



# From The Editor:



Rewiring a car is confusing task at best.
The worst tangle I ever had was an E
Type Jaguar.
Someone had installed a

Chevy engine and when I got it the Chevy had been removed and it came with an engine from an XJ6. When I got to the wiring I couldn't tell what was Jag and what was Chevy. It took a long time and much help, but I finally got it running. Whooeee is much simpler in one way and yet still confusing. I upgraded to Negative ground, a 1275 engine, and an alternator. So, it is a mongrel that doesn't look like any of the diagrams in the book.

Now I have decided that I want to go with LED lights. Moss Motors has a video on line about LED conversions which is very instructive. Then Ed Valle showed me an magazine article about LED lighting and I looked the company up and purchased all the parts I need to make the conversion. (I was going to buy from Moss before Ed came through) As I was completing my purchase, I commented that they were cheaper than Moss. The lady said, "Moss is one of our customers."

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# **July Meeting**

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

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



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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On the Cover: Terry Cowan's 1965 3000 MK III BJ8 parked at Inveraray Castle in Scotland where his good friend the Duke of Argyll lives.

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# President's Message:

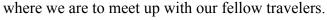


Hellloooo My Healey Friends

Well by now I'm sure most of you know that Lisa and I are back from our wonderful trip to the Old World where a lot of newer construction is about 400 years old...



Our trip starts early on the 23rd of May finding us due to Lisa's many business travels in the first class cabin to Chicago and a short stop over for a bite and then onto London's massive Heathrow





We have a moment to spend with the Scroggies who had arrived just after us, but not before we realize that we have what seems like miles to walk with luggage that appears to me to be about the same size as the Healey its supposed to fit in. Not sure if I should laugh or scream. I just left it alone, knowing that when we got to the car there would be some stuff that wouldn't get to travel with us. Maybe the hot weather gear. We would see.

Ok, first things first...off load the cars, re-pack our gear, or what would fit...Sync our watches...check our GARMENs and map books...and set off, on the OTHER side of the road...remember look RIGHT. First stop, fuel and then off to Stow on Wold, a short drive, 68 miles, for a single night stay and a good start, getting used to the roads setting up the nav & car systems. Time for a nice dinner & drinks and then an early start in the morning (One Of Many...) to Keswick (they pronounce it "Kesick") and the lake district, 261 miles.

We start our day stopping by Cape International and chat with my friend Steve Norton. We visit his new building and see all his Healey projects. It was nice to meet him in person and put a face to the e-mails. He had just finished the new alloy panels for the Warwick Built # 56 pre-production 100-4 we are restoring for the Smiths, Pete & Melea.

Then off to see Denis Welsh's shop, the current home of DD 300, the famous John Chatham race car. It was nice to see it in all its glory, and what a shop they have! Besides an endurance 100 replica, XKE racers, a New 100-S, alloy blocks, heads, flow benches. They had to drag me away.

The next day, tours of the Lake District...Thirlmere, Ullswater, Village of Buttermere, lunch on the road, dinner in Keswick, 100 Miles.

Sunday morning we are off. 240 Miles





# **June 2013 Healey Meeting Minutes**

The June 12th meeting was held at Jimmies Family Restaurant; 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee 20 Members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys\*, other British~.

Norm Brewer\*, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Mike Dolphin, Deborah Durham, Louis Galper~, Bob Humphreys\*, Ed Matheus, "Doc" McAllister, Mike McCrae & Karen Selsor, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Howard Stark\*, Sam Talbert\*,

Meeting was called to order at 7.25 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.

### **General Discussions:**

Terry described many of the events they experienced on their trip to Scotland. Some being the challenges of "gee lets take our brand new restored Healey to another country for its maiden trip". He will have plenty of pictures and words for us, so this page will not even attempt to encroach on that.

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

**Secretary:** Hopefully we asked for approval of last months minutes.

**Treasurer:** Mike Dolphin reported on the bank account. The annual ACCC dues for the Sacramento Watch car legislation group was discussed. A motion was made/seconded to pay for a 50 family membership count.

**Newsletter:** Sam again brought up the continuing need for articles and pictures.

Activities: Bob Farnsworth not attending as Sue was a bit under the weather.

The Healeys on the Green is in the works with Saturday the 15th as the date. Time wise this will be tight and update information will be provided on the internet mail pages courtesy of Rick.

Registrations look like there will be a Sprite class and a Big Healey class with 1st and 2nd in each class and a Best of Show.

Close on the heels of this is the Fourth of July party. This is on a Thursday and at this point we are looking for a "where" and Terry said he will look into seeing if he can find someone interesting in "hosting".

Terry also has been invited to participate in this years Laguna Seca Historic Car Races August 15th through 18th.

There are a few loose ends on Mary Jane Schmidts Sprite and July 13th was mentioned as a possible open date to get those taken care of.

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

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

Old Business: None New Business: None

Mike McCrae was the lucky dinner entrée winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Dick Schmidt, secretary





to Crieff and 250 plus Healeys from all over the world. Here we meet up with the Putzkes. Now our American contingent is Rose's 100-6, Kirby's BJ-8, William's BN-7, Scroggie's BJ-8, Boysen's BT-7, Neumeyer's BJ-8, Our BJ-8, and Putzke's VW. Now the fun really starts.

We Arrive at Creif. So nice to know we can stop for a while. At the Welcome Dinner it is great to see who is here and say "Hi" to old friends, and meet new ones. WOW its crazed...hard to take it all in and get ready for Monday. There



is an Indoor Concours...The Glass Works...Scone Palace...Hmmm, a Palace of Scones...Just say Noooo!!

Tuesday, we have a Short Tour, 125 miles to Glen Coe, Inveraray Castle (my chance to see my friend the Duke of Argyll), Loch Lomond, and a quick "Rest and Be Thankful" ....so having said that the Castle Inveraray is the high point of the day where I was interviewed by the Duke himself and I was speechless...at least for a moment right up till I tried to sell him our Blue BJ-8...I haven't heard back yet!!

Now that would be fun "Hellooooooo I Sold My Austinnnnnn Healeyyyyy To My Friend The Duuuuuke Of Argyll." Robin Williams as Mrs Doubtfire; who, by the way once owned a BJ-8, hows that for useless infomation!! But wait, I may have another chance to sell that car. I heard Rod Stuart is going to sing for us tonight, perhaps he needs a Healey.

Ok back to THE TRIP...Its Wednesday, Race Day and Da Boys went to the track and the Girls went to Edinburgh to Shop/Site See. This was great fun including a spin by me in turn 4...1st session group 1...and yes we have it on video.

Also on another video is Steve Pike our friend from Austraila in Bruno's Red 100-S, Dani Schlatter owner of the stunning Lance Macklin 100-S NOJ 393 of 1955 Le Mans fame plus another 4 or 5 S's...during the Group 3 run group about 4 million dollars in Healeys on the track @ the same time. What an Honor! This is when they made my car the camera car. Thursday was a short day tour, 100 miles Tulip Rally Style of the Garmpian Transport Museum, Balmoral, Loch (Lake) Tummel and much more if you want to drive 200 miles, just a beautiful driving picture day!!!

Friday, the last full day in Crieff, I spent my day hours checking my Healey since this was its first outing for my car anywhere since 1997 and we were breaking in its newly rebuilt engine, etc...changing oil, noises in the new exhaust basically making sure it was going to stay together during the next 1000 miles of our tour cool music going....This went fairly smoothly right up until I changed my oil and there we no place to drain the old oil...ahh look plastic bucket in the garden...and this is where the fun starts

The rest of the group went on tours of Sterling Castle, etc. They are now back and Peter & Steve ask me to look at their cars to make sure we are all ship-shape. OK, now we are in a hurry. We

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need to get done in time to pick our Kilts etc. Lets finish changing my oil, grab the bucket take out the plug, someone says something, I'm distracted, HOT oil shoots past the bucket all down the front of me all over the floor. I can't let go, I must stand there until its done draining. Now were having fun!

Ok now we have a bucket of hot old oil. Where does it go ?? I have an idea I'll pour the new gallon of oil into the car and then I'll pour the old oil into the empty can, doing my best not to overfill the can and make an additional mess. I need my glasses to see clearly the level in the can, but before I can grab them from my pocket, PLUNK..into the nice hot oil...Oh Yeah!!

Take the car off the lift...check out their cars...all is good...they take off to pick up the gear. I quickly drive up to take a picture in front of the Hotel and notice something hanging down. When I took the car off the lift the new skid plate from Moss got caught on the lift and it was bent



completely backwards. It took three trips back to the garage to get it back up, beating, smashing, etc....Hmmm must be time to put on my Kilt. Rush back to the room...Lisa is almost ready...oops

back down for my Kilt jacket, Shirt, Sock's, Shoes, Sporren. Now I'm glad we didn't carry all of this gear and I only brought my own Kilt and rented the rest.

We make our way down to the hotel in the Healey I must say its been a while since I've worn my Kilt, and I don't remember when if ever I've worn one in a Healey. How do you Ladies do this any how? So I have to plan a new entrance & exit strategy. In case most of you don't know, proper attire under a Kilt is not much. So being correctly dressed it made things more interesting as the wine and curiosity wore on, but thats another story!!

The dinner was great, our friends the guests all looked fantastic, folks from all over came over to visit, camera's flashing everyone taking in our last night together, the auction was fun...I got into the bidding for a while for the local charities the UK Club supports...it was a Magical end to a fantastic Healey meeting a Grand WELL DONE by all involved. We know from experience how much work goes into these events and I guess that is why they only do these every 5 years!!

Heres to our hosts Healey Club UK and all the other European Healey Clubs, supporters and sponsors who made it possible !!

Cheers, Terry

OK I hope to see you all at the meeting on the 10th @ Jimmy's 6:30 with the usual suspects!!



When I got the parts I proceeded to install them. It was all pretty much straight forward for the outside lights. But the dash lights were different. I had to wire in new sockets, because the LED lights have a different shape base.

I found two critical issues. First, LED lights are polarity sensitive. They only work with negative ground. So, in wiring the dash lights care is needed to make sure everything is negative ground. Second, turn signals won't work with the stock flasher units. LEDs don't draw enough current to activate the bi-metal flasher unit. You need an electronic flasher.



# **ACTIVITIES:**

by Bob Farnsworth – June 2013

Sue and I missed Healeys on the Green but have heard that it was a success. Weather was great, a good turn out with 8 Sprites and 6 big Healeys and everyone enjoyed the venue. Maybe again next year?

Sue was hospitalized on 6/11/2013 for blood clot in the leg and lung. She is home now resting comfortably and getting good care. We hope to see you all on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

# July 4th

Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Mike & Delia Williams' 1559 Melvin Lane, El Cajon (Thomas Guide 1252 A2) 12:00 – 5:00 pm. Club will provide grillables (hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and maybe tri-tip), buns & condiments, soft drinks, water and ice. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and what ever else you like to drink. Mike and Delia have a spa if you would like to use. Should bring chairs.

# July 10th

Monthly AHCSD Meeting

# July 15th

Last day to register for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National City Automobile Heritage Day Parade and Car Show.

# August 4th

The 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. All entries must have operational fire extinguisher.

Entries confirmed by email or by phone at 619-477-9339; <a href="www.luna@nationalcitychamber.org/">www.luna@nationalcitychamber.org/</a>

# August 7th

British Invasion at Cajon Classic

# August 14th

Monthly AHCSD Meeting

# September 11th

Monthly AHCSD Meeting

# September 21 – 22

Coronado Speed fest

# **September 28 – 29**

English Motors at Fairbrook, Fallbrook

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# October 9th

Monthly AHCSD Meeting

#### October 13th

34<sup>th</sup> British Car Day at Embarcadero Marina (Seaport Village)

# October 26th

Oktoberfest, Saturday October 26th.

Sue and I will host from 11:00am till? Club will provide brats and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish or desert and adult beverage, if you so desire.

### Bob

Editor's note: Here are a few events in Southern California from Westways Magazine you might come across.

July 6 -- Cops and Rodders Car Show and Shine. Mission Valley Scottish Rite Center sdpolicemuseum.com

July 14 -- San Diego Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance. Spanish Landing Park sdjag.com

July 21 -- Ventura Motorsports Gathering. Saticoy Country Club venturamotorsportsgathering.com

July 28 -- Main Street America People's Choice Car Show. Embarcadero Park North cocsd.com

August 3 -- Smokin' Q Classic and Vista Rod Run. Downtown Vista. smokinqclassic.com



# A Half Million Miles And Still Going!!

I bought the car in 1980 with 48000 miles on it. After 13 years of driving a GTO I was ready for a sports car with several features (rack-and-pinion steering, large trunk, reclining seats, anti-sway bars, etc.). The original color was yellow, but after restoring it in 1988 I updated the color to silver and added the wire wheels. After all these years it's still a fun car to drive. Despite showing its age in need of cosmetic repairs, I still get compliments from people who don't know what it is. I guess I'll keep driving it until something better comes along.





# Healeys on the Green

It is a long drive to Deer Springs Park and it is all freeway driving. I left home in Whooeee early in the morning to avoid the heat as much as possible and arrived about an hour before the gates opened. No problem, I can chill under the giant live oak trees and get ready for some photographs of arriving Healeys. Soon Micky Pleasant roared in and as we chatted three more Bugeyes pulled up. As soon as the gates opened





five Sprites rolled in and took places on the green. When everyone was finally in place, there were eight Sprites (Seven Bugeyes and one Square Body) and six big Healeys.

Terry and Lisa, fresh from their adventure in Scotland, related story after story about the experience. I think they would do it



again at the drop of a hat. It was that much fun.

The raffle included everything from beer glasses from Moss to tee shirts to eggs from North Park Chicks.

Plaques were given in the Popular Choice judging for best Sprite, best Big Healey, and Best of Show. The winners were:

Second place Sprite -- Ed Matheus
First Place Sprite -- Tom Spangler
Second place Big Healey -- Rick Snover
First Place Big Healey -- Craig & Sue Turner
Best of Show -- Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell

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# Healeys on the Green Winners





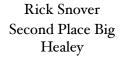
Tom Spangler First Place Sprite

Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandel Best of Show





Ed Matheus Second Place Sprite









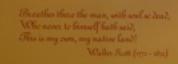


# We're in Scotland!! Lang may yer lum reek!



















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# July Birthdays



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# July Anniversaries

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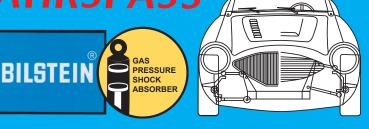
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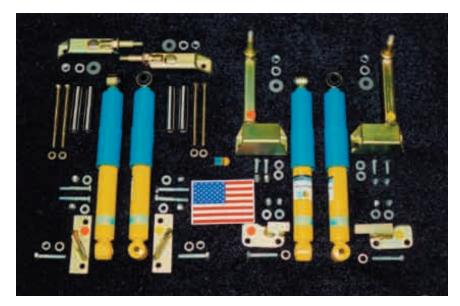
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In an effort to recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards Car of the Year (COTY) points for various activities. Opportunities to collect CotY points include any car-related events (shows, 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 $6/20/2013$ )					
<b>Members</b>	Car	<u>Pts</u>	Members	Car	<u>Pts</u>
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	44	Cowan, T	AH Sprite Sprinzel Coupé	8
Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	38	Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	8
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	34	Pleasant, M	AH Sprite (Modified)	8
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	32	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	8
Farnsworth, B&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	28	Washburn, A&B	AH Sprite AN5	8
Schmidt, MJ	AH Sprite Mk IV	28	Galper, L	Jaguar Mk II	7
Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	24	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	6
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	22	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	20	Leon, S&L	AH Sprite AN5	6
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	20	Linde, C	AH 100 BN2	6
Felt, J&L	AH Sprite AN5	14	Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	14	Durham, D	Hot Wheels Healey	5
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	14	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
McCrae M & Karen S	S AH 100-6 BN4	12	Smith, P&M	MGB V8	5
Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Healey	10	Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
McHarris, G	AH 100 BN2	10	Hoss, D&D	Sebring 5000	3
McVeety, J&K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10	Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	3
Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10	200		
HEY, IRV, I HEARD YOU HAD A BRITISH CAR IN THE GARAGE LAST WEEK. IS IT DIFFERENT FROM OURS?  IT HAS RIGHT HAND DRIVE, OF COURSE  IT HAS RIGHT HAND DRIVE, OF COURSE  AND IN THE EVENT OF A COLLISION, A HUGE TEA BAG IS DEPLOYED!					



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#### **VARA**

@ Chuckwalla Raceway / Palm Springs Feb 15 -17

This Is a Racing Event first race of the year

### **SVRA West**

@ Willow Springs Intl Raceway March 15-17

### **VARA**

@ Buttonwillow Raceway Park

British Extravaganza Racing & Car Show May 3-5

# \* General Racing

@ 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

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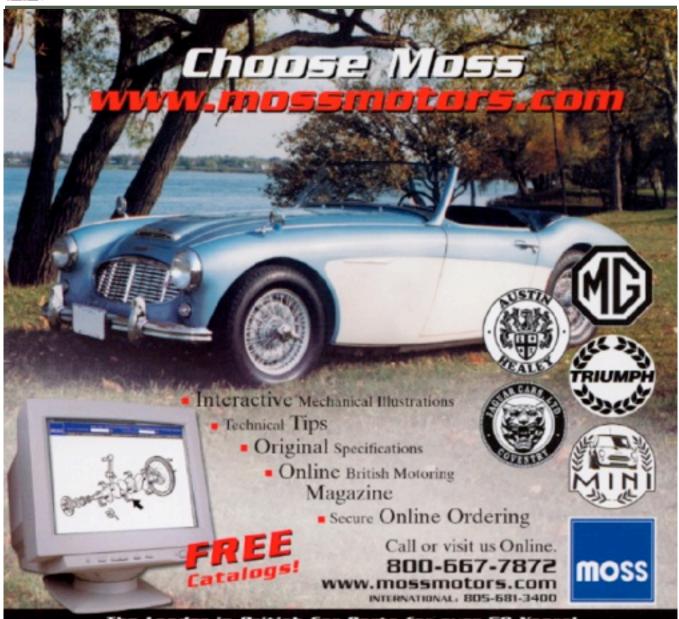
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