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# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## Club of San Diego



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**From The Editor:****New Editor**

I have read Road and Track for as long as I can remember. One day I read an article by the editor, Tom Bryant, I think, who was stepping down and passing the reins to his successor. That made me nervous a little because I did not know the new guy and I was afraid the magazine was going to change, and begin the downward spiral to oblivion. I have seen it happen many times in many contexts. One of my favorite restaurants in Bonita changed hands and within two years it closed its doors. At best, any change brings with it a certain amount of chaos. The end result may be better, but change also opens the door to disaster.

Well, we are coming to one of those changes right here in our own SDAH. Bob Kitterer, who has been the editor of the Hearsay (even while he was on his trip) had a 'heart event' somewhere in Texas. His doctor laid down the law and said, 'cut back!' Therefore, he has decided to turn loose of his role as editor of the Hearsay. And guess what. It landed in my lap.

You may or may not know I am a retired Baptist pastor. What in that career equips me to be an editor? To be honest, nothing. I have spent a lifetime

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**May Meeting**

**CoCo's Bakery Restaurant**  
**10430 Friars Rd.**  
**519-280-6890**  
**May 12th at 6:30**  
**TG 1249 H-6**



**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)

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*Photo by Rick Snover*

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**President's Message:**



Hey there Healeyites,

On the news front, we have lost another one of our Healey family members. Norman Nock of British Sports Car Specialists Stockton, Calif. passed away April 13th. He and his family have been long time supporters of the Healey clubs and activities for many, many years. Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family and all who knew him. He will be missed.

For those of you not at last month's meeting, Bob Kitterer has stepped down from his post as editor due to some recent health issues. Bob had to cut his trip short and is returning to San Diego. I want to take a moment to thank Bob for his help with the newsletter, and the support he gives the club. We wish him a speedy recovery and are looking forward to seeing him soon !!

In Bob's absence Sam Talbert has volunteered to carry on as editor. Thank you Sam for giving us a hand with that task....

Boy this year is just flying by....its almost May again!! CHW is almost upon us....Hope you remembered to register!! If you registered early, you saved 20 big ones!!

British Extavaganza @ Buttonwillow Raceway Park, May 1st & 2nd, is really a fun venue. The weather is normally very nice. Rick Snover, Dewey DeButts and I hope to be racing that weekend and we hope you take a day and come visit. There is a very nice car show and you can take your car out on the race course during the lunch time tour. Our RV will be open, so please come up if you can.

Also its time to get together again at the Schermerhorn's on May 8th to put some more finishing touches on the little blue Sprite, eat some hot dogs, laugh and do what we do best....enjoy our cars.

The May meeting will be back @ CoCo's on the 12th at 6:30... hope to see you all there.

Cheers, Terry



**Minutes Last Meeting:**

**April Meeting Minutes 2010**

The April 14th meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego.

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

Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandel, Mike Dolphin, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper\*, Bob Humphreys\*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Gary Stalker, Rick Snover & Allie Casardo, Howard~ & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert\*, Roland Wilhelmy

**Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by president Terry Cowan.**

**March minutes were approved as written.**

**Vice President/ Membership:** Rick Snover reported that there were 7 renewals after last meeting, bringing our membership to 67ish. Renewal time is here so please get checks in the mail.

**Secretary:** Dick mentioned a COTY point error not crediting Norm Brewer with 'a Healey' driven to the Feb. meeting. This has been corrected on Gisela's points list..

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

**Newsletter:** Bob is experiencing some medical problems which could possibly be aggravated by his continuing on as editor. He will be returning to San Diego for care however it will be necessary for the club to find a newsletter alternative to eliminate this as a source of stress for him.

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

Terry mentioned he had looked at Claire Coombs car and that it needed a fuel pump and that he might take care of that and not make it an entire club tech session.

Sat May 8th was scheduled as the next assembly date for the Schermerhorns car. The completion of the fuel and exhaust systems may allow us to get it on the ground. Looking at instruments, wiring, upholstery, radiator, so we have many tasks yet.

*As an aside*, the Schermerhorns have talked with Jim and Barbara Widgery who seem to be doing fine and there may be a chance to meet them at Lawrance Welks for brunch or? and a chat.

**Regalia:** Jan is slowly getting her den back. The regalia stock is now residing at several locations and being offered at Thrift Store sale prices of \$5.00 per item. Items will be available at meetings/events and no tally of sizes vs items is being kept. In largest stock are the button down Port Authority embroidery 2008 logo in blue and white

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Jerry not present. Some discussion on whether we wish to continue with this as a club function.

**Old Business:** Rick again mentioned he is wanting out of the Webmaster business.

**New Business:** Jan was impressed with the courtesy and character of the San Diego State SAE car group and felt we should help them further. She made a motion to increase our donation to them by \$400 for a total of \$500. This was seconded and approved and Lou Galper will transmit a check to them.

*Sam Talbert* had put together a Slide Show of the Borrego flower/metal sculpture visit activity and we enjoyed an audio/visual presentation of that and the SD State car and tour/drive event. His talent here got him summarily tagged with having a go at assembling the next newsletter.

*Sam Talbert* was the lucky dinner entree winner.

**Meeting adjourned 8.10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Dick Schmidt, secretary

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writing and delivering sermons and only occasionally did I compose newsletters. Never the less, I intend to give it my best shot, and try to not mess up too many things. I'll need your help to find newsworthy events, issues, and stories and get them all published. Here is how it is supposed to work: you write it, and I'll arrange it, and together we will produce an interesting and informative newsletter.

Here is the new mug you'll be seeing on this column. I'm sorry, I tried to make it look more like Brad Pitt, but this is the best I could do.

Sam Talbert  
Whooooee!



## **Aztec Racing Follow Up**

I received a note last week after our tour of the garage at the SDSU School of Engineering.

The race car project is sort of a club that invites students from all parts of the campus to participate.

During the tour, they told us a sob story about how they might have to run on 5 year old racing tires, so I'm sure they will appreciate our donation.

*Lou Galper*

## **Activities - what the future brings:**

### **MAY AND BEYOND**

- May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> VARA British Extravaganza.  
Vintage Races & Car Show  
Buttonwillow Raceway Park, Buttonwillow
- May 8 Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Tech Session  
Location: Schermerhorn's, 3942 martindale Ct.  
San Diego 858-279-3388
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
AHCSO General Membership Meeting 6:30pm  
Location: Coco's Restaurant, 10430 Friars Rd.
- 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

### **Videos on line**

BMC at Bonneville 1959

<http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=83903>

many other videos

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## Motor Cars On Main Street – Coronado, Sunday Oct. 18

*Text and photos by Rick Snover, additional photos by Terry Cowan*

Sunday morning rolled around, and getting up to Carlsbad by 10 for Rolling British Car Day just seemed like too much work, so we decided to take it easy instead and go to the Motor Cars On Main Street car show later, if we felt like it. When we heard that several others were taking the same option, our minds were made up. We headed out to the island around noon, to meet-up with **Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell** and **Howard & Lynne Stark**, go for a stroll to see the cars, and get some lunch. Rods & customs, classics and antiques – the cars were awesome, as usual. The weather was perfect – sunny with a breeze. This show just keeps getting better.

Allie & I encountered **Jim Pendleton** and his 3000 on Isabella Ave, then found **Bob & Barbara Humphreys** and their 3000 among the other British sports cars, including a nice modified Austin Healey from New Mexico, at the Laundromat nearby. The Humphreys' Healey won First Place in their class – Congrats Bob & Barbara! We also ran into **Andy Duncan**, who seized the opportunity to renew his AHCS membership. (Have you?)

After the show we walked over to McP's pub for a late lunch. By the time we finished and walked back (via the candy shop across the street) there was almost no sign that there'd even been a car show. We decided to wrap up the outing with Happy Hour at our new favorite, Candelas On The Bay. I'd say a good time was had by all.





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## More Motor Cars on Main Street



Terry and Lisa, Lynn and Howard "Mozart" Stark





## Aztec Racing

*Text and photos by Sam Talbert*

The New York Auto Show opened this week and a virtual plethora of engineering innovation was put on display. How in the world did they come up with all those ideas? Well, last Saturday we saw a seed pod of all that innovation. We toured the head quarters of the Aztec Racing Team at SDSU (San Diego State University). Here a team of young engineering students takes theories and turns them into a car they will race at the California Speedway sometime in mid June.

We looked at a chassis and engine mock up on a table in the middle of the room and parts scattered all over the place. Carbon fiber intake manifolds and a

steering wheel lay on one table along with the rear suspension

module. In another room sat a pile of styrofoam looking stuff that was threaded on a piece of PVC pipe. We were told it was the mold for the carbon fiber body shell. On a computer we saw a 3D display of the whole exhaust manifold.

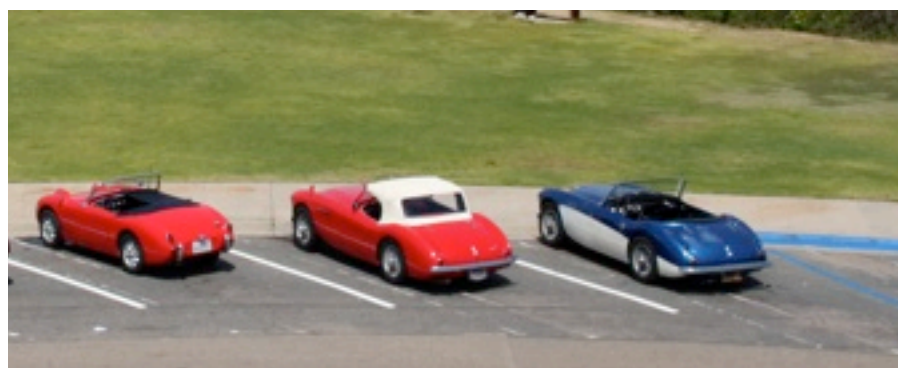
The students actually design the whole car on a computer, test the design and then build it by creating all the elements of the design. Different students blend all their skills designing, fabricating, cutting, welding, strategizing, promoting and driving.

Leaving there we headed to Mt. Soledad for lunch and an incredible view.

Four of us rolled through town amid thumbs-ups, smiles and conversations with cute chicks. At least one of us attracted an SUV of young lovelies. Being the self-appointed photographer I took a place at the back of the short column and snapped everything that interested me. Howard's

BN6 must have been sick because it puked a greenish liquid at every stop. Otherwise, everyone roared along with no hiccups. Even Lou's flat tire before the tour started stayed inflated all day.

They say that us old geezers betray our presence on the road by leaving our blinkers on all the time. This tour proved that geezers drive Healeys. I never leave my blinker on. I don't have one





## San Diego Rolling British Car Day

Having an Austin Healey Sprite and a wife who is not fond of riding in it has left me with few opportunities to 'go for a drive.' Then I heard of the 'ROLLING British Car Day. Wow, not just a chance for me to take my little darlin' out for a run, but all the other British cousins would be there too. We would all romp and roar over the countryside and smile and wave to each other and admiring 'wannabes.' Last year that is exactly what happened and my grandson, my little red sprite and I curved, swerved and leaked oil all over Rancho Santa Fe. It was great fun!

I have been drooling over the potential of doing it all again this April. I even played hooky from church to drive in this year's version of the ROLLING British Car Day.

Things started out hopeful enough as my friend John Godfrey and I pulled into the parking lot in Carlsbad. We were early but there were some cars already lined up looking good. I was heartened when I looked up and saw a gaggle of Sprites pull in. In fact, there were more Sprites there than big Healeys. As the morning wore on the lot filled with a broad range of British iron. There were a couple of Bentleys from the '20s, a pile of Jaguars and MGs as far as the eye could see. Triumph showed up with everything from TR2 to Stag. Even a couple of 'real' Minis pulled in along with a Morris Minor. A rare Daimler Dart and an even rarer Rolls coupe rolled in. Over 100 cars crowded the lot until the flag dropped and we were off.



Here is where I open my bag of sour grapes. This run left me dissatisfied. Here is what I experienced. The long run down PCH was not interesting at all. The ocean is nice but I didn't come to admire the waves. I came to drive my car. Also, since PCH is a major thoroughfare traffic became an issue and speeds pushed up to almost freeway standards. This stretched the crew out so far that I did not see most of the cars between the parking lot and the park.

There was only one hairpin and it was on PCH and it was hard to enjoy the cars all stretched out and at speed. The only way anyone could get any photos was to stop, get out, and shoot from the median as they passed. You could get some good shots but you would be out of the run. Last year we bunched up several times and I have the photos to prove it.

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The 'twisties' back in Elfin Forest were fun but once again I felt like I was all alone. I don't think I saw anyone on that stretch. Well, maybe one MGB.



The park was nice. There was plenty of table space and shade. A surprise was finding Udo and Gisela at the park. I did not know they had returned from Australia. Herein lies another disappointment. Our club was poorly represented. Beside my car there was perhaps one other Healey. Lou Galper made it to the start but bailed at Torrey Pines. Maybe he was embarrassed because he drove a Jaguar instead of his Healey 100-4.

I'm still a fan of the ROLLING British Car Day and I'll drive again next year. Even at its worst it is still a great time to roam the back roads of San Diego County and to do it with other Anglofiles is a

## Trophy Time!!



One of these trophies from the Motor Cars on Main Street went to our club member

Bob Humphrey  
and his 1960  
3000 BT7.  
Good goin',  
Bob!



bonus. Car shows are great and I understand someone from our club brought home a trophy. Congrats to the Humphries! None-the-less, I would rather drive my Sprite than look at it. And that doesn't mean I don't enjoy sitting and gazing at its classic lines and compact beauty.

## In Memoriam

### Norman Nock

**I**t is with much sorrow that we announce the passing of Norman Nock, a lifetime member of both the Austin Healey Club of America and Austin Healey Club USA. He passed away on April 13, 2010, at home, surrounded by his family.

As a teenager in Birmingham, England, Norman served his apprenticeship with Lucas in the racing division, and had the honor of working on Juan Fangio's V16 BRM racecar, keeping the complicated ignition system working smoothly.

He went to Canada as the Lucas representative. While there, Norman met and married his wife Shona. In 1957, they moved to San Francisco where he opened his first shop in 1958.

Norman's first Healey was a BN4 that he used as a daily driver up until 1968. In 1971, Norman had the opportunity to open a new British car dealership, so he packed up his family, which now included son David, and daughter Sheila, and the business, and moved to Stockton, California, where he opened British Car Specialists, which remains an ongoing and successful business.

In 1979, he purchased a worn-out 1956 BN2 that he and Shona restored at home. They drove this car to many Healey meets all over the Western United States, putting on over 100,000 miles. Norman also restored a 1962 BN7 Tri Carb at home, putting many miles on that car as well.

As the production of new British sports cars came to an end, Norman put all of his efforts into keeping the cars that he loved so much on the road, so that everyone could enjoy them. Norman shared his knowledge willingly with everyone, writing numerous technical articles and even producing his own book of the collection of these articles. You could always expect a large audience at one of Norman's many tech sessions.



Norman with his wife, Shona, in their BN2 at Rendezvous in 2009

Norman stayed active right up until the end, riding his bike, snow skiing, playing the piano, and along with Shona, playing an active role in Healey events. He was never too far from his beloved Healeys or from his loving wife, children, grandchildren Andrew, Jennifer, and Laura, and great-grandchildren Dylan, Benjamyn, and William. His children, David and Sheila, will continue his legacy at British Car Specialists in Stockton, California.

Norman added immeasurably to so many lives. He will be missed for his friendship, his readiness to help, and for his willingness to share his vast knowledge.

*Memorial donations may be made in Norman's name to:  
Hospice of San Joaquin  
3888 Pacific Ave.  
Stockton, CA 95204*

A proud moment, working on the BRM of Juan Manuel Fangio [in white helmet].



In his element, teaching a Tech Session at Rendezvous







*of Southern California*



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***

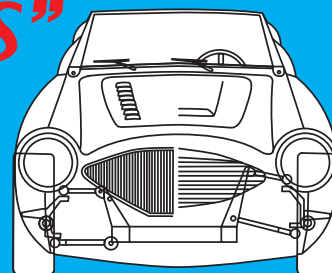
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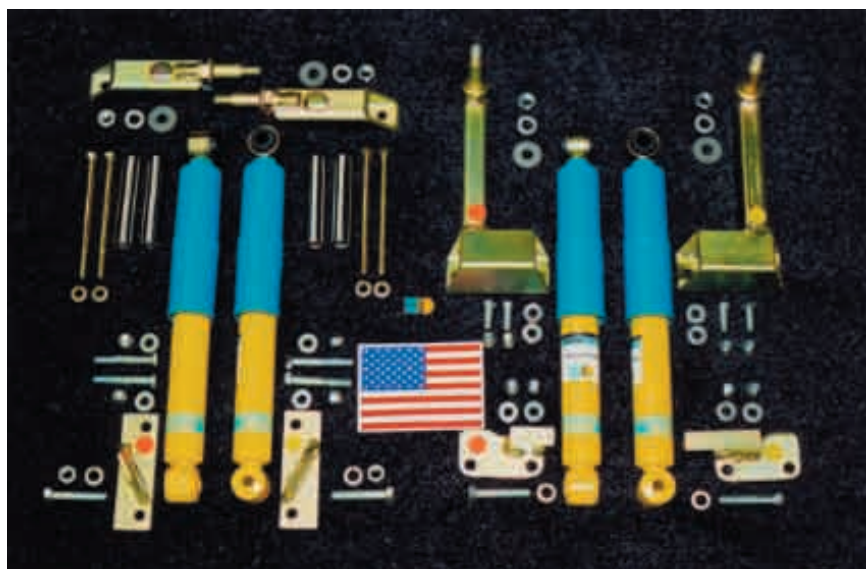
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commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members 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.

### **COTY Points thru 4-20:**

Williams, Mike	BT7	18
Putzke, U&G	BT7	18
Galper, Lou	100	18
Kind, Klaus	BJ8	18
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ Gr8	16
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ7	12
Tabachki, N&N	100-6	12
Talbert, Sam	Sprite	12
Humphreys, B&B	BT7	8
Galper, Lou	Jag	8
Coyote, David	100	6
Carberry, Bob & Jo-A	BJ8	6
Kirby, S&D	BT7	6
Farnsworth, Bob & Sue	BT7	6
Voth, Warren	BJ8	6
Stark, H & Lynn	100-6	6
Brewer, Norm	Jensen	4
Galper, Lou	MG	3
Williams, Mike	TR6	3
Coyote, David	MGA	3
Turner, Craig	BT7	2

## NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Kitterer	05/01
Angelina Mondragon	05/02
Cathy Newman	05/10
John Schermerhorn	05/16
Craig Turner	05/19
Justin MacLean	05/23
Martha Hess	05/28

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Sue Farnsworth	05/07/55
Philip Yanni & Dr. Janet Bowers	05/10/89
Gary & Cheryl Dolmage	05/16/70

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