



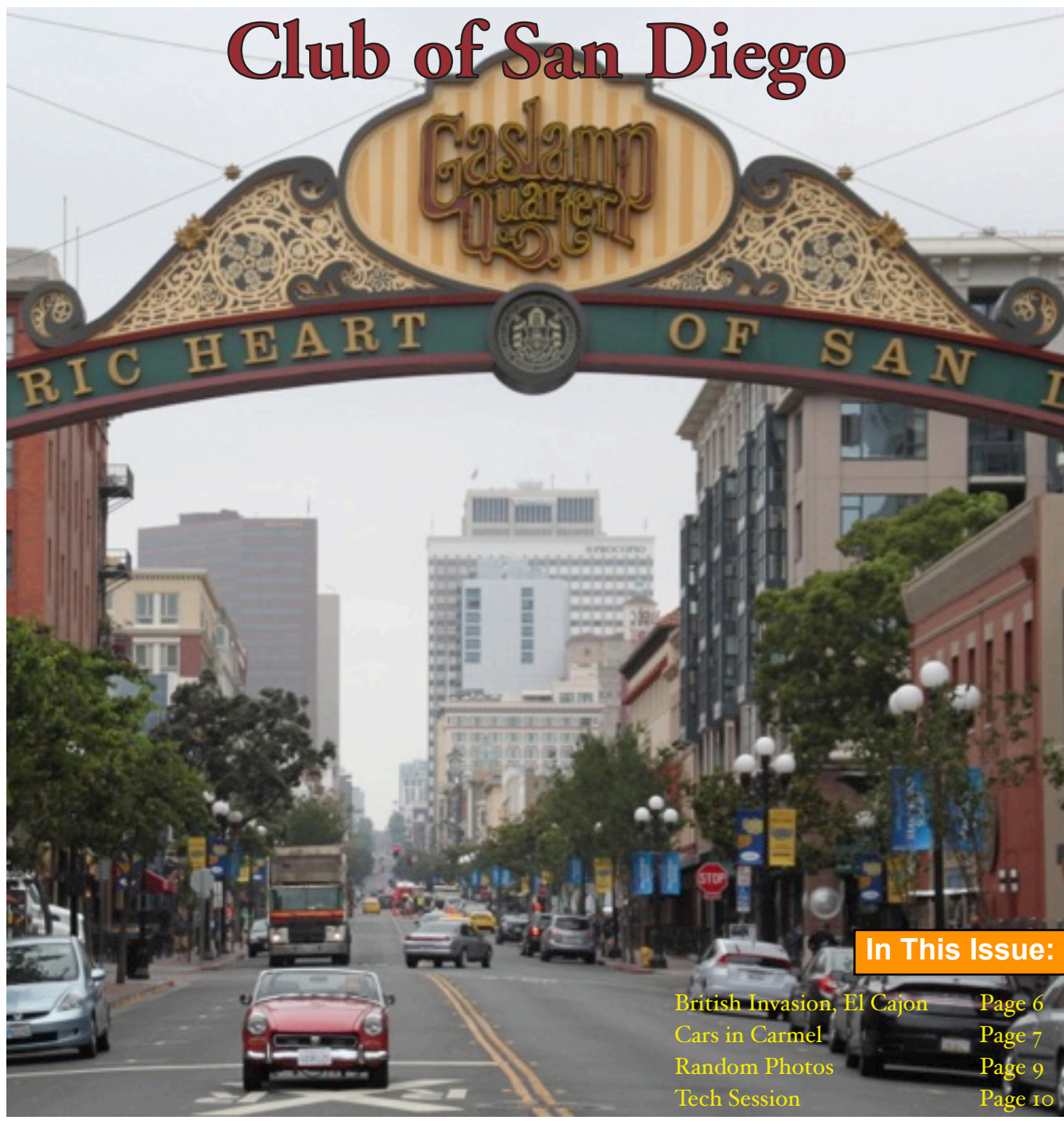
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From The Editor:



You never really know how much you depend on something until it goes away. We were reminded of

that fact last week. On our vacation we were on our way to Monterey to visit our friends and to take in a couple of car shows in Carmel. We left early and stopped in Castaic for breakfast. As we pulled out onto I-5 headed up the grapevine we noticed a new noise and an abundance of warm air blowing from the AC vents. Nothing we did would coax any coolness. All the way to Gorman we tried to get some cool to come, but nothing worked. That condemned us to an AC-less drive up I-5 through the valley. My wife doesn't function well in heat (she never learned to perspire). With temps outside (and come to think of it, on the inside too) measuring in the upper 90s it was, to say the least, a miserable drive.

When we arrived in Monterey I took the car to Honda Seaside and they charged me \$130 to tell me my AC had gone out and it would cost about \$1500 to fix it. Plus It might need a new

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September Meeting

Our September meeting will be on September 11, 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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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: *Mary Jane Schmidt is tooling around the Gaslamp Quarter of San Diego in her 1970 Sprite MK IV*

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Hi There, Healey Folks

Well by now I'm sure you know Lisa the Race Crew and I, are back from Monterey and the Historics @ Laguna Seca, unfortunately we were unable to make both weekends as planned due to some last minute logistics



issues.

It was nice to see our friends who could visit and missed the ones who couldn't make it, PMO ran well giving the Corvettes something to think about.



Most of them are fine until they find out its not a TVR thats beating them...surprise its a Sprite!!

Not so good news, we heard from Bob Farnsworth that Sue has been in the hospital since falling at home after our last outing/meeting @ British Invasion in El Cajon. She is currently @ Scripps in La Jolla as of last Saturday's tech session at John & Mary's.

The few who attended the tech session besides John & Mary were our fearless editor Sam, Myself, the Schmidts and the Starks who, by the way, had some fun info to report. Joe of Philadelphia Sandwich Co. fame is buying his store back and will be up to speed by our October meeting. So we can try his place out again after all these many years!!

All right...the next soon to be stuff...Our club meeting this month will be @ Jimmy's in Santee. Next thing up, **Speedfest** on the 21st and 22nd of Sept. **Race on the Base** in Coronado, and then **English Motors @ Fairbrook** 28th-29th, followed by **British Car Day** 13th of October!!

Get To Polishin!!

Hope to see you all at the meeting!!

Cheers, Terry



Minutes Last Meeting:

August 2013 Healey Meeting Minutes

The August 7th meeting was held as part of the El Cajon summer car show series and this week was named British Invasion to honor that countries various Marques.

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

Norm Brewer*, Bob & JoAnn Carberry, Terry Cowan*, Deborah Durham, Dick Hoss*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth*, Dave Grundies*, Ed & Sandy Matheus*, Bill Mayer*, Mike McCrae* & Karen Selsor, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Mary Jane Schmidt* & friend Heidi, Howard* & Lynne Stark~, Sam Talbert*, Warren Voth*, .

The car show parking was in the area of 9th and Orange Ave. which involves a promenade area and Terry and Lynne managed to get their cars placed there. Neat.

All told 14 Healeys were present with Ed and Sandy Matheus winning an award.

The meeting was held at the Por Favor Mexican Restaurant after the show and as the evening was largely to celebrate the Healeys' place among the other British marques, most of the usual meeting items were skipped.

General Discussions: A couple of items were covered. The upcoming races at Monterey, and the Christmas party, which will again be held at the Automotive Museum. Terry will secure the date when he returns from the Monterey Races. After discussion, it was decided that the pot-luck idea which was floated at the last meeting would be to difficult to orchestrate. Lynne will however, check out some different menu options and prices.

Activities: The Schermerhorns Sprite has a loose end or two with overheating and we will hold a Tech Session on the 24th of August to hopefully solve that, beginning at !0 a.m.

*That's it. Somehow we manage to continually get Dr. visits on Wednesdays and that meant borrowing Lynne's talents again to take some notes. **Many thanks.***

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary

*Editor's note: Since there was no free dinner awarded for this month, I decided to pst a photo of the couple who won an award at the car show-- **Ed and Cindy Matheus***





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condenser and they were all on national back order. Needless to say I said, "I'll pass."

I never thought much about AC until that drive last Monday. In the old days I travelled with my parents across west Texas



and the Mojave desert with only a canvas bag of cool water hanging from the front bumper and a "swamp cooler" hanging on the



window. We have come a long way baby!

Maybe we need to turn off the AC, roll down the windows, and 'enjoy' the loud roar of the road and the rush of warm air blowing through the cabin parching our lips and tangling our hair and leaving us with a 'farmer's tan on the one arm hanging out the window. Then maybe we will fully appreciate the advance of automotive technology.

ACTIVITIES:

by Bob Farnsworth

For a report on the activities in August take a look at: **August Meeting** on Page 6 and **TECH SESSION** on Page 10.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

September 8

Coastline Car Classic, Corona del Mar

September 11

Monthly AHCS D Meeting

September 13

San Diego Bayfair

This annual boat racing competition attracts the fastest boats in the world

Mission Bay Park, San Diego

September 21 – 22

Coronado Speed fest

September 28 – 29

English Motors at Fairbrook, Fallbrook

October 9

Monthly AHCS D Meeting

October 13

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

October 13

5th Annual Fifth Avenue Auto Showcase

Fifth Ave. from E street to K street, Downtown
San Diego

October 26

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



August Meeting

Club meetings generally follow a fairly prescribed pattern. We all roll in to Jimmy's in Santee around 6 pm and gather in the back room and order drinks and a meal as everyone gets settled in.



Later when all have arrived we start the meeting and conduct all the important business, then chit-chat until everyone has roared away in the Queen's finest.

Last month was different. We chose to meet a week early and attend the *British Invasion at the El Cajon classic*



car gathering. Along Orange St. we parked about a dozen Healeys facing the four MGs across the street. Then we



made our way to Por Favor for dinner and our meeting.

The meal was typical Mexican food (and pretty good too), but the service was slow and the ambiance was too loud to do any real business. So, we did what was necessary and called it a day.

While we were gone the judges for the event



came by and assessed our cars. Ed Matheus won something for his Bugeye, but he did not make it to the awards ceremony. Therefore, he didn't get his trophy and doesn't even know what he won. At least he has the notice that he won something. Oh well, next time!



Cars in Carmel

“Monterey” “Carmel” These words seem to be wrapped in money. You almost have to be listed with Dunn & Bradstreet to drive by on Highway 1. And in August this region hosts the mother of all car shows. One of the many shows during the week costs \$275 just to get in and \$600 if you want the VIP treatment. It is foolish for a pauper like me to even think about participating.

So, why do I even mark my calendar for



that week in August? Well, let me give you a couple reasons. First, Terry, our millionaire president, has been invited to race during that week, and we need to support him. Second, I have a friend who lives in Carmel and he invited us to come and stay with his mom FOR FREE!! You cannot pass up a deal like that. So off to Monterey we went. Third, there are some events that are free and that is reason enough to attend.



We arrived on Tuesday morning and enjoyed examining the cars parked along Ocean Blvd. in Carmel at the Concours on the Avenue. It is a FREE event that attracts a wide variety of vehicles. As I walked down the Blvd. snapping photos of automotive exotica, I heard a familiar voice blasting



out to all the city. In the middle of the show was an awards stand where cars were brought and talked about and one of the commentators was Alain de Cadenet the famous TV commentator and automotive journalist.

Thursday the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance



stops for lunch in Carmel. The unique part of this show is you can watch the cars drive into Carmel and then park all along Ocean Blvd. While the rich

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owners retire into the swank restaurants for a glorious repast (I treated my friend/host to



lunch at a French restaurant Called “Bicycle”)

the cars are on display along Ocean Blvd. and you can peruse them for FREE!

The one event we did miss was on Wednesday. We missed it for two reasons. First, it cost to attend and I didn’t even hear about it until it was over. It took place at the mission and it was the “Blessing of the Automobiles.” I don’t know, there just seemed something was weird about this. In my theology blessing the animals is questionable and blessing the automobiles just doesn’t make sense.

None-the-less, it was a overall a good week and I am planning to return next year.



RANDOM PHOTOS taken this month, some you'll recognize and some you won't. ON the page with Mary Jane and Dave you'll see two BMW's, some Minis (not yet BMWs), and a Lincoln. Yes, a Lincoln. I would never have guessed it if I had not seen it. This prototype is certainly a long way from the conservative, demure 1956 Lincoln Continental.





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TECH SESSION

I had an issue at home, so I got there late. I expected to see the garage full of SDAH members moving about in orchestrated precision fast about the task of making 'Little Boy Blue' excellent. However



when I arrived I saw only one Healey, Terry's Scotland car, in the garage was only Terry,

Dick Schmidt and John Schermerhorn. Everyone else must have had pressing business.

The objective for the day was to flush the radiator. By the time I got there Terry and Dick under the bonnet fiddling with the SUs. They



explained that they had drained the radiator and put in the flushing agent. But when they went to run the engine

it would not start. Hence the fiddling with the carburetors. It seems the car has sat idle for so long the gasoline had corroded the fuel lines and caused the needle valves to stick. Therefore no gas go to the engine. After locating and correcting the issue with the fuel it started right up.

We flushed the radiator four or five times and removed a load of crud but the conclusion was that it needed another dose of engine flush and several more drains and refills until it all runs clear or nearly so.



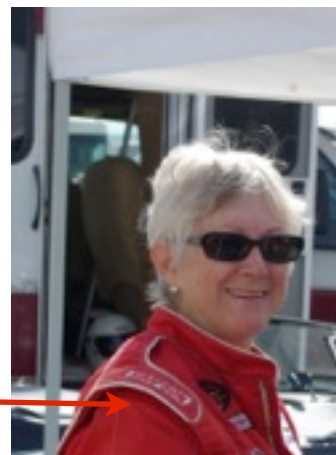
Howard and Lynne arrived just before lunch and Mary had prepared a lunch of spaghetti, salad and bread. Terry brought a box of cookies that Lisa had made, plus there was plenty of snacks and drinks.

Apart from the success with the car, the good food, the other highlight was watching East Lake Little League destroy Connecticut by a score of 12 to 1.



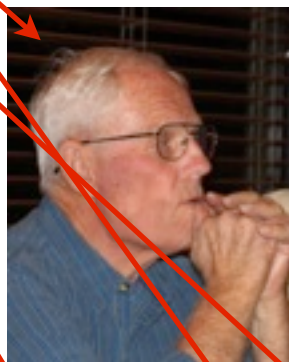
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Richard Roberts	1
Jim Pendleton	2
Derek Voth	5
Debby Sharp	9
Michael Dolphin	11
Rick Shoemaker	11
Ian Cowan	17
Warren Voth	17
Bob McAllister	18
Chuck Sharp	21
Dewey de Butts	26
Sandy Matheus	30



September Anniversaries

Karen Selsor & Mike McCrae	9/08/02
Barbara & Bob Humphreys	9/10/66
Mary & John Schermerhorn	9/15/56
Deborah & Dick Hoss	9/20/70

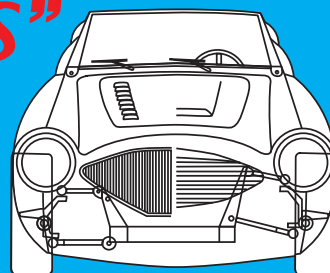




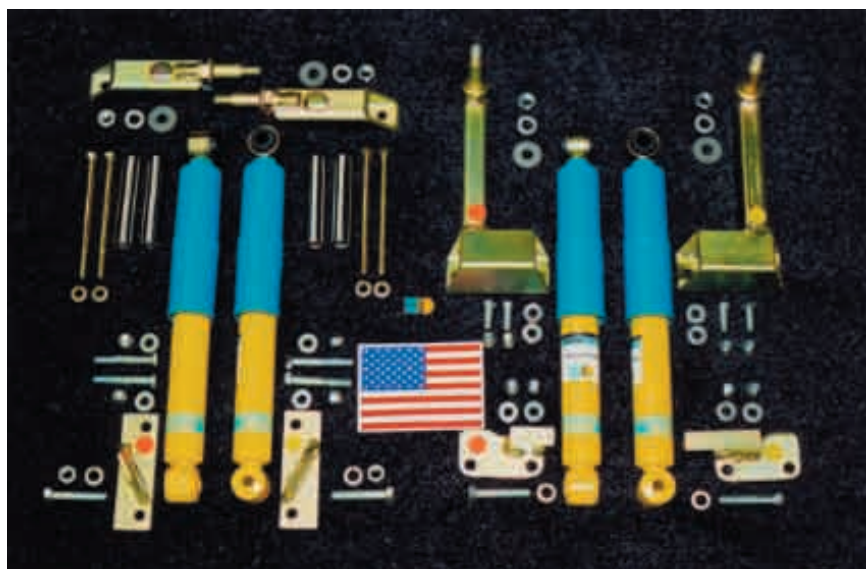
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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling 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.

Current 2013 CotY Standings (as of 8/24/2013)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
*Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	60	Cowan, T	AH Sprite AN5 Sprinzel Coupé	8
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	50	Grundies, D&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	46	Pleasant, M	AH Sprite (Modified)	8
Farnsworth, B&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	42	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	8
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	40	Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	38	Washburn, A&B	AH Sprite AN5	8
Schmidt, MJ	AH Sprite Mk IV AN9	36	Galper, L	Jaguar Mk II	7
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	34	Hoss, D&D	Sebring 5000	7
Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	24	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	22	Leon, S&L	AH Sprite AN5	6
McCrae, M &	AH 100-6 BN4	20	Linde, C	AH 100 BN2	6
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	20	Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	17	Williams, M&D	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
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Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	12	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
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				AH 3000 Mk III BJ8 (Red/	
Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Healey	10	Cowan, T & Lisa M	Blk)	4
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McVeety, J&K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10	Stark, H&L	Jaguar conv.	4
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SVRA West

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