It always intrigued me how companies made the decision to bring out a new model or a new car. I think now that is all done by focus groups and committees. It has not always been that way. We all know Donald Healey had a long automotive background. But I think his real genius was insight. He looked at the automotive landscape and saw something no one else did: Jaguars are fast, but cost too much, MGs are cheap enough but are too slow and too tweedy, and Triumphs just don’t look right. We need something to fit in that niche. How about a Healey Hundred, BN1? And the crowd went wild!

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May Meetings

May 9, 2012
Jimmies Restaurant
9635 Mission Gorge Rd
Santee, CA
6:30 PM
Ok Healey Peeps....

I think I'm mostly over the Plague...because of which I/we missed Rolling BCD and Motorcars on Main Street, one of my favorites, as well as the Sprite Tech Session.

BUT we ARE set up for Healeys On The Green.

I am currently trying to figure out what I can take to CHW. PMO is apart waiting on a new windshield, pistons that were damaged @ Coronado, and a new clutch system from AP in England, since "The New HP Parts from Moss and other's and manufactured in China " Can't Handle The Truth!!! We have tried sending in "NEW" clutch covers to have them upgraded and they still fail...and slip. Sooooo, we are trying a tried and true Formula 3 Clutch system that can handle the 105 HP @ the tires PMO is current producing, and hope that will work.

I sent for the "KIT" but somehow it got lost in the shuffle; and they forgot to include a small item known to most as the "FLYWHEEL." Needless to say, I wasn't thrilled. So, that means PMO is on holiday, as the Brits might say!!

I am trying to push forward on my personal BJ-8 the Black Widow. Since I used that engine to help John Nikas, I haven't had time to figure out what damage had been done to get it back on line. So, I'm currently making lists as to what we need to do to get her back on line; with all my spare time!! LOL

Thanks must be given to my friend Bill Rooklidge, who is kindly letting me drive his beautiful XK-120 in the Historic Portion of British Extravaganza this coming weekend at Buttonwillow, so all is not lost!!

So, if you get a chance and have some time, drive up and spend some time with us at the track. Bring your car to the car show, stay a bit, share some dinner, maybe a glass of wine. If you are wild like me, maybe even Karaoke a bit. Please feel free to come up and visit!!

Until Then, Keep the Tire Side down and hope to see you at your most favorite of meeting places....Taaa Daaa

"Jimmy's In Wonderful Santee" @ 18:30 Hours the 9th Day of May the Year of our Lord 2012....

Cheers, Your Prez!!

Note the Change: John and Mary Schermerhorn’s e-mail address is now jschermerhorn@roadrunner.com
April 2012 Healey Meeting Minutes

The April 11th meeting was held at Jimmies Family Restaurant, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee
26 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

Terry Cowan, Ardice Casarda, Mike Dolphin, Deborah Durham, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou
Galper~, Dave Grundies, Doc. McAllister, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt,
Rick & Allie Snover, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark*, Sam Talbert*, Craig & Sue
Turner~, Sandy & Sandy Watt, Mike & Delia Williams, Warren Voth*.

Meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions: Throughout the meeting, various events were brought up, which will keep the
activity interested person busy throughout the spring and summer. A new one for consideration
is the Scottish Highland Games held in Costa Mesa. Please check these out on the dedicated
Activities Page.

Last meeting Minutes were approved as written.

Vice President/ Membership: Mike Williams indicated that paid renewal memberships now stands at
58 households.

Secretary: No relevant comments.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin reported on our current balance.

Newsletter: Sam expanded on the newsletter front cover idea. As mentioned last month, his thought is
to go to different landmarks around San Diego which certainly has plenty, with different
members cars and click off some neat shots. This is a chance to see your car in a great setting. In
choosing a date however, he mentioned that Tuesday is a day that does not work for him.

Activities: Gary Stalker indicated he will not quite be ready for his tech session Saturday the 14th, so
this will be replaced with a tech session at John Felt’s home in Vista. John has a Sprite project
involving the dash and associated wiring. Time 10:00 a.m to 2:00ish. Gary thinks he will be
ready Sat., May 19th.

April 15th will be an “ocean setting” gathering to say an in memoriam “hi” to Pat Linde
who requested that her ashes be spread in the ocean as a symbolic way to keep in contact with all
the various peoples they have met over the years. Chosen beach is Moonlight State Beach in
Encinitas. Gather there at 4:00 p.m.

Healeys On The Green is now scheduled for May 12th. Details discussed included entry fee, T
Shirts, museum passes, and the budget which was posited as around $500.

Regalia: Open position.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry Kwiat,
not in attendance.

As mentioned above, known events will be
mentioned on the detailed activities page.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

John Schermerhorn was the lucky dinner entree
winner.

Meeting adjourned 7.55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary
**New Members from Encinitas**

Get to know our new members joining us this month. They are John and Cecile Abel who live in Encinitas. Here is a photo of them in their beautiful, black Sprite. It is a 1959 “Frogeye” that has a 1275cc engine with a “ribcage” transmission and a few other upgrades, but it is mostly stock. John and Cecile are looking forward to driving with the club.

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However, what happens to all new cars happened to the Healey. It grew. It picked up two more pistons, roll up windows, and even a back seat.

Then, the master seer looked at the landscape again and saw a hole. “Hey, there’s room for a car under all those Healeys, Triumphs, and MGs. Let’s build a simple, sassy little Sprite.” And all us non-millionaire blokes who love driving simply fun cars sing hosanna!

It reminds me of another visionary. Lee Iacocca was at a Chrysler staff meeting and had an idea that convertibles might be making a comeback. He said he wanted a convertible to drive around Detroit to test the public’s response. One of his Veeps said he could have one ready in 6 months. He said, “You don’t understand, get me a car and saw the top off it. I want it this afternoon!” Then and there the Le Baron convertible was born, and the American ragtop rose from the ashes. At least, that’s the urban legend.

Whooeee!
HEALEYS ON THE GREEN 2012

Saturday, May 12, 10:00AM – 3:00PM
Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum
29013 Champagne Blvd, Escondido

REGISTRATION & ORDER FORM

Name(s):_________________________________________________________

Email Address(es):_________________________________________________

Phone Number(s):_________________________________________________

Club Affiliation(s):  ❑ AHCSD ❑ AHASC ❑ AHCA ❑ AHCUSA

Car Show Entry(s):  ❑ AH 100 (BN1/BN2) ❑ AH 100-6 (BN4/BN6) ❑ AH 3000 ROADSTER (BN7/BT7)
 ❑ AH SPRITE (HAN5-9) ❑ Jensen Healey ❑ AH 3000 CONVERTIBLE (BJ7/BJ8)
 ❑ RACE-PREPARED ❑ MODIFIED (NASTY BOY) ❑ OTHER (specify)

Fees: Car Show Entry: $20 per Healey (each entry includes a tee shirt, two pre-paid museum passes, and a raffle entry)

(All attendees must have a museum pass. They’re $8 each ($7 for seniors) at the site.)
Attending without a Healey, or additional pre-paid museum passes: $4 per person

Additional tee shirts: $8 each

___ Healey(s) In Show @ $20 each $________

Tee-Shirt Size(s): Women’s ___S ___M ___L

Men’s ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

___ Additional Pre-paid Museum Passes @ $4 each $________

___ Additional Tee Shirts @ $8 each $________

Size(s): Women’s ___S ___M ___L

Men’s ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Total Enclosed: $________

Please print and complete this form and mail it (or bring it to a Club activity) along with your check, payable to A.H.C.S.D., on or before April 30th to:
Healeys on the Green
c/o Rick Snover
3419 Bancroft St
San Diego, CA 92104

Thanks to Moss Motors for providing our fabulous raffle prizes!
ACTIVITIES
Rick Snover, Chairman, AHCSD Activities Committee

We had a bit of fun in April, with the Tech Session on the 14th moved from the Stalkers’ to the Felts’ (Gary Stalker & I enjoyed John’s hospitality, and actually got a bit of work done on his Sprite’s electrical system.), followed by the Beach Run on the 15th. I hear that both Rolling British Car Day or Motor Cars on Main Street on the 22nd were fun events.

Our big event for May is Healeys on the Green 2012 on Saturday the 12th at Deer Park. This will be a popular choice car show, with trophies for the ‘Best In Class’ in up to nine classes, and a Bring Your Own Everything picnic. (There’s wine tasting, but no food for sale at Deer Park.) If you’re planning to attend, especially if you intend to enter the car show, you should have already mailed in your registration by the time you read this – the deadline’s April 30th. If you’re coming but for some reason you were unable to send it in on time, call or email me immediately so we can include you in our shirt and museum pass purchases. (If you show up and we don’t have a prepaid pass for you, you’ll have to buy one at full price.) We’re also going to need a few volunteers to help with setup, cleanup, counting ballots, etc., plus several folks to take a turn manning the entrance and handing out registration packets. If you’d like to pitch in and help, let me know. I hope to see you all on the Green!

There’s a lot of other activity in May as well, including the Stalkers’ Tech Session that was postponed to May 19th, always an interesting time, and I’m anxious to see how much progress Gary has made on their 100. At the end of May the Association is hosting California Healey Week at Big Bear Lake. It looks like a great Healey weekend; and they’ve extended the early registration discount and hotel rate to May 7th, so visit their website and register today: austin-healey.org/node/4855

We don’t yet have anything of our own on the calendar for June. The Committee has a few possibilities in mind, but nothing firm. If you have an idea for something you think the Club will enjoy, please don’t hesitate to suggest it.

What’s Coming Up?

May 5 & 6 – VARA 17th Annual “British Extravaganza” Vintage Races & Car Show - Buttonwillow Raceway Park (24551 Lerdo Hwy, just off I-5, west of Bakersfield) – vararacing.com
Sunday, May 6, 7:30AM - 1:00PM – Nuts4Cars British Car Day All-British Car Show - Girard Ave between Silverado and Prospect in La Jolla. Registration: $35. A portion of your registration fee will be donated to support the San Diego Police Officers’ Widows & Orphans Fund. Presented by Nuts4Cars – nuts4cars.org/events/ british-car-day

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30PM – AHCSD Monthly Meeting
At Jimmies, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, CA

Saturday, May 12, 10AM-3PM – AHCSD Healeys on the Green 2012 - All-Healey Car Show & BYO Picnic Deer Park Winery & Auto Museum (29013 Champagne Blvd, just off I-15, north of Escondido). The Club may have a limited number of event logo tee shirts available at the show for $8 each. (All attendees must have a Deer Park Auto Museum pass. They’re $8 each ($7 for seniors) from Deer Park. We may have a limited number of prepaid museum passes available at a discount.) Raffle prizes donated by Moss Motors – sdhealey.org/calendar/1205.html#HOTG

Friday, May 18, 2012 – “British Invasion” of Cruisin’ Grand, Downtown Escondido – cruisingrand.com

Saturday, May 19, 10AM-3PM – AHCSD Tech Session – AH 100 Interior Gary & Nancy Stalker’s House (2085 Roberts Place in Escondido)

Sunday, May 20, 9:00AM – Golden Cove All British Cars Coffee Meet - Starbucks Coffee in the Golden Cove Shopping Center (31202 Hawthorne Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verde) – sdhealey.org/calendar/flyers/GoldenCove2%20%20Every%20Month.pdf

May 26-27 – ScotsFest 2012 - Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa – There will be a display of British cars both days. If you want to display your Healey, contact Sandy Watt wwwtrailers@att.net – Presented by United Scottish Society of Southern California – scotsfest.com
‘Flat Stanley’ Visits Coronado

By Bob Humphreys

Flat Stanley was noted in a book as someone who could travel the world easily because he didn’t take up much space. He visited us from Bethlehem, PA and will be returning with photos of his visit.

There were only a few British Sports cars at the show. It did have the first Aston Martin roadster that was found in pieces in India. It has been restored to beautiful condition. The weather was overcast all day, but the show was one of the better in years with over 400 cars present. There were no Healeys in the winner’s circle.
Hi Pat
By Rick Snover

On Sunday, April 15th several members of the Club gathered at Moonlight State Beach in Encinitas to say "Hi" to our late member, Pat Linde.

The weather was fine, and our tri-carb ran well. Allie and I were running a little behind schedule, but found Bob & Sue Farnsworth and their tri-carb down at the beach turn-around, wondering where everybody else was. Turns out, everybody else followed instructions and parked in the parking lot on the hill!

I walked up there and found Lou's 100, the Starks' 3000, and the Schmidts' BJ9, but no people. On my way back down the hill, Howard called and told me they were down at the water's edge, by the lifeguard stand. Lynne brought some flowers, but had to be careful not to get caught throwing them in the water so close to "the Man".

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Rolling British Car Day
by Howard Stark

Off to Rolling British Car Day, where the morning started out with light precipitation along our way, ending up in a beautiful lush setting at the Pauma Valley Country Club. We initially met in a couple separate locations for updated instructions for our journey. Groups gathered from near and far; from LA, Orange County and San Diego for a total of 160 cars, although I heard mention of up to 225 registrants. One of our secondary stops was at a gas station/park area with ONE bathroom. The line was sooooo long you could have sold tickets. Everyone was thinking the same and was fairly good natured about it; but, given some facial expressions, this was a tough place to be!

As we all converged from separate directions, we enjoyed the challenge of meandering our way through the beautiful landscape completing the traditional ‘drive by and wave at one another’ along the way. This was fun! It was one of the great highlights of our ride. Arriving at

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The Scottish Games will be held in Costa Mesa at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 26 & Sunday, May 27), and once again it is planned to have a display of British cars.

Entrance to the ScotsFest is free for the car, driver and one passenger. Mark your calendars and if you will be able to attend, please let me know which day, or days, you can attend, so that I can make sure that we have enough space for our cars.

Entry to the Fairgrounds will be through Gate 8, which is located at the east end of Arlington Drive at the equestrian center. Our display area is located just inside the fence, across from Baja blues and the Grandstand Arena. The cars need to be in place before 9am. We will be on the program both days for a Parade Lap of the main arena at 3:30pm to kick-off the afternoon festivities.

If you have any other questions please contact me, or check out the Games website at http://www.scotsfest.com.

Thanks,
Sandy Watt
wwwtrailers@att.net

We eventually gathered everybody (Bob & Sue, Howard & Lynne, Dick & Jan, Lou & Debbie, and Allie & me) up, finished paying our respects to Pat, then headed over to El Callejon for margaritas & munchies. The Healeys drew a lot of attention parked out front, and the refreshments on the patio were delicious. It did get a little brisk in the open 3000 on the way home at dusk. (I've gotta get that top fitted!)

I'm sure that in the future we'll all think of Pat and pause to say "Hi" again whenever we're at the seaside.
CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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, etc.) where you participate with your Healey. Events need not be listed in the Club’s newsletter to earn points. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the CoTY Recorder, Rick Snover 619-980-4194 ricksnover@earthlink.net) within 30 days after the event. AHCSD 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: 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 multi-day British-themed events 8 pts, other multi-day events 4 pts; other one-day British-themed events 4 pts; other one-day events 2 pts.

Other non-Healey British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award. All points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCSD regalia during the subsequent year. The total point leader at the end of the year will receive the coveted Car of the Year badge for display on their Healey for the following year.

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the final location was splendid. The ride into the resort was lined with British flags to mark our way, and wonderful grounds people sported big smiles. We were many; and the line for food was long, which allowed everyone an opportunity to chat with each other about the cars, the ride, the food and the location. It was a very large gathering, and a fun setting to relax and be merry. The LA and Orange County members commanded a large gathering of Healeys, while Craig and Sue Turner, Bob and Sue Farnsworth and Lynne and I attended from San Diego. Hum, one would have expected a different outcome. Never-the-less, we had a good time. Hope all of you did as well.

NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

Welcome New Members
Paul & Cecile Abel – 1959 Sprite MkI “Bugeye”

May Birthdays

- Bob Kitterer 1
- Angelina Mondragon 2
- Merja Tarakjian 8
- Cathy Newman 10
- John Schermerhorn 16
- John Felt 18
- Joshua Felt 18
- Lex Dunn 19
- Craig Turner 19
- Emmanuelle Abel 22
- John Banales, Jr. 23
- Justin MacLean 23
- Jeffery Galper 27
- Sue Hart 27
- Kevin Roberts 27
- Martha Hess 28

May Anniversaries

- Sue & Bob Farnsworth 5/07/55
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Sunday, August 5 – 21st Annual Automobile Heritage Day Parade & Car Show - Kimball Park (E. 12th Street & "D" Ave. in National City) – Featured Mark: Volkswagon – Presented by National City Chamber of Commerce – nationalcitychamber.org/events/annual-events/automobile-heritage-show

September 15-16 – English Motors At Fairbrook – Tour (Saturday) and Car Show (Sunday) Fairbrook Farm (4949 South Mission Road in Fallbrook) – englishmotorsatfairbrook.org


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**RBCD**

By John Felt

No Matter what era, British cars delight the eyes and the ears. Participating last Sunday, April 22nd, in The Rolling British Car Day Rally with over 250 other British car owners made for a wonderful way to spend the day.

The rally was well organized and just like a good party it had a huge variety of people. At 9am San Marcos was taken over by cars from Jaguar, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Austin Healey, MG, Caterham, Lotus, Triumph, Mini Cooper, Land Rover, Morgan, Delorean, Morris Minor and others.

At 10am the roll out started and the morning fog still laid heavy and low. It was a bit like an early morning drive in England where the exhaust tucked tight under the drivers seat was sufficient to warm us.

The back roads through San Marcos, Vista, Rainbow Canyon and Valley Center allowed us to enjoy many twisties and rollers and the occasional straightaways, where full throttle was employed, were just as fun. One out and back section was exceptionally memorable. We were able to honk and wave at each other just like kids. Even the locals were smiling and waving at the long parade of British cars purring through their canyon road.

The ultimate destination for lunch was the Pauma Valley Country Club. This allowed us about an hour of driving without once driving on a freeway. We were directed to park on the manicured grass and they even had the Land Rover parked on the "hill" and the DMCs parked close to John Delorean's former home.

Thanks to the important efforts of many British car enthusiasts who acknowledge the importance of preserving the heritage of British cars, The Rolling British Car Rally has been a very wonderful event.
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