

HEALEY HEARSAY

Official Publication of the

Austin-Healey

Club of San Diego





From The Editor:



I bought a new toy the other day. It is a 'digitizer'. I can now copy all of my old slides and photos onto my computer.

In the process I found a couple of photos of the day I brought



Whooeee home for the first time. I bought it for my son with the idea of building it for him to drive. Seeing



those photos, I am amazed that we didn't just drop it off at the junk yard.

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April Meeting

AHCSD MONTHLY MEETING Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 pm

at Jimmies Family Restaurant, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd. in Santee



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ON THE COVER: Lou Galper in his 1955 100 BN1 at the entrance of Seaport Village on the bay front in San Diego.

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President's Message:







Hey There Healey Folks... We Are Scotland Bound!

Well, I'm sure most everyone knows that Lisa and I lucked into the final spot in Ed Newmeyer's container full of Healey's heading to Scotland... and then filling that spot with my Black and Red two owner 1965 BJ-8...a car which has been slumbering since 1997 with the exception of

loaning John Nikas my original engine so he could compete in the last couple

of races with VARA in 2011 to win the D Prod Championship...it, like a cobblers kid, waited patiently for its time in the sun and that time is finally here.

Obviously I have

had many, many Healey adventures over the years...many good...some not so good...but I have yet to break in a newly assembled Healey or anything else in a different country... currently the farthest it has



traveled was out to the Starks & back...however it ran well, but only after making us install another "NEW" water pump; this only after the radiator, fan, and generator had been installed. But at least it did that when I could still order another pump from Moss and get it the next day. That was Thursday the



21st...keeping in mind the ship date has now been moved up again from the 30th of May to Monday 25th ... of May. That's up from what I thought originally was going to be the second week in April...so I was freaking out at the 30th...forget the 25th Yikes !!!

So, then on Friday evening, the 22nd, Lisa was visiting the shop and I wanted to show it off a little bit. I turn the key and CLICK....again...click...again...click...To Be Continued!!

OK... I was talking to Peter Roses and Mike Scroggie (Their cars were ready on the 25th) and they were asking who

was going to CHW April 12-14th in Santa Barbara...so I am passing on the question...Lisa and I have a bunch on our plate so we may be able to visit on Saturday but we need to be back in SD for Sunday because of another commitment

Also we have our tech session here @ the shop for Mary Jane on the 20th of April...other than that... its back to Jimmy's on 10 April 6:30 PM... See you then.



March 2013 Healey Meeting Minutes

The March 13th meeting was held at Jimmies Family Restaurant 9635 Mission Gorge Rd. Santee 25 Members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

Norm Brewer*, Terry Cowan, Mike Dolphin & Mike jr., Deborah Durham, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper*, Ed Matheus, Doc McAllister, John McVeety, Jody Morgan, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover~, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark*, Sam Talbert*. Ed Valle*

Meeting was called to order at 7.05 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions: Many topics:

Something affecting all the clubs in the British Car Day event in October is the news that the Port Authority has decided that we may no longer use Liberty Station. Embarcadero North is a potential new spot and will be where the Car Club Council will attempt to secure for the event.

There may possibly be short disruption of our near term club events after April as the "4th European Healey Meeting" is being organized by the UK Austin Healey Club to happen in Crieff Scotland during the last of May to early June. We have some club members planning on taking cars which need to ship at the end of this month around the 25 th or so and so hopefully everything can get crammed together.

Well – seems like the McVeetys' just got here and apparently times up, so they are packing for back east. Enjoyed their company and wish them a good trip back.

Howard and Lynne Stark again attended the Yuma Arizona "Midnight at the Oasis" event which this year drew about 1000 participents. This has banquets, bands, parades and a lot of cool cars though not very many British. It's a long drive, but the price for three days of car/party is pretty cheap. Maybe give it a thought. Registration may be early, if interested, contact Starks now for info.

Vice President/ Membership: Mike Williams not in attendance. No other info on current count.

Secretary: Approval called for on last months minutes. They were.

Health? A bit more visual improvement.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin indicated that the treasury had rallied a bit. Still quite a few outstanding memberships however.

Newsletter: Sam again brought up the need for articles, pictures and a new additional request initiated by Lisa and Allie who want to start a cookbook of neat recipes. They will first be published here and then find their way into an appropriate kitchen format.

Activities: This month we will apparently have our chance at joining in a couple of events. Saturday April 6th has been chosen as our day to look at the Borago desert flowers and metal sculpturing. We will gather at the Ramona Grill with a leaving time of 10.30 a.m. There will be a Dudleys stop for whatever, so any stragglers can catch the group there.

The second event will be a reschedule of Mary Jane Schmidts tech session to the 20th of April. Should be the same set of particulars as the original schedule.

As always, 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: None New Business: None

Ed Matheus was the lucky dinner entrée winner.

Meeting adjourned 7.40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Dick Schmidt, secretary





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Boy was it a mess. It didn't run, it needed everything (as you can see in the photos). Fortunately, Sprites are so simple that even a 'shade tree idiot' like me can figure them out and get them running. Moss Motors and the Healey Store (now defunct) in Reseda ponied up all the missing parts we needed and a friend at church had a body shop and painted it.

Jon drove it until his daughter arrived and he needed something more family oriented and he couldn't afford to keep two cars, so Whooeee came home to me.



An episode when the transmission locked in reverse and forced a drive across Santa Ana in reverse prompted an upgraded transmission. From there I decided to make my more drivable. When I asked about more power

those who know said the cheapest way was to get a 1275cc engine.



Then came a Datsun 5

speed tranny and a cool paint job in El Cajon. So, Whooeee is as it is now. However, there must be more ways to tweak my ride, I'll keep looking.

ACTIVITIES

by Bob Farnsworth

Due to rain (yet again) the tech session for Mary Jane Schmidt's Sprite scheduled for March 9th has been moved to April 20th. Turns out, March was not an active Healey month, April looks much better. Desert wild flowers are reported to reach their peak in late March and early April so we have scheduled this for the first Saturday in April. There was a good interview with Kate Harper, a botanist in Borrego Springs in the Monday, March 18th UT on page one. If you get a chance, look it up. Nice pictures of flowers you might see on our drive. I spoke with Denis Unsinger, a Borrego Springs resident and friend of our son, Rick who said things are starting to come alive. He is arranging with some of his friends for talks about the area.

We will meet at the Ramona Valley Grill (formally Sizzler) between 3rd and 4th streets in Ramona and leave at 10:30 am, 6 April 2013. From there we will take Old Julian Hwy to Santa Ysabel, 79 to S2, S22 through Ranchita and down to Borrego Springs. Lunch at The Red Ocotillo, 2220 Hoberg Road. After lunch we will go to the Anza Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center where Denis has arranged with some of his friends to talks about the Borrego area. From there we will head out to find some flowers.

We will try to have a tech session for Mary

Jane Schmidt at Terry's house on Saturday, 20 April.

Still working on Healeys on the Green at Deer



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Park Winery. Mid May or mid June are available. Need some help getting things organized. Also, a visit to Grand Traditions in Fallbrook?

What's Coming Up?

April 6th

Wild Flowers at Borrego Springs. Meet at The Ramona Valley Grill (formally Sizzler) about 10:00 am, leave at 10:30.

April 12th-14th

California Healey Week, Ramada Limited, 4770 Calle Real Santa Barbara, CA. Register by March 29th. *If you are going, give me a call*. Several of us will be caravanning.

April 20th

Tech Session for Mary Jane Schmidt's Sprite a The Toy Shop, 4028 Bardaguera Place, Bonita CA 91902, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

April 28th

Motor Cars on Main Street 2013, Coronado Limited to pre '73 Rods, Customs, Classics an Trucks. Judging will be compiled on a 75 poir system divided between 1) Paint & Body; 2) Interior; and 3) Engine. Entrance Fee, \$35 per vehicle before April 21st. (Includes one T-Shirt two drawing tickets and dash plaque.)
Register at www.coronadomainstreet.com/

June 23rd-28th

Conclave Charlevoix 2013 Annual National Austin Healey meet. Manoir Richelieu, Charlevoix, Quebec Canada. http://www.conclavecharlevoix.org/. Presented by: Le Club Austin Healey du Quebec. http://www.austinhealeyquebec.com/

June 24th -28th

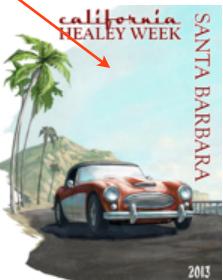
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Presented by: Golden Gate Austin Healey Club http://www.rendezvous2013.com/. Start planning for this, it will be fantastic, register by March 29th.

August 4th

The 22nd Annual National City Automobile Heritage Day. Parade starts at Wal-Mart 1200 Highland Ave, 8:00am. Show at Kimball Park, 9:00am. Entrance Fee \$30 by July 15th. All entries must have operational fire extinguisher.

Entries confirmed by email or by phone at 619-477-9339; www.luna@nationalcitychamber.org/



The Austin-Healey Association of Southern California is proud to announce that its annual California Healey Week will be held in scenic Santa Barbara. Come join us for a fun filled three days of Healey events in the scenic surroundings of Santa Barbara.

In addition to the planned events, other optional attractions are also available, including the Santa Barbara Trolley, Santa Barbara Mission, whale watching, wine tasting and vineyard tours, and much more.



MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS

This year Lynne and I were the only Healey enthusiasts to attend from San Diego. We attended the event along with friends from the Loner car club who pull together a group of folks with pre 1972 classic and restored cars. This car show takes place in Yuma Arizona and is held at the Desert Sun Stadium in the Ray Kroc Complex where the Padres used to meet for preseason practice. The venue is huge and activities span over three days with many diversions to keep you involved in fun and enjoyable activities that help you to carry that ear to ear smile all weekend. Its low key and a blast.

We arrived a day early to be rested for the following days, however the first night you are enticed by the group to enjoy barbeque, beverages and alcohol and camaraderie at the Best Western Plus where we all obtain group rates and other benefits as a group. On Friday we



head over to the venue and obtain our registration and weekend passes to this three day event. Lynne and I like

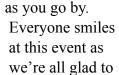


to participate in the Poker run after registration, however our two pair hand didn't make the grade for an award. The drive took us all around Yuma to designated places to pick our next

card. This year the tour

went through old Yuma

which included the downtown quarter, an old two lane historic bridge and several other older sites. After the Poker rally the entire town prepares for a parade of all the cars through the city to the the complex. People are lined up for miles along the parade route to enjoy a close look at the parade of cars and wave







be here. Once in the fairgrounds complex the evening meal is served in a huge hall adjacent to the car area. Typically a Chicken dinner is served the first night. This is served to registrants along will beverages and accompaniments. A lot of volunteers are there to help make this an easy time. We had unlimited entrance, dinner on Friday night, lunch on Saturday and an

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2013 promises to be a very fun year for us!

Sunday, April 21st is the date for our 18th annual Rolling British Car Day! Meet at 9am, Drive at 10am 2 Starts:

North County: Escondido Promenade Shopping Center - Near Target and Starbucks *Center City:* Mission Valley Center Shopping Center - Near Target and The Corner Bakery \$10 Rally Pack: Includes Directions, Rally Sticker and covers the cost of insurance, printing, etc.



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awards breakfast banquet on Sunday . Included with registration is entrance to the Friday and Saturday evening

and Beer gardens and vendors.
After meals we meander over to the vendor



displays and checked out what it is we must have while waiting for the first of three bands playing this evening.

The weather is usually perfect at this time of year. The famous TRI Tip lunch is served around noon on Saturday during the car show. There are so many cars to see that there is never enough time to see them all, even over two days; especially when you are showing your car. This is a great time coupled with many activities and meals at the venue. Your passes are for you and your spouse/ significant other. two show days to display your car and meet and greet other enthusiasts who attend this event. We had so many people speak with us about our car as they remember theirs or when they drove in one years ago or wished they still had one. It seems everyone has a Healey story to tell. We only found six British cars at this meet that we came across while walking around.

The first evening of live music there usually are 2-3 bands and 2 bands the second night. Music selections played are from the 60's through the 90's so there is something for everyone to enjoy. Several of our club members have attended this event in the past. This show is now in it's 22 consecutive year.

As the distance isn't too great maybe more Healey folks would like to attend this event. Registration should be completed before the end of April for next year. Those interested in attending should be prepared to discuss this at the next Healey meeting. Registration is \$85 for 2014.



With reference to the pink Sprite in last month's Hearsay, it was purchased originally by Dr. Jonas Salk who discovered the first vaccine for polio. It was then bought and raced by Donna Mae Mims, the 'Pink Lady" of SCCA where she won a class championship in 1963. It turned up again on Ebay and was purchased and restored by Jeff Moore and now lives in Missouri.



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Arthur & Kathleen Quillo 4/30/88



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Cruise night season is coming up soon.

Cruisin' Grand in Escondido kicks-of on Friday, April 5th:

http://www.cruisingrand.com/calendar.php



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. 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 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.

CURRENT 2013 COTY STANDINGS

(as of 3/20/2013)

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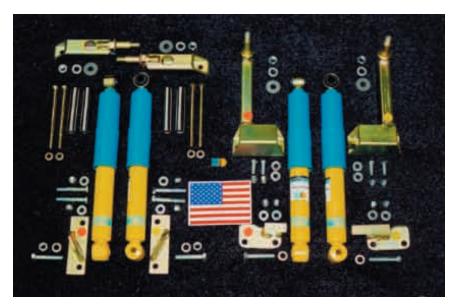
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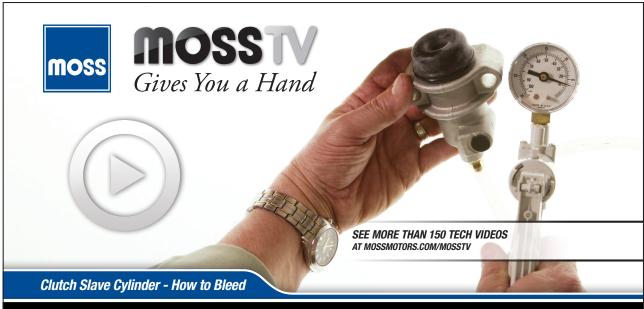


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VARA

@ Buttonwillow Raceway Park

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@ Sonoma Raceway Park

Wine Country Classic May 17-19

SVRA West

@ Auto Club Speedway, Fontana June 22-23

* HMSA

@ Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey Pre Reunion *Aug 9-11* 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*

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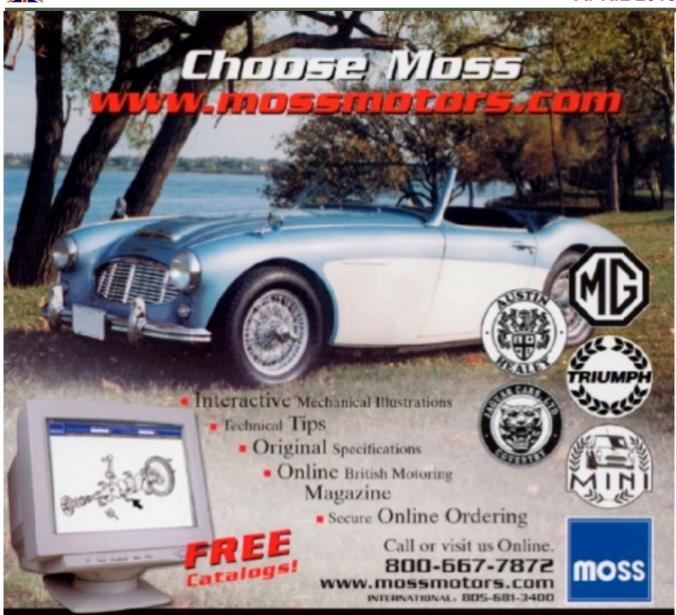
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