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**From The Editor:**

It's that time of year again when we gather the final totals and declare who has the "Car of the Year". This year it looks

like it will be Howard Stark. He has parked his BN6 at more events than anyone else, and deserves the award. Congrats Howard and Lynne! At the Holiday party at the Automobile Museum we will present the award and a book with photos of the events of the year as a gift and a reminder of the joy of campaigning your Healey around town all year.

Each year (this is the third year of doing this) I put together a book as a companion to the CotY Award. I also, offer copies of the CotY book for anyone who would like to purchase one. These books are essentially the same with the exception of changing the front and back cover to highlight the car of the buyer. If you order a book, I will personalize it and put your car on the front and back of your book.

The cost of these books is \$60.00. If you want one, contact me no later than **Dec. 5** at: smacktalbert@gmail.com or 619-656-1770.

December Meeting

The December Club meeting will be held at the annual Christmas Party at the San Diego Auto Museum in Balboa Park. December 15, at 11:00 a.m.



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

Membership Information

Membership in the AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO is open to all owners of Austin & Jensen Healey's and to all others who profess an interest in the cars or the purpose of the club. Yearly dues to the AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO are \$30 per household. Visit our web site www.sdhealey.org or contact our Membership Coordinator, Vice President Mike Williams healeymike@earthlink.com for details and an application.

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On the Cover: Howard and Lynne Stark in their 1959 BT7. This is the car that won the 2012 Car of the Year Award

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activities with a especially nice job of bringing back Healeys on the Green...Nicely done Rick !!!



McVeety's are on their way out from snow covered Michigan as we speak or as I write... so it will be fun to see what they bring for a exchange gift !!

Also a fun thing to do is Randy Zoller's wine tour & lunch on the 5th...if you are thinking of joining the tour better let Randy know !!

On another note Pete Smith won his HP-1 race @ Willow Springs Raceway way to go Pete.

Remember no meeting this month so I hope to see everyone at the Holiday Party on the 15th...

Until then Happy Healeying !!

Cheers, Terry

Well the Holidays are in full swing and I would like to take a moment to thank the newest board members for their future work and old board for its work over the last year. Most of the current crew are the same (as usual) with the exception of Rick Snover who did a great job with

So incoming activities charge Bob Farnsworth has his work cut out for him...welcome Bob I'm sure Rick will be happy to give you all his tips that worked so well this last year !!

Well I don't know how anyone else feels about the brunch but Lisa & I enjoyed it very much...it always seems a very comfortable afternoon with good friends. I hope you all agree !!

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to our upcoming Holiday Bash...always a fun one ...the

President's Message:





November 2012 Healey Meeting Minutes

The November 14th meeting was held at Jimmies Family Restaurant 9635 Mission Gorge Rd. Santee. 22 Members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Mike Dolphin, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Bob Humphreys*, Bob Kitterer & Delores McComas, Florinda Peralta, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Rick Snover, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Howard Stark*, Sam Talbert*, Ed Valle*, Warren Voth*, Mike & Delia Williams,

Meeting was called to order at 7.15 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions: A long discussion on AHCA and their annual delegates meeting and an urgent matter they needed a resolution on was brought up by Mike Williams. The subject included dues costs if all our members were to be AHCA members, insurance coverage for our club events and what that coverage consisted of. Mike indicated he would continue to be our clubs delegate unless someone else was interested.

Vice President/ Membership: See General Discussion and New Business for coverage of items discussed.

Secretary: October minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin reported on our current bills and balances. We are holding steady with our totals.

Newsletter: Sam talked a bit on the COTY year book, and indicated that if you want a copy he needs to know by Dec. 8

Activities: The Christmas Party is of course the December Meeting/Activity. Lynne needs to know a headcount for the caterer by Dec. 5th. Terry and Howard (for Lynne) addressed the following items just to make sure we had all the bases covered. 9.30 am. Setup tables, chairs and table items. Terry will bring coolers and CD Player. Udo will serve as Santa, Table at the door personnel covered. Door prizes will be a function of how the budget lasts. Admission price for unexpected attendees to be \$5.00 above respective member / visitor costs.

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: The election of officers.

Per the bylaws, Vice President Mike Williams was responsible for conducting the election. All offices were open and there were no pre-meeting volunteering candidates. This reduced the process to determining if the existing officers would be willing to run again and adding any nominations from the floor. After going through this process, the following people will be your

new slate of officers for 2013:

President: Terry Cowan

Vice President: Mike Williams

Secretary: Dick Schmidt

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin

Newsletter: Sam Talbert

Activities: Rick Snover declining, **Bob Farnsworth** accepted a floor nomination for this position.

WebMaster; Rick Snover will continue on in this position.

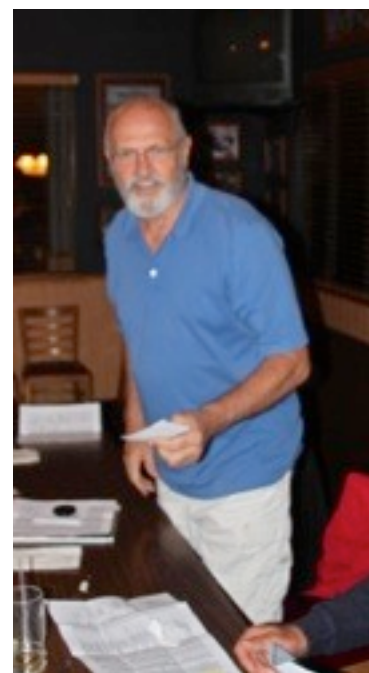
Museum/SD Car Club Council representative: *position not addressed*

Regalia: *position not addressed*

Sam Talbert was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.30 p.m. amid bites of birthday cake for Lisa Mandell. That pesky ol' time of year – again.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Schmidt, secretary





ACTIVITIES

Rick Snover, Chairman, AHCSA Activities Committee

This is my second-to-last column as Chairman of your Activities Committee. I hope you all enjoyed the year, and want to thank the other members of the Committee for their efforts. I look forward to some fun events next under our new Chairman, Bob Farnsworth!

Our **Anniversary Brunch** at Bellefleur was a lot of fun. If you missed it, well, you missed it.

Randy Zoller has announced the details for his annual Cork Inspection Tour, staying in northern San Diego County this year, instead of Temecula:

Meet at the OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY parking lot at 9:30am at the NE corner of I78 and Twin Oaks Valley Rd.

- We will depart at EXACTLY 10am for a scenic drive to our first stop at DEER PARK WINERY.
- Depart Deer Park Winery at 11:20am for BELLE MARIE WINERY
- Depart Belle Marie at approximately 2pm to ORFILA WINERY

Emergency contact Randy Zoller 619 757-0025

1. Our first stop at Deer Park Winery features wine tasting and an exceptional auto and antique museum as well as beautiful grounds. Wine tasting is \$9. Entrance to the museum is \$9.
2. Our second stop is Belle Marie Winery. Wine tasting and lunch is \$30 all inclusive. Upon our arrival at 11:30am we will park in the private lot down below and start the program in the Chateau Wine Cave with a toast of champagne and a brief introduction to the winery and all the features on the campus. We will then walk up to the Winery Barrel Room where we will have a formal seated interactive wine tasting led by the wine makers. After the wine tasting we will be served an Italian buffet lunch including a Caesar salad, a pasta dish and a chicken entrée. Fresh bread, iced tea and water will also be available. You can also purchase a bottle or glass of wine to have with lunch. After lunch we can explore the grounds or do more wine tasting in the Chateau which features wines from local producers who do not have their own tasting rooms.
3. Our final stop will be the popular Orfila Winery which features many superb award-winning wines. Wine tasting is \$10 for six wines.

Please RSVP to trihard2@cox.net as soon as possible as I need to give them a head count. No cancellations accepted. WE WINE RAIN OR SHINE

Our annual **Christmas Party & Gift Exchange** on Saturday, December 15th at the San Diego Automotive Museum is looking good. Udo Putzke has offered to "Santa" the gift exchange. Thanks to the other Committee members for their hard work bringing this together, especially Lynne Stark. See you there!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Sunday, December 2 – Annual Cork Inspection Tour with the Triumph Club – This year's wineries: Deer Park, Belle Marie and Orfila, with lunch at Belle Marie. Let Randy Zoller (trihard2@cox.net) know if you're planning to attend.

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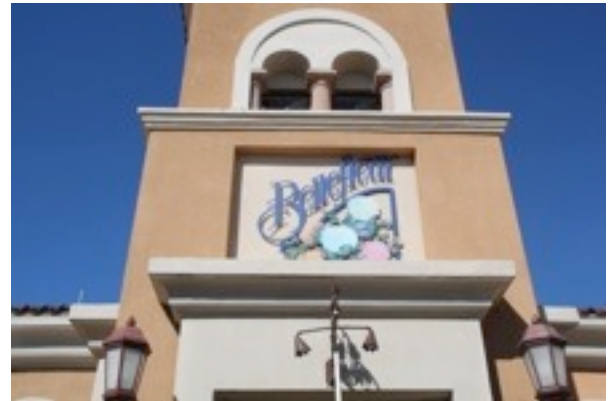


Bellefleur Brunch

November 11 is an important day for many reasons. It marked the end of the first World War, it was named “Armistice Day” then the name was



changed to “Veteran’s Day” and celebrated as a national holiday. More importantly it is my birthday (also Mike William’s). This year it fell on a Sunday and it proved to be the best choice for SDAHC’s annual brunch at Bellefleur, in Carlsbad.



The distance and the fact that I wanted my wife to celebrate with me demanded that Whooooee stay in the garage. So, we ducked out of church early and drove to Carlsbad. We figured that with the flower fields being out of season that it would not be crowded. Boy, were we wrong! The outlet center, where Bellefleur is located, was jam packed. The parking lot was full with cars circling looking for an empty spot. We had three options: Pay for valet parking, park in another lot, maybe as far away as Encinitas or Escondido and hiking back, or circling forever hoping for a miracle. Some of



our group opted for each of these options. We had a miracle (God knew it was my birthday) and found a spot really close to the restaurant.

We settled into our reserved tables and when all arrived, there were 35 Healyphiles enjoying great food and great fellowship. Bellefleur is a monster buffet along the line of what you would find at a major hotel or casino. These restaurants are really dangerous. You can eat yourself into oblivion if you are not careful. They had

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OCTOBER SEMA SHOW IN VEGAS

By Lou Galper

We (me and high school friend Phil) visited the annual SEMA (stands for car parts) show in Vegas last month. What a great time we had seeing all kinds of various USA (mostly) manufacturers' new products, everything from billet radio antennas for early



Mustangs, new reproduction body shell for 1940 Ford coupe, every kind of LED lamp for auto use, to custom piston manufacturers.

We flew in on Wednesday, Oct 31, morning and headed for the convention center. We got an on-the-street parking space about a block away (our first 'win' of the week) and headed toward the center. In the large lot in front, there was a dozen cars drift racing around a makeshift track, surrounded by various exhibits of Meguiar's Polish and others, as well as hundreds of display vehicles. Many Jeep-type custom RV's with 37

inch wheels and custom hotrods, as well as current model cars with upgrades to their wheels and grilles -- similar to what Chip Foose does. Many cars on display were painted a matte type finish of orange, black or blue.

Inside the convention halls (all the halls were full of exhibitors) there was more to see. There was a new type of zinc hammer on display from hammerworksmfg.com. Presented as a no-bounce hammer perfect for knockoffs, it was a 3.8 lb, short handled attractive product. Lead and lead-shot dead blow hammers were said to disintegrate too quickly, so this product was developed. The demo was a threaded bolt sitting on top of an anvil. Hammering on the threads caused no damage to the bolt, and only a small dent in the hammer. I later found out that Healey knockoffs are not hardened steel like the bolt in the demonstration, so it is back to the plastic faced dead blow hammer or soft lead.

Then there was a guy from Reno who had developed a complete system for hard plastic repairs and fabrication, including a rubbery material to create a mold for reproducing the same part multiple times. He had a plastic grille on which he had created a missing tab which affixed permanently to an edge, and a Lucas Bakelite fuse block that he had repaired. This may help in reproducing some of the hard to find Lucas switch parts. The inventor was the previous manager of Harrah's restoration shop during the time they had 2300 cars



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Bugeye Bar-B-Q

I woke up early and rolled down to McDonalds for breakfast and met Bill and John for the drive up to the windmill at Palomar Airport road where the Bugeye Bar-B-Q Tour was to start. We formed a chain of three red Sprites rolling north along interstate 805 dodging 18 wheelers, and other cars on the road bigger than us. (By the way, nothing is smaller than a Sprite except perhaps a Fiat 500, or a Smart car).



We arrived first at the windmill and parked in the shade to wait for others to congregate. By the time John Felt arrived to start the tour we had accumulated a total of 9 Bugeyes and off we went on our tour.



We started out along the beach for a while and after a couple of wrong turns we headed east through the Elfin Forest and some fun 'twisties' and wound up at John Felt's home in Vista. We pulled in on the grass in a long line of frog eyes gazing at the afternoon sun.

John showed his 948 with a brand new



turbo that he is sorting at the moment and Micky Pleasant had an engine set up on a bench and there were even some parts for sale.

Lunch was punctuated by conversations about turbo chargers, huddles around open



bonnets and questions about restoration issues.

Finding your way to John Felt's house is a lot like Bilbo Baggins finding his way through the Mirkwood forest. But leaving was a lot simpler. I just shot straight to the I 15, entered at Deer Springs and blasted straight home to Chula Vista. It was a long day of Healey driving.



WIND CHILL

Cold weather driving is not what we normally experience in Southern California, but even in our “mild” winters, temperatures do sometimes get down to where we need to wear more than the normal shorts and t-shirts. There are times when we have been known to take our cars out when temperatures have been down around freezing. This can feel even colder once we get up to speed, especially when driving in an open car.

The cooling effect of wind on exposed flesh is the wind chill factor, and this can make the air temperature feel up to 30 degrees colder than the actual air temperature. The faster we go in our cars, the colder it feels. This is where we need to dress in our woolies and raccoon coats with fur lined gauntlets and hats, if we want to stay warm on those cold winter days while out enjoying the scenery and Christmas lights in our open cars.

The wind chill index was developed in 1945 and measured how fast heat is removed from your body, and showed the danger of freezing exposed flesh for a properly clothed person. It is only used for temperatures of 40 degrees and below, and for winds up to 40 mile per hour. Winds above 40 mph have little additional cooling effect. We can use this to help determine how cold it will feel in our cars if we use the speed of the car instead of the wind speed.

As we are unlikely to be out in our cars when the temperature is much below freezing, I will only deal with the temperatures of 40, 35, 30 and 25 degrees. The following chart gives the equivalent chill temperatures for speeds up to 40 mph using the 1945 index.

Speed	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
Temperature													
40°F	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	10	10	10	9	9	9
35°F	35	30	20	15	10	10	5	5	2	2	1	1	1
30°F	30	25	15	10	5	0	0	-5	-5	-6	-7	-7	-7
25°F	25	20	10	0	0	-5	-10	-10	-14	-14	-15	-15	-15

This shows that it can feel very cold if we are out at speed in our open cars. However, if you don't want to feel quite this cold, there is a solution. Use the “new” wind chill index. The US National Weather Service and the Meteorologica Canada implemented a replacement temperature index on November 1, 2001, which gives a higher equivalent chill temperature than before. The following chart shows the “new” equivalent chill temperatures for the same speed and temperatures as above, and clearly shows that we won't feel as cold as we did before November 1, 2001

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Humphreys	1
Lilah Felt	5
Christine Brown	7
Susan Virden-Kwiat	10
Kathleen Quillo	14
Paul Abel	17
Sue Farnsworth	22
Carroll Goldsworth	25
Colin Seid	28
Nancy Stalker	30
Lynne Stark	30
Aeint de Boer	31

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sue & Craig Turner	12/01/79
Karen & Carroll Goldsworth	12/17/61
Nancy & Curt Arndt	12/21/84
Virginia & Aeint de Boer	12/17/94
Sue & Steven Hart	12/30/80
Martha & Gale Hess	12/30/56
Jan & Dick Schmidt	12/31/59





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Saturday, December 15th, 11AM – AHCS D Christmas Party & Gift Exchange – San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. Cost is \$30.00 per person for members, or \$40 per person for non-members, in advance. Please contact Lynne Stark (redjag99@sbcglobal.net or 619- 579-7551) if you have any questions, concerns, want to volunteer to help set up/clean up and to RSVP. Please RSVP and send checks /\$ made out to the Austin Healey Club of San Diego or AHCS D to Lynne by Wednesday December 5th. Send to: Lynne Stark, 1164 Benjamin Place, El Cajon, CA 92020.

Sunday, December 16, 9:00AM – Golden Cove All British Cars Coffee Meet

Join other British car enthusiasts for Starbucks and conversation – Starbucks Coffee at Golden Cove Shopping Center, 31202 Hawthorne Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verde. Recommended by: Austin Healey Association of Southern California.

<http://www.sdhealey.org/calendar/flyers/GoldenCove2%20%20Every%20Month.pdf>

Saturday, January 26, 9:00AM – Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye – The Triumph Club has announced some preliminary info: “We plan to stage the rally at the car park at the south end of the Carlsbad Premium Outlet Mall (near the Flower Fields.) Time is set for 9:00 AM with drivers meeting at 9:30 and first car out at 9:45. I hope this works for everyone. Further details will be forthcoming.”

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everything from omelets to oysters to prime rib and everything in between. Once Janiece went to fill her



plate again and did not come back for a long time. I was about to declare her missing and send out a search and rescue party.

She had found another room full of food we didn't even know about.

Soon the food parade began to wane but the conversations continued unabated. After Terry and Lisa collected all the money folks began to stagger to their cars. The outlet mall was open and full of bargains but most were too full to care. We just made our way home and plopped on the couch to watch the Chargers lose again.

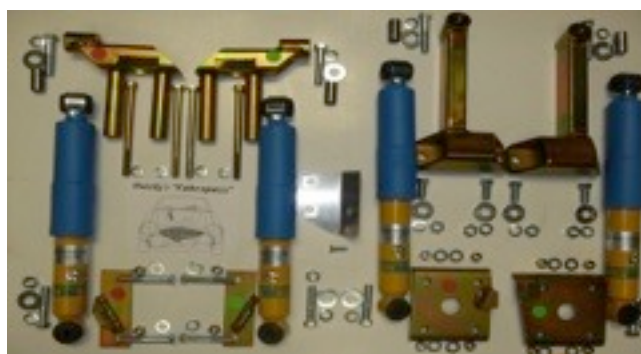




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Final 2012 CotY Standings

(as of 11/20/2012)

Congratulations to Howard & Lynne Stark, 2012 Car of the Year Award Winners

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	146	Davies, R&S	AH 100 BN2	16
Farnsworth, B&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	84	Felt, J&L	AH Sprite AN5	16
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	84	Dolphin, M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	14
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	74	Schmidt, MJ	AH Sprite Mk V?	14
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	72	Cacciatore, C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	12
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	66	Galper, L	MGB	10
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	62	Hart, S	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	52	Hess, G&M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Kwiat, G&S	AH 100-6 BN4	40	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	10
Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	34	Stark, H&L	Jaguar conv.	9
Tabachki, N&N	AH 100-6 BN6	34	Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH Sprite AN5 Spedwell	8
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	30	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	8
McVeety, J&K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	28	Grundies, D&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Williams, M&D	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	28	McGee, J	AH 100 BN2	8
Leon, S&L	AH Sprite AN5	26	Turner, C&S	Aston-Martin	8
Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	26	Kirby, S&D	MG	7
Durham, D	Hot Wheels Healey	24	Sharp, C&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Healey	24	Arndt, C&N	AH Sprite AN5	4
Linde, C	AH 100 BN2	24	Galper, L	Jaguar Mk II	4
McHarris, G	AH 100 BN2	24	Hoss, D&D	Sebring 3000	4
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	22	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	22	Schmidt, D&J	AH 100-6 BN6	4
Pleasant, M	AH Sprite (Modified)	22	Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	4
Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	21	Washburn, A&B	AH Sprite AN5	4
McCrae, M & Karen S	AH 100-6 BN4	20	Watt, S&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	20	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	2
Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	18	Pendleton, J&L	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	2
Abel, P	AH Sprite AN5	16	Turner, C&S	Jaguar 3.8S	2
Davies, R&S	AH 100 BN2 (Modified)	16			



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30°F	30	25	21	19	17	16	15	14	13	12	12	10	10
25°F	25	19	15	13	11	11	9	8	7	4	4	4	3

My personal feelings are that regardless of which chart is used, it is still %#&@ cold when we out motoring in our open cars and we need to dress appropriately to stay warm now that it isn't looked on too kindly by the CHP to rely on that old hip flask to take the chill out.

If you are listening to the weather forecast before you go out on that tour, remember, the wind chill equivalent they are going to give is the new one and is warmer than it used to be.

Sandy Watt

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in the collection.

I spoke to the people at the Pertronix booth, where was staffed with the technicians, not the sales staff. I was told the basic Pertronix unit would work with virtually any coil, and that it was polarity sensitive only in that it needed correct polarity to work, but it would not vaporize or burn up if hooked up backwards. The Ignitor II and III need the matched Pertronix coils to function correctly. I passed by one booth which had an MGB on their banner, so I stopped. The company from New York makes carpet sets for sports cars, including square body Sprites, selling to Victoria British.

3M had a booth showing their latest vehicle wrap product. Originally this product was for advertising graphics of trucks, etc. Now, you can use this stuff to

change the color of a car! There was a Fisker (we got to test drive a Fisker also) that had been changed from white to orange in the matter of a few hours. It is warranted to last 3 years, and can be removed by applying heat. There is a training program that is available to become certified for applying the product, but the sales engineer felt that the flat sides of an Austin Healey could probably be covered by a novice. Now you can try out different colors on the sides of the big Healey, many colors from carbon fiber black to chrome.

After 3 days walking around the convention center and Fremont Street on Halloween, we rented a car and headed to Hoover Dam, which was also very cool. I recommend this show, as well as Hoover Dam next year.



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