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**From The Editor:**

"Your brake lights are not working."
That's what the guy in the Toyota said to me pulling up alongside after following me

around Eastlake. I thanked him and thought, "Oh no, I'm gonna have to dive into the wiring nightmare of 'Whooooee.' None-the-less, the last thing I need is some driver to crawl up my boot because he did not see me brake.

Under normal circumstances this would be a routine repair. Both brake lights were out, meaning it probably is a problem with the switch. A quick look at the switch showed no problems there. Next I traced the wires from the switch back to the fuses. Aha! This might be a problem. Both wires were disconnected. That must have happened when I was installing one of those new high-torque starters. Snap it back together and lookee there, brake lights!

This incident brought to mind the the jungle of wiring a British car. It is no surprise that the Brits have their own way of doing things. This in itself causes adequate frustration. But for me there is

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January Meetings**Monthly Club Meeting**

January 12, 2011
Jimmies Restaurant
6935 Mission Gorge Rd
Santee, CA
6:30 PM



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Gerry and Sue Kwiat's 100-6

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President's Message:

Well Hey there all you Healey Folk,

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to come !!!



I hope you had as much fun as we did at the Christmas party, I must say nice

things do come in small packages, my Pesto is outstanding !! I would like to thank Lynne Stark for all her good work and the all of the early helpers who always show up to make our annual Holiday party so nice !! Longest drive to get there goes to the McVeety's for the second year in a row !!!

Lisa

and I did my family Christmas early this year because of conflicting travel plans, so on the way back driving through this last weeks wicked weather we drove southbound through it from San Fransisco and made it to Long Beach in time to join the Association group for their Christmas party.



Thank you's to Ed & Abbie for holding a spot for us at their table, another of which had been saved by fellow racer John Nikas & his friend Bobbi so we were torn between tables.

A lot of dicussion with the members about us doing more activities with both clubs, I'm sure you all noticed the amount of the assoication members at BCD. What that means is that we need more cars running and less cars sitting !!!

I really think we can get a few more cars moving this year starting with a final push on John & Mary's car. Starks have some work they want to do. We should storm Dick & Jan's garage and find their Healey !!, We have new members new cars, so lets find out what we need to do to get them going !!

And talking about *new* we are trying out a new meeting place on Jan 12th, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's of Santee, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd.

Hope to see you all there...Happy Holidays, Be Safe.

Cheers, Terry



**Minutes Last Meeting:**

Editor's Note: In December we choose not to hold a club meeting. We defer to the Christmas season and hold a Christmas party instead.

Austin Healy Club, San Diego Christmas party

Is it possible to have Christmas without Santa? Upon arrival at the San Diego Automotive Museum it became clear that this was going to be a different party. Our regular Santa was in the land of Franz Gruber and O Tannebaum. How can we go with no Udo?

Walking up the door there was two Healeys we haven't seen much of. Sitting there was the little green Sprite of Craig Turner and Rick Snover's BJ8 that has been scattered all over Terry's garage (I don't recognize the driver). Upstairs was all decorated with a tree and tables all decked with poinsettias and bowls of mixed nuts.

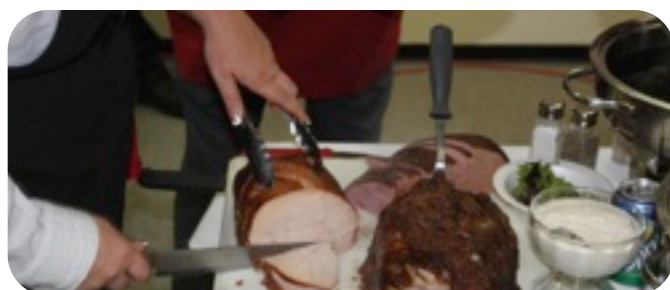
These parties are all similar in that they provide a time for club members and spouses



to mingle and talk. That may sound boring, and it would be if this was a junior high party.



However, we all grow up and a party can be a party without playing Twister or having some gross food game.



Lynne and her team found a new catering company and the food was excellent! They also were not skimpy with their servings. I filled my plate and when I go to the meat he loaded two big slices of ham and two slices of prime rib onto the pile.

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more. I have never had enough money to finance my 'Healey Habit.' Therefore, corners, of necessity, need to be cut and innovative solutions abound. I didn't have enough money to purchase a proper wiring harness for my Sprite. It would not have worked anyway since so much of my car is not stock. When I looked at the diagram in the back of my Healey book none of them fit my car. So, I designed my own diagram and wired it myself.

I certainly do not recommend this approach to restoration of your Healey. A proper wiring harness is the best way to go and well worth the price you pay.

I have to be careful nowadays when I take my car to shows. When officials look under my bonnet they are at risk of hurting themselves when they fall down laughing at my wiring masterpiece. Whooooee!

Activities - what the future brings:**JANUARY AND BEYOND**

Dec 30-Jan 2 - San Diego Auto Show - Convention Center

Jan 1-Feb 26 - Ramona Grasslands Hawk Watch, Ramona 760-789-3992

Jan 12 - Monthly Meeting, Jimmies Restaurant, 6935 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee - 6:30 PM

Jan 28-30 - Grand National Roadster Show, Pomona 877-763-7469

Jan 28-30 - Lunar New Year Tet Festival, San Diego 619-320-8292

Feb 5 - CARe Show 2011, San Juan Capistrano 949-240-1735

Feb 24-27 - NHRA Winternationals, Pomona 800-884-6472

Feb 26-27 - Desert Classic Concourse d'Elegance, La Quinta 760-76-1777

Apr 17 - San Diego Rolling British Car Day

May 18-22 - California Healey Week at Ventura, CA

June 27-July 1 - Healey Rendezvous at Vancouver, WA

July 3-8 - Colorado Conclave at Colorado Springs

Oct 2 - San Diego British Car Day

Coming Soon....***The Rolling British Car Day on April 17, 2011***

Rolling British Car Day (a driving event), is scheduled for **Sunday, April 17, 2011**.

One of the most popular parts of past Rolling British Car Days has been the tyre-kickin' and socializing in the parking lot. Following a short driver's meeting and announcements drivers leave for an awesome coastal and back-roads tour including the famous U-Turn to let everyone see each other. For further information on this event, please check: www.sandiegobritishcarday.org, or **760-746-1458**





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The main event, of course, was the gift exchange. Bob Humphreys took over Udo's role and the wrapping paper began to fly. The 'stealing' began a little later and I lost the electric screw driver to Craig Turner and the dancing Kermit to Mary Schirmerhorn, sniff, sniff. My wife at least scored a couple of the poinsettias.



I had a wedding to perform in Del Mar after the party so it was not possible to drive Whooeee. So sad, he had to stay home. Maybe next year.





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More Photos from the Christmas Party





GARAGE TALK

As I rolled up to 7420 Stanford St in Whooeee, I could hear the clear rumble of a healthy 100-6. Standing in the carport with a dust rag in his hand was Gerry Kwiat (pronounce that 'quiet'). A rumpled pile of cloth told me this BN4 has been resting under wraps for a while. Gerry not only got it out for me



to see, but he is getting ready to drive it to North Park dressed in his Santa suit to bless a neighborhood of children. Also, he is taking it to show it off to Susan's hot rodding uncle.

I asked Gerry how he came to own a BN4, and he unrolled a story worthy of Reader's Digest or Saturday Evening Post (am I showing my age here?). Back in the 70's Gerry was living in Pacific Beach and

subletting to three roommates. One of his roommates showed up with this hulk (his word) of a car that had died before it got there. Gerry and friends had to push it into a parking space in front of the house. There it sat gathering abandonment tickets until the police came to tow it. Much to the surprise of the police the car would not move. It had four flat tires and four frozen brakes. They gave up and said, "we'll be back on Monday with a flat bed." Gerry sprung into action. He contacted the owner and secured the pink slip for back rent and spent the weekend loosening the brakes and moving the car into the garage. Gerry figured he had obtained the car for a whopping \$112.50.



Next, the long road to "making smoke" began. As all of you know bringing a 'hulk' back to life is a long and tedious task but Gerry made it happen, and even won a 'best 100-6' (there was no other 100-6's in the show). Then the clutch froze and back under the cover it went. Twenty years later Gerry found out about proper storage of a car. Now with a tank full of shellac and a radiator full of sludge the resurrection began all over again. Midnight before Conclave it was finally complete, and the following morning it sat sparkling in the San Diego sun.

This reminds me that all the bright work glistened after Sue spent hours cleaning and polishing. Sue got into the process years ago when she walked by the guys and endured all those whistles until Gerry finally followed up inviting her on a date. When she visited him at his home she saw all his

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*Steeped in history, surrounded
by green and bordered by
water . . .*

***SDBCC salutes British
Automotive Design with 300
Classic British Cars and
Motorcycles***

The San Diego British Car community gathered on the first Sunday in October for the 31st annual celebration of British Car Day. 300 classic British cars and motorcycles were arrayed on the former parade grounds of the Naval Training Center. The event was organized by the San Diego British Car Club Council.

This was the first year at a wonderful new venue, Liberty Station, which was applauded by registrants, vendors and

spectators alike. Liberty Station is situated in the heart of San Diego, with incredible views of the beautiful San Diego skyline and bay, and close to Point Loma, another popular and scenic neighborhood in the area.

Liberty Station provides a wonderful venue for a car show, convenient to restaurants and shops as well as abundant parking for spectators. Since the show is free to spectators, it attracted well over a thousand walk-in guests, to inspect and admire the vehicles close up and to visit the many diverse vendors at the event.

Every year, a marque is selected to be the "Honored Marque of the Year" and this year the classic "big Healey" (the Austin Healey 3000) was named. Awards were given to each classification, as well as "Best of Show" to a beautifully restored 1952 Singer.

The venue has already been reserved for next year, October 2, 2011. Hope to see you there!





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paperwork scattered all over the house and back yard. She volunteered to organize it in exchange for



a parking place while she was studying at SDSU. One thing led to another and finally they were married and have become a vital part of AHCSA.

So, Gerry, here is my advice for future happiness: ***Hug your wife and drive your Healey!***

Be careful little mouth what you say. . .

You never really know just how far your words reach. I think it was last september I wrote about my garage being the only place where I was in charge of decorating. That article struck somewhat of a nerve in Mesa, Arizona.

Marianne Turlington, a longtime club member, still keeps up with club doings and sends lovely, thoughtful cards to us. Her husband, who died about 20 years ago, was a Bugeye owner and a grease stained Healey aficionado. I guess my words stirred up some memories. Here is what she wrote:

I miss all the grease on the rugs (Ed was more important than the rug). I miss knowing he was enjoying working on his Bugeye when he would disappear. I miss listening to ball games I didn't care about but which he did. I just crocheted. He wanted me to at least be in the same room. I loved knowing he had the extra parts that he might need. Even after 20 years I still miss him.

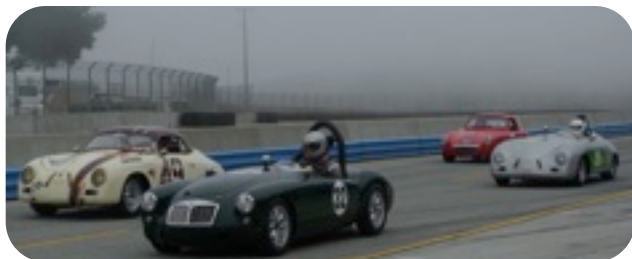
Marianne Turlington

Bless you, Marianne, years can't erase all those years of love.

Sam Talbert



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If you believe that you know how to handle and drive your car, think again. Each year the Vintage Auto Racing Assoc. gives drivers a chance to learn and hone their skills in a controlled environment with professional driving instructors, led by chief instructor Danny McKeever. He'll be joined by capable mentors from the Fast Lane Driving School, the same group that teaches the celebrity drivers at the Toyota Gran Prix of Long Beach. The two day event will include track and classroom sessions, skid pad and slalom exercises and of course lots of track time on the thrilling Buttonwillow race circuit.

The cost for the weekend is only \$325 and street cars are accepted, however open cars must have rollover protection. Danny has also arranged special pricing for rental of his Fast Lane Driving school cars. This event usually sells out so do not delay ! Go to the VARA website for more details www.vararacing.com or contact the VARA office @ 800-280-8272.

I attended the school last year and was thrilled to the nth degree.

OK, IT'S QUIZ TIME AGAIN. HERE ARE EIGHT PHOTOS TAKEN IN 2010. LABEL THEM WITH THE EVENT WHERE THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN. HAVE FUN!!



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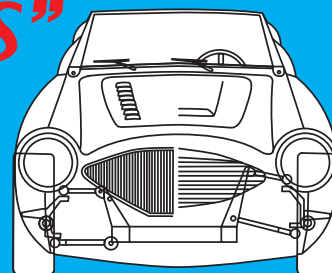
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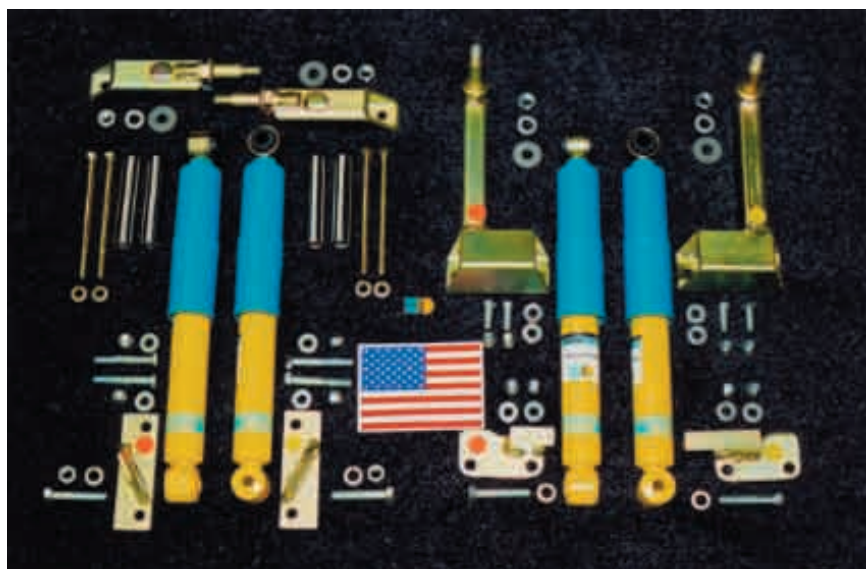
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commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members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

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Voth, Warren	BJ8 6	McHarris, Geo/Kathy	100 0
Snover, Rick	BT7 6	Kind, Klaus	BJ8 0
Galper, Lou	Jag 6	Humphreys, B+B	Jensen 0
Turner, Craig	AN5 6	Hess, G&M	BJ8 0
Putzke, U+G	BT7 0	Brewer, Norm	Jensen 0
Humphreys, B+B	BT7 0	Shoemaker, K&K	100-6 0
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Look at all those 'Goose eggs'!! Let's rip off those covers, dust them off, polish them up, get those Healeys out onto the road. San Diego is really a pretty place to live, but it does need to be enhanced by the beauty of the prettiest cars ever conceived. So, it is up to us to bless the folks by proudly driving our cars this year.

Happy 2011

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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