

# **MARCH 2010**



## From The Editor:



Greetings from the road. This months newsletter is coming to you from Gold Canyon at the base of the Superstition Mountains in AZ. For those who like numbers we have

put 666 miles on the RV and another 584 miles on the car thus far. I am not expecting to see, visit or otherwise encounter any car or Healey in particular events, museums and such for a while so this column will mostly have a few travel notes and pleas for newsletter input.

As I mentioned at the last meeting we attended prior to departing on this journey my internet / e-mail availability will be sporadic depending on where we happen to be located. Do not let this interfere with you sending me input or comments. It may be a few days before I can access that input and respond but I will do both. It is my intention

to be located somewhere with internet service for several days between the 20th and 25th of each month in order to assemble the newsletter and get it transferred to Rick.

As I write this on Feb. 22 only two reports have been received for the newsletter. With only a couple more days to wrap this up I am hoping that a lot of information arrives in the next 24 hours. If you have a bunch of blank pages you will know that did not happen.

Enjoying life, Bob

### March Meeting

Monthly Meeting - March 10
COCO'S
10430 Friars Rd. SD
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**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: <u>www.sdhealey.org</u>

Austin-Healey

#### **Membership Information**

Membership in the AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO is open to all owners of Austin & Jenson 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 <u>www.sdhealey.org</u> or contact our Membership Coordinator, Vice President Rick Snover (<u>ricksnover@earthlink.net</u>) for details and an application.

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Business card	\$30.00 per year

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:** Mike Williams' BT7 in Ed & Abbe Neumeyer's garage during the Super Bowl and Men's Chile Cook Off.

photo: Mike Wiliams

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## President's Message:





Hey there Healey Folks

Well, its been a pretty busy month for me so I haven't been able to attend the February event's. I have heard based on good intel that the Super Bowl Party was a great hit, thank you Ed & Abbe Nuemeyer for holding at your home's !! Rick, Lisa and I had gone up Buttonwillow to do tuning and testing on the race cars only to be greeted by Lots' & Lot's of rain. With Udo being kind enough to loan us his trailer to tow Ricks car (race truck not finished yet !!) we headed up on Friday so we could be on the track first thing Saturday morning get our testing in and come back Sunday for Super Bowl...best laid plans. Rick got twelve laps in I got one, Stayed over Sat night only to wake up to more rain. Loaded up and came home, more rain, got home OK only to find water in the shop, yikes. By the time I got the cars cleaned & covered, moved stuff out of the swimming pool downstairs it was to late to go to the party, bummer.

I was working for the bird watching Saturday so not sure what happened there either, it rained in Bonita. For the meeting March 10th @ 6:30 it's back to CoCo's !! Hope to see you all there !!

Cheers, Terry



Terry Cowan in the Sebring Sprite No. 2 and Rick Snover in Sprite No. 117 hoping to get some laps in despite the fowl weather.





## February Meeting Minutes 2010

The February meeting was held at Bully's East restaurant 2401 Camino Del Rio South. San Diego.

21 members were in attendance: Drove Healeys\*, other British~. Terry Cowan, Norm Brewer, Claire Coombs, Mike Dolphin, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper~, Bob Humphreys\*, Sandy Leon, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover & Allie Casarda, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert, Roland Wilhelmy,

Meeting was called to order at 7.45 pm by president Terry Cowan. January minutes were approved as written.

**Vice President/ Membership:** Rick Snover indicated that an accurate count is not yet possible as the mail box and other routines are still getting sorted out after board member changes. Please get those renewal checks in the mail.

Secretary: Nothing to comment on.

Treasurer: Still awaiting sorting out of bank items. Verbal quesstimate of balances given.

Newsletter: No input from Bob as he is apparently 'on the road'.

Activities: In the absence of a chairperson, the meeting was largely devoted to ideas about this situation. For openers the Ball Bearing Breaker Rally was won by a non club affiliated person and either because of this or other reasons the event will now be put on in alphabetical participating club order. Looks like we are up again?

As previously mentioned, this years "Calif Healey Week" will be in Temecula May 19-23. The Association is now taking registrations. That at least is a solid date set, our other candidate events are floating. Suggestions following are listed in no particular order.

Borego drive for Desert Flowers -

Campo Train ride

Hawk Watch at Range Land and Highland Valley Road.

San Diego State electric car competition entry progress viewing.

**Tech Session** - Again getting "closer to the final stages" of John Schermerhorns Sprite. The car is now blue as seen in last months newsletter. Now all the fun begins as to where does the stuff in these boxes go and is there enough stuff. Terry indicated he would review the "boxes" contents.

**Tech session** - Claire Coombs wants to get a fun summer ride going. Terry also indicated he will evaluate the cars needs.

Other events -- see activities page if exist.

**Regalia:** Ongoing discussion on the most appropriate method to handle this matter. The situation looked like a first hand physical viewing of the regalia might yield the best results for sorting things out and so the Schmidts will host this months board meeting in two weeks.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Jerry not present, no word on whether he will continue in this position..

Old Business: none New Business: none

Sue Farnsworth was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Dick Schmidt, secretary



Campo Train outing, March 2009

## Super Bowl and Men's Chile Cook Off 2009



# Activities - what the future brings:

## March AND BEYOND

- March 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. AHCSD General Membership Meeting
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday Car Tour / Drive Location: TBA
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. AHCSD General Membership Meeting 6:30pm Location: TBA
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday
   15th Annual Rolling British Car Day http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/rbcd2010.pdf
- May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> VARA British Extravaganza. Vintage Races & Car Show Buttonwillow Raceway Park, Buttonwillow
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. AHCSD General Membership Meeting 6:30pm Location: TBA
- May 19 thru May 23, California Healey Week Location: Embassy Suites, Temecula, CA <u>www.austin-healey.org</u>
- June 28 thru July 2 Austin-Healey USA Rendezvous Eugene, Oregon. http://healey-oregon.org/Rendezvous
- July 11 thru July 16, Conclave 2010 Location: Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena, Illinois http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, San Diego British Car Day



SUNDAY MARCH 14 9AM – 4PM

Tel:

# ALL BRITISH CAR MEET AND AUTO JUMBLE WOODLEY PARK, VAN NUYS

**DIRECTIONS:** Woodley Ave. between Burbank Blvd. and Victory Blvd. just North of the intersection of the 405 and 101 Freeways. (531 F7)

Info: (626) 797-4221 info@queens-english.org www.Queens-English.org

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Signed:\_

Date:

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QUEEN'S ENGLISH P. O. Box 2299 Toluca Lake, CA 91610-0299

Please make checks payable to: "QUEEN'S ENGLISH" Please mail by March 1, 2010

Register online at <u>www.queens-english.org</u>. Late registration \$20 at the gate.



## A Different Activities Event – Huh

text: Dick Schmidt, photos: not known.

In the continuing quest to fill the activities need, the last club meeting produced a bundle of suggestions one of which was fairly off the wall, at least for us. Past trips to the Farnsworths have taken us by a bunch of parked cars next to some pasture land with a "what's that all about" comment. So the answer is, that's the Wildlife Research Institute and they study birds n stuff. and do lectures. O.K. so the next thought is yah we should check that out sometime. So the sometime turned out to be a phone call as in well it ends at the end of February so it's like now, as on the 20 th. After this news, Jan and I figure that we've been by the place so we can't get too lost so lets go, besides it's raining at the coast.

The talk started at 9.00 which we were actually on time for and for a small donation picked up some coffee and pastries. We spotted Gisela and then the Farnsworths and Schermerhorns and to our surprise Cass and a lady friend. The presenter turned out to be quite entertaining and the audience got involved with questions and some attendee from Vancover actually had bird calls recorded on his ipod which he managed to play over the speaker system. We were following dark things in the sky that one could hardly see even with binoculars and someone would say, Yah, that's a whatever tailed whatsit and it's —. Well pretty soon a dark thing that you didn't need binoculars to see came along and started dumping big rain drops on us and that pretty much shut that party down. We reconvened at the Farnsworths and eventually ended up at an interesting Mexican restaurant for lunch.



Above: Representative from the Wildlife Research Institute

Above: Some of our crew "out in the field." - Dick, Jan, Sue, Mary

and John.



Left: Representative from the Wildlife Research Institute with a hawk -Red tail ?



Above: Hiding from the rain at the Farnsworth's house

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Now more than ever people are selling their cars or trading them in for something a little older and a little less expensive. Whether you are part of this downgrading/downsizing trend or even upgrading to a new car, it is important to know your rights as a car buyer. The California Department of Motor Vehicles wants to ensure that customers are being vigilant when buying their vehicles and are aware of their rights, as well as possible hazards associated with purchasing a vehicle. Listed below are tips for smart car shopping, DMV services that are useful when buying a car and the legal rights of new and used car buyers.

Tips:

- · Read and understand your purchase contract Do not sign anything you don't understand
- Compare interest rates Obtaining the best possible interest rate can significantly affect the overall cost of your vehicle
- Know the value of the vehicle Visit Kelley Blue Book at <u>www.kbb.com</u> to learn the suggested retail value of the car you are purchasing
- Read your warranty Be sure to fully read and understand the manufacturer's warranty and any additional warranties offered by the dealer

Services:

• Vehicle Registration Fee Calculator online- Determine your VLF, use/sales tax and additional fees before purchasing your car by visiting <u>https://mv.dmv.ca.gov/FeeCalculatorWeb</u>.

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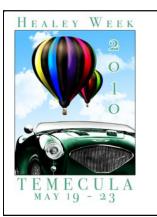
For new and used car buyers:

- Dealers must provide an itemized price list of items such as warranties and insurance, etc., if the items are being financed
- Dealer compensation from an institution financing the purchase of a vehicle is limited to no more than 2 percent for a loan term over 60 months and 2.5 percent for a loan term of 60 months or less
- Dealers must provide buyers with their credit score and an explanation of how it is used
- A new car buyer may purchase a two-day contract cancellation option agreement

For used car buyers only:

- A used car buyer may obtain a two-day sales contract cancellation option
- Used cars advertised as "certified" must meet specific requirements such as:
  - Odometer indicates the actual mileage of the vehicle
  - The vehicle was not purchased under state or federal warranty law (repurchased by the manufacturer or dealer)
  - The vehicle was not damaged by collision, fire, or flood unless repaired to safe operational condition prior to sale
  - The title was not branded as a Lemon Law Buyback, manufacturer repurchase, salvage, junk, non-repairable, flood, or similar designation.
  - The vehicle does not have frame damage or was sold "as is"
  - The seller should provide the buyer with a complete inspection report of all components inspected

By following these bits of advice and being an informed car buyer, you can save yourself time and money. For more information on car buyer's rights, smart shopping tips and many services available by the DMV online, visit <u>www.dmv.ca.gov</u>. Save time. Go online!



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# 2010 Austin-Healey Rendezvous

Healey Listers,

Fabulous Oregon scenery and hospitality await Austin-Healey owners attending the 2010 Austin-Healey USA Rendezvous, June 28 through July 2 in Eugene Oregon.

Event headquarters is the Valley River Inn on the banks of the Willamette River.

Situated between the Cascades Mountains and the Oregon Coast Mountain Range, Eugene is surrounded by great touring roads, exceptional vineyards and beautiful river vistas. Eugene is also the home of the University of Oregon and many cultural amentities.

The Austin-Healey Club of Oregon is hosting this Rendezvous. Detailed plans are well along in development as is evidenced on the Oregon Club website at <a href="http://healey-oregon.org/Rendezvous">http://healey-oregon.org/Rendezvous</a> The website presents the registration form and will be updated frequently as planning proceeds.

Marks 3 '66 BJ8



Mike Williams BT7 with an admirer at the Carlsbad Flower Fields, 2009

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# Track Day March 6th

# Check our web site for additional information

We hope that you have received the announcement and registration form for the very special Track Day at Auto Club Speedway event on March 6, 2010. If you have not already done so you can complete and return the attached forms to VARA as instructed to sign up for this one of a kind chance to drive your car on the big oval used by NASCAR and the road course used by the American Le Mans series.

Events of the day and other options can be found on the club website (<u>www.austin-healey.org</u>) by clicking on the March 6 date on the calender.

For those of you who have already made plans to attend here are some details:

- No special preparation of your car is necessary for you to run the event on the track. Your tires & brakes should be in good condition and fluid leaks should be minimized. Frank Monise will be performing a courtesy tech inspection of your car should you so desire on the morning of the event from 7:00 to 8:00 am.
- Roll bars are not required as there will be no "wheel to wheel" racing. Seat belts are required for the driver and any passengers.
- No helmets are required. Adjustable windscreens must be in the raised position.
- The track at Fontana is comprised of half of the NASCAR oval and a full road course in the infield of the oval. Maximum speeds will be dictated primarily by the driver's own level of comfort within the context of the "no passing" rule and the pace set by the lead pace driver. Transponders will be available for rent to anyone that would like their lap times recorded.
- A special drivers meeting will be held in the morning prior to the first session on the track. Both morning and afternoon sessions will allow approximately 10-15 laps per session.
- Photographs will be available of your car on track. We have arranged for a race photographer to take pictures of your car on the track which will be available for purchase after the event. Pictures of your car on track are something that you will cherish forever.
- Trophies will be awarded in different classes based on the number and model of registered cars.

Please let George know at gmcharris@hotmail.com ASAP :

- 1. If you plan to participate in the Track Day (or not)
- 2. Indicate what car (Healeys only) you will be running on the track.
- 3. How many people will be coming with you so we can properly plan the activities of the day.

Thanx, and looking forward to a great day at the track,

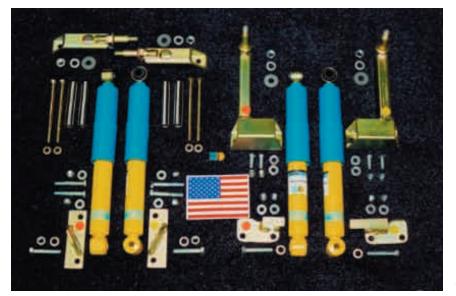
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# CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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 <u>putzke@cox.net</u>), within 30 days after the event. AHCSD 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: AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSD 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-AHCSD one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSD multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

COTY Points as of Feb. 20, 2010				
Owner(s)	Car	Points		
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ	16		
Williams, Mike	BT7	12		
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ7	6		
Tabachki, N+N	100-6	6		
Coyote, David	100	6		
Putzke, U+G	BT7	6		
Galper, Lou	100	6		
Carberry, Bob + Jo-A	BJ8	6		
Kind, Klaus	BJ8	6		
Galper, Lou	Jag	5		
Humphreys, B&B	BT7	4		
Galper, Lou	MG	3		
Williams, Mike	TR6	3		
Turner, Craig	BT7	2		

## NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Gary Schwartz	03/02
Daron Nightingale	03/04
Gisela Putzke	03/11
Dave Grundies	03/12
Jessica MacLean	03/14
Jose Mondragon	03/17
Nancy Arndt	03/23
Bob Farnsworth	03/28
Jessica Sharp	03/23

#### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mickey & Marsha Pleasant

03/12/75

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