Snover Hottest, "break out the pepcid" & Bob Farnsworth Best Overall !!

The game itself wasn't a blow out so it was fun to watch, with Mary Schermerhorn winning the first Score Pool, Gerry Kwiat' winning the 2nd Sue Farnsworth the 3rd and Mike Dolphin the last it was a great day for everyone, many thanks to everyone who brought food, Lisa's homemade cookies lasted about a minute, its always great to see that many Healey folks together laughing and good time !! just having a

Cheers,  
Terry



**Club members enjoying the game.**



**Ladies involved in conversation and card games. Left to right are Susan Kwiat, Jan Schmidt, Lynne Stark, Chelsea Snover, Shelby Palmore and**





## Club Members Car

# Love's Labor's Lost

by Allen Seid

Colin, Richard and Allan, three guys who know nothing about car restoration found and fell in love with a 1964 Austin Healey 3000 Mk 3. It became rapidly apparent that enthusiasm alone was inadequate to guide us in our attempt at restoration. Yes there are helpful, friendly aficionados of the mark who are very willing to offer advice and encouragement. Tom, the dealer who sold us the car and Curt, president of the local Austin Healey club all offered unhesitatingly of their time and advice. However when it came to the actual "work" of the disassembly it was painfully evident that without a road map or a guide to follow, this was going to be along and painful road. There are multiple web pages devoted to catalogs of the various parts, dealers in car sales and restoration and many sites in which car restorers had documented various aspects of their endeavors. There is apparently nothing available that would guide three novices on this fascinating but treacherous pathway. And so the idea was born to use our step by step approach to the disassembly and restoration of the car as a the basis of a book that will guide other Austin Healey aficionados in their restoration. We also hope that by showing how three novices hope to be able to successfully transform our beautiful, old car into a delight to see and drive, we will encourage others to embark on similar projects. We hope to show that with enough enthusiasm, resources and determination, this is a project that can be completed. Not only completed but, we hope, thoroughly enjoyed as well.



**Allan and Colin Taking Delivery of their 3000 Mk 3**



**Allen and Colin At Work**



**Collin - What's In This Door?**





## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UPDATE

by Rick Snover, AHCS Vice President

We've done a pretty good job getting our renewals in this year. With two thirds of last year's members already renewed for this year, we currently have 76 paid-up members for 2009, including 34 AHCA members. 67 of those are renewals, plus 8 new AHCS members already! We still have not received renewals from 34 of you (11 AHCA). We'll be mailing out a third and final notice very soon, so please take a moment to renew your membership right away. (If you can get it in before we mail out the final notices, you can save your Club the cost of postage.) If you can't find one of the renewal notices I e-mailed to you, drop me a note ([ricksnover@earthlink.net](mailto:ricksnover@earthlink.net)) and I'll send you a new one.

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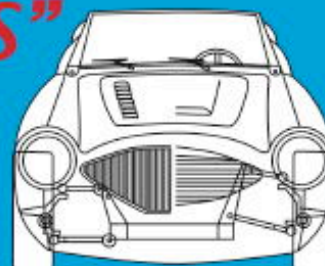
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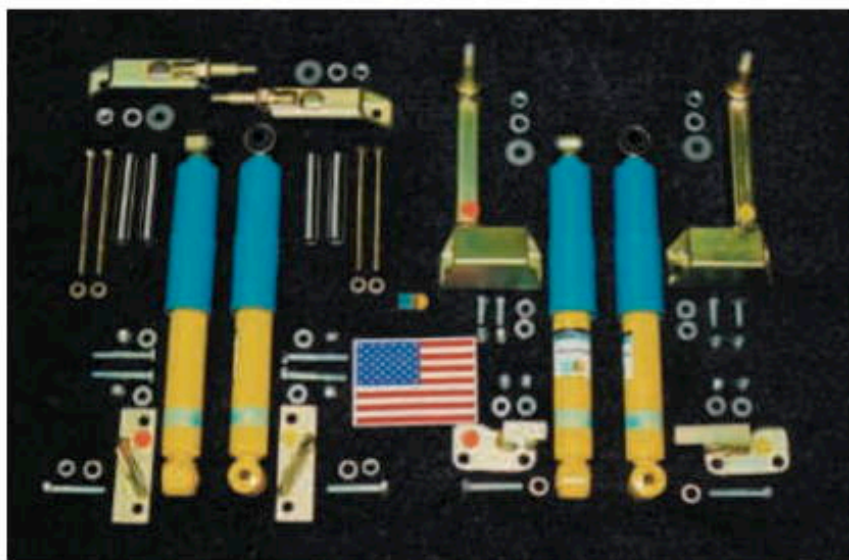


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## CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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](mailto:putzkes@cox.net)), within 30 days after the event. AHCS D 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: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts, AHCS D 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-AHCS D one-day events 2 pts, Other non-AHCS D=2 0multi-day events 4 pts, The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Putzke, U+G BT7.....	30	Tabachki, N+N 100-6.....	6
Snover, Rick AN8.....	16	Carberry, Bob + Jo-A BJ8.....	6
Voth, Warren BJ8.....	12	Thrift, Rick BT7.....	6
Williams, Mike BT7.....	12	Galper, Lou Jag.....	6
Cowan, Terry 100.....	12	Kind, Klaus BJ8.....	6
Galper, Lou 100.....	12	Brewer, Norm Jensen.....	4
Turner, Craig BT7.....	10	Kirby, S + D BT7 .....	4
Stark, H + Lynn Jag.....	10		
Humphreys, B&B BT7.....	6		

## NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Gary Schwartz	03/02
Daron Nightingale	03/04
Gisela Putzke	03/11
Dave Grundies	03/12
Natalie Kind	03/13
Jessica MacLean	03/14
Jose Mondragon	03/17
Denise Cooper	03/19
Klaus Kind	03/20
Pat Linde	03/22
Nancy Arndt	03/23
Jessica Sharp	03/23
Richard Roberts	03/24
Arnulfo Ventura	03/25
Eric Snow	03/27
Bob Farnsworth	03/28
Joe Goodwin	03/31

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Jill Leaverton	03/11/90
Mickey & Marsha Pleasant	03/12/75
John & Catherine Close	03/22/86
Mark & Angela Armstrong	03/28/86

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