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# HEALEY HEARSAY

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**From The Editor:**

This months newsletter comes to you from just outside Austin, TX. Thus far strong winds have been the norm most of our time in Texas with thunder - lighting storms

due tomorrow. I am hoping that the slide-out roof awnings hold up, they are certainly making a lot of noise.

The recent week was spent in Big Bend National Park which is so far out of the way that there is no cell phone service much less internet service. The total disconnection from the rest of the world reminds me of when I first started traveling to the National Parks some 40+ years ago. Also no electrical, water or sewer connections for the RV. Our last day in the park the batteries were so far down that we had almost no electrical at all. So we had to forgo showers that night. After driving a 100+ miles the batteries were recharged and we stopped at the first rest area we found to take a shower.

For those who like numbers we have put 2,034 miles on the RV and 3,348 miles on the CRV or 120 miles a day in round numbers.

Bob

**April Meetings**

- **Monthly Meeting - April 14**
- **COCO'S - 6:30 p.m.**
- 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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Quarter page 2.25" x 3.5"	\$50.00 per year
Business card	\$30.00 per year

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**Cover:** Terry Cowen's Sebring Sprite on the track.  
photo: Terry Cowen

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Hi all you Healey Yootes out there !!!

### President's Message:

I'm late as usual with this message to Bob sorry about that to all just been crazy busy working 12hrs a day plus Saturday as well I'm determined to get Rick and My 3000's done for California Healey week, plus the racing calendar and lets not forget the McVeety BJ8 project from Michigan which started as a brake job and turned into much more !!



OK things that did happen, Lisa and I were able to attend the Track Day Saturday March 6th put on by the Healey Association. This included track tours, and lunch, but turned into much more. After some redoing and testing ( hot laps around the block, much to my neighbors dismay, I musta woke um up from their naps !!) on the PMO200 car we decided to take it up for the tours and see how it ran. It ran well enough that I decided to go ahead and enter the VARA portion of the weekend which was a three day racing event that had started on Friday, after all I did bring my suit & helmet so first time on the track ever at racing speed was the qualifying race at 1:00 PM that day. I started last got up to ninth but then spun it in turn three and had to sit out the rest of the group flying past trying to avoid me in the middle of the track. Got restarted but finished last, but still fun !!

Sooo Saturday night it rained like crazy, so hard we couldn't hear the TV, practice in the morning Sunday standing water on the track, nice and sloooow does it.

Followed a BMW that I had been in front of the day before to try and start figuring out the racing line around the infield, remember I've never raced here before and the infield is flat with cone markers, so felt good about practice but had some bad vibration and I hadn't brought a jack, knock on hammer, air bottle etc because I didn't intend on racing. So in typical Vintage Race fashion friends helped me get the wheels off, balanced and back on the car in time for the race !!

What a difference vibration gone, the car ran very well indeed I went right up to the front behind the leading Mercedes ( this is a split group with the Formula cars staring 1/2 lap ahead)

So I was in the sports car group, and was running well till a black flag came out and I wasn't sure who it was for, so I backed off, but still finished first in my class which was a great feeling considering the dismal showing at Coronado !! That my story and I'm sticking to it.

By the way if you want to check out the races it's on U-tube PMO200.wmv Part 1 Sat, Part 2 Sunday.

Enough about me what about you, how are you doing ??

Well this is what up, I've ordered more parts for John and Mary's sprite to get ready for the next session on their car, Clair Coombs has moved her car from storage to her house and I planed to get by sometime this week and look at what it may need to get it back on the road.

We were not able to make last weeks Borrego run but it looked like great fun based on Sam Talberts super pictures & video !!

OK the meeting is at CoCo's 6:30 April 14th hope to see you all there !!

Cheers, Terry

**Minutes Last Meeting:****March Meeting Minutes 2010**

The March meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego.

21 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys\*, other British~, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandel, Mike Dolphin, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper~, Dave Grundies, Bob Humphreys\*, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Chuck Sharp, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbot, Denis & Eric Tarakjian

Meeting was called to order at 7.40 pm by president Terry Cowan.

February minutes were approved as written.

**Vice President/ Membership:** Rick Snover reported that our membership stands at 60ish. Renewal time is here so please get checks in the mail.

**Secretary:** Dick had nothing to add to or about the minutes.

**Treasurer:** Lynne reported on the bank balance..

**Newsletter:** Bob on the road between Wifi locations as of meeting time.  
note - An email from him on the 16th indicated that he will be away from reliable internet connections from the 21st to the 29th. Either he needs all inputs before moving or delaying publishing till he will be "in contact again" which obviously will delay the news letter some. Mike opinionated (email) that this would hardly be fatal as Rick publishes the upcoming events online independent of the newsletter.

**Activities:.** Chair still Vacant !!??

The impromptu Wildlife Research Institute Hawk Talk visit Feb 20th was discussed and the club opinion that it was good enough that we should include it as an event next year  
Temecula --S. Calif Healey week. The Assoc. has mentioned to Terry that registrations are slow in coming in. The registration deadline is mid April so he indicated that we really need to give this our support..

Sat March 20th 10 a.m. - 2 ? Tech Session continuation of assembly of John Schermerhorns Sprite. This will be component mounting now that painting has been completed.

Sat March 27th. Desert flower drive/lunch. Meet at Bilstien on Scripps Parkway 8.30 a.m leaving at 9.0 a.m.

Sat April 3rd. San Diego State milage car contest entrant viewing. Lou Galper enabler. See activities page for added descriptions of coming events.

**Regalia:** Jan needs her den back.

The current inventory is taking up a lot of room and sales are slow. This stock needs to move before any new items are contemplated. Several boxes of various items were taken to this months meeting and Lynne and the board felt we should close out "whatever" for \$5.00 apiece. This is a bargain price as these are very good quality items. We will publish a list of what we have. Quantities/sizes are a moving target; we are not going to have up to date numbers so email or call us with what you might like and we will see what we have. If we find your item(s) they will be available for pickup at a meeting or event as you wish.. There are no mail sales at this price!

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Jerry not present. May not be able to continue in this position due to work requirements.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

Bob Humphreys was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, secretary





1956 Avolette Tourisme (de Luxe)  
The Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum  
Madison, GA

## AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF AMERICA

invites you to become one of our nearly 4,000 members and begin receiving the benefits of membership in the world's largest club for Austin-Healey enthusiasts:

- HEALEY MARQUE magazine, our award-winning, 40-page, colorful monthly magazine.
- AHCA Membership Directory, listing members in all 50 states, across Canada, and even many overseas.
- Austin-Healey Calendar, our colorful calendar with beautiful photography of these beautiful cars.
- 47 local chapters across the continent.
- Annual dues are still just \$40.
- Please visit our website:  
[www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org)



## Activities - what the future brings:

### APRIL AND BEYOND

- April 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
AHCS D 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>
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
20th Annual Motor Cars on Main Street - Car Show  
Isabella & Orange Avenues, Coronado  
Presented by: Coronado MainStreet Ltd.
- April 18, Wednesday  
AHCS D Board Meeting (if needed)
- 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.  
AHCS D General Membership Meeting 6:30pm  
Location: TBA
- May 19 thru May 23, California Healey Week  
Location: Embassy Suites, Temecula, CA  
[www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org)
- 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  
31st San Diego British Car Day  
Presented by: San Diego British Car Club Council



## Current Regalia March 2010 inventory items

See March minutes. These all reduced to \$5.00 each. No mail order at this price, pick-up at event or meeting only.

These are now being held in several locations and so these quantities are likely no longer accurate. Call or better yet, email Jan and we will find out if whomever has the item you want, has the size that you want.

### Conclave Mens Embroidery Port Authority shirt

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
White	0	0	5	26	4
Blue	0	0	0	33	5
Burgundy	0	0	0	16	5

### Conclave Womens Embroidery Port Authority shirt

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
White	0	0	3	0	0
Blue	0	3	6	0	0
Burgundy	0	0	1	0	0

### Mens Polo shirt Conclave embroidery red checker arm & collar

S	M	L	XL	XXL
0	0	3	2	0

### Conclave Tee Silkscreen conclave logo

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
White	0	0	0	2	0
Blue	0	1	7	3	1
Burgundy	0	0	2	0	0

### Tees Sprite 50th Anniversary Logo

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
White	0	0	10	17	6
Burgundy	0	0	7	0	4
Grey	0	0	0	4	2

### Tees Long sleeve AHCS D logo

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Red	0	0	0	1	0

### Sweat Shirt Long sleeve AHCS D logo

White	S	M	L	XL	XXL
	0	0	1	0	0

### Knit Polo Shirt (Script S.D.)

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Green	0	2	0	0	0
Navy Blue	0	2	0	0	0

### Mens White Polo Red AH Wings

	S	M	L	XL	XXL
	0	0	1	0	0



**John Harris testing the  
Healey SR at Silverstone**



California Healey Week, 2010, will be held between **May 19-23** in Temecula, California (75 miles south of Los Angeles and 55 north of San Diego, off I-15), hub of the So. California wine district. The event will be headquartered at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Rancho California Road, off I-15 and near the historic Old Town. Nearby are several wineries and restaurants and shopping opportunities.

Planned CHW events include wine tours, drives in the local mountains, Funkhana, Tech Session, Car Show, lady's crafts & luncheon, and Banquet dinner. Each day, there will be a complimentary breakfast and happy hour provided by the Embassy Suites. Registration and Regalia sales will occur each day.

Join us for an extended weekend of fun, good friends and appreciation of fine motor cars. A tentative schedule of events is as follows. Go to [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org) for latest updates as they develop.

***Wednesday, May 19th***

Afternoon arrival & registration

Dinner at local restaurant

***Thursday, May 20th***

Drive to Julian, CA

Winery tour

Dinner at Winery

***Friday, May 21st***

Drive to Fallbrook & lunch

Old Town shopping & lunch

Funkhana

Dinner at Temecula Creek Inn

***Saturday, May 22nd***

Car Show at Southcoast Winery & lunch

Lady's crafts

Tech Session

Banquet & Awards

***Sunday, May 23rd***

Breakfast & farewell gathering

California Healey Week 2010  
Tentative Event Schedule  
May 19-23

Wednesday 5/19

7:00 PM.....Dinner @ The Bank Restaurant

Thursday 5/20

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM.....Drive to Julian & Gold Mine Tour

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM.....Facility Tour & Wine Tasting

7:00 PM.....Dinner @ TBD

Friday 5/21

10:00 AM – 1:30 PM.....Drive to Fallbrook

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.....Old Town Shopping for Ladies

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM.....Funkahna

7:00 PM.....Dinner @ Temecula Creek Inn w/glow ball golf

Saturday 5/22

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.....Car Show w/lunch @ Southcoast Winery

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM.....Lady's Crafts

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM.....Tech Session

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM.....Banquet & Awards

Sunday 5/23

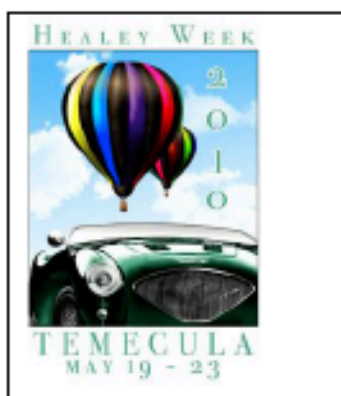
8:00 AM.....Breakfast Fairwell Meeting

10:00 AM.....Departure for Auto Collection Tour

Not listed on the above schedule Are:

- Daily "Events of the Day" meeting
- Daily Complimentary Full Breakfast for Registered Hotel guests
- Registration Schedule
- Regalia & Silent Auction Schedule
- Daily Complimentary Happy Hour for Registered Hotel Guests





**CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2010**  
Embassy Suites Hotel

29345 Rancho  
California Road

Temecula, CA 92591  
[www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com)

**MAY 19-23, 2010**

**EVENT REGISTRATION FORM**

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

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I am arriving: Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to participate in the following events. See the attached schedule for event times.

Wednesday.....Dinner ( )

Thursday .....Julian Drive ( ) Mine Tour ( ) Tour & WineTasting ( ) Dinner ( )

Friday .... Fallbrook Drive ( ) Shopping Excursion ( ) Funkahna ( ) Dinner & Glo -Ball Golf ( )

Saturday..... Car Show & Lunch ( ) Craft Session ( ) Tech Session ( ) Banquet ( )

Sunday .....Breakfast Fairwell Meeting ( ) Auto Collection Tour ( )

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ We will not be bringing a Healey \_\_\_\_\_

Ex: ( 1959 Bug AN5 Mk1.....1957 100-6 BN6.....1967 3000 BJ8 MK3 PHII .....19\_ \_ other )

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

Register before Wednesday April 28 <sup>th</sup>	@ \$ 60.00 per person	x _____	= \$ _____
Register after Wednesday April 28 <sup>th</sup>	@ \$70.00 per person	x _____	= \$ _____
	Additional cars @ \$ 15.00 per car	x _____	= \$ _____
			Total= \$ _____

**MEALS & Tours:** NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT CHW DUE TO ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Thursday Tour & Wine Tasting @ \$ 20 .00 / person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday Shopping & lunch for Ladies @ \$27.00/person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Friday Dinner @ Temecula Creek @ \$ 30.00 / person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Awards Banquet @ \$ 40.00/ person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 2010, including travel to and from the event. My registered car(s) is covered by suitable insurance.

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Co-driver \_\_\_\_\_

# EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2010  
 Embassy Suites Hotel  
 Temecula, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ .00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LADIES T-SHIRT:** Pre-shrunk cotton, scoop neck, short sleeve, Grey.  
 Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ .00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEN'S SPORTS SHIRT:** 50/50, with pocket, short sleeve, Grey.  
 Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_ XXX-L \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ .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 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010.**

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>EVENT REGISTRATION</b>	\$ _____
	<b>MEALS &amp; Tours</b>	\$ _____
	<b>REGALIA</b>	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$ _____

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO AUSTIN HEALEY ASSOCIATION**  
 MAIL TO: Jeanette Daab, Treasurer  
 5569 Sycamore Ave, Rialto, CA 92377-3913  
 For more information call 909-820-4940

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Please call the Embassy Suites hotel prior to Wednesday April 28th ....951-676-5656

Rooms are held on a guaranteed basis only. All Credit Cards are accepted

King Suite Including all taxes @ \$ 130.95 Wed/Thurs \$ 158.46 Fri/Sat .

Tell them you are with the Austin Healey group for this special rate.

***Rates include Daily Complimentary Cooked to Order Breakfast & Complimentary Happy Hour for Registered Hotel guests only***

After April 28, rooms may not be available or if available, will be at a substantially higher rate.

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## The Wildflower Run

text and photos by Sam Talbert

I pulled into the parking lot at Bilstein in Poway at 8:40 last Saturday and no one was there. After a few minutes Udo and Gisela roared up in their Healey. We hung out and talked about their trip to Australia the next day. Others rolled in and by 9:00 we had about 5 Healeys, a Pantera and three other mongrels. A day in the desert portends a warm, sunny drive and we were dressed for that eventuality. None-the-less, the parking lot in Poway was absolutely freezing. We could hardly wait to feel the heat radiating off the Healey engines, melting our right shoes.

Udo said this was not a race so we would take a leisurely pace. However, the definition of 'leisurely' is different when translated from German.

A planned stop at Dudley's allowed everyone to stock up on bread, pastries, and sandwiches. Then it was off to the races again.



Borrego Springs is not a large town. But, it is large enough for me to get lost in. We took a little longer taking photos of the sculptures and the Ocatillo plants and when we rolled into town all the Healeys were nowhere to be found. I searched every parking lot and behind every store and still no Healeys. I was sure the earth had opened up and swallowed them all. What really happened was that the restaurant where we were supposed to meet had moved. I found them at the Red Ocatillo Resort Hotel hidden way out of town on a dirt road.

We occupied two tables and the conversation at my table centered around a couple of trips coming for some of our club members. Udo and Gisela were on their way to Australia, and the Kirbys are looking forward to a trip to England and France retracing the invasion of Normandy during WWII. The table was encircled with world travelers and the banter was lively and interesting.





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After lunch we headed out to see the wildflowers. It is amazing the beauty God stuffs in such out-of-the-way places and barren and harsh environments. Fields were filled with yellow and hillsides turned purple accented with the gangly Ocotilla plants with their fiery tips that made them look like long, crooked candles.

I had to preach in El Centro the next morning, so we took our leave and drove on to Salton City, a forlorn town whipped with a constant wind and blowing sand. By the way, if you are looking for a move, I noticed they had some pretty nice houses for \$35,000.00. Any takers?

The last I saw of the clubbers was as they roared by the fruit stand while we purchased some tangelos. What a sight! What a sound! Donald, you done GOOD!

Would you like to see more photos? check out this site.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJ3ePrugCag>

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## **Birthday Bob**

text and photos by Sam Talbert

You probably have heard of the shoot out at the OK corral and the hunt for Red October. But have you heard of the birthday at the Red Ocatillo? Well, last Saturday Bob Farnsworth celebrated his ??th birthday. I really don't know how old he is. I think it is somewhere north of 39 but no one knows for sure. However, the resort at Borrego Springs ponied up a cupcake and a candle and we all celebrated. Udo led us in singing 'happy birthday'. You never heard such caterwauling. Coyote mating calls comes to mind. The cake was passed around to both tables and everyone who wanted one got a bite, with one exception--ME.



Here is Birthday Bob and his cake and a Tabasco chaser.



Gisela was the official 'cake taster' for the group.

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## The Queen's English Car Show

text and photos by Mike MacLean

The Queen's English Car Show at Woodley Park in Van Nuys, California took place this year on March 14th. It was a beautiful Southern California Spring Day for the show this year. I took as many pictures of Austin Healeys as I could at this show because our club may have most interest there. I tried to take some pictures of some of the more outstanding examples of motor vehicles at the show also. Sorry there were no captions. Everyone will just have to try to make it a game to see how many they can identify. Vigil was there at the show, but balked at the admission fee (\$20, day of show price, \$15 pre-admission by mail or internet) and just parked his Morris Minor in the adjacent parking lot. It was so close to the show field, it could have been part of the car show anyway. After talking for a while he drifted off to see the other cars and so did I. We did not see each other the rest of the day. I parked my Bugeye (Old English White w/red interior) next to the other half dozen or so Bugeyes that showed up. I thought mine was the best looking of the lot. So did someone else because I was offered \$15 thousand cash for my car on the spot. No, I declined. As I have always said, they are going to bury me in my Bugeye. I just can't seem to part with it. There was another "driver" level Bugeye for sale at the show for \$8500. It had a factory hardtop, but everything needed a complete restoration including the top. The chrome top latches on the hardtop had long since lost their chrome plating and were brush painted and looked like it. Most of the big Healeys there were all very nice examples as can be seen in the pictures. There were some very nice cars of all types at the show including a brace of Ariel Atoms. I don't know if they were legal for the road, but they are a scary fast vehicle that gives you a very unique sensation of being out in the open at high speed. There were several "Nasty Boy" types there of several different marques. A very clean Triumph TR-2 or 3 (I'm not an expert in Triumphs) with a V8 conversion that was very nicely done. Probably the most outstanding Nasty Boy type was the red MGA with a big V8 with a blower sticking out of the top of the bonnet. The car has some radical flares molded in with some very wide appropriate tires on it. In the motorcycle section was several bikes with side cars. There was one side car that looked homemade and sat two passengers tandem. Nicely done. There was a pretty Norton 750 Commando for sale at the show for a little over 5 thousand. I was very tempted being a motorcycle fan myself. There was a Mini Moke there that was used on the old TV show "The Prisoner" starring Patrick McGoochan (SP?) The owner told me she had bought it in Wales where the show was filmed. You can see the bicycle logo on the bonnet from the show in one of the pictures I took. It is exactly the way it was for the filming, right hand drive and all. There was a smattering of vendors at the show that had mostly Jaguar classic used parts for some reason. I did not spend a lot of time there for that reason. There was a DJ at the event playing classic rock music and traditional Bangers and other food and drink was available. All in all a very good way to spend the day whether you had a British car or not.



<http://picasaweb.google.com/rrengineer.mike/2010QueenSEnglishCarShow?feat=email#>

for more photos from this meet go to the above link. ed.

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# 1956 Healey Ski-Master

The British sports car builder went fast on the water, too



BY CRAIG FITZGERALD  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY BILL EMERSON

**D**onald Healey is known for a lot of things. He was the charismatic leader of Austin-Healey, and almost single-handedly built his brand here in the United States, falling just short of hand-delivering cars to American patrons. But what he might not be so widely known for is the marine industry. Beginning in 1956, Healey formed Healey Marine Ltd., producing about 1,750 boats over the next six years, in several different configurations.

The 1956 Ski-Master, dating from that first year of production, is an all-wood boat designed specifically to tow two skiers across the water, and provides seating for up to five, including the pilot. At 14 feet, 6 inches, the Ski-Master weighed in at a light 260 pounds. The boat is made primarily of African mahogany for the stem assembly, hog, keel, deck beams, trim and frame blocks. The stringers were all first-

quality Douglas fir, while most of the planking and decks were five- or three-ply "Aquaply" plywood. All fittings were either finished in phosphor bronze, gunmetal or brass, with non-stressed trim in corrosion resistant aluminum alloy.

The example shown below, owned by Reid Trummel, editor of the Austin-Healey Club of America's great *Healey Marque* publication, is currently powered by a Mercury Thunderbolt 55E, good for 55hp, which allows the Ski-Master to cruise at a brisk 30 MPH. The Ski-Master was offered standard with a 30hp Scott-Atwater outboard, but Evinrude, Johnson, or Mercury outboard engines were optional.

During its six-year run, Healey Marine, Ltd. offered six different models, from the 14-foot 9-inch Healey 55, to the 15-foot 8-inch fiberglass Healey Marine Corvette, with a maximum recommended horsepower of 80. Healey also offered a 13-foot 6-inch "Sprite," constructed of fiberglass.

Healey Marine offered two boats powered by engines familiar to those in the British car hobby. Its most powerful boat was the Healey Marine 707, a 15-foot 9-inch boat powered by a triple-carbureted Austin-Healey six-cylinder engine, good for 118hp. The Healey Marine 75 was powered by an MGA marine engine with twin SU H4 carburetors, which developed 80hp.

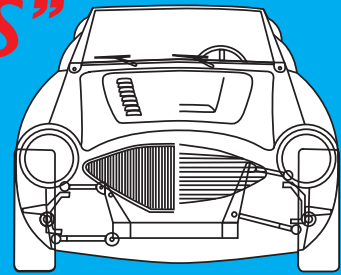
At the 2007 Healey Conclave, Reid Trummel brought his boat out, and it was the first Healey boat ever to be displayed at a Healey Conclave in 33 years. Not content to have it in a static display, Reid ran the boat on a lake in Richmond, Washington, raffling a chance for a participant to ride. The 1956 Healey Ski-Master also won the "Other Healeys" class in the popular vote that year, as a testament to the interest in these watercraft from Austin-Healey devotees.

For more information on these fascinating boats, there's an excellent resource online at [www.healeyboats.co.uk](http://www.healeyboats.co.uk), with a message board and pages of information on the individual models. ☼

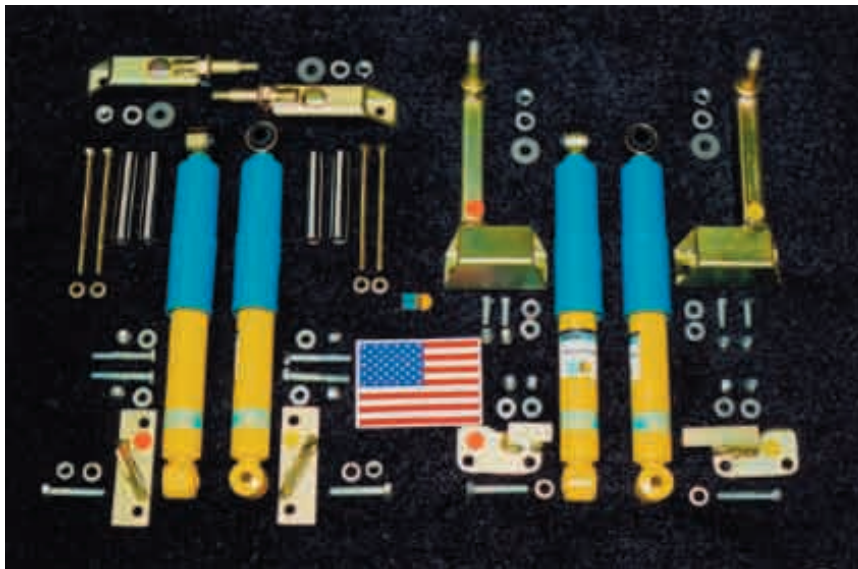


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Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ7	6
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Coyote, David	100	6
Putzke, U+G	BT7	6
Galper, Lou	100	6
Carberry, Bob + Jo-A	BJ8	6
Kind, Klaus	BJ8	6
Galper, Lou	Jag	5
Brewer, Norm	J-H	4
Galper, Lou	MG	3
Williams, Mike	TR6	3
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**Vintage photo: A special Sprite ? - - Le Mans ???**

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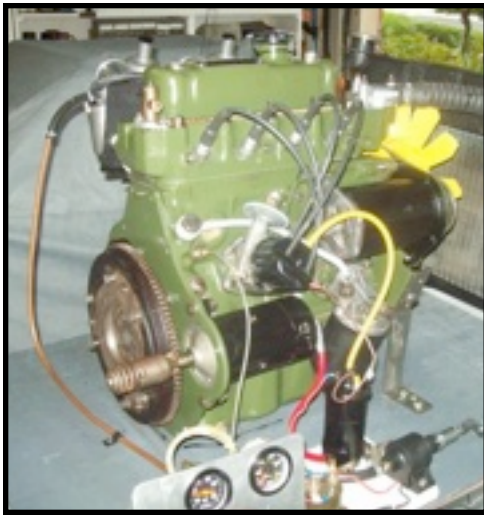
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