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From The Editor:



I had a bad case of flashbacks last week. I relived the days of trying to figure out SU carburettors and dismounting a wheel after the

splines on my wire wheels had worn so much that the wheel stuck and would not come off. Those were days of throwing tools against the wall and frightening my kids so much they wouldn't even come near the garage.

I was coming home from the Rolling British Car Day (one of my favorite events) and I heard a strange squeek somewhere in the back. Aha! It's coming from the right rear wheel. I jack it up and take a look. One of the shoe steadying springs has broken and the shoe is rubbing against the drum. A thorough search through all my piles and boxes of left-over parts turned up nothing. So off to Moss I go.

The springs arrived the next day (Moss is really quick, expensive, but quick).

Here is where I regress to the tool throwing monster I once was. Replacing that one little spring was not happening

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April Meetings

Monthly Club Meeting

May 11, 2011 Jimmies Restaurant 9635 Mission Gorge Rd Santee, CA 6:30 PM



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

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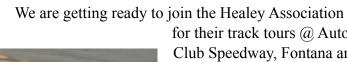
Cover: Lou Galper's BN1 posing as a pattern at Gary Stalker's Tech Session.

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Hey there Healey folks

President's Message:



for their track tours @ Auto Club Speedway, Fontana and vintage races with VARA. Come up and visit if you have some time, it's always nice have people from the club stop by and say HI! when we are at the track.



Finally, we have the

Shermerhorn Sprite drivable with the just a couple of things left to do. The seats are redone in the nice Navy Blue. Looking very sharp, the dashboard is complete and in the right layout. (Thank You Sandy!) With a few trips over to John & Mary's looking for missing trinkets, I think we have it!!

Next up we need to get Ricks Healey to go farther than just to the post office, and hopefully to California Healey week which is just a couple of weeks away.





Now that we have PMO back together perhaps we can go up there as well !! After that its time to get my 3000 back on the road. I believe it was last driven in 1995 or around that time, we need some of those COTY points !!! The 3000 is nice but its



time for some Healey drivin...

Alrighty then, hope to see you all @ Jimmy's on the 11th of May @ 6:30 and then again the next week @ CHW in lovely Ventura!!

Cheers, Terry

Editor's note: Yeah, I know it's not a Healey, but how often do you get the opportunity to campaign a 120 Jag. Terry did it and it needs to be acknowledged. Go Ter, Whooeee!!!



Minutes Last Meeting:

April 2011 Healey Meeting Minutes

The April 13th meeting was held at Jimmies Restaurant 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee

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

Norm Brewer*, Cass Cacciatore & Marti Schwartz, Terry Cowan, Bob Humphreys*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Gerry Kwiat, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert*, Warren Voth*.

Meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by president Terry Cowan.

Opening comments: Conversation began with comments on the San Diego State Society of Automotive Engineering Aztec Racing Teams response to the donations which the club provided towards their efforts. After our original visit to see their progress, we had provided them with a second substantial amount and Sam indicated that their response was frankly tepid. Lou Galper has been their champion as it were and he was not present to enlighten us about possible reasons. As this program is ongoing, the topic will likely be visited again.

March minutes were approved.

Vice President/ Membership: Mike Williams sent word that a tentative membership count was closer to 50ish than the guestimate which we have been using.

Secretary: Dick had nothing related to that position but did comment on events of the April 3rd La Jolla Classic Car Show at La Jolla. A new element in judging this year was the addition of "Elegance" to the scoring. This quality is a positive score of some amount "added" to a cars judged total to improve its score. There is certain to be discussion of this by the various judging groups as to its legitimate efficacy.

Treasurer: Lynne indicated that we are still solvent.

Newsletter: No comments related to the Newsletter.

Activities: The designated activity for the month is the Saturday April 2nd tech session at Gary and Nancy Stalkers home at 2085 Roberts Pl. in Escondido. Windshield and general assembly is the theme. This is in the past as of meeting time, however since we are on a roll, we have Gary again scheduled for Saturday May 14th at 9:00 a.m till 2:00 or so.

May 18-22 is California Healey Week 2011 in Ventura Ca. This is always a great venue and will include some Jim Hall kart racing for the adrenaline challenged.

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

Regalia: After a very long time as regalia chairperson Jan has decided that she needs to move on and has thusly offered her resignation from that position. She will be available to help tie up any loose ends.

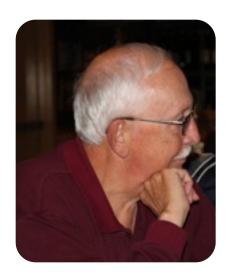
Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry has indicated that he will be able to periodically attend this meeting and bring information to us.

Old Business: None **New Business:** None.

Bob Humphreys was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Dick Schmidt, secretary





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this day. I tried everything I could think of. Nothing was working. So, I removed both shoes and started from scratch. I finally got the little springs in place and now I needed to put in the springs that hold the shoes together. That wasn't happening either. After an hour or so of trying to move the spring into a slot just 1/4 inch away produced nothing but sore fingers and major frustration. Where is a wrench I can throw! Probably my kids who are all grown now were having random anxiety as far away as San Jose.

Now here is the icing on the frustration cake. The spring

holding the shoes together broke. It was time to quit.



Why do I put up with such frustration? I really enjoy driving my Healey and It has a sexy shape and it is something I have restored with my own hands. Furthermore, I'm just a sucker for punishment.



Hey! Is this one of those new BJ24's?

Activities - what the future brings:

MAY AND BEYOND

Saturday, May 14th 2011 - Tech Session

Gary Stalker still needs some help with the assembly of his AH 100. His garage on 2085 Roberts Place in Escondido, CA 92029 will be open at 9:00 AM.

May 18 - 22 California Healey Week

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June 27 - July 1 - Healey Rendezvous

at Vancouver, WA

July 3-8 - Colorado Conclave

at Colorado Springs See Page 15

Aug 18-21 - Historical Races at Laguna Seca

Sept 24 - 25 - Coronado Speed Festival

Oct 2 - San Diego British Car Day

Oct 22 - Oktoberfest

Dec 10 - Annual Christmas Party

Future event – You may want to act now to make this possible!

Some members of the AHCSD have asked for a weekend in Julian. A reasonable place to stay over night would be the Pine Hill Lodge near Julian. I've contacted the lodge, and a possible weekend would be November 25th and 26th. You need to make your own reservations, two nights minimum. This place is not very big; act now! Make sure you mention the Austin Healey Club San Diego. The room rate is \$ 138.72 per night, that's including the tax. Each cabin room has a queen bed. Their pub is open on Friday and Saturday and they have Sunday Brunch from 9 am to 2 pm and it is \$ 15.95 per person. They have a 72 hour cancellation policy. For more information about the lodge, please check www.pinehilllodge.com. To make your reservation, please call Hanna @ (760) 765-1100. We will work on a tour, shopping and other activities in Julian at a later date

For more information on future events, please check the club web site at http://www.sdhealey.org



Rolling British Car Day

It was overcast with a light mist in the air as 157 of the Queen's best gathered in the parking lot





of Ace Hardware at Liberty Station in San Diego. They ranged from genuine antiques to current British iron. I cannot think of any mark that was not represented.

Tire kicking and bragging was enhanced by a free cup of Coffee from local restaurant, Con Pane, who also sold picnic lunches for anyone looking for a great sandwich for lunch at San Dieguito Park.

Getting to Shelter Island was difficult with all the traffic and the heat (by then the sun had come out), but the drive along the island meeting and greeting

oncoming anglophiles in England's finest was a joy. The drive along Sunset Cliffs was another delight.

Vice President and event coordinator, Steve Kirby wrote in his wrap up:

"The coastal route was picturesque and beautiful. Even though I had run the route 4 times, and had allowed "more time" for

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California Healey Week, 2011, will be held between May 18-22 in the beach city of Ventura, CA

The event will be headquartered at the Crown Plaza Hotel (see www.cpventura.com). Nearby are clean, uncrowded beaches, numerous restaurants and shopping opportunities and not far from the Santa Barbara area wineries.

Planned CHW events include a tour of Moss Motors, drives in the local area, Kart Racing, Car Show, Rocker Cover Racing, Silent Auction and Banquet dinner. Each day, there will be a complimentary breakfast and happy hour provided by the Crown Plaza. 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 schedule of events follows. Go to www.austin-healey.org for latest updates as they develop.

Wednesday, May 18th Afternoon arrival & registration Dinner at local restaurant (Open)

Thursday, May 19th
Drive to Ojai
Kart Racing
Dinner at local restaurant (Open)

Friday, May 20th
Drive to and tour of Moss Motors in Goleta
Road Trip to Santa Barbara for wine tasting & shopping
Dinner at local restaurant (Open)

Saturday, May 21st. Car Show & lunch Rocker Cover Racing Banquet & Awards

Sunday, May 22nd Breakfast & farewell gathering Registration forms are available at the AHCA Website:

http://www.austin-healey.org/







This year's 32nd annual British Car Day will be held on Sunday, October 2nd at Ingram Plaza in Liberty Station. The marque of the year celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Jaguar E-Type. Please visit our website for the latest information. We will be sending you more information in the coming months. If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the event, contact your club leadership or bob@sandiegobritishcarday.org

Stalker Tech Session

There has been a change. Club attention has shifted from Schermerhorn's Sprite to Gary Stalker's BN1. Maybe it is because Schermerhorn's car started last time out and Gary's is still a long way off. At any rate April 2 dawned bright in Escondido and we gathered in the Stalker Garage to begin work.

The first task was the assembly of the

windshield. It only took us three tries before we got it all together in the right sequence. Dick Schmidt

took on the



delicate task of disassembling the carburetors



and recording all the small parts in their proper order.

Bob Farnsworth and Bob Humphreys worked on the bumpers. They completed as much as they could until they

ran into a case of wrong

bolts. We started putting the headlights together and once again stopped short needing the right bolts.

We'll do it all again on May 14 when we gather again

in Escondido for another assault on Gary's Forest Green darling.

We haven't forgotten Shermerhorn's Sprite, its number will come up again soon. Target--- British Car Day in October.





Motor Cars on Main Street



Some of the club members decided to take in the yearly show in Coronado called Motor Cars on. Main. Street. It

was a perfect day with a selection Healeys and other beautiful automobiles. Bob and Barbara Humphreys were there with their show stopping Jensen amid a sea of British

and American









beauties. Sunglasses and wide brimmed hats were the fashion statement of the day. Lunch and a few laughs with some friends wrapped up a pleasant day.





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Garage Talk

The quiet neighborhood and innocent looking house gives you no clue as to what is inside.



Dick and Jan Schmidt hide six cars in their modified garage. I was amazed to find a Thunderbird, a Ford Ranchero, two Healeys, a DeLorean, and a V12 Jaguar. They are in various states of restoration and each one comes with its own story of how it got to the state it is in today.

Dick spent many years working as an electronic engineer for General Dynamics.

During that time he worked on some pretty sophisticated hardware. He told me about some of his projects but it was all way over my head.

There is a 100-4 under a cover behind three of his other vehicles and it probably will not be ready for British Car Day. However, his BN6 shows some

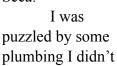
promise.



Dick and Jan were married on new years and this car came into the

family the following February and promptly began

some long drives. It has won prizes and been written up in a magazine. It has even taken laps at Laguna Seca.

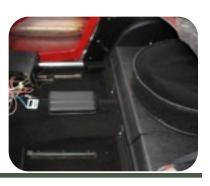


recognize and Dick described his unique fuel delivery



system. He also showed me his air conditioning setup. I guess it is the engineering gene that drives one to fastidious perfection.

One day soon the rest of the car will match the perfection of the upholstery.





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traffic on a Sunday, I must admit, the density of the traffic in a few spots was more than I anticipated . . . La Jolla being high on the list. Hard to leave Liberty Station and go much of anywhere and also avoid the freeways!! Fortunately, most folks rolled with the punches and relaxed, and enjoyed the drive.

Our official count of English cars by the Rangers at San Dieguito Park was 129 cars.

That's an awesome percentage of folks coming "all the way" into the park. The setting and the weather at the park were the best."





Making it all the way to the park was not in the cards for all of us. I don't know what happened to Klaus Kind and Lou Galper, but my fuel pump shorted out and I sadly had to call it quits. A couple of fellas driving MGs stopped and helped me jury-rig it enough to get me home. Thank you Abingdon. Nice guys drive your cars.

"Next year -- back to back country and the twisties!!!!" We have your word on it Steve, and we're gonna hold you to it.

RBCD Photos Available to Purchase

A professional photographer took photos at different points along the route and is making them available for purchase.

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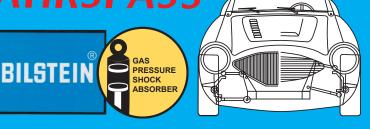




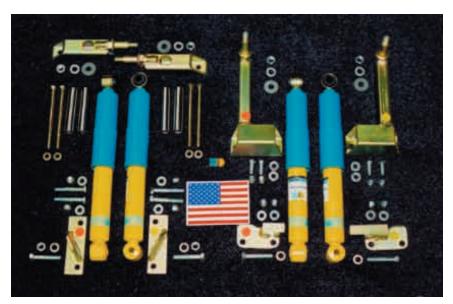
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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSD driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSD one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSD multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

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Merja Tarakjian	5/08
Cathy Newman	5/10
John Schermerhorn	5/16
John Felt	5/18
Joshua Felt	5/18
Lex Dunn	5/19
Craig Turner	5/19
John Banales Jr.	5/23
Justin MacLean	5/23
Jeffery Galper	5/27
Sue Hart	5/27
Kevin Roberts	5/27
Martha Hess	5/28

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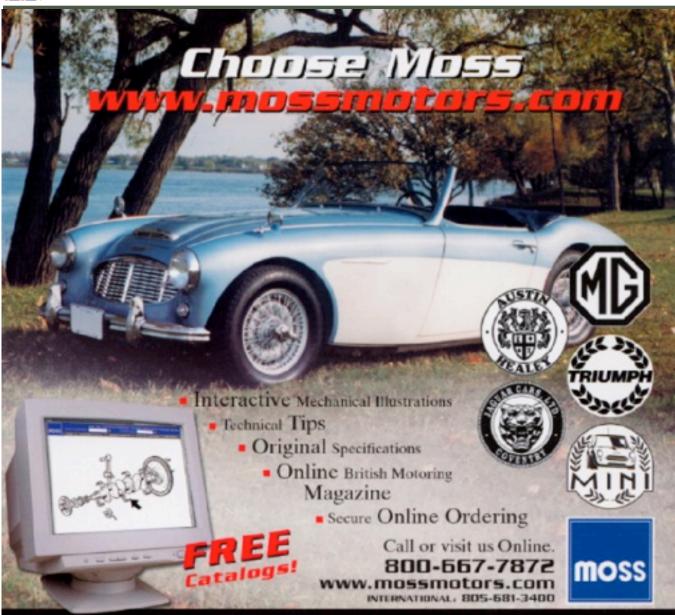
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