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From The Editor:



I wonder, if I keep upgrading and changing stuff on my car will it one day cease to be a Sprite and become Rolls

or a Bentley? Nah, I doubt it!! However, I do continue to change things. So far I've changed the engine, the brakes, the wheels, the carburetors, the fuel pump, the generator, the polarity, the steering wheel, the starter, the speedo and tach, the transmission, and now the radiator.

Changing the radiator, my last challenge, was an interesting one. John Felt encouraged me when I mentioned my concern with overheating. I first started out changing coolant, switching to Evans waterless coolant. That was an adventure in itself. This stuff freezes at minus 40 degrees and boils at 375 degrees and is good for the life of the engine.

The next step was to replace the radiator. Finding one was a trip in itself. John Felt had one but it was not for sale. On line I could get one for about \$650 and up. But, Terry came

August Meeting

Our August meeting will be held at the **El Cajon Cruise Night**. *Park and meet on Orange Ave*. The date has been changed from the regular night to **Wednesday, August 7.**

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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Full Page 7" x 9"	\$100.00 per year
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Quarter page 2.25" x 3.5"	\$50.00 per year
Business card	\$30.00 per year

All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of each month for publication in the next month's issue. smacktalbert@yahoo.com

On the Cover: Bill Mayer has parked his 1959 Austin Healey Sprite at Skydive San Diego on Otay Lakes Road while he and I sip coffee at the Lemon Drop Inn.

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Hello Healeyites

Its that time again...OK where were we...thats right Scotland after leaving Crieff we headed to Oban through Trossachs Park in time to be greeted by our wonderful hosts and some very nice wine. Then down the hill for a bit of Pub hopping and a nice dinner on the water. The next



morning included a stop at the Oban Distillery.



not before being told by dock workers we were leaking something. Sure enough, our Healey is pushing water...quick, whats going on...where can we get water...there is a tap behind the building...we now all find our empty water bottles...twelve peoples worth and we start Next day to the Isle

of Skye...a stunning drive by way of Fort William, east on The Road to the Isle (think Harry Potter). Then we load onto the ferry to the Isle of Skye, but



filling. First to fill the Healey back up, and then to fill them again and put them in the boot...all ten of



them. This is the beginning of a routine which will last the rest of the trip. I suspect a blown head gasket or perhaps a small crack in the head since it never ran hot at least not yet. Hmmmm, not a good thing.

During the trip on the ferry we have a moment for a snack and some great pics. Back to dry land and we are to yet another Distillery, this time Talisker. If you like single malt Scotland is the place to be; beautiful solid brass stills the shape of giant

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July 2013 Healey Meeting Minutes

The July 10th 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 & Lisa Mandell, Mike Dolphin, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Bob Humphreys, Jerry & Susan Kwiat, Ed Matheus, "Doc" McAllister, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark*, Sam Talbert, Ed Valle*, Watten Voth, Sandt & Sandy Watt,

Meeting was called to order at 7.40 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions:

The club expressed it thanks to Mike and Delia for hosting the 4th of July party and giving us a tour of their new home.

As previously mentioned, Terry has been invited to participate in this years Laguna Seca Historic Car Races August 15th through the 18th. This will have him out of town on the 14th which is the clubs August meeting date.

See more on this in Activities:

Vice President/ Membership: Mike Williams not in attendance. There was a membership letter in the club p.o.box so we can up the whatever it is count by 1.

Secretary: Hopefully we approved of last months minutes, no other meeting comments...

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin reported on the bank account.

Newsletter: Sam has a continuing need for articles and pictures.

Activities: In response to the situation of Terry being gone on the 14th, it was decided to move the meeting date up to the first Wednesday (the 7th) of August and combine it with the 7th El Cajon Classic billed this year as the "British Invasion". This will, in fact, be similar to what the club did last year.

There are a couple of loose ends on John Schermerhorns sprite. It has an overheating problem which we will look at on August 24th. 10 a.m.

Bob Farnsworth brought up various other candidates for consideration for future events.

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

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry Kwiat discussed the many activities happening around town and passed out flyers and applications for various ones.

Old Business: For those who ordered 'Healeys on the Green' T Shirts for this year's event, Bob now has them..

New Business: There was discussion about varying the Christmas Party meal style and contents. Lynne said she would get some other menu descriptions from the caterer.

A policy was passed to limit the dinner entrée winners reimbursement to \$15.00.

Ed Vallee was the lucky dinner entrée winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, secretary [Correction: Ed Matheus Won the dinner. ed]



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through. He sold me his for a good price because I am so handsome.

Making the change was quite straight forward. The only adjustment was to move the temp gauge sender from the radiator to the block. Early 948 engines did not have a place for it in the block. That done, it was a simple matter to mount the radiator and hook it all up and check for leaks. Wah lah! There she sits all shiny and bright.

Before . . .



... and After



ACTIVITIES:

by Bob Farnsworth – August 2013

I am happy to report than Sue is responding well to her treatment and is feeling much better. She is still under the doctor's care, still not back 100%, but is making good progress. We thank you all for your concern and support.

We will be moving our monthly meeting from Wed, 14 August to 7 August this month as we have been invited to participate in the El Cajon Classic Cruise night where they will have a Tribute to British Cars. We will gather at 5:00 pm along Orange Av. just off Main St., west of Magnolia. The entire block is reserved for Austin Healey and a small group of Minis. After a short meeting, let's find something to eat.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

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 \$40. All entries must have operational fire extinguisher.

Entries confirmed by email or by phone at 619-477-9339;

www.luna@nationalcitychamber.org/

AUGUST 7th

El Cajon Classic Cruise and Tribute to British Cars, Orange Ave at Main St. 5:00 pm – 8:00pm. Bring a chair. Let Bob know if you are coming

AUGUST 7TH

Monthly AHCSD Meeting, moved to August 7th. We will meet at a restaurant in El Cajon at the Classic Cruise.



AUGUST 24th

Tech Session at John & Mary Schermerhorn's, 3042 Martindale Ct. (T.G 1229 E-5) 10:00 am – 2:00PM

SEPTEMBER 11TH

Monthly AHCSD Meeting

SEPTEMBER 21 - 22

Coronado Speed fest

SEPTEMBER 28 - 29

English Motors at Fairbrook, Fallbrook

OCTOBER 9th

Monthly AHCSD Meeting

OCTOBER 13th

34th British Car Day at Embarcadero Marina (Seaport Village)

OCTOBER 26TH

Oktoberfest, Saturday October 26^{th.} 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 Farnsworth



1974 Jensen Healey - 66K miles. 4 speed transmission with rubber bumpers in very good condition, always garaged. Car has won many awards. Owned since 1978 with all service records and manuals. Never in an accident. Original interior with no tears, 2 tonneaus, bra, factory hardtop with heated glass. Recent tires like-new. Included is a parts car with all running gear, spare engine, extra doors, good windshield and many additional parts. Photos available. Call 858-278-0414 (CA) or e-mail: <u>roberth148@aol.com</u>. Priced to sell at \$10,500.

Fourth of July Party

In the Summer in San Diego you want to go to the beach because it is cooler there. The last place you want to do is El Cajon. It's hot there. None the less, our 4th of July Party was at Mike and Delia's new home in, you guessed it, El Cajon.

Whooeee had been running a little on the warm side and I questioned taking her into the hot Box. However, I took the back roads and braved the inferno. She managed quite well, much better than I did. After circling the neighborhood a couple times (due to a map reading error) I arrived all steamed and well done.

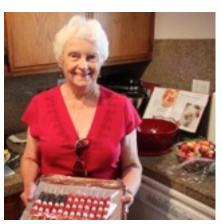
The Williams' home was a surprise. Not only is it a great house on a great cul-de-sac, it is shaded under a clump of huge pine trees and in a jet stream of cool air coming from I don't know where. Mike



has a fantastic back yard. It's all patio and there is no grass to mow! Yes!!! Brats and burgers sizzled on the bar-b-q and all

kinds of food

stacked up in the kitchen. The highlights were, the 'flag' skewers from Mary Schermerhorn and the chocolate fountain.



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The usual good conversations that occur every time Healey folks get together happened here as well. It was good to see Udo up and moving after his hip replacement surgery.

Whooeee didn't have many play mates at this party. Only Bob Humphreys, Norm Brewer and Howard and Lynn Stark arrived in Healeys. Everyone else succumbed to the El Cajon legacy and drove in air conditioned luxury.



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pears, gorgeous workmanship, and lots of peat!!! Back in the cars and we drive to Portree

through the Cullin Mountains. Next morning brings



a drive to Inverness and a guided tour of northern Isle of Skye. We leave our cars in the village center only to return and find them completely surrounded by town folk...a scene which will repeat many times during the trip.

Thats all for now we will pick up again next month. Don't forget this month's meeting is going to take place at the British Invasion in El Cajon on Orange Street off Main on the 7th of August. They start to set up around 3:30 to 4PM. I will try to be there around 5. Bring your Healey, its a car show !!

Some of us got a bite to eat at the Main Street Cafe so we will try that again this year if possible. Hope to see you all there.

Cheers, Terry



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Rendezvous 2013 - Lake Tahoe

Healey Rendezvous 2013 was organized presented by the Golden Gate Austin Club for the Austin Healey Club USA.

MONDAY June 24:

We left for Lake Tahoe EARLY on Monday morning. The weather was cool. Traffic was light, except for San Bernardino. We took our wagon to avoid the noise and heat of the Healey and to enjoy the air conditioning. Upon our arrival, we checked in and greeted some old friends from previous meets and tours.

There was a reception/dinner at the MontBleu Casino during the evening, along with a silent auction and a hypnotist. Barbara won a few bids from the silent auction to add to the load for our trip home.

On display in the room were several Healeys, including a partially assembled chassis complete with engine and running gear.

TUESDAY June 25:

Tuesday morning saw the car show at nearby Heavenly Village. As

part of the show, there Healeys of many types, Fiesta, Big Healeys and Silver Nash Healey of Show."

That evening, there was theme was Tie-Dye Yasgur's Farm Band those who were (Yasgur's Farm was the an appearance and many pictures taken with him.

WEDNESDAY June 26:

Wednesday started with

was an Oil Spot Contest. There were including Silverstone, Nash, Jensen, Sprites. A beautiful 1954 Black over from Alberta, Canada was voted "Best

a dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe. The Night. Music was provided by which played 60's and 70's music for unconscious or unborn in the 60's. site of Woodstock.) Even Elvis made of the women, including Barbara, had

the Funkhana. There was a short course in the parking lot with other non-driving contests, such as dropping clothes pins into a bottle, navigators having to identify various car tools and parts and the driver installing spark plugs into a head while blindfolded after the blindfolded navigator searched the driver's overhauls to locate the plugs.

There were radio-controlled car races using



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model Healeys with an RC car to be awarded to the male and female with the best times. The fastest time was done by a woman. Concurrently, six Healeys were judged for concours awards and there were seminars on 'Racing a Healey' and 'Sports Car Action Photography.' Wednesday afternoon provided scenic guided driving tours to Truckee or Virginia City. We chose Virginia City and had a nice lunch there. Unfortunately, Chic Linde's (the only other SD club member) car suffered a transmission failure during the tour to Truckee and his car had to be towed to David Nock's for extensive repair work.



THURSDAY June 27:

The Funkhana and RC Car races continued.

There were several seminars, including one entitled "What's That Noise?" that was for women only.



It explained the various noises that emanate from a Healey and how to deal with them. Additional seminars included, "It's what's under the skin that counts, "What's my car worth?", "Chasing Oil Leaks", and more.

Thursday evening was the awards banquet and auction. The food was outstanding, but the auction bidding was slow and a number of people got some great items for even greater prices. The banquet

ended with an event video that was only finished a few hours before showing. **FRIDAY June 28:**

We said our goodbyes and headed for home.

It was a little hotter than our trip up. We saw 107 deg during our drive through the desert. Traffic was terrible in San Bernardino as usual. We arrived home and collapsed into bed.

Healey Rendezvous 2013 was one of the best events we have attended thanks to the Golden Gate Healey Club. The facility was only a little above average and the prices were reasonable, but we have never had better food at a banquet. Our son and daughter-in-law were able to attend for some of the event which made it even more enjoyable.

We hope to attend Rendezvous next June in Bend Oregon. If it is as well run as this year's event, it will be worth the long drive.

Bob & Barbara Humphreys



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CAUSES OF BREAKDOWNS

Most of us are members of the AAA, and as such we depend on them to get us home safely if we have problems with our cars while out on the road.

This is also the case in Britain, where there were 3 motoring organizations that have been looking after the motorist for over 100 years. The Automobile Association is the youngest of the three and was founded in London in 1906. The Royal Scottish Automobile Club was founded in Glasgow in 1899, and the oldest of the 3 is the Royal Automobile Club founded in 1897.

One of the things that the RAC has done is to maintain records since 1926 concerning their "Get-

You-Home" service. In their records they have tracked the causes of breakdowns on a yearly basis. The 1926 record gives us a good idea which parts of our cars are most liable to give us problems and by addressing these areas hopefully it will ensure that we can avoid being broken down on the road.

Over 80 percent of the problem areas are mechanical, with another 14 percent of the problems being attributed to human error, namely accidents. The main categories are:

> Ignition - 22.5% Engine - 21.5% Rear axle shaft - 12.6% Transmission & clutch - 11.8% Road Wheels & suspension - 5.9% Front axle & steering - 4.3% Carburetor - 2.5% Accident - 14.1%

This list does not include things such as electrical or lighting failure, running out of gas, or leaking radiators, and these are most likely to be the other 5-6 percent of the problem areas.

We can't solve all the potential problems with our cars, but with proper preventative maintenance we can reduce the possibility to an acceptable level, and if needed, we can always call on AAA for help.

A word of advice if you do have to call, please be patient with them as they have a whole bunch of questions that they will ask in order to make sure that they get the right car. You might know that your car is the only 1909 Buick, 1914 Model T, or 1963 Healey at your location, but the operator on the other end of the phone line needs to make sure that the tow truck driver can find you, so they need to know all the necessary information including the color of your car...

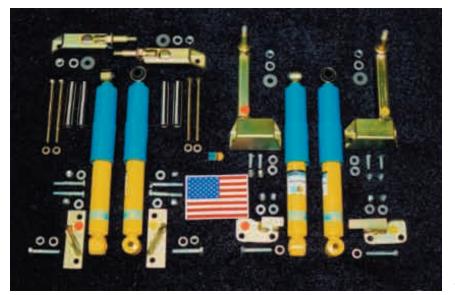
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Car of the Year Award

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. 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 4 pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Members	Car	Pts	<u>Members</u>	Car	Pts
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	50	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	9
Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	48	Cowan, T	AH Sprite AN5 Sprinzel	8
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	38	Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	8
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	34	Pleasant, M	AH Sprite (Modified)	8
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	32	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	8
Farnsworth, B&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	28	Washburn,	AH Sprite AN5	8
Schmidt, MJ	AH Sprite Mk IV AN9	28	Galper, L	Jaguar Mk II	7
Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	26	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	24	Leon, S&L	AH Sprite AN5	6
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	20	Linde, C	AH 100 BN2	6
Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	17	Neumeyer,	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Cowan, T & Lisa	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8		Williams,		
M	(Blue)	14	M&D	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Felt, J&L	AH Sprite AN5	14	Durham, D	Hot Wheels Healey	5
McCrae, M &	AH 100-6 BN4	12	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Healey	10	Smith, P&M	MGB V8	5
McHarris, G	AH 100 BN2	10	Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
McVeety, J&K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10	Hoss, D&D	Sebring 5000	3
Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10	Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	3
			Williams,	Triumph TR6	3



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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 VARA (a) Chuckwalla Raceway / Palm Springs Feb 15 -17 This Is a Racing Event first race of the year SVRA West (a) Willow Springs Intl Raceway March 15-17 VARA (a) Buttonwillow Raceway Park British Extravaganza Racing & Car Show May 3-5 * General Racing (a) Sonoma Raceway Park Wine Country Classic May 17-19 **SVRA West** @ Auto Club Speedway, Fontana June 22-23 * HMSA (a) Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey Pre Reunion Aug 9-11 Reunion Aug 15-18 VARA (a) Buttonwillow Raceway Park Oktoberfest Sept 7-8 * HMSA (a) NAS North Island Speedfest, Coronado Sept 20-22 * VARA Pahrump. Las Vegas Oct 11-13 VARA (a) Willow Springs Intl Raceway Big Bore Bash Nov 1-3 * SVRA West (a) Chuckwalla Raceway / Palm Springs Nov 22-24

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