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**From The Editor:**

It's a new year and I need a new garage. I have drooled over pictures of garages all laid out with all the up-to-date equipment. But

that is not ever going to be possible on my budget. For me the garage needs to meet three goals: 1. House cars. I think I am the only one on my street to put all



of my cars in the garage. 2. Store stuff. My wife is continually setting old furniture, knick-knacks, etc. in the garage to "get them out of the house." 3. Provide a place to work on cars.

I come from a long line of "shade tree mechanics." In fact, my first experience overhauling an engine was done under a shade tree. Therefore, my

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**February Meeting****AHCSD MONTHLY MEETING**

**Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM**

at Jimmy's Family Restaurant, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd in Santee.



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**President's Message:**

*Hey there everyone....*

We are now well into 2013 and our first big get together is coming up this weekend...Superbowl Party !!

Guys don't forget your Chili,,and Gals your favorite dish, the festivities start around 1 PM at our place...the weather forecast looks a bit gloomy so you might want to bring a coat just in case. We were hoping to have our new flooring in by kickoff but it has gotten a bit complicated. Lisa saw the tile my brother had installed in his house and we have been looking ever since for something similar and I would rather do it right one time. We will have the gas stubbed out and have picked our new Dacor cooktop and are re-designing the shape of the island so we can seat more folks and have a larger cooking area...since most of the action takes place in the kitchen it will be Mo Betta !!

Other good news Dewey won HP-1 VARA Championship 2012, and we were both invited to run in the Wine Country Classic 16-19 May @ Sonoma Raceway Park (my home track)...its been a very long time. I'm really looking forward to it...it'll be a fun family affair and if you want to make your way up to the wine country please join us !!

Also in case you missed the BBBC it has been moved to February 9th same time, same channel !!

Looking forward to seeing everyone for Superbowl and our monthly meeting will be @ Jimmys in Santee 6:30 PM Feb 13 !!

See you there if we don't see you @ our house.

Cheers, Terry





### January 2013 Healey Meeting Minutes

The January 9th meeting was held at Jimmies Family Restaurant 9635 Mission Gorge Rd. Santee

*24 Members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys\*, other British~.*

Norm Brewer\*, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Deborah Durham, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper~, John McVeety, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Mary Jane Schmidt\* & friend Heidi Mae Card, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark\*, Sam Talbert\*, Craig & Sue Turner, Ed Valle\*, Sandy & Sandy Watt, Delia Williams,

*Meeting was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.*

**General Discussions:** Terry told us of a request by Club USA for a copy of our club roster so they could send out membership requests (as Club of America does). He nixed the request knowing several of our club members would not like their info given out.

There was discussion of the announcement in the January 2013 Healey Hearsay of vintage California License plates from the 50's, 60's and 70's being available as vanity plates.

There was lots of interest and questions as not too much is known of this program so far. For more info try DMV.gov.

VARA race car school will be held January 12th and 13th and Terry will again be a featured instructor.

**Vice President/ Membership:** Mike Williams not in attendance.

**Secretary:** Dick Schmidt not in attendance, Lynne Stark filling in.

**Treasurer:** Mike Dolphin not in attendance.

**Newsletter:** Sam said he would be unable to attend Hawk Watch or the Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye and asked for volunteers to write articles and take pictures for the newsletter.

**Activities:** Bob Farnsworth asked the members for ideas and inputs for activities. Club activity for January will be the Hawk Watch in Ramona on Sat. the 19th and then a drive to Wynola for pizza afterwards.

Also discussed was a visit to the shop Hot Rods and Custom Stuff in Escondido as they are doing some work on his hard top. Randy, the owner, is willing to do a seminar/tech session on paint and afterwards we can possibly grab a lunch at the Crab Cafe around the corner.

The Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye is scheduled for Jan 26th in North County.

Coming up is the Super Bowl party and men's chili cookoff Feb 3 at Terry and Lisa's. Please bring a potluck side dish and dessert.

*Please refer to the dedicated activities page for correct dates and times of all upcoming events.*

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

**Old Business:** Lynne provided a rundown of the Holiday Party final costs. Also mentioned that several members are in the process of taking care of or recovering from health issues.

**New Business:** None

*Sandy Watt was the lucky dinner entrée winner.*

**Meeting adjourned 8.06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Stark for  
Dick Schmidt, secretary



**ACTIVITIES:**

As announced at the 9 January Club Meeting, the Wildlife Research Institute (WRI) is hosting Hawk Watch again this year during January and February at the Ramona Grasslands each Saturday from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Since time is closing in, it was agreed to take the first opportunity which is 19 January. Nine members gathered at WRI Headquarters, Highland Valley Road in Ramona with 5 British cars :

Bob and Sue Farnsworth- BT7,  
Lou Galper and Debbie Durham- BN1,  
Chic Linde,  
Udo and Gisela Putzke,  
Mary Jane Schmidt and Heidi- AN9,  
Lynne and Howard Stark-BT7,  
Alex and Sandy Watt- Aston Martin DB4

plus Rick and Donna Farnsworth and about 350 other folks from all over the U.S. and Canada.

Weather was perfect. Mild temperature, blue skies and plenty of birds. We saw Golden Hawks, Ferruginous Hawks, Coopers Hawks, White and Red Tailed Hawks, Red Shouldered Hawks and several large flock of Ducks and Canada Geese. After the program part of us drove to Wynola Pizza Express for wood fired pizza and sandwiches where Lynne and Howard Stark caught up with us. From Wynola, we headed back down the hill and made a stop at Julian Pie Co. and Dudley's in Santa Ysabel. In Ramona, Lou and Debbie, Lynne and Howard and Sue and I toured Putzke's ranch which is going through a complete frame-up renovation. Impressive. From here everyone went off in different directions, thus ending a very nice day of doing what we do best, eating and driving our British cars with good friends.

**Other events coming up soon:**

Sunday, February 3, 1:00 PM - Super Bowl Party and Men's Chili Cook-off hosted by Terry Cowan and Lisa Mandell, 4028 Bardaguera Place, Bonita. This is our annual Supper Bowl Party and Chili Cook-off so gentlemen bring your finest chilies and ladies bring some sides and/or deserts. If you wish to bring other drinks, do so. Club will provide soft drinks.

Watch for a tour and tech session In February or early March at Hot Rods and Custom Stuff. This is, as you can guess a shop which builds and repairs all sorts of custom show quality cars and hot rods. The shop owner, Randy Clark and his crew have been helping with renovation of a factory hardtop for my Mark II-BT7. Randy will give us a tour of the shop where they are working on 30 to 40 hot rods and custom cars and will also have a tech session on auto painting. The shop is located in Escondido on Auto Park Way. I should have more details, date and agenda by next meeting, looking at 9 February. I am sure you will find this interesting and informative.

Bob Kitterer has suggested '**Grand Tradition**' located in central Fallbrook which will be a good drive, lunch and walk in the gardens. It is about 17 acres with a large mansion, restaurant, gardens and plenty of parking. The Terrace Restaurant will seat about 35 people and can be reserved. In fact they only seat by reservation. This is a private funded garden which is often closed for weddings or other

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## WANTED: RECIPES!

Clank, clank, clank, can you hear the spoon hitting the mixing bowl? It's a call out to all of you to open that recipe box and pull out a few cards to share...

The Healey Club loves to EAT! Whether it is at our famous Super Bowl chili cook-off, the tasty appetizers that often start a party or the yummy desserts to finish things off, the culinary talents within our group is very apparent. In this an idea was born! Perhaps what is needed is a collection of these yummy delights pulled together for sharing. The creation of an **Austin Healey Club of San Diego Cookbook!**

Are you interested in picking up your whisk and ladle and sharing some of your fun recipes? If so, we'd like to start with gathering as many recipes from our group as you're willing to offer. All recipes are welcome and can be your own recipes that you have personally come up with, pulled from a favorite cookbook, or perhaps tasty favorites you have from your family and friends! Just let us know a few things about it, for example:

- Source
- Category you think it best fits
- Maybe any fun trivia about it, like how you came up with it, or where were you introduced to it.

Here are some of our original ideas for categorizing the recipes:

- Appetizers and Snacks
- Bread and Breakfast
- Cruising or Road Food
- Salads and Vegetables
- Main Courses
- Stews and Soups
- Cocktails and other Beverages
- Desserts



These recipes along with some interesting or fun trivia to accompany it can be submitted by email to [lisa.mandell14@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.mandell14@gmail.com). A photocopied version is fine too! We are still brainstorming the layout of our Healey Club Cookbook so your ideas are welcome! And please, if anyone is interested in being on the 'Cookbook Committee', please let us know.



Allie Snover and Lisa Mandell



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mechanic gene is erratic and scattered. My tool collection began with an inheritance from my dad and continued to grow as my greasy fingers and sweat filled frustration demanded a trip to Sears for some sort of solution. Hence, my tool box became piled with a multitude of mismatched hardware. Sometimes it was easier to go buy another wrench than try to find one in the pile.

Seeing so many other guys setup, I began to feel the need to upgrade. I scanned the internet for affordable tool chests and up popped a Harbor Freight parking lot sale and an 11 drawer box that I could afford. I snapped that baby up quick before the sale ended. Then my wife came home with a notice of an estate sale she heard about in her quilt class, of all places. There I found a treasure trove of drawer organizers.

That inspired me. I sorted all my tools finding that I have duplications all over the place. I have at least four sets of quarter inch drive sockets. None the less, I am convinced



my next problem will necessitate a wrench I do not have. At least now I have a place to put it.

I know all of this is meaningless drivel to most of you, but it is an exciting accomplishment to a left-handed scatterbrain like me. Isn't it interesting how God made so many different characters, and so many of them drive Healeys.

## **Rescheduled**

### ***Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye***



Wow....did it rain! We "promise" it won't rain on Feb 9th!!!

Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye  
Presented by the Triumph Sports Car Club  
of San Diego

Rescheduled to: February 9th

Meet at 9:00am  
Carlsbad Premium Outlet Mall  
(South end by the Flower Fields)

Drivers meeting: 9:30am  
1st car out: 9:45am  
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(This does not obligate or exclude you. We would like a rough idea of participants for restaurant reservations.)

## WHAT COLOR IS THE GAS PUMP HANDLE?

The decision to write an article on the color of gasoline pump handles is as a result of a situation I was in that almost caused a major problem with a rental car while in Britain. Now that more diesel trucks and cars are being sold in the US it is something we need to keep in mind.

I realize that this is going to sound like an introduction to a horror story, especially since this occurred less than 50 miles from where Mary Shelley got the idea for her famous novel “Frankenstein”. It was not the best weather conditions and it was late in the evening, and to top things off I was in a hurry to get back to the house where I could settle in for the night. There were gale force winds coming from the north, directly off the sea, the rain was being blown sideways and the temperature was in the mid thirties when I pulled into the filling station to fill up the car, and the only thing that prevented visions of the monster Frankenstein from appearing were the lights of Buckie in the distance. There was no shelter from the wind at the pumps, and the canopies were useless to keep the wind blown rain at bay. In my rush to get the car filled, and to get back into the warmth of the car, I jumped out of the car, grabbed the black pump handle out of habit, and proceeded to try and insert the nozzle into the petrol filler. The nozzle wouldn’t fit, and it took a couple of minutes in the cold and wet trying to get the nozzle inserted before I realized the problem. The nozzle was too big to fit into the fuel restricter hole. But it had to be the right hose as I always use the black nozzle at home, why wouldn’t it fit. I had filled up at this station before and hadn’t had any problems. Then I decided to doublecheck the pump, and to my surprise I



noticed that in my rush to get the car filled and get out of the weather I had grabbed the wrong nozzle. I had grabbed the Diesel hose and was trying to fill the tank with the wrong fuel. Luckily I hadn’t tripped the trigger, so no harm was done. The problem occurred due to the fact that the pump I was filling the car from had two hoses. One Green and the other black. This got

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### ACTIVITIES

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special events so advance reservations should be done particularly for a larger group. There is an entrance fee which for a group we should be able to get it set at \$5 per person. They will do about anything we want for lunch and the price will reflect the menu. The Terrace menu averages about \$15 give or take. They do have a "standard" box lunch for \$12 which includes a sandwich, side dish and a non-alcohol drink. They do have a bar in the Mansion and are building a wine tasting area. We can discuss this at next meeting.

Other things to talk about are **Healeys on the Green**, an outing to **Borrego** for wild flowers, **Ramona Winery** tour.

Bob Farnsworth

### Gas Pump Handle *Continued from Page 8*

me to thinking as to how easy it would be to get the wrong fuel if you just grab the hose without really looking to see what type of fuel that particular hose dispenses.

Gas pumps have different colored handles that denote the type and grade of the fuel dispensed from that particular nozzle.. In the US, multiple fuel nozzles are usually black, and green nozzles are diesel. In Britain, green nozzles are for unleaded, and black for diesel, the opposite of the US.

If I had filled the rental car with diesel, it could have been fixed, but would have meant draining the fuel tank, purging the fuel lines, and overhauling the fuel injection system, a rather expensive proposition. If it had been the other way around and I had filled a diesel rental with gasoline and then started the engine, it would have meant a complete engine rebuild. The solution is to check before you pump and don't



just grab a particular colour nozzle handle out of habit as gasoline nozzles will fit inside the diesel filler pipes.

Sandy Watt



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# TOY SHOP/BRITISH SPEEDWELL RACING

*Racing Season Event Dates*

University Of VARA @ Buttonwillow Raceway Park **Jan 12-13 2013**

This is a Racing / Performance Driving School & Test and Tune Event... No Racing

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SVRA West

@ Willow Springs Intl Raceway **March 15-17**

VARA

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SVRA West

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Reunion **Aug 15-18**

VARA

@ Buttonwillow Raceway Park

Oktoberfest **Sept 7-8**

\* HMSA

@ NAS North Island

Speedfest, Coronado **Sept 20-22**

\* VARA

Pahrump. Las Vegas **Oct 11-13**

VARA

@ Willow Springs Intl Raceway

Big Bore Bash **Nov 1-3**

\* SVRA West

@ Chuckwalla Raceway / Palm Springs **Nov 22-24**

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# Car of the Year Award

In an effort 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) 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, Rick Snover (619-980-4194 or ricksnover@earthlink.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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(as of 1/20/2013)

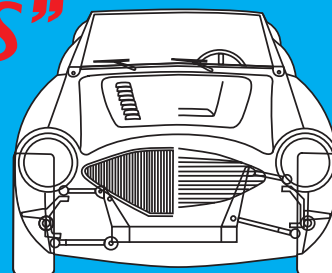
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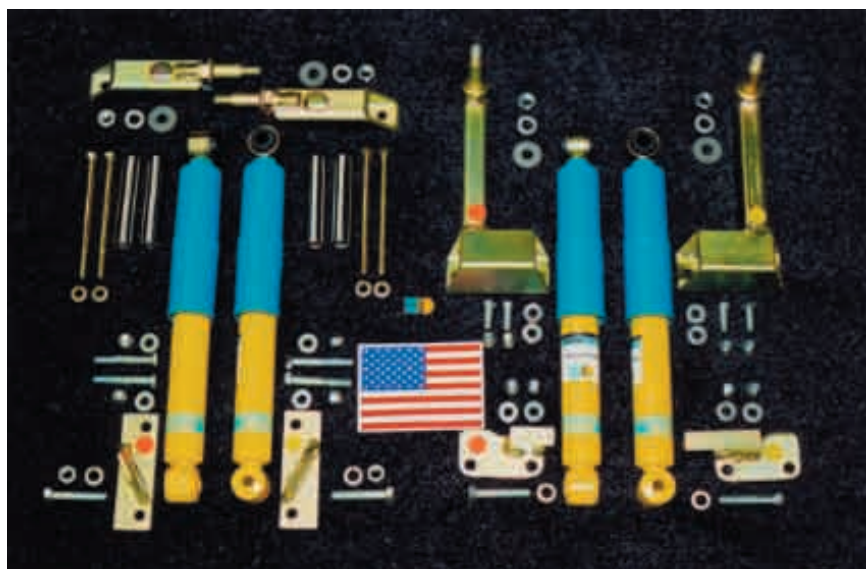
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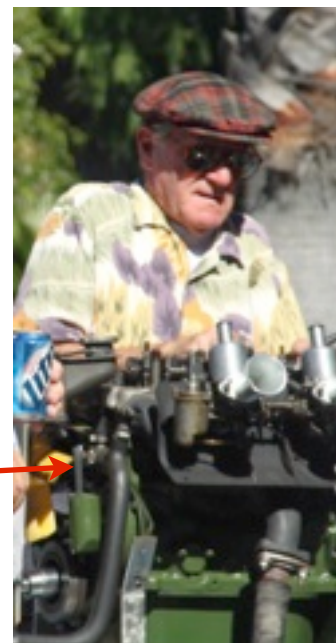


## Welcome New Members

Gerry Paquette & Jeanne Conroy – 1955 100 BN1  
“Welcome Back” Claire Coombs – 1967 Sprite Mk IV AN9

## February Birthdays

Terry Cowan	4
Mike MacLean	4
Jeanne Deringer	10
Diane Kirby	10
Mickey Pleasant	11
Staley Banales	12
Janiece Talbert	12
George McHarris	18
Arthur Quillo	20
John McVeety	24
LeRae Phillips	24
Debbie Durham	28



## February Anniversaries

Neil & Nancy Tabachki  
2/25/95



*Editor's Note: I'm sorry I do not have photos of everyone to post on their birthday month. I'm working on it.*



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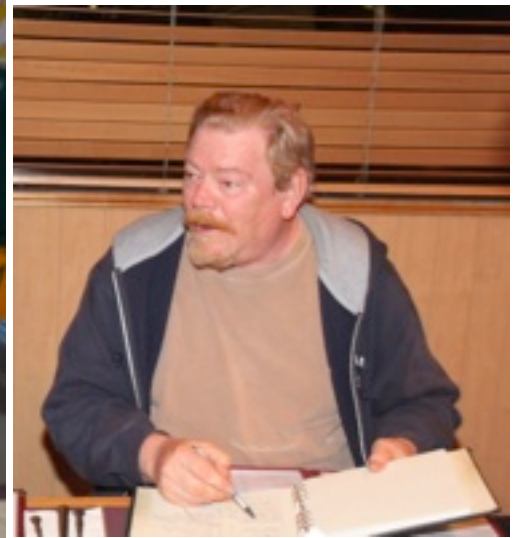


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