

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## Club of San Diego



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**From The Editor:**

I was driving home from the San Diego Rolling British Car Day in my Sprite and my head filled with some disturbing thoughts. The

long ride from Carlsbad to Chula Vista is all freeway. You know, an eight lane ribbon of concrete, as strait and smooth as possible with no distractions or obstacles. The highway system, especially in California has improved greatly over the years. Interstates have replaced older highways and by passed all the little bergs that slowed down the headlong progress from point A to point B. When I was in college I had to cross the 'grapevine' north of Los Angeles. That was a major task, negotiating all those curves and dodging the 18 wheelers. It's much easier now, in fact it's a 'snooze'. I remember my dad getting lost trying to get through Sacramento. Now it's a breeze, you just take the freeway around it.

Cars are more advanced as well. They all have automatic transmissions, climate control, cruise control, GPS, ABS, three point seat belts, air bags and anti-theft keyless entry systems. I have a hybrid Camry and it monitors over 100 systems every second as I drive. I can't tell whether the engine is on or off, and I don't have to. The car decides automatically. I have seen recently on TV some cars now have automatic

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**Cover:** Healeys lined up for the gymkhana at the Lake Elsinore stadium during California Healey Week.

*Photo by Rick Snover*

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**JUNE 2010**



### President's Message:



### Hey there all you Healey Folks...

Well CHW is now past, but was a fun event, we didn't manage to get Rick's or my 3000 done in time but they are coming along nicely.

If you are on facebook and are my friend you can see pictures of the progress, if not perhaps I can write a little article about them for the newsletter in the future.

We as a club did very well at the gymkana, as well as the car show !! Rick Snover's street Sprite won fast time of the day for stock Healey's third overall, and second in Sprites for the Car Show. My Sprite finished second in the Modified class with second overall time of the day., First place in the Other Healey category, but PMO was the only car in that class for the car show.

The Tabachki's got second place for 100-6, Allan & Colin Seid won first in 3000 convertibles, so pretty good showing for our San Diego Club.



*Photos by Terry Cowan at Clifornia Healey Week*



### Minutes Last Meeting:

*The May 12th meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego.*

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

Terry Cowan, Norm Brewer\*, Bob Humphreys\*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth\*, Lou Galper\*, Bob Kitterer & Delores McComas, Gerry & Susan Kwiat, Sandy, Lily, Mark & James Leon, Udo & Gisela Putzke\*, Dick Robinson, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert\*, Craig & Sue Turner.

*Meeting was called to order at 7.50 pm by president Terry Cowan.*

He talked for several minutes reminiscing over past events and was joined by Lou Galper with a quick discussion on the status of the SDSU racing team project car. The car is scheduled to be at Fontana Raceway June 16 -19 for the various challenges it must undergo. Spectators will be allowed during parts of the event.

*May minutes were approved as corrected.*

**Vice President/ Membership:** Rick Snover reported that our membership is 69ish..

**Secretary:** Dick indicated he hoped he had finally gotten the 'what driven' symbols and drivers correct.

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

In conjunction with the additional \$400 donation to SAE Racing (SDSU) Lynne wrote them a letter documenting the club's position in this matter. This for any future questions to the club dealing with outflows, status, etc.

**Newsletter:** Sam indicated there was a software situation preventing him from placing certain pictures where he would like them, and to send pictures as separate jpeg files. Also have material in on time.

**Activities:** Calif Healey Week is this month's major event; May 19-23 at the Embassy suites hotel in Temecula, Ca. The Assoc. has indicated that people who could only attend for one day would receive a registration price reduction.

There were many and varied other events that were mentioned as upcoming. National City Heritage Day, Cops and Rodders, Hot Laps against the clock at an old airfield near Bishop. These are better covered in the dedicated Activities page.

**Regalia:** Susie gave Jan the 2008 car badges that were made the size of the shirt embroidery. These are the very fragile ones, cheap if interested. See Jan.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Our club representation at this gathering is uncertain. Jerry's work has him various places, so if you have an interest, please volunteer.

**BCCC:** First meeting of 2010 is next month. This year the meet will be held at Liberty Station on Point Loma. Terry detailed most all the improvements that this venue will provide.

**Old Business:** Sandy mentioned that it might be advantageous to look into the Auto Insurance for classic cars provided by AAA.

**New Business:** Various candidate suggestion offers for the June activity.

**Mary Schermerhorn was the lucky dinner entree winner.**

*Meeting adjourned 8.40 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted  
Dick Schmidt, secretary



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monitoring of the car ahead and will warn me if a car is in my blind spot. That is all wonderful technology and cars are much safer and more pleasant to drive and ride in than they have ever been.

All of these advances have made getting from A to B easy, safe and BORING. No wonder I have to fight to stay awake in my Camry. As I was driving my Sprite I was reminded of how much I was missing in our Toyota. I drive the Healey using all of my God-given senses. I LISTEN to the pitch of the engine to determine when to shift and to tell about how fast I am going. I WATCH the road, fore and aft, and look out for big trucks that might not see little ol' me and for all the idiots who think they are Stirling Moss or Nigel Mansell. I SMELL the roses, well, the exhaust and the burning oil dripping on a hot manifold. I FEEL every imperfection in the road as it radiates up my spine and vibrates in my hands on the steering wheel. I MONITOR the gauges and decide when to turn the electric fan on and whether to add oil or get gas. The only sense I don't use is my sense of TASTE. I reserve that for hot fudge sundaes and juicy steaks.

My little Sprite demands that I pay attention to everything going on around me all the time. It is hard to get bored in a Healey! I am never more alive than when I am driving my Sprite! If you throw in an interesting road all the better. Alertness turns into ecstasy!

What does all this mean? Simply this: I'll continue to drive my Sprite with a huge smile on my face and sleep while my wife labors on in 'Bordomville.' *Whooeee!!*

## Activities - what the future brings:

### JUNE AND BEYOND

#### June 5

Greatest Show on Turf

Location: Balboa Park, San Diego

Contact: San Diego Car Club Council

#### June 5th & 6th

Lone Pine Time Trials

Location: Manzanar Airstrip 10 miles north of Lone Pine, CA

Contact: Kelley Sakatamoon 626-812-8688

#### June 5th & 6th

The Belmont Concours d'Eleganza

Location: The Belmont Country Club, Fresno, CA

Contact: [www.thebelmontconcours.com](http://www.thebelmontconcours.com)

#### June 28 thru July 2

Austin-Healey USA Rendezvous Eugene, Oregon.

<http://healey-oregon.org/Rendezvous>

#### July 10th

5th Annual Cops and Rodders Car Show & Shine

Location: North Park Recreation Center

Contact: Ed LaValle 619-366-4104

#### July 11 thru July 16

Conclave 2010

Location: Eagle Ridge Resort, Galena, Illinois

<http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com>

#### August 1st

Automobile Heritage Day

Location: Kimball Park, National City, CA

Contact: 619-477-9339 or Fred @ 619-475-1155

#### October 3rd

31st San Diego British Car Day

Presented by: San Diego British Car Club Council





## Austin Healeys, Easter Eggs and Kangaroos.....

by Udo and Gisela Putzke

What do they have in common you might ask? Well, that is what we saw on our visit to Australia.

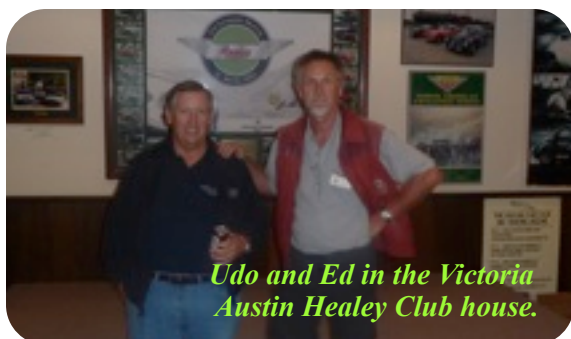
Udo and I boarded the plane in LAX 11:30 PM on Sunday night for our trip half around the world to Melbourne, Australia. The flight was pleasant, and by the time we arrived it was already 9:00 AM Tuesday morning. We picked up our camper van and drove to The Healey Factory. As part of the National Austin Healey Rally, Maressa and Rob Rowland invited the Healey folks for a Shop tour. Ed and Abbe Neumeyer were already there, having flown in the day before. After BBQ and drinks the guys checked out the show room and work shops. The girls retreated to the lunch room for tea and gossip.

Wednesday was reserved for a pre rally drive to a country club for lunch outside of Melbourne. Maressa arranged for us to get a ride with two local club members.

Brian Robinson took me in his BJ8 and Udo rode with Bryan Meredith in his Lancia. Later that day, Ed and Udo drove to the Victoria Austin Healey Club club house to attend the Stuart Turner Talk and club meeting.



@ The Healey Factory tour,  
Ed and Udo in the Panel shop



Udo and Ed in the Victoria  
Austin Healey Club house.

Healey friends, we have met at other Healey events in Europe and the US. Terry and Patricia Bancroft; Christine Lyttle; Gary and Dee Meyers; John and Joan Wilson and many more were there.

Friday morning! Check-in time at the NOVOTEL wasn't until 2:00 PM, so we had time to travel the country roads to Creswick. It wasn't long before we saw our first group of kangaroos grazing in the wide open spaces along the way. What a sight! The



Thursday morning we left for Baccus March, which is half way between Melbourne and Creswick, where the Rally took place, to see Steve and Helen Pike. We stopped at Steve's shop and checked out the Streamliner with all its improvements since we saw it in Bonneville. At the BBQ at Steve and Helen's house we were surprised to see so many



BBQ at Steve and Helen Pike's

Forest Edge Resort is built on Aborigine land in between rolling hills and Golf courses; the perfect location for the 39<sup>th</sup> Australian National Rally. After we settled into our room, we set-up our vendor's table in the lobby next to the regalia room.

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In the outdoor, Boag's Beer Garden everybody could mingle with old friends and to make new ones. The topic of everybody's conversation of-course: Austin Healeys. Pre Dinner Drinks were served in the Spring Bar and Terrace before we all headed to the Ballroom for the James Boag Welcome Party; a delicious Buffet followed by comedian Marty Fields.



*Gisela, Trish and friend have a good time on the beer garden*

### **Easter Saturday.**

After breakfast we took our camper van on a scenic tour to Maldon; a small country town 30 minutes from the hotel. All Healeys were parked at a football field.



Steak sandwiches and drinks were served for lunch. Back at the hotel, we tended our vendor's table for a while before socializing in Boag's Beer Garden then we went in for the Healey Factory Dinner and "A Talk with Stuart Turner".

### **Easter Sunday.**

We woke-up to another beautiful Austin Healey day in Victoria, Australia. We had breakfast and gathered all things Udo would need for the big Race day. Rocker Cover Racing is a huge deal at Australian rallies. For every national event all RC-participants built a racer, to strict rules and guidelines. At race day, two RC cars race against each other, and the fastest one advances.



*Rocker Cover Racers*

Unfortunately, Udo's three wheeler didn't do so well. The winner of this year Rocker Cover Racing was our own Ed Neumeyer. Congratulations Ed.

The big cars also got a lot of attention. A Peoples Choice Car Display was set up, and the winner was the 1967 gold colored BJ8 owned by Keith and Andrea Patching from West Australia. They even fitted out their Healey with one of our custom car bras to bring it back to WA without any stone chips or bug jerky.

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On the way home to the hotel, we stopped at Greg and Peta Kilmarten's place in Ballarat to see how all the replacement panels and parts are made.

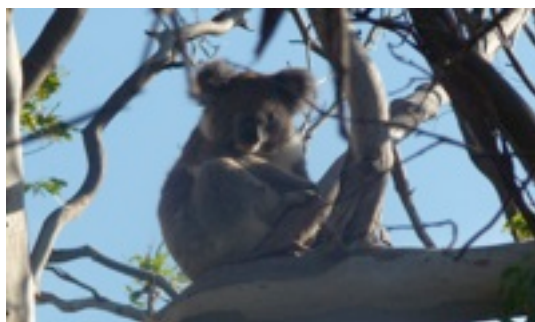
Unfortunately, this was the last full day of Austin-Healey fun in Australia. After music in Boag's Beer Garden, we donned our masks for a fun Masquerade Party. Partying and dancing lasted well into the night.



**Monday** – it was time to say Goodbye. The Farewell Brunch gave us one last opportunity to say “Auf Wiedersehen” to all our old and new Austin Healey friends. We packed the van and took off



for the second leg of our visit to Australia which included sightseeing along the Great Ocean Road, climbing the Sydney Harbor Bridge and swimming in the South Pacific. It was amazing to see Koalas, Kangaroos, Parrots, Cockatoos, huge fruit bats and many other exotic animals in the wild.



We'll see where our hobby takes us next time!



The 2010 Conclave Web Site [www.austinhealeyconclave.com](http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com) has been updated to include Newsletter No. 3 and the Gymkhana Form is now available to be completed and submitted online.





## It's getting closer -- I think.

by John Shermerhorn

On May 8th we had another tech session at our home. Twelve of us got to work about 10 am reviewing the blue parts that had been installed and the new parts still on the work bench. As a piece was picked up, pre-fit and securely attached we moved one step closer. A few weeks ago (actually years ago) I wondered if it would ever get done. I still have my

moments of doubt.

This week we finished the lights on the rear end and checked the fit of the interior paneling. The muffler was installed and the hangers attached. The rear bumper was put on and the shiny chrome looks pretty good! No major break throughs, but everyone agreed that it was getting done and looking good!



One of our newer members, Dick Robinson, arrived early and went right to work pitching in wherever there was a need. It is great when new people enthusiastically join us and jump right in to help get the job done. We really appreciate all the work that club members have put in on this project, and it was especially nice to look out and see four bright, shiny Healeys parked in our driveway.



### *Special Request from Steve Kirby*

We need lots of help attracting vendors, and NEW vendors, to this year's British Car Day. I've been working on our "old" list, and have also come up with perhaps 20 or so "new" ideas. Personal letters and application forms have been sent out, or are being sent out.

I need EACH Club's help to bring forward old or new vendor possibilities. Certainly each Club has some "marque specific" sources they use and frequent which would not be known to me.

Steve Kirby [skirby210@cox.net](mailto:skirby210@cox.net)

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### British Extravaganza 2010

by Rick Snover

The weather was *much* nicer for this year's second trip to Buttonwillow Raceway Park, near Bakersfield, Friday April 30 through Sunday May 1. When we (Terry Cowan, Lisa Mandell & I) went up to do some Testing & Tuning during University of VARA in early February, we got rained-out. This time, it was sunny & breezy, not too hot, not too cold. Terry's employees, Corey and Chris joined us and were a big help. It was good to see a lot of old friends, including AHCS member Dewey DeButts, and fellow San Diegan Paul Konkle.

Saturday morning's practice session was going about average – I wasn't really pushing the car too hard, so I wasn't turning very good lap times. Five laps in, something let loose in the drivetrain coming out of turn 1, and I had no clutch. I pulled off the track to wait for the hook

at the end of the session. The car stalled, and when I tried to restart it the starter just spun – not engaging the ring gear. Hmmm... no clutch, no starter... yep, flywheel. We're hoping it didn't do much damage when it came off.

Terry and his Sprinzel Coupé ran pretty well with his group, as did Dewey and her Bugeye. Their Saturday morning practice and Saturday afternoon qualifying sessions went smoothly.

Saturday night's barbecue and karaoke party were, as usual, a blast. The food was good, there was plenty of it, beverages flowed freely, and there were actually some pretty good singers present. Of course there were the usual not-so-good singers, too, but that's always part of the fun.

With a broken race car, I was in no hurry to get back to the track Sunday morning, but Corey and Chris needed to be there to support Terry, who had a practice session about 9 o'clock. I debated putting mine onto the trailer and taking off for home, but decided to stick around for the Sprite Challenge race and the Car Show. Terry and Dewey ran OK in the Challenge Race just before noon. Both finished, so they each received a checkered flag, but Terry's car had started running poorly and he decided to call it a weekend. We had some lunch, trailered both race cars and I hit the road.

It could have been a lot better, but this is still one of my favorite annual events. I can't wait for next year!





## JUNE DRIVE

### Tryyn Gallery Drive

Hi Everyone...

I'm writing this to tell you about a fun, upcoming activity. On **Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>** we will be driving out to Guatay in the east county to visit the Tryyn Gallery. The club has gone there several times in years past, and it has always been a great time. The gallery specializes in unique, handmade wooden spoons and utensils as well as pottery and jewelry. Bill Chappelow, artist/owner, will hold a no-cost raffle for us. The winner will receive a handmade gift. Bring your own picnic lunch and beverages as we will be eating at picnic tables under the oak trees by the Gallery.

We will meet at the old **Circuit City store parking lot at 8810 Grossmont Blvd. in La Mesa** at 10am. We will leave there at 10:30am for the 30 – 40 minute drive to the Tryyn Gallery in Guatay. Our tour of the Gallery will be at approx. 11:30 am. Those driving Healeys should park in the front lot of the Gallery. All others please park across the street on the right hand side.

Afterwards if anyone is interested we can go on a ride to Pine Valley (a few minutes away) and check out the Pine Valley Lodge for a future activity.

For those wanting to meet us out at the Gallery the directions are:

***I-8 East to the CA-79/Japatul Valley Road exit, Exit 40 towards Descanso  
Turn Left onto CA-79/Japatul Valley Road and follow / stay Straight to go onto Old Highway 80  
Follow Old Highway 80 to Guatay  
Tryyn Gallery is on the Right side past the hardware store.***

The address is 27840 Old Highway 80  
Guatay, CA  
(619) 473-9030

This should be a great afternoon and I hope you'll join us.  
Thanks...Lynne

***On a different note...*** July is just around the corner and we need a place to have our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. Are there any volunteers to host our summer bash? If you think you might like to, please contact me at [redjag99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redjag99@sbcglobal.net) or (619) 579-7551

Thanks...Lynne, again

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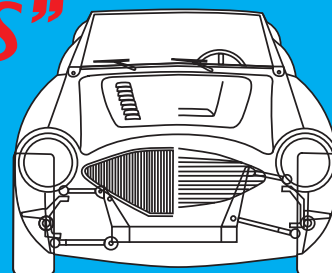




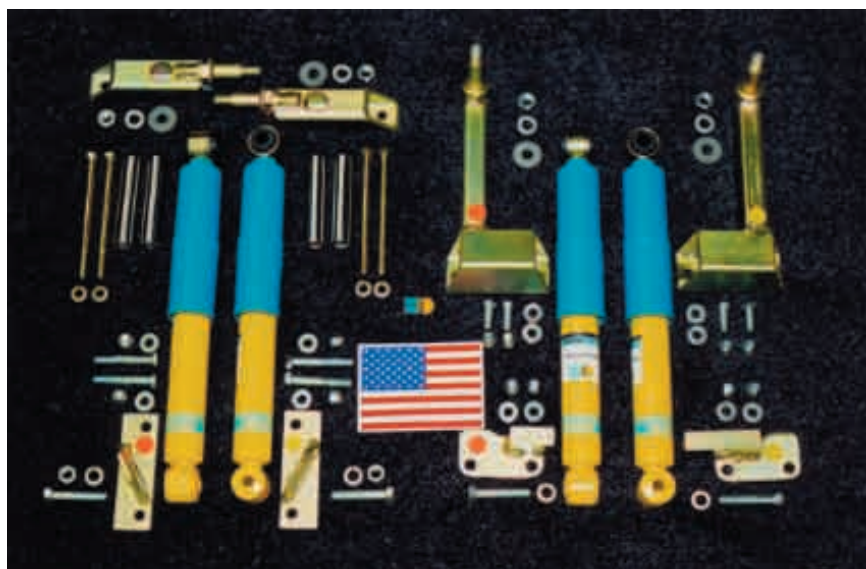
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In an effort to recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards Car of the Year (COTY) points for various activities. Opportunities to collect CotY points include any car-related events (shows, 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.

COTY Points through May 20

Putzke, U+G	BT7	38
Humphreys, B&B	BT7	38
Williams, Mike	BT7	34
Galper, Lou	100	34
Farnsworth, Bob & Sue	BT7	30
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ7	28
Tabachki, N+N	100-6	28
Kirby, S + D	BT7	22
Turner, Craig	BT7	22
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ-Gr8	20
Snover, Rick	AN8	20
Kind, Klaus	BJ8	18
Talbert, Sam	Sprite	16
Newman, Don + Cathy	BJ8	16
Shoemaker, Kris & Kathy	100-6	16
Davies, R&S	100 mod.	16
Daab, G&J	?	16
McHarris, George & Kathy	100	16
Deringer, K&J	100 mod.	16
Galper, Lou	Jag	8
Brewer, Norm	Jensen	8
Coyote, David	100	6
Carberry, Bob + Jo-A	BJ8	6
Voth, Warren	BJ8	6
Stark, H + Lynn	100-6	6
Pendleton, Jim	BJ 8	6
Galper, Lou	MG	5
Schermerhorn, John & Mary	AN7	4
Williams, Mike	TR6	3
Coyote, David	MGA	3

## NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom & June Howe (Carlsbad)

*1962 Sprite Mk II AN6*

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June Howe	06/02
Yolanda Ventura	06/02
Nancy DeSanto	06/07
Richard Rawlins	06/07
Cass Cacciatore	06/13
Mary Schermerhorn	06/14
Mike Dolphin Jr.	06/24
Philip Yanni	06/26
Chic Linde	06/28

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Randy Blum & Pamela Homfelt	06/03/06
George & Alice Hurley	06/06/69
William & Blanca Longaker	06/10/72
Dave & Marji Nightingale	06/17/73
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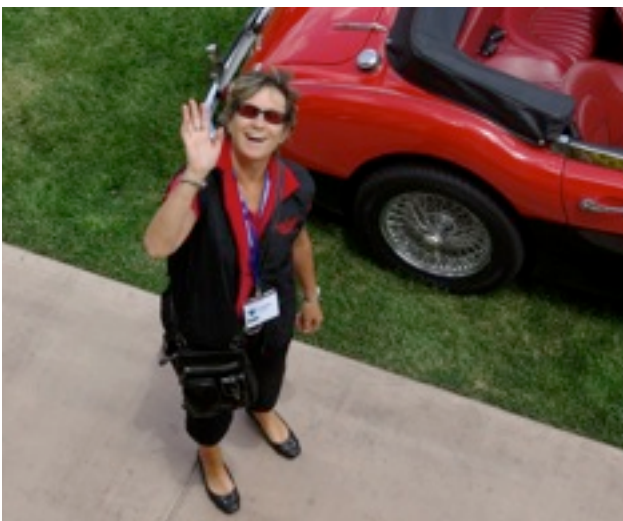
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