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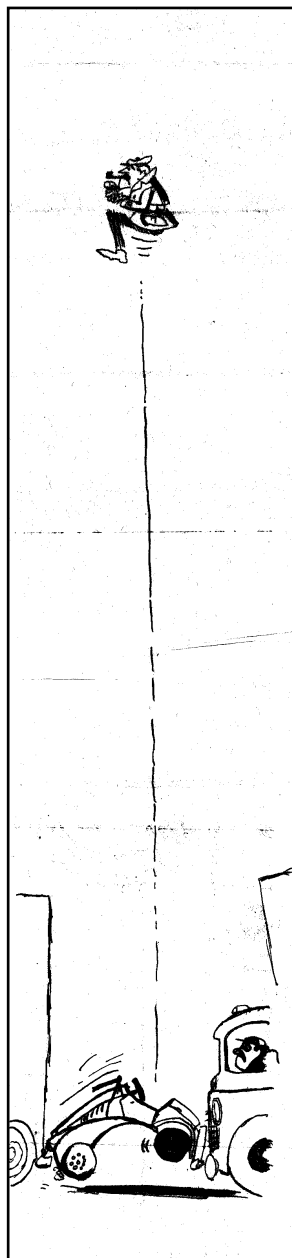


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**From The Editor:**

Hopefully the image quality or lack there of in last months newsletter will not be repeated. It has been quite a learning experience trying to figure out how to have excellent quality and a small file size for those getting the newsletter online.



Some more members car stories will be need soon. So if you have not done a story on your car give it a go. Everyone has a story and they will be enjoyed by others.

It was great to see such the good turn out for the Campo train trip as well as the Tech session.

Bob

Cartoon:
Artist unknown

April Meeting**Monthly Meeting -**

April 8 6:30 p.m.

•Phileas Fogg's Bar & Rest.

**11385 Poway Rd. S.D.
(Sabre Springs)**

Thomas Guide 1189J6



HEALEY HEARSAY is the official monthly publication of the **AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO**. Monthly member's meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P. M. The location varies and is announced in the newsletter and on our web site: www.sdhealey.org

Membership Information

Membership in the AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO is open to all owners of Austin & Jensen Healey's and to all others who profess an interest in the cars or the purpose of the club. Yearly dues to the AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO are \$30 per household. Visit our web site www.sdhealey.org or contact our Membership Coordinator, Vice President Rick Snover (ricksnover@earthlink.net) for details and an application.

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All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of each month for publication in the next month's issue. (hearsay@me.com)

Cover: Club cars at the Pacific Southwest Railway Depot & Museum at Campo.

photo: B. Kitterer

Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>

**President's Message:**

Hey there Healey Folks...

Well by now the two March events are done, and I hope fun was had by all, sorry I was unable to attend these because of my sister's medical situation,

So I will have to rely on Lynne's article to keep me up to speed !!

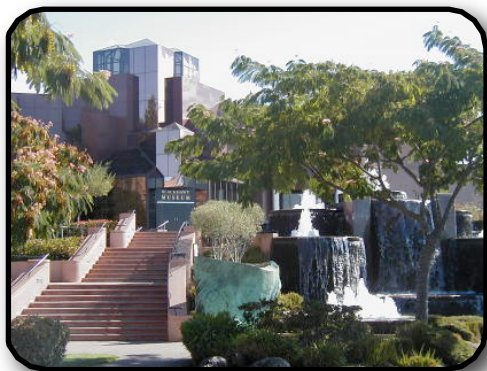
We do have some fun stuff in April & May Cursing starts in Escondido and Santee April 3rd, April 18th Rolling BCD, 19th Motor Cars OMS Coronado, May 2nd & 3rd Vintage Racing Buttonwillow.....etc etc see the calendar, our meeting this month will be at Phileas Fogg's April 8th @ 6:30 hope to see you all there !!

Cheers, Terr

**Blackhawk Museum**

text and photos: Bob Kitterer

If you are ever in the S.F. Bay area you should put the Blackhawk Museum on your list of to do items. The write up from their web site is a wonderful description of what the museum has to offer:



“The Blackhawk Museum’s automotive exhibition of *International Automotive Treasures™* presents and displays historically significant and artistically inspired automobiles from the very earliest to the contemporary for public enjoyment and educational enrichment.

In every era there have been cars of special artistic and historic significance built to illustrate new ideas in styling, engineering or performance, or to satisfy a famous celebrity’s individual taste. Many cars are one-of-a-kind “rolling sculptures” conceived by the world’s leading designers and crafted by the most respected coachbuilding artisans. The exhibition presents over 90 of these great cars as *individual works of art.*”<http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/>

Like most museums they rotate at least part of their collect. From several visits I have been able to see Tucker’s, all three of the Alfa Romeo B.A.T. cars, Healeys, Aston Martin Zagotos and Delahays just as part of the rotating display. The museum it self is almost a match for the cars yet does not compete for attention. The polished black granite floor and black cloth walls make for a real challenge to photograph the cars however. Oh an be sure to visit the couple of rooms filled with automotive art. The Museum is located in Danville, east of Oakland off of I-680.





Minutes Last Meeting:

MARCH MEETING MINUTES 2009

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY HAPPY SPRING

Attendance for the March 11th, Meeting (held the Coco's Bakery/Restaurant, Friar's Rd, San Diego). 24 members and guests were in attendance. Drove Healeys*, other British ~. Attending were: Rick Snover, Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Bob Kitterer, Dick & Jan Schmidt, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, Terry Cowan*, Howard & Lynne Stark~, Sam Talbert, Steve & Diane Kirby*, , Mike Dolphin, Craig & Sue Turner*, Bob Humphries*, Gary Stalker, Dave Grundies*, Jose Mondragon, and Warren Voth*.

Meeting was called to order by **President**, Terry Cowan at 7:20pm. Terry read a thank-you letter from Lungevity for our charity donation in memory of Pamela Crawford. Discussion was held about the Tech Session to be held at the Schermerhorn's on March 14th, and what car parts, items and tools needed to be brought. Discussion was also held as to possible locations for Wednesday monthly meetings.

Call for reports from the Board.

Secretary: February Minutes were approved.

Vice President/Membership: Rick reported membership is at approx 78 member with more renewals coming in. 2009 Dues are currently due. Final dues notices will be going out.

Treasurer: Treasury Report was given by Susan Kwiat'. See Treasurer for treasury balance.

Newsletter: Bob asked for stories of events to be written up for the newsletter. Photos and info to Bob at hearsay@me.com by 20th of the month.

Activities: Lynne reported on various events to participate in during March and April and asked for input on future activities. Activities included: Tech Session at Schermerhorn's March 14th, 10am; East County Drive (meeting at Hooley's Rancho San Diego at 9am) and Train Ride at Campo 11am, Mar 21st; Rolling British Car Day April 18th; Cars on Main Street Car Show, Coronado, April 19th. See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.

Regalia: Jan Schmidt presented the availability to order Club logo t-shirts (black w/white lettering). Will order 24. It was suggested that a list of all regalia that the Club has available to be listed in the newsletter.

SD British Car Club Council: Steve Kirby announced Annual Rolling British Car Day April 18th meeting at Milton's Del Mar, doing a 2 hour drive and ending with picnic at San Dieguito Park. Reported on previous drives and encouraged more Austin Healey car participation. See newsletter/website for further information. British Car Club Council to meet April 6th.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry Kwiat' reported on upcoming car related activities for 2009. Coronado Main Street Car Show April 19th registration forms available; Greatest Show on Turf in Balboa Park, June 6th was reported that the Show would not be on the grass this year; Various local towns weekly car shows (i.e. Santee Lakes 3-7pm April-Sept; La Mesa Thursdays; Escondido Fridays). Auction in Escondido (1155 Industrial Ave) Apr 3&4th; Del Mar Nationals (many vendors) Apr 3&4th. See flyers.

Old Business: CA Healey Week in Paso Robles May 27-31st. See link on website for registration forms.

New Business: Happy Birthday singing to Gisela Putzke & Dave Grundies and pie was passed around.

Sue Turner was the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary



A TECHNICAL ARTICLE "HOW TO REBUILD SU CARBS" A NEW PERSPECTIVE

In light of the fact that many readers have submitted brilliant technical articles, I will dazzle and dazzle all of you with amazing mechanical feats from my checkered technical past.

When I was 17, I bought my first car, a red '53 TD. After a few days, it did not seem to run as well as I thought it should, so I took it to a mechanic, who was pretty much straight off the boat from England. Upon listening to my car and looking under the bonnet, he told me that I needed to boil out my carbs. I asked how much it would be, and I only remember the price being way beyond what a 17-year-old could afford making \$1.25/hr. I also asked him if it was hard to do, and he was quite reassuring when he told me "No, anyone can do it."

Well, I went home and did what he told me. After reinstalling the carbs, the car seemed to run worse than ever. In fact, it barely ran at all. It was backfiring and missing horribly. I barely made it back to the mechanic.

When I once again asked him to look at the car, he looked under the bonnet and at the carbs. A bit of a strange look came over his face. Initially, he observed that they were dirtier than when he had last observed them. Then, he asked me questions like "What kind of solution did you use?" "How old was the solution?" "What brand of kits did you put in?" "How long did you leave them in the solution?" The first three questions were a mystery to me, but I was sure of the latter. I told him that I had boiled them for about 45 minutes. At this point, an even more perplexed look came over his face. "Boiled them???? You say you actually boiled them? What did you boil them in?" Certainly, a straightforward question such as this deserves an equally forthright response. "I boiled them for 45 minutes in water on my mom's stove." (and no, I did not disassemble them--I left them totally intact and boiled them "as a unit")

I'm not sure he has stopped laughing even yet.From Steve Kirby

Activities - what the future brings:

APRIL AND BEYOND

- April 8th Wednesday 6:30pm
AHCS D General Membership Meeting
- April 18 Saturday 9:00 a.m. Milton's in Del Mar
14th San Diego Rolling British Car Day.
<http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org>
- April 19th Sunday 8am to 3pm
Motor Cars on Main street
Isabella & Orange Ave. Coronado, CA
<http://www.CoronadoMainStreet.com>
- April 26th Sunday Carlsbad Flower Fields
with The Triumph Club and possibly Brunch?
- May 2 - 3 British Extravaganza
Vintage Races & Car Show
Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- May 13th Wednesday 6:30pm
AHCS D General Membership Meeting
- 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
Ambassador Conference Resort,
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>
- July 12 Sunday Ball Bearing Breaker Rally
- October 4 Sunday - San Diego British Car Day



Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum and Train Ride

text: Lynne Stark

photos: B. Kitterer

What a great day! A bunch of us including Udo and Gisella Putzke, Warren Voth, Mike Williams, Bob and Barbara Humphreys, Lou Galper and Debbie, Dave Grundies, Dave Dahl and Aaron who all drove Healeys, Bob Kitterer and Jennie Kline in Bob's Miata and Howard and I in the Jag all met at Hoooley's in Rancho San Diego bright and early. As we left the parking lot we had 7 healeys all in a row. The ride out to the train depot was lovely, sunny and scenic. Of course as on almost any outing with that many Healeys, there were a couple of mishaps. Aaron and Dave had a flat, but with Udo's help they were back on the road in no time. After arriving at the depot we were met by Dick and Jan Schmidt, Susie and Craig Turner in their Healey and new members Ed and Abbe Newmeyer also in their Healey.



Great Turn out of Nine Austin Healeys



After purchasing our tickets and sodas we boarded the train accompanied by conductor Jim Baker and his partner. Udo got to sit up front and help drive the train and blow the horn/whistle while the rest of us were spread out and able to wander both passenger cars. The conductors were very informative about the history of the train, cars and route. They answered any and all questions and it was obvious they love what they do. The trip was terrific winding through beautiful rural east county. To me the best part was the tunnel at the turnaround (go back the way we came) point. It was a great rock tunnel and the light at the end of it was Mexico. The train stopped a short distance from the depot on the way back so we could tour the museum and train yard. What a cool place! I really liked the private business car and the mail car. We could easily have spent more time there soaking up the history and looking at all the different trains and cars, as

Conductors Presenting some History of Campo and the Rail Line.



there was so much to see.

Everyone wanted to go to Barret Junction for lunch , so thats where we headed. It was a good place to go as it was about halfway back to Hooley's where we started from. Once there we were in good company as the Triumph and Chevy clubs were there also. It was fun being back there again and lunch was great. So was looking at all the cars. As I mentioned earlier mishaps do happen and it was Howard and my turn on the way back. After getting in the Jag to go home, the transmission decided it wasn't going anywhere. Fortunately Dick and Jan were still in the parking lot and able to give us a ride home. Thank you Dick and Jan !! You guys bailed me out cause it was my fault we were in the Jag and not the Healey. We went back later and Howard got the jag running again . All in all it was a wonderful day, we had a great showing of Healeys and everyone had a fun time. More events coming soon...Lynne



Udo "Driving" the Train



Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum Train



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IT IS NOT NAKED ANYMORE

text: John Schermerhorn photos: John Schermerhorn except as noted.

On Saturday March 14th., a dozen San Diego Healey Club members gathered for the third time at the home of John and Mary Schermerhorn to begin putting parts back on their painted, but bare shell of a Mark II Sprite. It has been several years since newly black painted pieces of forged metal were once again bolted to the underside of the front end of the frame.



Above: Gerry Kwait, Howard Stark behind Dick Schmidt, Bob Farnsworth, Udo Putzke and Lou Galper attacking the car.

It is so long since these same pieces had been removed, put into a basket or box, cleaned, wire brushed and repainted. Now it was possible to imagine that what had for some seemed like a dream, might actually become a moving reality, it actually began a day or two earlier when Terry Cowan came over and checked out the parts we would need, made a list of what was needed and had brought them back. Before Saturday morning I felt a bit lost because of my operation on my right rotator cuff. My Doctor had told me that he didn't want me to lift anything heavier than my hand. Actually I had been doing very well and my FRIENDS kept close watch and every time I reached for something they politely but firmly told me to let them get whatever it was the needed.



Resolving an Interference problem, Dick Schmidt, Bob Kitterer and Udo Putzke



This is How it Fits - Udo Putzke

Because they had been here before, the guys basically knew where things were and before I knew it Udo Putzke and Bob Humphreys had picked up a part and had begun bolting it on. Bob Kitterer and Gerry Kwait went out to the Patio room and finished putting the two rear springs together. By now Dick Schmidt, Lou Galper, Howard Stark and Bob Farnsworth had begun to get parts ready to bolt on. It is amazing how much detail work needs to be done even after I thought I had the parts ready.

Jan Schmidt, Lynne Stark, Sue Farnsworth and Gisela Putzke came over and offered both encouragement and moral support and helped Mary prepare lunch.



It was more than just being together that made it such a great day. Each one of these people had other things they could have been doing but they chose to help a friend get a Healey on the road. I have a lot to do to really say Thank You and I promise to do what I can to help someone else.

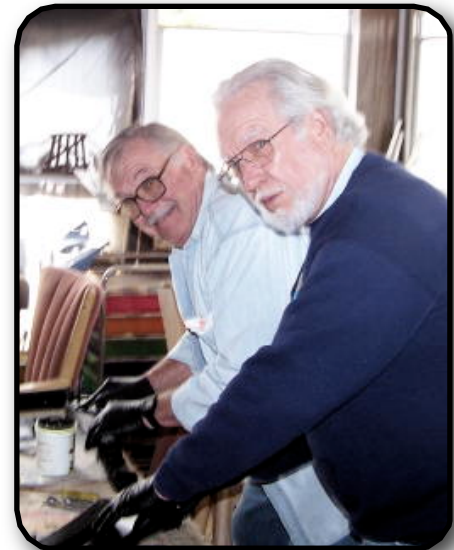


The brake lines go where?
Dick Schmidt, Howard Stark, Lou Galper

Right: The ladies doing their thing,
Clockwise Lynne Stark, Jan Schmidt,
Mary Schermerhorn and Sue
Farnsworth (left edge).



Two workers,
Udo Putzke & Bob Humphreys
Four Supervisors,
Bob Farnsworth, Howard Stark, Dick Schmidt
& Gerry Kwait
photo: Lou Galper



Gerry Kwait and Bob Kitterer
greasing the springs.



Udo Putzke & Bob Humphreys
Installing Brake Lines
photo: Lou Galper



California Healey Week

This year the Austin Healey Association will host California Healey Week in Paso Robles, gateway to the Central Coast's Wine Country. Nestled in the green and golden rolling hills of the upper Salinas River Valley, Paso Robles is a blend of cultures. It is a small city with a long standing ability to be many things to many people. Catering to sophisticated tastes with gourmet restaurants and quality boutiques, the community also suits those who seek a picturesque retreat with its vast landscape of rolling woodland. It's amiable small-town flavor, fertile soil, and Victorian charm strike a chord in the hearts of all who visit.

Primarily a farming community for many decades, the Rancho Paso de Robles (Spanish for "Pass of Oaks") was created as part of a Spanish land grant in 1844. In the years to follow Daniel Blackburn became owner of the land that would become the site of the future town. Drury James, the uncle of the outlaw Jesse James became a partner with Blackburn following the end of the Civil War. The first El Paso De Robles Hotel was constructed in 1864, and in 1889 a new magnificent Hotel was built. By the turn of the century the Inn was catering to world travelers. In December 1940; tragedy struck....A spectacular fire completely destroyed what was thought to be a "fire-proof" structure. By February 1942 the Hotel was rebuilt and opened for business once more. In 1999 the Inn was purchased by Martin Resorts, a local family owned corporation and a multi-phased plan was begun to restore the Hotel to it's turn-of-the-century grandeur with many improvements.

Our Event begins with early arrivals driving up the coast on Wednesday. Thursday we are planning a drive and tech session with an area Healey Specialist or if you prefer tour some of the local museums and attractions.. Friday will offer a choice of a drive to the coast or a tour of a local winery with lunch, followed by a tech session and ladies craft session at the Hotel. Saturday starts out with our traditional car show with some unique awards in addition to the usual classes. There will be a short drive in the local area followed by a guest speaker, cocktail party and banquet at the Hotel. Departure will be Sunday for most attendees unless an extended stay has been arranged.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible as we have a limited number of rooms at the discounted rate. Check out the Schedule of Events for more detail. Access the website often for any schedule updates. Bruce and I along with several other members have worked hard to make this an enjoyable event. We appreciate your support.



APRIL 2009



CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2009

Paso Robles Inn

1103 Spring Street

Paso Robles, CA 93466

www.pasoroblesinn.com

MAY 27 - 31, 2009

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Hotel registration must be made separately, see end of this form.

NAMES _____

for name tags

ADDRESS _____

CITY , STATE , ZIP _____

PHONE: Day (_____) Evening (_____)

EMAIL _____

I am arriving: Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____

I plan to participate in the following events:

Thursday Local Drive & Tech Session ()

Friday Coastal Drive () or Winery Tour () Tech Session ()

Saturday Show () Local Drive. () Moss Session () Banquet ()

EVENT REGISTRATION - ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE REGISTERED. Registration charge includes one car entry to the popular car show, event dash plaque, access to regalia and events.

Register before Monday April 27th @ \$ 40.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____

Register After Monday April 27th @ \$50.00 per person x _____ = \$ _____

Additional cars @ \$ 10.00 per car x _____ = \$ _____

Year and Model of each Healey you are entering in the Car Show:

1. _____ 2. _____ We will not be bringing a Healey _____

Registration charge also offsets costs of the cloisonné, hospitality refreshments, trophies, awards, and organizational costs.

MEALS: NO MEAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT CHW DUE TO THE HOTEL ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Friday Winery Lunch @ \$15.00 / person x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Awards Banquet @ \$40.00/ person x _____ = \$ _____

By signature below, I/we release the Austin Healey Association, its officers and members, and all other event sponsors from any and all liability for any loss, damage or other claim on account of injury to persons or property resulting from my/our participation in CHW 2009, including travel to and from the event. My registered car(s) is covered by suitable insurance.

Signatures

Driver

Co-driver



APRIL 2009

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2009
Paso Robles Inn
Paso Robles, CA

EVENT CLOTHING: (Event logo printed on all regalia.)

MEN'S T-SHIRT: Beefy-T, 100% cotton, crew neck, with pocket, short sleeve, Grey

Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X-Large ____ XX-Large ____ XXX-L ____ @ \$ 20.00 = \$ ____

LADIES T-SHIRT: Pre-shrunk cotton, scoop neck, short sleeve, Grey.

Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X-Large ____ XX-Large ____ @ \$ 20.00 = \$ ____

MEN'S SPORTS SHIRT: 50/50, with pocket, short sleeve, Grey.

Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ X-Large ____ XX-Large ____ XXX-L ____ @ \$ 35.00 = \$ ____

To insure your sizes in the items you want, you **MUST** order in advance. All sizes may not be at the site.

DEADLINE TO PRE-ORDER REGALIA IS FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2009.

TOTALS

EVENT REGISTRATION \$ ____

MEALS \$ ____

REGALIA \$ ____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ ____

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MAIL TO: Jeanette Daab, Treasurer
5569 Sycamore Ave, Rialto, CA 92377-3913
For more information call 909-820-4940

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Please call the Paso Robles Inn prior to Monday April 27th805-238-2660 *

1 or 2 beds including all taxes @ \$117.60 Wed/Thurs \$ 151.20 Fri/Sat .

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* Rooms are held on a guaranteed basis only. All Credit Cards are accepted. Any cancellations received 72 hours prior to arrival will result in a charge to the guaranteeing party for the first night's room charge.

**CHW 2009
Schedule of Events****Wed 5/27**

10:AMGather in LA area for caravan North
12:30-1:15 PM.....Lunch in Santa Barbara
1:15-3:45PM.....Drive to Paso Robles
4:00 PM.....Check in @ Paso Robles Inn
5:00 PM – 6 PM.....Registration & Hospitality @ Paso Inn
6:30 PM.....Casual Dinner @ Local Restaurant

Thurs 5/28

(10AM-4PM.....Same as 5/27 for those driving up)
9:00 AM.....Casual Bkfst @ Paso Robles Inn
10:00 AM – 3 PM...Driving Event & Tech Session
10:00AM - 3 PM ...Casual tours of local museums etc
3:00 PM – 5 PM.....Regalia Open
5:00 PM – 6 PM.....Registration & Hospitality @ Paso Inn
6:30 PM.....Casual Dinner @ Local Diner

Friday 5/29

(10AM-4PM.....Same as 5/27 for those driving up)
9:00 AM.....Casual Bkfst @ Paso Robles Inn
9 AM -10 AM.....Registration
10:00 AM- 2:30PM...Long Driving Event to Coast
10:30 AM- 2:30PM...Rio Seco Winery tour w/lunch
3:00 PM – 5 PM.....Regalia Open
3 PM – 4:30 PM.....Tech Session @ Paso Inn
3 PM – 4:30 PM.....Ladies Craft Session
5:00 PM – 6 PM.....Registration & Hospitality @ Paso Inn
6:30 PM.....Dinner @ Local Restaurant

Saturday 5/30

8:00 AM.....Casual Bkfst @ Paso Robles Inn
9 AM -10 AM.....Prep Cars for Show
9 AM -10 AM.....Registration
10 AM – 12 Noon.. Car Show
1:00 PM – 3 PM.....Short Driving Event
4 PM – 5 PM.....Michael Grant Speaker (Moss Motors)
6 PM -7 PM.....Garden Cocktail Party
7 PM – 10 PM.....Garden Banquet and Awards

Sunday 5/30

9:00 AM.....Casual Bkfst @ Paso Robles Inn
10:00 AM -12:30 PM Drive to Santa Barbara
12:30-1:15 PM.....Lunch in Santa Barbara
1:15- 4:00 PMDrive to LA & on home



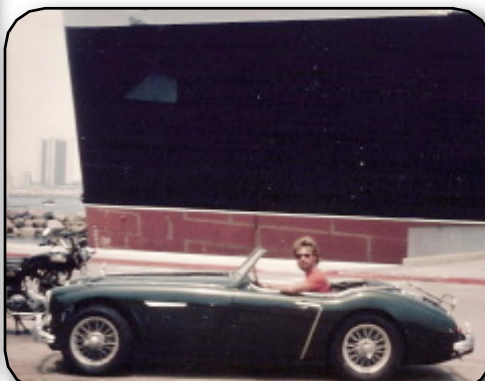
**Udo and Gisela PUTZKE****Club Members Car**

It is the year 1981, when Udo decides to sell all of his stuff and move to the BAHAMAS. It didn't take long for him to find out that the slogan "Life is better in the Bahamas" wasn't so true anymore. He packed the little he still owned and sailed a Cal 20, he had bought and fixed, to Fort Lauderdale.

I joined him in March of 1982 for a sailing trip along the Florida coast. Six weeks later we exchanged the sailboat for a Pick-up truck and camper. During our adventure to the west coast, we saw many nice cars, but it was the British models Udo remembered from his childhood and liked the most.

**Gisela Meets Bugeye**

It was then when he made the decision to take one home to Germany. In San Francisco, we ran into a guy who lived in his 1951 Jaguar XK120. We offered him our truck and camper for his car, but he refused. Back in LA, we checked the local news papers for a British car and found our 1961 Austin-Healey. Not knowing much about the Austin-Healey other than it looks cool, we bought the car for \$ 2,000. We packed all our belongings in the Healey and started the last leg of our USA adventure. After an occasionally hit on the fuel pump, we arrive New York in five days. We dropped off the Healey at the port for it's journey to Germany.

**Long Beach 1982****Queen Mary 1982**

The first attempt to pick it up in Bremerhafen failed, because of missing paper work. The second try was more successful, but the car wasn't home yet. Udo drove the Healey from Bremerhafen to Wildeshausen, approx 60 miles when he heard a loud noise from the rear. He called me up at home and asked me to come. Half way there it dawned on me what he expected me to do. He tied a rope between my VW Golf and the Healey and pulled me home, all the way on the Autobahn. (I will never do

that again!). Because of the broken rear end, Udo decided to start with the restoration right away.

Ten years past by and the Healey was finally ready for its paint job. At the same time Udo was asked to take a job for BILSTEIN in San Diego.

Once again our Healey made its way across the big pond to the US. Here, Udo put the chrome back on and Carlos and his team from Pacific Upholstery finished the interior and tops. Since then, we have joined the Austin-Healey club of San Diego and have been driving our Austin-Healey almost daily.

**Today**



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 putzke@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 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Putzke, U+G	BT7.....40	Tabachki, N+N	100-6.....6
Voth, Warren	BJ8.....22	Carberry, bob+Jo-A	BJ8.....6
Turner, Craig	BT7.....18	Thrift, Rick	BT7.....6
Williams, Mike	BT7.....18	Galper, Lou	Jag.....6
Glaper, Lou	100.....18	Kind, Klaus	BJ8.....6
Snover, Rick	AN8.....16	Roberts, Aaron	3000.....6
Cowan, Terry	100.....16	Brewer, Norm	Jensen.....4
Humphreys, B+B	BT7.....16	Humphreys, B+B	Jensen.....4
Stark, H+Lynne	Jag.....15	Stark, H+Lynne	100-6.....4
Grundies, Dave	BJ8.....10	Schermerhorn	AN7.....4
Kirby, S+D	BT7.....8		

NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jenny DeSanto	04/01
Randy Blum	04/05
Marsha Pleasant	04/06
Kim Dolphin	04/10
Louis Galper	04/10
Nancy Gold	04/13
Gale Hess	04/14
Nathan Voth	04/15
Joshua Whitton	04/18
Steve Kirby	04/19
Debbie Church	04/20
Mikayla Whitton	04/25
Claire Coombs	04/27
Karina Segal	04/27

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Andy & Robin Nelson	04/03/71
Franco & Ananda Ganino	04/05/95
Ralph & Debbie Cummings	04/08/78
Rick & Kathy Shoemaker	04/18/69
Wayne & Glenda Johnson	04/28/63
Milan & Marianne Wukadinovich	04/29/89
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The Holy Sprite - a community project.

text: Bob Kitterer

photos: various contributors

The Holy Sprite story started in July 2007 with Frank Clarici in New Jersey who is a long time British car owner and Sprites in particular. In his local parish is a priest, Father Jack, who has been very active in the community for many years, is about to retire at 70 years young. He has always wanted a bugeye Sprite but it is of course out side his budget. So Frank thinks that it would be really nice to find a car he can put together for the Father. Frank like a lot of Sprite and Midget owners are on the SPRIDGET e-mail list so Frank puts the word out that he is looking for a car for this project. In no time the SPRIDGET list has made this their project, not all that uncommon with this list. Soon Glen Byrns in Davis, CA offers a rolling chassis, and the question is how to get it to NJ. Lots of folks are willing to help move the car but switching it from one trailer to another becomes a problem. Then a Buster Evens in Santa Anna, CA donates a trailer so now just having the right size towing ball and light cable connectors are the only requirement, an easy problem to solve.



Holy Sprite Departing Davis, CA

With a list of about 14 people forming a link to hand the car and trailer off it leaves Davis, CA on Aug. 8, 2007. It arrives in NJ on Aug. 24, 2007 including a stop at the Kansas City AH Club where they removed the misplaced Spitfire 1500 engine and transmission and a set of over sized rims and tires. Concurrently folks from all over the world are sending parts or donations for parts to Frank.

Sep. 26 & 27 the O.S.H.I.T. (Organization of Spridget Handymen In Transit) group and friends meet at Franks for the first week end work session. Every thing is disassembled and all the body work is done. Besides getting his son to paint the car Frank gets the engine finished. He goes to local business for those things he can not do and when the business find out what he is doing they donate their services with out being ask.



**First Working Weekend O.S.H.I.T. Group
Father Jack getting a feel of the car.**

Nov. 8 & 9 the second O.S.H.I.T. group and friends arrive, some coming from KS, WI, PA, NY, NJ and Canada. Over the next two days the car is complete assembled from just a painted tub and Father Jack with a huge smile drives it away.



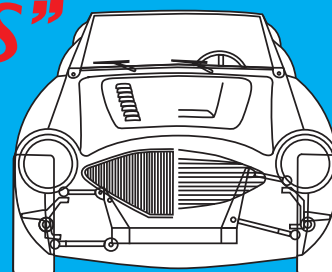
**Father Jack With His New Car.
Cars of some of the members who made this happen are behind him.**



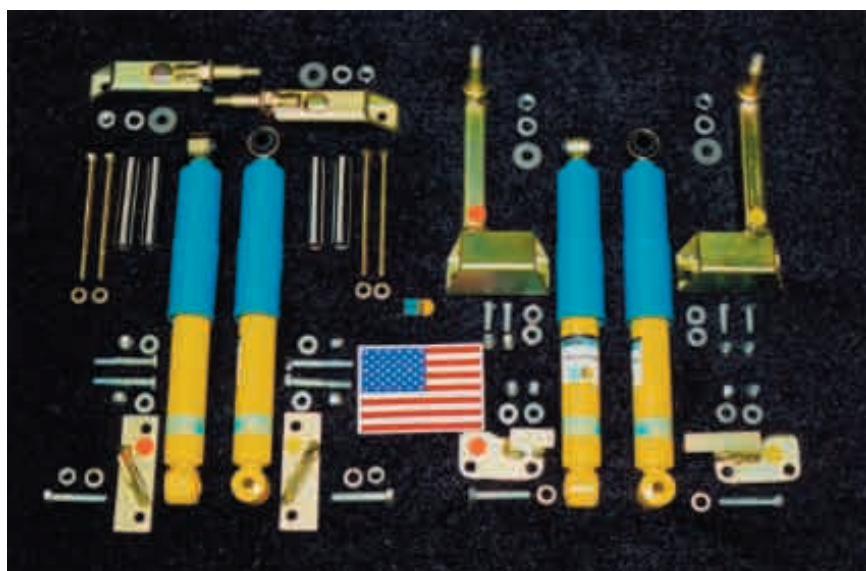
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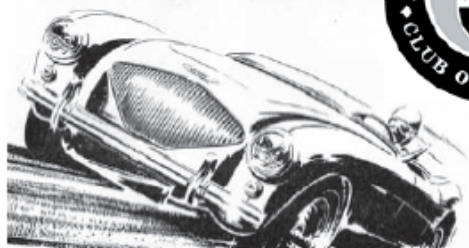
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