



JUNE 2009

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## Club of San Diego



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## From The Editor:

There was a period this month that I was concerned there would be very little in the newsletter. Then the material or perhaps I should say the photographs, started arriving. Sam Talbert sent me a CD full of great RBCD photos. I had big plans for these but as you will see more current items came in pushing these photos aside. But I still have plans to put them to use. So thanks to Sam as well as our regular photo bugs Lou Galper and Mike Williams.

Several weeks back I finished the "12 year" maintenance and some upgrades on my Sprite and was looking forward to spending a lot of time in the drivers seat. Went and filled my calendar with Healey events - - then Murphy's law - - on the way to the gas station the brake peddle went to the floor. So it is back up in the air waiting for me to have time to do a hydraulic system rebuild. It will be interesting to see how the insides of the various cylinders look after twelve years of silicon brake fluid use. Before you ask I use silicon because it does not eat paint and it is rather hard to fill the master cylinders on a Sprite without spilling at least a little brake fluid which has no where to go but on the body of the car.

From Lynn's report it looks like a lot of opportunities to get your Healey out for a drive.

Bob

## June Meetings

- **Monthly Meeting - June 10**
  - **COCO'S**
- 10430 Friars Rd. SD**  
**Thomas Guide 1249-H6**



**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](http://www.sdhealey.org)

## Membership Information

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**Cover:** Bob Kitterer's Sprite and Mike Williams' BT7 with the Triumphs at the Carlsbad Flower Fields.

photo by B. Kitterer

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**President's Message:**

**Tuesday 26th May 2009**

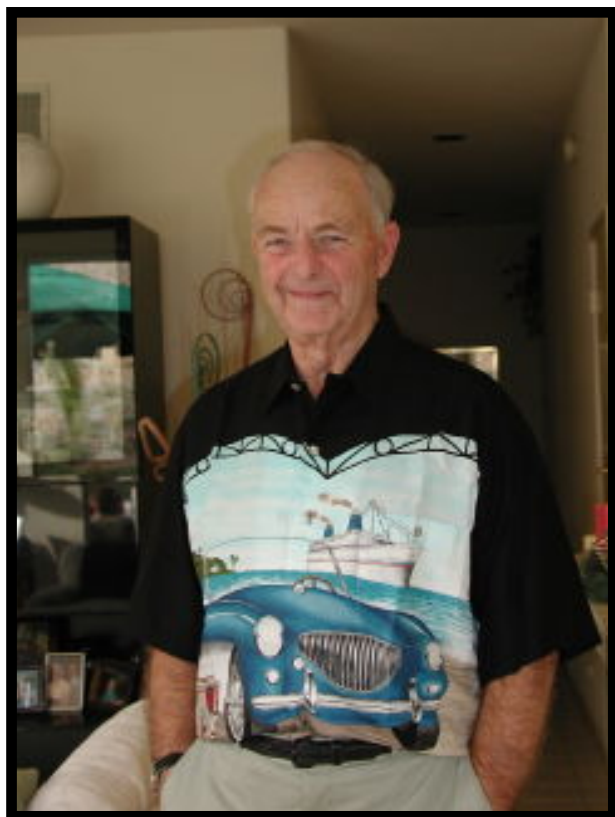
It is with great sadness we have to announce the passing of **John Healey**, son of Donald Healey.

In recent years he, along with his wife Joy, had enjoyed many of the social activities of the Healey Clubs, including driving to St Moritz for our Euromet in his red 3000.

Our heartfelt condolences to his wife Joy and to his daughter Wendy and son David and their families. Obituary to follow.

*John Keener, Chairman AHC*

*from UK AHC web site*



John Healey at Tom Luckies house in 2002  
photo: Roland Wilhelmy

John was a fine, fine human being. He had a grocery business in Perranporth for many years. He liked cars.

Enjoyed Healeys. Had a BJ8 with a Chatham engine and triple Webers. He and his wife Joy were a delight to be with and wonderful hosts.

Roland Wilhelmy



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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY    HAPPY SPRING    GO PADRES

Attendance for the May 13th, Meeting (held at Khan's Kave, Clairemont Mesa, SD): .

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

Rick Snover, Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Bob Kitterer, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Udo Putzke\*, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Sam Talbert, Steve Kirby\*, Lou Galper\* & Debbie, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Craig & Sue Turner\*, Bob Humphreys\*, Mike Williams\*, Brian Church\*, Gary Stalker, David Coyote\*, Mike Dolphin, Howard & Lynne Stark~, and Sandy Leon & son.

Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by President, Terry Cowan.

Secretary: April Minutes were approved.

Vice President/Membership: Rick reported membership is at 90 members. Membership Directories have been mailed out. Treasurer: Treasury Report was given by Susan Kwiat'. Membership renewal invoice was received for the Association of CA Car Clubs Inc (lobbying organization for car hobbyists) and approved for payment. See Treasurer for treasury balance. Direction was also given from Terry to Sandy Leon to close the Conclave 08 account.

Newsletter: Bob asked for stories of events to be written up for the newsletter. 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 May/June. Activities included: Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, Tech Session at Schermerhorn's (John's Birthday) for further assembly of John's car. May 27-31<sup>st</sup>, CA Healey Week in Paso Robles; June 6<sup>th</sup> Automotive Museum/Car Club Council of Greater San Diego "Greatest Cruise on Turf" Car Show at Balboa Park; June 13<sup>th</sup> Ball Bearing Breaker Rally; also June 13<sup>th</sup> British Car Show in Fountain Valley; June 20<sup>th</sup> Cops & Rodders Car Show North Park; June 14-18th Healey Rendezvous in Jackson, CA; June 21-26 Healey Conclave, Ontario, Canada. See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.

Regalia: No report.

SD British Car Club Council: Steve Kirby reported on the success of Rolling British Car Day. San Diego British Car Day to be held at Admiral Baker Field, Oct 4, 2009. Also reported on another British car event being held on Sept 27, 2009 called English Motors of Fairbrook Farms.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Susan Kwiat' reported for Gerry (late arrival) on upcoming car related activities for June 2009. Greatest Cruise-In on Turf in Balboa Park, June 6<sup>th</sup> will be held on the grass, \$10/car to be paid on entry. Car clubs can park together if come in together. Healey Club to possibly meet outside the event and drive in together. Also each Club in the Greater SD Car Club Council to donate raffle prize for the event. Club agreed to donate raffle prize of regalia shirt item and dinner gift certificate. June 20<sup>th</sup> Cops & Rodders Show in North Park. Also July 25 Car Show at Simpson's Nursery. Various local towns weekly car shows (i.e. Santee Lakes 3-7pm Fridays, April-Sept; La Mesa Thursdays; Escondido Fridays, Chula Vista-Tuesday, El Cajon-Weds). See flyers for further information/sign ups. Minutes of May CCC meeting were handed out that provided a complete summary of all car show/events and activities throughout the summer.

Old Business: Consensus of people going to CA Healey Week (May 27-31<sup>st</sup>) in Paso Robles and possible caravans/meeting places.

New Business: Vote and approval to get the person doing our newsletter and directory printing a special dinner gift card. Ideas sought for location of 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. Rick presented the idea of organizing an event in regard to a "British Invasion" concert at Humphreys on Shelter Island (i.e. Zombie, Yardbirds) and a possible pre-concert party in a room/suite at the Half Moon Inn. Discussion was held on various options and a budget of \$500 was approved to look into the room rental and pre-concert party.

Further information to be provided next month's newsletter and website announcements.

Lisa Mandell was the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary



## What's Coming Up?

Summer is here!!! The weather is warm and the days are long. There are all kinds of activities and shows to choose from. June is shaping up to be a busy month, so lets get started...

Saturday June 6th is the Greatest Show/Cruise-In On Turf in Balboa Park from 9am-2pm at the corner of Park Blvd. and President's Way. Cost is \$10 per car (Payable at entry). This is a San Diego Automotive Museum and Car Club Council of Greater San Diego event and looks like a fun day in the sun. Bring a picnic lunch, but please no grilling or alcohol. Gerry Kwiat' is planning a pre-meet from 8:15am to 8:45am across the street from the event at the parking lot of the old Balboa Hospital southwest corner. He says there will be donuts and juice and after everyone meets we can drive in as a group. For more info, questions or concerns you can call Gerry at (619)922-2581.

Next up is the Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye on Saturday June 13th at 9am. The Rallye will begin in the parking lot in front of the old Circuit City at 8810 Grossmont Blvd. between Jackson Drive and La Mesa Blvd. Registration starts at 9am with the first car out at 10am. The cost is \$10 per car. The finish will be at an as yet undisclosed restaurant.

This years Healey Rendezvous or as we call it the West Coast Meet will be from June 14-18. The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club has chosen the lovely setting of Jackson Calif. in the Sierras to hold the event. I know only a few club members are going to this meet, but I have to say this looks like a well put together and resonably priced event. I am looking forward to hearing about it and maybe seeing some pictures.

The 4th Annual "Cops and Rodders" Car Show and Shine will be held on June 20th at the North Park Rec Center at 4000 Oregon Street.San Diego. Cost is \$20 if pre-registered by June 13th or \$25 the day of the event. Registration the day of the event is from 7:45am to 9:am. All makes and models of cars, trucks, motorcycles, military, police and fire vehicles are welcome. There will be prizes, trophies, live music, food and vendors.

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## Activities - what the future brings:

### JUNE AND BEYOND

- JUNE 6 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Greatest Show on Turf  
Balboa Park - Park and Presidents Way
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
**AHCSD General Membership Meeting**  
COCO'S, 10430 Friars Rd, S.D. TG1249H6
- June 13 Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye  
8810 Grossmont Blvd. (TG 1291-A2)
- June 13th Saturday British Car Show  
held together with the Fountain Valley Classic Car and Truck Show  
Mile Square Park Fountain Valley
- **June 14 - 18 Healey Rendezvous 2009, Jackson, CA.**  
**Host: Golden Gate AHC**
- June 20, Saturday Cops and Rodders  
Registration opens at 7:45 a.m.  
North Park Recreation Center  
4000 Oregon St. (TG 1289-D5)
- **June 21-26 2009:**
  - **Austin Healey Conclave 2009 at the Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston, Ontario Canada.**
  - <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>
- **June 26<sup>th</sup> Friday 4pm – ? Pre Concert (Rock Royalty) Party at Half Moon Inn and Humphreys By the Bay Shelter Island**  
**Concert at Humphreys (for those with tickets)**  
**Post concert wrap**
- **July 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Healey Club Party ?**  
**Location ?**
- **July 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**  
**AHCSD General Membership Meeting**
- **July 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Simpsons Car Show**  
(this is the big one)
- **September 26th & 27th Coronado Speed Festival**  
Naval Air Station North Island
- **October 4 - San Diego British Car Day**  
**Admiral Baker Field (TG 1269-H6)**
- **August 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8am – 3pm**  
Automobile Heritage Day  
Parade and Car Show Kimble Park  
in National City

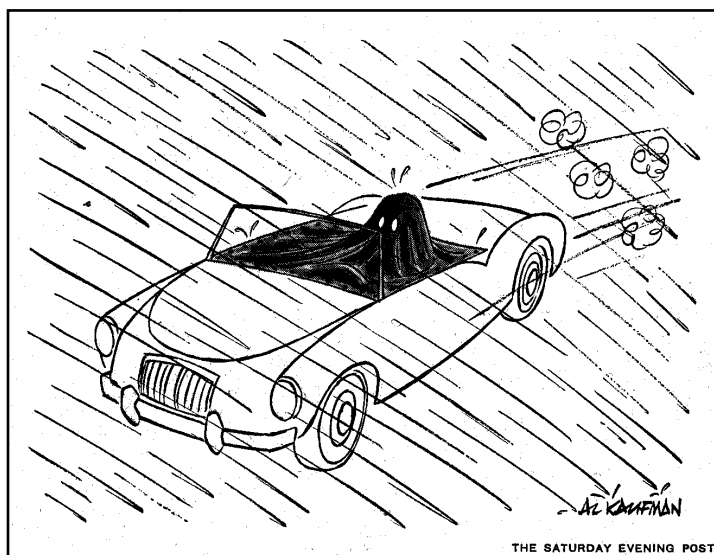


### **What's Coming Up? - continued from page 5**

All proceeds benefit the San Diego Historical Assn. There is car club group parking with pre-registration to this event. I'll bring this up at the meeting to get a feel for how many if any of us want to go.

The club as discussed at the last meeting has reserved a suite at Half Moon Bay Inn on Shelter Island for Friday June 26th to hold a pre concert party for Club members and their guests prior to that evenings Rock Royalty concert next door at Humphreys By the Bay. Tickets for the concert are limited, but still available at the Humphreys box office and are the responsibility of each club member. If you want to go get your tickets NOW!!! The board is working on finding Healey parking nearby. More info and discussion at the meeting.

This year the 4th of July is on a Saturday, and would be a great day to have a Club party. Maybe we could go on a drive and end up at someone's house afterwards for food, fun and refreshments. Maybe a red, white and blue menu? A potluck? A picnic? I need some input, ideas, suggestions and volunteers. Let's Chat... See you at the meeting...Lynne



Cartoon by Al Kaufman  
Printed in The Saturday Evening Post about 1960





## Flower Fields with the Triumph Club

text: Mike Williams

photos: Mike Williams and Bob Kitterer

Yesterday was a beautiful day, sunny and just right temps. The turn-out from the Healey club was small, only Bob Kitterer and Jennie in his Bugeye and I drove my 3000. LaRae came down from Orange County with her neighbor/friend and parked her Mustang outside and caught a ride in with us. There were also Allen Seid and Colin, the two new Healey club members that are restoring their BJ8. Quite a few TR's. Afterwards we drove over to Carl Strauss, which is within viewing distance from the flower fields.



**Triumph's and Healey's in the Special Parking Area at the edge of the Flower Fields**

photo M. Williams



**Mike Williams BT7 and Bob Kitterer's AN5**  
photo M. Williams



**Flowers And More Flowers**

photo B. Kitterer



**Mike Has An Admirer of His Car**

photo: M. Williams





## **Tech Session at the Schermerhorn's and John's Birthday**

text: Gerry Kwiat<sup>4</sup> photos: M. Williams

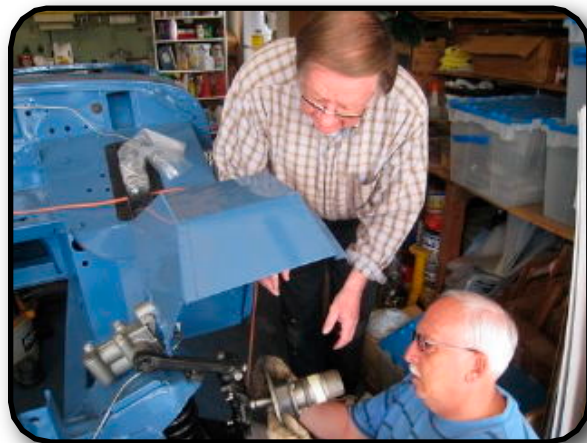
We had gotten a birthday cake for John (chocolate on chocolate) and put candles on it and sang "Happy Birthday" to him. Pizza was also ordered for lunch treat (including a Hawaiian one w/pineapple). The ladies enjoyed a gab session about in the Living Room (Jan, Mary, Susan & Angelina).



**Mary Starts Serving John's Birthday Cake**

The "Guys" worked on various parts of the Sprite assembly. Susan volunteered her "long skinny fingers" for any tight spot assembly. Work completed included: Putting front end suspension together, replacing calipers on front wheels, installing master cylinder and associated brake line; right rear spring assembly hooked up.

Attending: Terry Cowan, Rick Snover, Udo Putzke (Gisela stopped by with her sister from Germany), Dick & Jan Schmidt, John & Mary Schermerhorn (of course), Gerry & Susan Kwiat, Mike Williams, Lou Galper, Bob Humphries, Gary Stalker, Howard Stark, Jose & Angelina Mondragon (on their Mondragon custom built motorcycle), John Banales.



**Dick Schmidt and Bob Humphreys at Work**



**Left: Jose & Angelina Mondragon on their Mondragon Special**



**Above: The Kwiat's 100-6**



**Left: Mike Williams 3000 Mk II**





## Healey Bicycle - - ???

text: Bob Kitterer

Quit a few of us received an email with this photo titled "Healey Bicycle" and no other information. Being a curious soul I went searching for more information. But an internet search for "Healey Bicycle" and "Vintage Bicycles" did me no good. I knew that there are several vintage bike folks on the Spridget list so I turn to them for help. Sure enough one of them identified the bike as the Bowden Spacelandr Bicycle. This provided information and history on the bike (some of which follows) but shed no light on why the name Healey should be attached to the photo. So that part remains a mystery, at least for the moment.



References:

**Photo From the e-mail**

The most definitive article is by Leon Dixon - <http://nbhaa.com/indexBowden.html>  
"- - - Bowden had originally designed an aluminum prototype(The Bowden "Classic") for a 1946 British trade exposition called "Britian Can Make It""

Brooklyn Museum - <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/exhibitions/luce/spacelandr.php>



**Bowden Spacelandr Bicycle**

"The aluminum prototype of this futuristic bicycle was handmade by the MG Auto Company in England in 1946 and incorporated an ingenious dynamo that stored the downhill energy and released it on uphill runs. It was prohibitively expensive for consumer production, but in 1960 Bowden contracted with Bomard Industries in Michigan, to produce a more mechanically conventional, one-speed version of the dynamic, organic design in fiberglass, a new design material. Ultimately the endeavor was too costly for Bomard Industries, as well, and the firm went out of business having manufactured only 522 examples."

Daves's Vintage Bicycles (lots of pictures ed.) <http://www.nostalgic.net/bicycle206.htm>

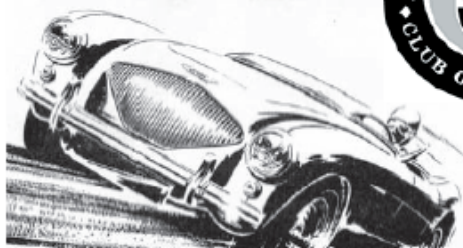
"This bike was the most radical concept of it's time. It totally epitomizes the "Space Age" with it's design. This bike looks like it was designed for NASA. It is made up of fiberglass and features built in headlights and rear fender. Designed by Benjamin Bowden, there was a prototype built and displayed in 1948. The production bikes however were made and sold only one year, 1960."



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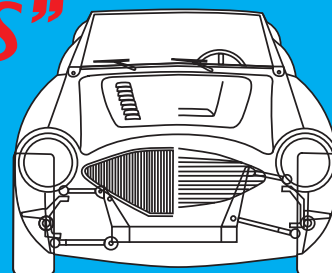




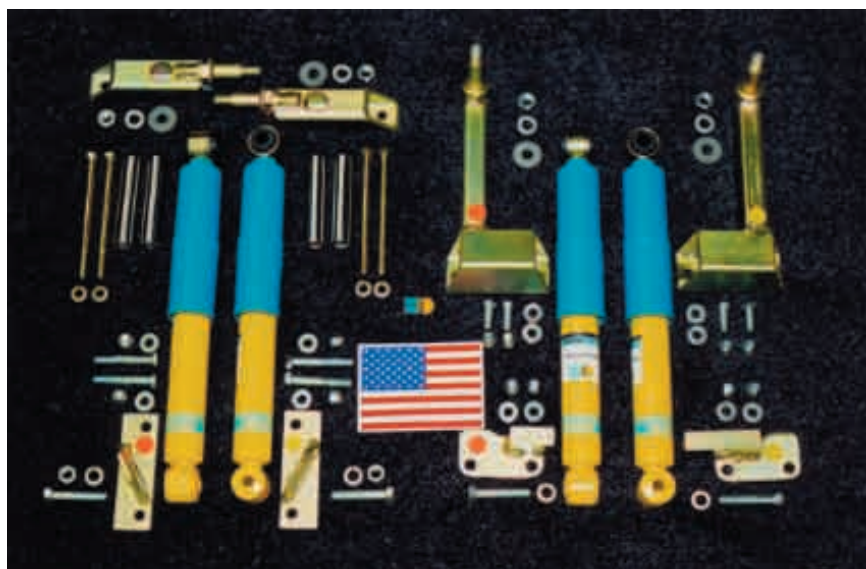
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## CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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 [putzke@cox.net](mailto: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 | 54 | Schermerhorn J+M  | AN7    | 8 |
| Williams, Mike | BT7 | 32 | Carberry Bob+Jo-A | BJ8    | 6 |
| Humphreys, B+B | BT7 | 30 | Thrift, Rick      | BT7    | 6 |
| Galper, Lou    | BN4 | 26 | Kind, Klaus       | BJ8    | 6 |
| Turner, Craig  | BT7 | 24 | Roberts, Aaron    | BT7    | 6 |
| Voth, Warren   | BJ8 | 22 | Talbert, Sam      | AN5    | 6 |
| Snover, Rick   | AN8 | 22 | Dompee, Lee       | BJ8    | 6 |
| Cowan, Terry   | BN4 | 22 | Farnsworth, B+S   | BJ8    | 6 |
| Kirby, S+D     | BT7 | 22 | Dahl, Dave        |        | 6 |
| Stark, H+Lynne | Jag | 19 | Pendleton, Jim    | BJ8    | 6 |
| Tabachki, N+N  | BN6 | 12 | Brewer, Norm      | Jenson | 4 |
| Newmeyer, E+A  | BJ8 | 12 | Humphreys, B+B    | Jenson | 4 |
| Kitterer, Bob  | AN5 | 12 | Stark, H+Lynne    | BN4    | 4 |
| Grundies, Dave | BJ8 | 10 | Kwiat, G + S      | BN6    | 4 |
| Coyote, David  | BN4 | 10 | Church, B & D     | AN5    | 4 |
| Galper, Lou    | Jag | 9  |                   |        |   |

## NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Franco & Ananda Ganino (Encinitas)  
1959 Sprite AN5, 1964 Triumph TR4

Steve Goehring (Phoenix, AZ)  
100 BN2, 3000 Mk II BN7

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Franco Ganino     | 06/02 |
| Yolanda Ventura   | 06/02 |
| Nancy DeSanto     | 06/07 |
| Cass Cacciatore   | 06/13 |
| Mary Schermerhorn | 06/14 |
| Mike Dolphin Jr.  | 06/24 |
| Philip Yanni      | 06/26 |
| Chic Linde        | 06/28 |

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