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**From The Editor:****Hey, the numbers don't match!**
by Sam Talbert

I have owned several old british cars but never any that would command a premium price. The reason for that is probably because they were junk when I bought them and I never quite brought them up to any worthwhile level before I passed them on. I did, however, own a series 1 E type Jaguar coupe. That should have really been worth something. But, it had the wrong engine, the wrong transmission and 'the numbers did not match'.

I now own a 1959 Bugeye Sprite. It should and could be worth something when I sell it. However, its numbers don't match either. A long time ago I had to make a decision. What exactly do I want to do with my Sprite? Should I keep everything original? Should I prepare it for racing? I find nothing wrong with either of these avenues. I decided I just wanted it to go a little faster. I got tired of being passed up by Pintos and Gremlins. I was not interested in racing because of all the dollars it would take to be competitive. So, out the window goes the showroom perfection and all the extras to make mine go faster than yours. I just wanted to go a little faster. When I started modifying I was advised to drop in a 1275 engine instead of trying to beef up the original 948. So, that's what I did. I found a later model Midget and stole its engine. Those front disc brakes looked good, so I took them too.

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President's Message:



Hey There Healey Folk....

Well summer is here, time to boil some Healey's, if you didn't go you missed a fun time at the Tryyn Gallery of Spoons in Guatay, Lisa and I were the most lucky of the winners of the drawing, Hmmm I wonder if we can return the ones we bought !! It was an outstanding day, the weather was perfect after that, we went to a nice little concert in the park with the soon to be Snovers, & Starks very fun day indeed.



Still working on finishing Ricks 3000, and mine, while trying to get ready for Lisa's sons wedding over the forth July weekend, convince DMV to convert the new race truck to a motor coach, move the race car to La Jolla for the arts show, Laguna Seca in August, get more stuff for the Schermerhorn project Etc Etc

Otherwise I'm bored to tears!!

Things I forgot to mention in my last months newsletter were, the Turners got a second place in 3000 roadsters for the second year running, @ CHW plus the bad luck award, and Lou got first place 100-4 in the gymkana. I'm sure there is something or someone I didn't mention this month as well, I'll hear about it thats for sure !!

Meeting again At CoCo's on the 14th of July 6:00 PM to who knows when...hope to see you all there, maybe I'll get to eat my dinner this time.

Cheers, Terry



Minutes Last Meeting:

The June 9th meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego. 26 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

Richard Annis, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Norm Brewer, Bob Humphreys*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper* & Deborah Durham, Bob Kitterer & Delores McComas, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Colin Seid, Rick Snover & Allie Casarda, Howard & Lynne Stark~, Sam Talbert*, Warren Voth*, Mike Williams* & Delia Rodriguez.*

Meeting was called to order at 7.30 pm by president Terry Cowan. He spent a few moments sharing a family medical issue to which we can offer our support through our thoughts and prayers..

May minutes were approved as corrected.

Vice President/ Membership: Rick Snover reported that our membership is 76ish with 4 or 5 more claiming to be in the mail.

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

Treasurer: Lynne reported on the bank balance.

Newsletter: Sam has inherited the Librarian History Box. We may thus see "Our Blasts from the past" presented to remind us of our misspent youths.

Activities: Our June activity will be a repeat of the drive to the "Spoon place" e.g the Tryyn Gallery at Guatay on old Highway 80. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot where Circuit City used to be on Grossmont Blvd in La Mesa and leave at 10:30. This will be a drive directly there. Bring your picnic lunch of whatever you wish and some cash to buy your desired utensil(s). Purchases will include raffle tickets which will be used in a drawing to win some additional Gallery goodies. The more you buy the more raffle tickets you receive. Healeys driven should park in the gallery lot and others should park on the street.

Note: There will not be a 4th of July club activity this year.

For other events that are upcoming, see the dedicated Activities page.

Regalia: In response to an inventory question Jan verified that pretty much the only inventory items now on hand are related to the Conclave 2008 event and as sales have diminished, apparently everyone has what they want.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

BCCC: First meeting to be this month. As already mentioned, this year the meet will be held at Liberty Station on Point Loma. The ground rules have changed significantly from the Admiral Baker location and various suggestions have been offered on what we might do as a club (fund raising etc.) These may be answered in the upcoming meetings. We do know the club will be responsible for parking-again. People attending in not Healeys should be aware that parking on Sundays can be tight.

Mike Williams offered the information that Steve Kirby had brought up the subject of vendors. Not clear exactly as to their roll in this years event. Mike also discussed some AHCA delegate items.

Old Business: None

New Business: Lets go hang some more Sprite stuff on John's car. Tech Session on June 26th at 10 a.m. at the Schermerhorns. It's starting to look like a car.



Meeting adjourned 8.10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary



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Next, I dug around in an old school bus in Gearhart, Oregon and found a 5 speed Datsun tranny and installed a Rivergate conversion kit. Now it goes faster and stops better. Minilite wheels makes it look meaner and stronger.

So, finally, my hat's off to Rick and Terry who have a hankering for the checkered



flag and to all those who have a need to make your baby look, smell and drive like it

did the day it rolled off the showroom floor. I just want to drive,

hear the roar and feel the wind in my face. I won't beat you to the



finish line and Mine won't bring the bucks that yours will when we sell them. But my smile will be just as big as yours when we fire up.

Whoeeee!!



Activities - what the future brings:

JULY AND BEYOND

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>

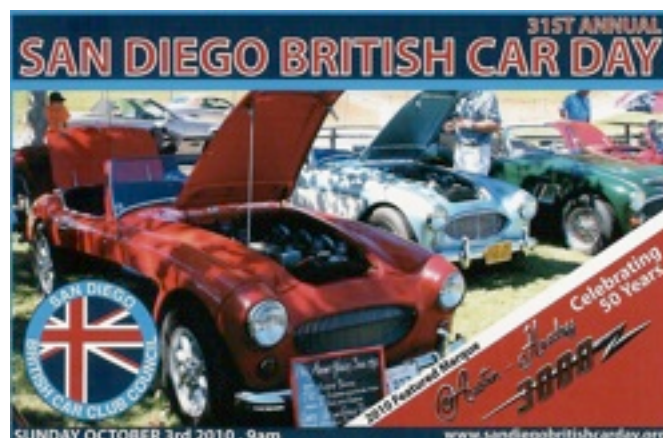
August 1st

Automobile Heritage Day

Location: Kimball Park, National City, CA

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

October 3rd





Tryyn Gallery Welcomes San Diego Austin Healey Club

text & photos by Sam Talbert

A beautiful Saturday morning and off we go on the back roads of San Diego County for a drive to the Tryyn Wooden Spoon Gallery in Guatay, CA. My first response to this was, “you’re joking, right”. “Where in the world is Guatay, and who in his right mind would drive there to see **WOODEN SPOONS**.” But, I was truly amazed! Aside from the chance to drive ‘WHOOEEE’ on some of the remote twisties of east county with my wife, the gallery was a bona fide mind blower. It is absolutely amazing what an imaginative man can do with a stick and some sand paper.



Five Healeys made the drive and Farnsworths, Schmidts, Shirmerhorns and Terry and Lisa drove other brands. The show stealer was Howard and Lynn’s freshly painted 100-6. I hardly recognized them. Howard looked like Anthony and Lynn like Cleopatra as they cruised in nestled in their shiny blue and white chariot. It’s amazing what a little paint will do.

After a tour of the gallery and multiple transactions we settled down for lunch. We all enjoyed dessert purchased from the church yard sale across the street. Thank you, Lynn. Then came the raffle. Bill

Chappelow, the artist, brought out seven utensils and raffled them off to us. Terry and Lisa scored the most taking home a Sumatran Steamed Brown Rice with Clams Serving Paddle, a Thick and Goopy Fudge Knife, and a ‘Clotted Cream on your Wheaties’ Dolloper. Mike and Delia scored a ‘Slather It All Around’ Pizza Paddle, and an A Bit Overcooked Whole Wheat Spiral Rotelle Pasta Paddle, Dick and Jan took home a Strawberry Jam Spreader, and howard and Lynn walked off with a Cantelope with Sea Salt Scooper.

Wanna see more? Go to:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q3zeDA95dQ>





Healeys Hanging with all the Artsy Folk

Cars are just a way to get from point 'A' to point 'B' and all the better if we can do it quicker, safer and more comfortable. This seems to be the general thinking of many. However, some of us look at our cars and see beauty. That is why we bought a

Healey rather than a Fiat. It, in our eyes, just looked better. But, you say, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." That's true but occasionally the experts weigh in. That is what happened last weekend.

The **La Jolla Festival of the Arts** (just that name alone reeks of class and culture) invited Healeys to the show. I think Healeys are a beautiful work of art, and I always have, but now the experts back me up.



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I pop out my chest and say, “my Healey was featured at the art show.” People who are not ‘Healey folks,’ in



fact, who are not even ‘car guys’ recognized the artistic quality of the products put on the market by DMH.

San Diego Austin Healey Club was well represented by Terry Cowan, Rick Snover, Mike Williams and Delia Rodriguez, Bob Humphrey, Dave Grundies, Lou Galper and Sam Talbert. The whole weekend was filled with the sound of cameras snapping and comments like, ‘my dad used to have one just like that’ or ‘I wish I had kept that BJ8 I had back in the ‘70s.’



What Title should we put on this Box?



Of course, isn't it obvious?

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Kurt May	07/13
John Banales	07/14
Jo-Ann Carberry	07/14
Aaron Roberts	07/14
John Farkash	07/17
Alice Hurley	07/17
Frank Leamy	07/17
Jim Widgery	07/21
Dr. Janet Bowers	07/22
Andy Nelson	07/24
Bridget McGee	07/25
Neil Tabachki	07/28
Loreen Wilhelmy	07/30
Ken Deringer	07/31
Patrick McGee	07/31

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Chic & Pat Linde	07/10/50
Udo & Gisela Putzke	07/17/92
Gil & Jeanette Daab	07/18/54
Paul & Christine Brown	07/23/70

The 2010 Conclave Event Schedule has been updated to reflect all the final event scheduling.





What I Found in an Old Box

From time to time I may unearth some interesting tidbit about our club or someone in our club. When that happens I reserve the right to explore it and publish my findings. There may not be something from the Old Box in every Hearsay, but the Old Box will pop open occasionally.-- Sam Talbert

There is nothing as relentless as Time. It marches on unaffected by all the efforts we make to slow it down. That would not be so bad if Time did not leave some distasteful stuff in its wake. Bobbing behind the vanguard of time is such flotsam as glasses, hearing aids, gray hair, wrinkles, aches and pains all reminding us that one day we are destined to meet our maker and stand accountable for our life choices.



Another whole categories of debris left to us by time is a huge catalogue of memories. We look in the mirror and see a blotchy, gray headed image and remember the stud who captained the football team or the princess at the homecoming dance.

We all manage the tornado of time differently. You may have seen the post 'Rhinestone Cowboy' images of Glen Campbell and wondered, "How did that handsome heart throb turn into such a BUM?"

You also may have seen the recent commercials for Foster Grant sunglasses and wondered if Raquel Welch is really in her 60's or still in her 30's.

Anyway I found a trail time has left in our own SDAH. Take a look and tell me if Dick and Jan haven't aged more like Raquel Welch than the other guy.

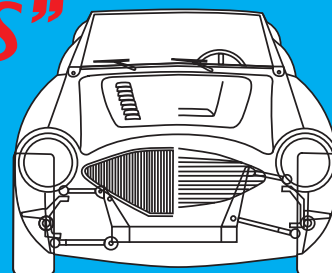




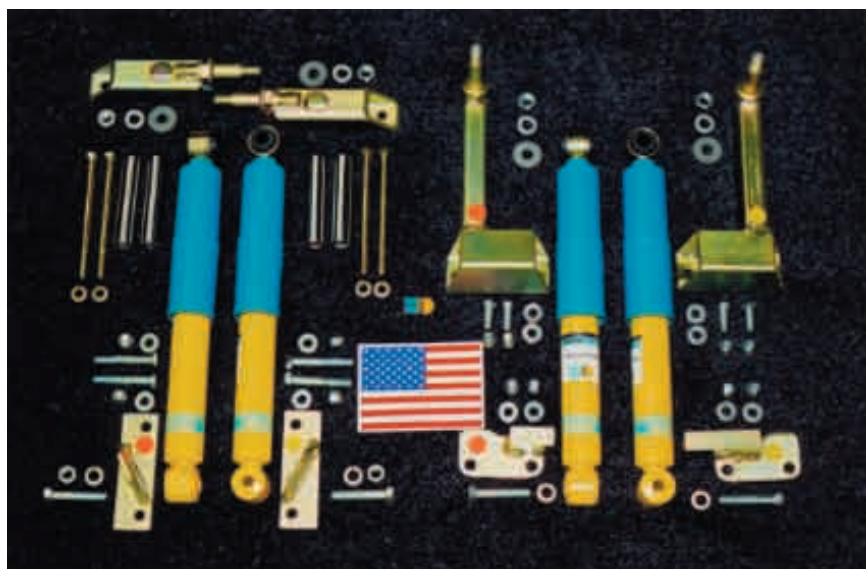
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commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the CotY recorder, Gisela Putzke (858-486-3870 or putzke@cox.net), 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 June 20, 2010

Humphreys, B&B	BT7	48	Brewer, Norm	Jensen	12
Williams, Mike	BT7	44	Stark, H + Lynn	100-6	12
Putzke, U+G	BT7	42	Voth, Warren	BJ8	10
Galper, Lou	100	38	Galper, Lou	Jag	8
Farnsworth, Bob & Sue	BT7	30	Coyote, David	100	6
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ7	28	Carberry, Bob + Jo-A	BJ8	6
Tabachki, N+N	100-6	28	Pendleton, Jim	BJ8	6
Talbert, Sam	Sprite	26	Hess, G + M	BJ8	6
Kirby, S + D	BT7	22	Humphreys, B&B	Jensen	6
Turner, Craig	BT7	22	Galper, Lou	MG	5
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe	BJ-Gr8	20	Schermerhorn	AN7	4
Snover, Rick	AN8	20	Williams, Mike	TR6	3
Kind, Klaus	BJ8	18	Coyote, David	MGA	3
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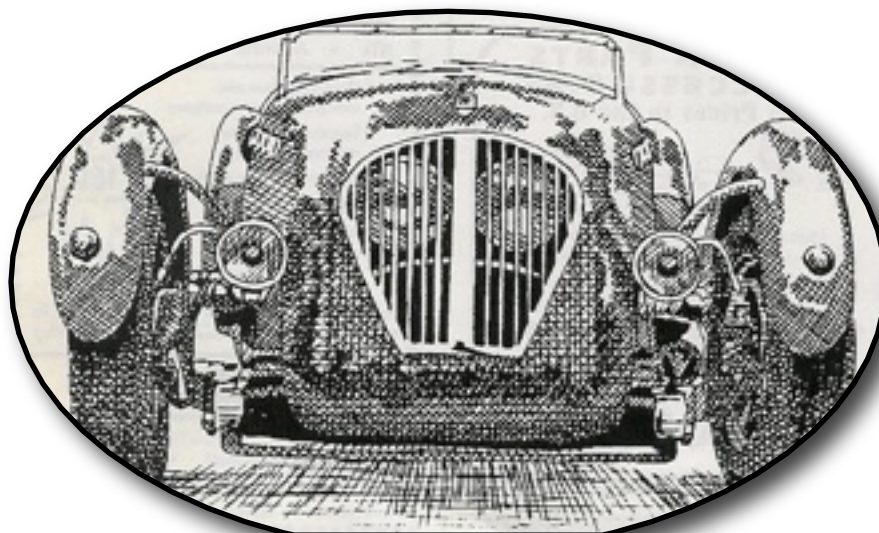
British Car Day or Bust

Tech session 6/26 got under way at 9:30 a.m. when Terry came by early to drop off the carpet kit and soundproofing material. Then he was on his way to another appointment. (He came back a little later.) Around 10 a.m seven pairs of helpful hands arrived and went right to work.

We had two surprise guests Craig Vittale (a Morris Minor owner) from Orange County, and a long time friend of his and lover of Healeys who is

recovering (nicely) from a stroke, by the name of Paul Ageirsson. Paul used to have Morris Service in San Diego. Both men seemed to have a good time with our group.

Some of the things we were able to accomplish were: Sandy brought the re-worked distributor and that was installed. The generator was installed. They checked other connections and worked on the hangers for the muffler. When Terry came back, he was able to install some of the sound proofing material and carpet.





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