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HEALEY HEARSAY

Official Publication of the

Austin-Healey

Club of San Diego

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**Rolling British Car Day
Members Car
Alfa Romeo BAT**

**From The Editor:**

There is the old saying that the only constants are change and taxes. Well taxes are behind us for a while but change goes on. This is also true of the newsletter. It has changed in part due to differences in software and in part with the change in editors. The past few months as editor I have tried out a few things that result in a different newsletter. **But this is the clubs newsletter** and not a blank canvas to be painted by the editor. So I would very much appreciate your letting me know how you feel about these changes - the members car page - cartoons - humor items and items of general interest (museums) that are car related although not necessarily Healey related.

This month there's an article on the Alfa Romeo B.A.T. cars. Some of the more interesting looking cars to come out of the 1950's. A few years back the three cars were sold to three different owners in three different parts of the world and there was concern by the museum that they would never be seen together again. On my first visit to the Blackhawk Museum they had just left and my hopes of ever seeing the three cars seemed very slim. However the three cars did return to the Blackhawk and I was fortunate enough to see and photograph them at the museum. The museum walls and floors are black which makes for a photographic challenge. Hope you enjoy the article.

Bob

May Meetings

MAY MONTHLY MEETING
May 13th 6:30pm
KHAN'S CAVE (Previously Hsu's)
9350 Clairmont Blvd.
Kearny Mesa (TG 1249-E1)



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Cover: Red, White and Blue at Rolling British Car Day
Photo by Steve Kirby

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President's Message:

Hey you all !!

Great turn out for rolling British car day, the weather was perfect, nice job by Steve Kirby and all his helpers, my car didn't overheat, run out of battery, or any of that fun stuff !!

Went to Coronado for the car show, it was much hotter Sunday than Saturday, still no problems, so that makes cruising in the 100 much more enjoyable, but I still keep my AAA card handy !!

Rick and I were planning on racing at Buttonwillow but some unplanned engine upgrades for Ricks car, and no arrival of my fuel cell has put that on hold. We still may go up for Saturday races and be spectators. This months meeting is a Khans Cave at the usual 6:30 on wed the 13 th of may, hope to see you all there.

Cheers, Terry

**Minutes Last Meeting:****APRIL MEETING MINUTES 2009**

HAPPY EASTER HAPPY SPRING GO PADRES

NOTE: Please excuse any omissions as it was very very difficult to hear in the atmosphere of the Pub.

Attendance for the April 8th, Meeting (held the Phileas Fogg Pub in Poway, CA): .

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

Rick Snover, Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Bob Kitterer, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Terry Cowan, Sam Talbert, Steve Kirby*, Gary Stalker, Chuck Sharp, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Terry Porter, Dick Robinson, & Charles Watkins.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by **Vice President**, Rick Snover (until Terry Cowan arrived)

Welcome to new people/guests attending: Dick Robinson, Terry Porter, Charles Watkins.

Dick Robinson/Terry Porter gave an introduction as to the purchase and delivery of Dick Robinsons' newly purchased Healey (1960 Bugeye Sprite).

Call for reports from the Board.

Secretary: March Minutes were approved.

Vice President/Membership: Rick reported membership is at approx 90 members with 11 recent renewals and 2 new members. Final dues notices have been sent out and Directory's will soon be coming out also. A motion was made, seconded and approved to carry Norm Brewer for a couple of months as a continuing member.

Treasurer: Treasury Report was given by Susan Kwiat'. Membership renewal invoice was received for SD Car Club Council (Auto Museum) and approved for payment. 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: Rick & Terry reported on various events to participate in during April/May. Activities included: Rolling British Car Day & Picnic at San Dieguito Park, April 18th; Cars on Main Street Car Show, Coronado, April 19th. April 26th, Flower Fields Event in Carlsbad & lunch at Karl Strauss with Triumph Club (Rick sent sign up sheet around), May 2-3rd British Extravaganza Vintage Racing and Car Show in Button Willow, CA, Saturday May 16th, Tech Session at Schermerhorn's (John's Birthday) for further assembly of John's car. May 27-31st, CA Healey Week in Paso Robles See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.

Regalia: No report.

SD British Car Club Council: Steve Kirby re-announced Annual Rolling British Car Day April 18th meeting at Milton's Del Mar at 9am, first cars out at 10am, doing a 2 hour drive and ending with picnic at San Dieguito Park. See newsletter/website for further information. British Car Club Council now has a yahoo group to participate in exchanging information.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry Kwiat' reported on upcoming car related activities for April & May 2009. Coronado Main Street Car Show April 19th registration forms and spots are still available; Bates Nut Farm April 25th & 26th Spring Crafts & Cars; Greatest Show on Turf in Balboa Park, June 6th (there is still debate as to if the Show will be on the grass or parking lot this year). Various local towns weekly car shows (i.e. Santee Lakes 3-7pm April-Sept; La Mesa Thursdays; Escondido Fridays). See flyers for further information/sign ups.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discussion was held as to what is still needed (i.e. parts and labor) to conduct the Tech Session at Schermerhorn's on May 16th. Discussion was held as to location of next meeting, Khans' Cave (Clairemont Mesa). Board Meeting to be held on Weds April 15th, 7pm, Sizzler Aero Drive.

Terry Porter was the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary



Hi Everyone...

Let me start off by apologizing. I am having some computer problems, and am having a hard time recalling and printing certain info. I am sure some of this is related to operator error, [at least this is what Howard tells me]. I will have more info on some of the events listed in the calender but not discussed here. With that said...

May 9th Bates Nut Farm is having their 2nd "Nuts for the Cure" fundraising event for the Susan G. Koman 3 Day Walk. There will be an early 7:45am 5k walk, a pancake breakfast, craft and vendor booths kid zone, silent and live auctions, lunch, music and of course cars and car club members.

On May 16th we will meet at John and Mary Schermerhorns at 10am for a tech session to put more of their car back together.

May 27th -31st is Calif Healey Week in Paso Robles

June looks to be a busy car month! There are 2 different events on June 13th. The 1st is the Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye. Registration begins at 9am with the 1st cars out at 10am sharp. The location is at the old Circuit City at 8810 Grossmont Blvd. Between Jackson Drive and La Mesa Blvd. Cost is \$10.00 per car. The finish is a restaurant.

The 2nd event on June 13th is a "British Car Show" with 26 classes - 1 trophy for every 10 cars in a class. As of a few days ago not one class has 10 cars yet to qualify for a trophy yet. Entry fee before May 1 is \$25.00 after May 1 it will be \$30.00. The first 350 registrants will receive a dash plaque and a goodie bag. Fountain Valley Classic Car and Truck Show at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley.

June 14th-18th is the Austin Healey Rendezvous also known as the West Coast Meet this year at the Jackson Ranchero in the heart of Calif. Gold Country, in the Sierras, now filled with wineries. This event is hosted by the Golden Gate Healey Club.

June 21st -26th Conclave in Ontario, Canada

Lynne

Activities - what the future brings:

MAY AND BEYOND

- May 2 - 3 British Extravaganza - Vintage Races & Car Show
Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- May 9th Saturday 7:45 a.m. Nuts for the Cure fundraising event including car clubs. Bates Nut Farm
- May 13th Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Khan's Cave
AHCS General Membership Meeting
- May 16th Saturday 10am Tech Session
John and Mary Schermerhorn
3042 Martindale Ct. San Diego (TG 1269-E5)
- May 27 - 31 California Healey Week 2009
Paso Robles Inn, Paso Robles
Presented by: Austin Healey Association
- June 13 Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye
8810 Grossmont Blvd. (TG 1291-A2)
- June 20, Saturday Cops and Rodders
Registration opens at 7:45 a.m.
North Park Recreation Center
4000 Oregon St. (TG 1289-D5)
- 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/>
- September 26th & 27th Coronado Speed Festival
Naval Air Station North Island
- October 4 - San Diego British Car Day
Admiral Baker Field (TG 1269-H6)

TALK TO THE EDITOR

Please let me know if you like or dislike the non-Healey content in recent issues. It's your newsletter and I want it to meet your requirements.

Thanks

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14th Annual Rolling British Car Day Saturday, April 17, 2009

text: Steve Kirby photos: Steve Kirby and David Coyote



An incredibly great day, augmented by perfect weather was the setting for this year's 14th Annual Rolling British Car Day.

The cold statistics were that we had approximately 200 cars (158 were counted at 9:40, and they were still pouring in!), and 93 cars and their occupants enjoyed their picnics at beautiful San Dieguito Park.

We had a historic first for Rolling British Car Day, and an encouraging sign of "things to come!" A totally electric car, the Lotus Tesla was in attendance. Very beautiful, and VERY fast! No leaking oil, either!

I thought I would try to be the first one there, since I was theoretically "in charge". I arrived at 8:30, and there were probably already 25 cars in place . . . including an incredible V-12 red Lagonda, and shortly thereafter, the spectacular 1931 Alvis Tourer, owned member John Kernan. Certainly two of the more incredible cars of the day.

I have to say that it was absolutely FANTASTIC to see the Farnsworths "new" Healey on display and being driven and enjoyed! What a beautiful, flawless car.



Another crowd pleaser was Jerry Craft's Mini "Rat Rod". It was parked almost next to John Kernan's Alvis. Quite the dichotomy. Jerry had e-mailed me during the week and asked if he thought it would "___ people off if he brought it." My response was: "Absolutely!!!! Bring it!!!!" Perhaps no car was truly more in the spirit of British cars, and what folks can do with them—banger races and all!

Variety of cars? Gosh, I know I'll miss some, but besides the obvious and already mentioned, there were Aston Martins, Lotus, Sunbeam, (my favorite): Morris Minor Traveller and several other great "Moggies", 3 very nice Morgans (this year's Marque of the Year at British Car Day in recognition of their first 100 years under the same family ownership!!!!), DeLorean, Diamler, Land Rover and Jensen.



The route was about an hour and 15 minutes, and was "only" 31 miles, and most comments were that it was "just right". We drove through, in-and-around Rancho Santa Fe – seeing the many beautiful homes and properties. In spite of what some perceive as a rather "snobby" attitude in RSF, the opposite was largely true. As we paraded up-and-down mostly residential streets, we were greeted by folks coming



out of their homes and gardens and smiling, waving, cheering and some even taking photos. Maybe we shouldn't have honked, but what the hey? One person told Diane, as she was stopped "This is the most exciting thing that has happened around here in years!"

Of course, Rolling British Car Day has become synonymous with opportunities to "SMILE and WAVE" at each other as we pass each other on the roads. This year's route featured three different sections where we hit "roundabouts" and made some spiffy U-turns to accomplish this. The cost of building the two roundabouts will be addressed later!



Steve and his son Jeff Departing

There were a couple of moments that were classic . . . and you sorta had to be there to fully appreciate it! There was the "horse lady" who was none-too-happy that 200 cars were invading her personal riding space (on a public road!!!!) and made her wishes quite clear with her glare and swizzle stick!

Next up, the "plastic lady" standing by the golf course, in her zillion dollar sunglasses, outfit, some rather obvious plastic work, with her white poodle Fifi on the jewel encrusted leash. Sorry, no pictures of that one! Maybe just as well!

The picnic area was perfect. Enough tables for all, most of which were in perfect shade, with the weather cooperating in perfect Goldilocks fashion: "Not too hot; not too cold!" The rangers and other staff were extremely accommodating and friendly. We had (barely!) enough parking for everyone, and the general conclusion was that it was a very relaxing and friendly way to conclude the day.

Steve



Steve filtering photos to show only the red cars - neat trick



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Rolling British Car Day Continued

On The Road
Waving to the other cars



Arriving At San Dieguito County Park

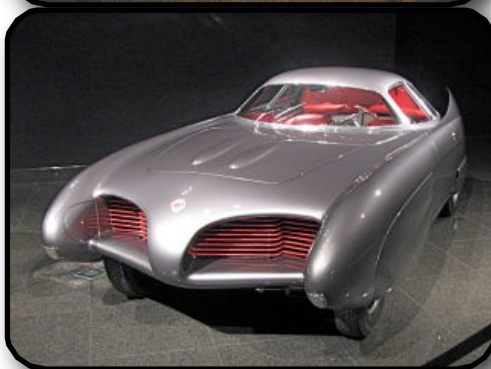
Alfa Romeo B.A.T.

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The Alfa Romeo BAT is an Italian [concept car](#). The car originated in a joint collaboration project between [Alfa Romeo](#) and the Italian design house; [Bertone](#) that began in 1953. Of the successful project came three cars: the BAT 5 in 1953, the BAT 7 in 1954, and finally the BAT 9 in 1955.



BAT 5



BAT 7



Alfa Romeo contacted Giuseppe "Nuccio" Bertone of the Bertone design house in order to commission three concept vehicles with extensive research on the effects of drag on a vehicle. The idea was to create vehicles with the lowest possible [drag coefficient](#). The cars were named BAT for "[Berlinetta](#) Aerodinamica Tecnica." All the cars featured large rear bumpers and curved fins, truly a unique design.

They were built upon the [Alfa Romeo 1900](#) chassis. Each year between 1953 and 1955 at the [Turin Auto show](#), Bertone and Alfa Romeo presented a BAT concept, the BAT 5, 7 and 9.

After more than 50 years, there is a new BAT model. The BAT 11 made its debut in [Geneva](#), at the time of the [2008 Geneva Auto Show](#), though not at the show itself. The new BAT 11, based on the [Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione](#), shares many styling cues with the classic BAT cars of the 50s.



BAT 9



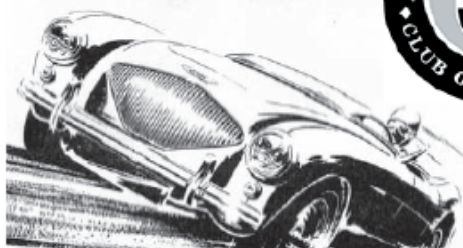
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Club Members Car

Don't know if this will be interesting enough for the club magazine, but I have been a member for a few years now and would like to participate somehow. Attached are some pictures of my car as it was when I acquired it and as it sits now. It is a little further along since the pictures were taken, but not much. I am told by the gentleman working on it, that he will finish it this month, but I have heard that for the last 2 years. I have the short block finished and the head is presently at David Anton's shop for porting and polishing. I have been collecting parts for this car for 4 years now and boxes are stacked up in the house and the garage. The suspension needs rebuilding and I have the rebuild kits to do this, but finding the time is something else. I will be painting the car Carmine Red with black interior with red piping and have not decided if I will be painting the coves black yet. I am looking forward sometime in the future to attend a club function with this car.

Mike MacLean

56 BN2

60 AN5



The Starter Car and Progress to Date

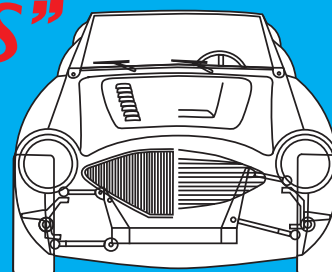




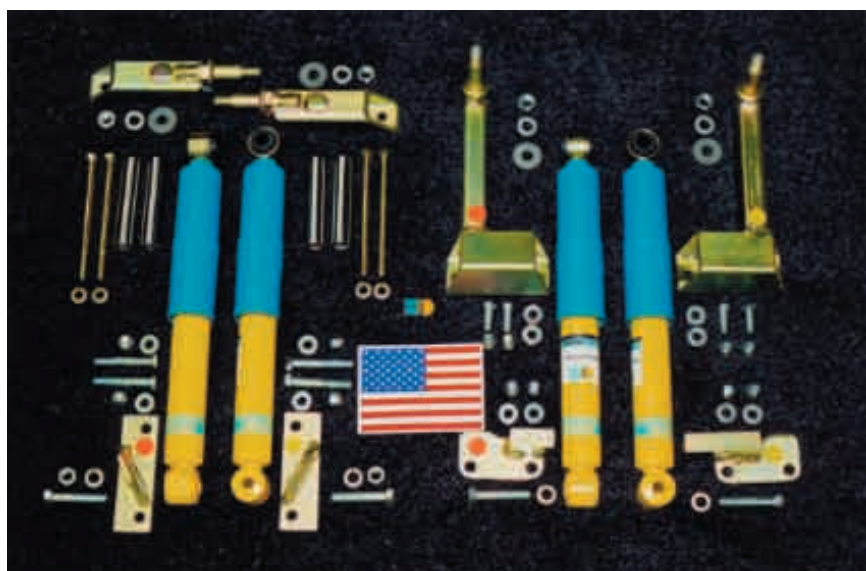
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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSO one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSO multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

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| Putzke, U+G | BT7 | 46 | Carberry Bob+Jo-A | BJ8 | 6 |
| Voth, Warren | BJ8 | 22 | Thrift, Rick | BT7 | 6 |
| Snover, Rick | AN8 | 22 | Kind, Klaus | BJ8 | 6 |
| Cowan, Terry | 100 | 22 | Roberts, Aaron | BT7 | 6 |
| Turner, Craig | BT7 | 20 | Coyote, David | 100 | 6 |
| Williams, Mike | BT7 | 18 | Kitterer, Bob | AN5 | 6 |
| Galper, Lou | 100 | 18 | Talbert, Sam | AN5 | 6 |
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| Newmeyer, E+A | BJ8 | 12 | Humphreys, B+B | Jenson | 4 |
| Grundies, Dave | BJ8 | 10 | Stark, H+Lynne | BN4 | 4 |
| Galper, Lou | Jag | 9 | Schermerhorn, J+M | AN7 | 4 |

NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Edwin & Abbe Neumeyer, Palm Desert
(1966 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III BJ8)
Dick Robinson, San Marcos
(1960 Sprite AN5)

BELATED APRIL BIRTHDAY

Dick Robinson 04/18

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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Cathy Newman 05/10
William Longaker 05/15
John Schermerhorn 05/16
Craig Turner 05/19
Lex Dunn 05/19
John Banales 05/23
Justin MacLean 05/23
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Market Place

CARS FOR SALE



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and 1973 JENSEN HEALEY**

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