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From The Editor:



It was a pleasant drive back from the meeting in Santee in Sept. until I noticed an inconsistent knock that I couldn't account

for. I pulled Whooooe into the garage and parked her, recorded the engine with the knock and e-mailed it to Terry. He came over and diagnosed the problem, a loose damper. We agreed it needed to be replaced. I would remove it and Terry would get a new one and put it on so it would not come loose again. Therein lay



the problem. I could not raise the engine enough to clear the cross member in front of the damper. The problem, my

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November Meeting

The November club meeting will be held on November 13 at 6:30 P.M. at:

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On the Cover: Mike Dolphin, the younger brought his 1960 Austin Healey Sprite to the San Diego British Car Day at the Embarcadero Park and his friend Brenda Alfaro accompanied him.

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Welcome to the Holiday's everyone...

Well they are upon us already...I hope people enjoyed this years British Car Day, we sure did although the 'two cars' deal was a bit of a pain we "got er dun" !!

I heard from John McVeety and he is making progress he said he did two hot laps around the re-hab facility with some help, which is a good thing, not fast enough for John but I think that would go for most of us !! We all wish him a speedy recovery !!

He and Kathy will be out again this year but not in time for the Holiday party, but they will stay a bit longer so I hope that means will see more of them in 2014 before their return home.

Don't Forget our Annual Brunch is just over a week away on the 10th @ Bellefleur in Carlsbad 11AM...this is always a fun event with great food I hope to see you all there !!

Also something to remember is its time to vote for Officer's at this month's meeting which after a vote at the last meeting will be held again @ Joe's Philadelphia Sandwich Co, Nov 13th. I'm not sure how many folks want to continue in the current positions, so if you would like to help out this is the time to say !!

Lynne has the plans for the Holiday party moving forward, remember its the 14th of December not the "Day that will live in Infamy" but a week later upstairs at the Auto Museum in Balboa Park.

Cheers, Terry





October 2013 Healey Meeting Minutes

The October 9th meeting was held at The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy St. San Diego

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

Norm Brewer*, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Mike Dolphin~ & Mike jr., Deborah Durham, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper~, Bob Humphreys, Jody Morgan, John & Mary & Eric Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert*, Delia Williams, Eric Wolf

Meeting was called to order at 7. 25 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions: Terry indicated that we have the Auto Museum on the 14th for our Christmas party.

Filling out the costs for that, Lynne confirmed that with the following menu options we can have a cost of \$25 per person. Salad, Scallop potatoes, Yams, and 3 meats Turkey, Roast Beef, and Ham. Rolls, and for desert, Pies and Cheesecake.

Vice President/ Membership: Mike Williams not in attendance. See comment by Mike Dolphin below.

Secretary: Approval of last months minutes. No comments germane to the position.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin reported on the bank account and provided some info from letters in the P.O. Box that There were 3 new members. Gave no names but mentioned one had a 1966 BJ8 and another a BT7.

Newsletter: Sam is getting the Book Of The Year together. This of course has photos from all the events throughout the year and will be available for \$50. I think this could include a personalized front cover on your book. See Sam for accurate information on this.

He has a large quantity of shots that maybe won't be used and he indicated that Costco can enlarge these for a modest fee if anyone sees a shot of something they like.

Activities: In November the brunch up the coast at the BelFluer looks like still on for November 10th. The cost will be \$24 a person. There would not be a club subsidy for this.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Next month is elections month. Please give some serious thought to whether you can give the Club a hand.

Eric Schermerhorn took a moment to thank all the club members that over a period of time helped work on Johns Sprite to get it together and running. He will be showing it at this years British Car Day Oct.13th.

Well it happens even to secretaries. The calendar creaked around to the 9th of October and reminded me of my creaking. Jan added to that by bringing some monogrammed cake and ice cream for a bit of birthday fun.. Lets hope for a good 2014.

Thanks to Joe for keeping his place open just for us. We will meet there again next month

Jody Morgan was the lucky dinner entrée winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary





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new five speed transmission kit hits the bottom of the heater vent and won't allow the engine to rise enough. The solution, remove



the heater vent. Cool. Now I can manipulate the engine whenever I need to.



Thinking the timing chain may have been stretched we decided to replace it. That is when Terry found that the timing was off and that TDC was marked on the old one to match cylinder #4 rather than cylinder #1. And yet, it still ran. I reminded Terry that I am not a mechanic, I'm a preacher. Whooooe must have been a miracle car and it ran only by the grace of God!

Activities - what the future brings:

November 10

Annual brunch at Bellefleur.
5610 Paseo del Norte,. Suite 100B, Carlsbad
11:00 A.M.

November 13

Monthly AHCS D Meeting

December 14

Annual Christmas party at the Auto Museum in Balboa Park

EVENTS GLEANED FROM THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF CAR CLUBS NEWSLETTER

November 2-4

Annual All Car Lovers Show, Elks Lodge,
Escondido

November 3

Freedom Station Casino Charity Run – Smokey's
Lake Wohlford Cafe

November 5

San Diego Car Club Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

November 5-8

“The 2013 SEMA Show” – Las Vegas Convention
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November 9

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November 22-24

Good Guys Del Mar

November 24

Down Low – Petersen Museum Cruise –
sscott@petersen.org

January 1-5

San Diego International Auto Show



San Diego British Car Day

It rained cats and dogs on Wednesday and yet by Saturday the sun was out early to begin a beautiful day. None-the-less, I decided to take the hard top down out of the garage and be the only enclosed Bugeye in the show. I chose to take the drive up Harbor Blvd. to the Embarcadero. I swear there is not another road in San Diego county that is nearly as rough as Harbor Blvd! Finally, I reached Kettner, and after waiting two lights for the traffic to clear, I rolled out past Seaport Village and onto the sidewalk to the area designated for Healeys. Being the first Healey to arrive I took the prime spot at the corner of MG, Sunbeam and Healey.



The hillside across from the MGs soon filled with Sprites and big Healeys. Rick staked a homestead with his Easy-up canopy and a forest of folding chairs sprung up in the delicious shade. I spent the morning hanging out at the entrance photographing cars as



they came in. Terry Cowan took the prize for most in-out activity. He brought PMO on a trailer, unloaded it and took the trailer home



and picked up his BJ8 and came back with Lisa in her Acura. Then at the end of the day he took the BJ8 home, picked up the trailer and returned to pick up PMO, which he parked and went to dinner with Lisa and friends.

A great spectrum of British automotive ingenuity was displayed around on the grass of the Embarcadero. MG showed the greatest number of





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vehicles, but a walk around the peninsula one could see Jaguars, Minis, Triumphs, TVRs, Rolls, Bentleys, Range Rovers, Jensens, Astin Martins a Lotus and even the Alpine that Grace Kelly drove in “To Catch A Thief”.



The Port Authority messed up the trophy presentations, so the British Car Club Council had to get creative. The Healey Club did well in the trophy department



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awards
going to the
Neumeyers,
Lynn Stark,
Ed Matheus,
Lou Galper,
and the
Humphreys.



It was a great day of hanging out



with fun Healey folks and enjoying the bright San Diego sunshine and the cool breeze off the bay.

Then it was all over and the rough ride down Harbor Blvd. brought a sunburned Healeyfile safely home.





Eat At Joe's

For the last year or so we have been meeting at Jimmy's in Santee. Then last month something happened. Howard and Lynne Stark encountered Joe, who owned The Philadelphia Sandwich Shop, and found that he owns it again. Joe had decided to retire and sell the shop to his kids then when they wanted to sell it he bought it back. Howard walked in and found himself reliving his childhood in Philly all over again. Way back when the Healey club



used to meet at Joe's place and he was open to inviting us back and a bunch of our members drifted off into a sea of nostalgia.

Having grown up in Arkansas, I was more familiar with black eyed peas, chitlins, and sorghum molasses. Hoagies, Cheesesteaks and Tasty Cakes are all foreign cuisine to me. Fortunately I sat next to Bob Humphreys and he coached me.

I have eaten Sushi in Japan, Biryani in India, Pho in Viet Nam, Asados in Argentina, Alligator in Peru, and now my culinary experience has been advanced with a bona fide Philadelphia Hoagie.

We'll meet there again on November 13. This time I'll adventure forth and try a Tasty Cake.

The 4th Annual Bugeye BBQ

Sat. November 9th

Fall is in the air. The days are getting shorter, and our little Bugeyes are running better breathing cooler air now. This means it's time for the annual Bugeye BBQ! Of course the main reason is to get together and share stories and kick tires. There will be great food and fun for all.

Last year some of us did the Bugeye cruise/drive prior to the BBQ. Those who would like to participate in it again where we drive along the coast then along back roads through Rancho Santa Fe ending up at my house, lets meet in Carlsbad at the Windmill on Palomar Airport Rd and I-5 at 10am sharp. I will have directions of the cruise for everyone who shows up.

Date - Sat. November 9th

Bugeye Cruise - 10am

Bugeye BBQ Time - 12n-4pm

Location - My house 3701 Via Paradiso,
Vista Calif. 92084

RSVP via email to

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NOTE: For those choosing to go straight to John's home for the BBQ and skip the cruise please get directions from the Bugeye Parts website at:

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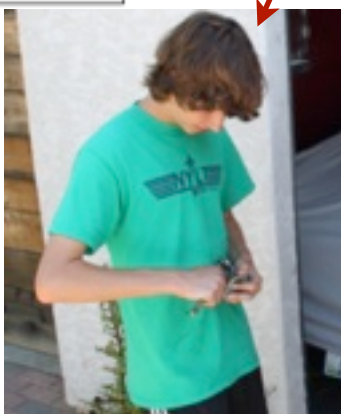
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November Birthdays

Norm Brewer	4
Gary Dolmage	8
Sam Talbert	11
Mike Williams	11
Ramona Kohlmann	14
Lisa Mandell	14
Jill Darland	22
Jolie Felt	26
Eric Tarakjian	27



November Anniversaries

Jeanne Conroy & Gerry Paquette	11/01/09
Abbe & Ed Neumeyer	11/02/02
Nancy & Gary Stalker	11/02/91
Jill & Ronald Darland	11/21/87
Nancy & Colin Seid	11/27/09



TOY SHOP RACING SEASON

Looking back over the year, here is a list of some of our finishes:

University Of VARA....No racing just teaching Race Car Driving
VARA Chuckwalla-- 1st In Class...
VARA British Extravaganza-- 1st in class...
Wine Country Classic (My Home Track)-- 1st in class...9 overall...
Laguna Seca-- 1st in class 14 overall...
Coronado Speedfest-- 1st in class...7th overall
VARA Las Vegas-- 1st in class...8th Overall

A big thank you from, Pete Smith, Dewey de Butt's and I, for those of you who came to watch and support our racing efforts, it was a good year over all especially with a few hot laps @ Knockhill thrown in during our trip to Scotland. That means I can say, "I've raced on both sides of the pond."

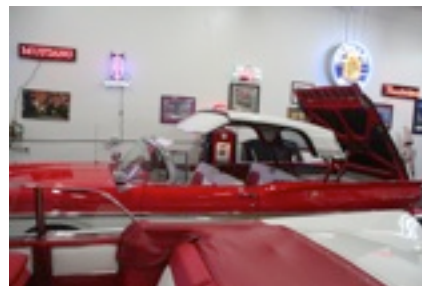


CALUMET COLLECTION

I didn't expect to see many Healeys when I showed up at the Calumet Collection on Santa Fe Drive last Saturday. The event came as an invitation from Mike Dolphin the younger. We were invited to come in alongside the A Model Club. . Around 10:30 a long train of Ford A Models rolled up and filled the parking lot. I thought I was going to be the only Healeyfile, but Bob Humphreys came to my rescue and later Lou Galper came along in his XJ6.

So, should I consider this a bad event? I think not, for a number of reasons. First, any day I have a reason to drive my Sprite is a good day. Being a bona-fide car nut, I enjoy perusing all kinds of cars, especially convertibles from the '50s and earlier. Also, my second car was a Model A Cabriolet and I had not seen one in a long time. Furthermore, I saw some real rarities; a '59 Skyliner Ford, a "red letters" Rolls, a 1914 Model T Ford, and a 46 Ford convertible.

Thanks, Mike, I had a good time.

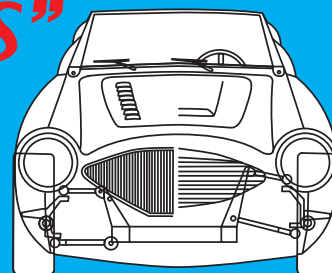




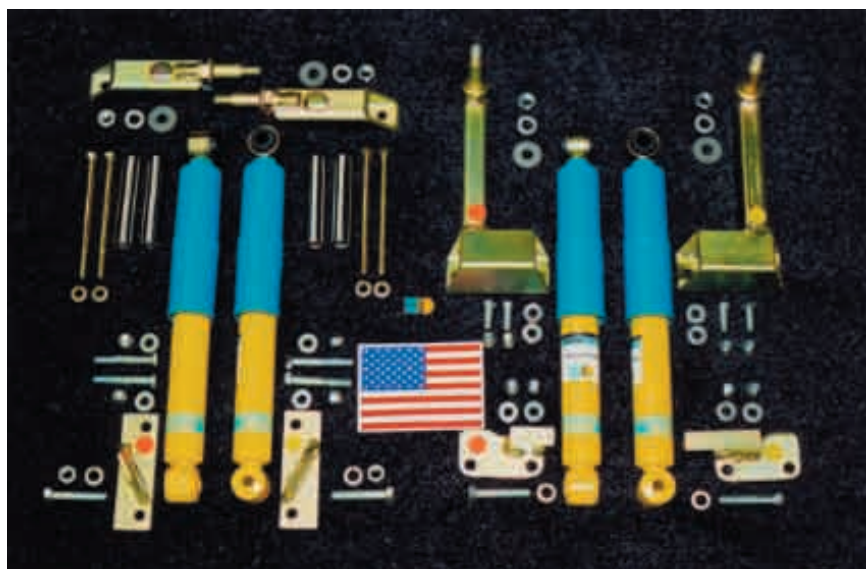
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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling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

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Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	60	Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Farnsworth, B&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	52	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	9
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	50	Stark, L&H	Jaguar conv.	9
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Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	44	Washburn, A&B	AH Sprite AN5	8
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	36	Watt, S&S	Aston-Martin DB4	8
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Cowan, T	AH Sprite AN5 Sprinzel Coupé	22	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8 (Blue)	22	Leon, S&L	AH Sprite AN5	6
Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	22	Linde, C	AH 100 BN2	6
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	22	Williams, M&D	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8 (Red/Blk)	18	Durham, D	Hot Wheels Healey	5
Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	17	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	16	Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Interceptor	5
Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	16	Smith, P&M	MGB V8	5
Felt, J&L	AH Sprite AN5	14	Turner, C&S	Jaguar 3.8S	5
Schermerhorn, J&M	AH Sprite Mk II AN6	14	DeButts, D	AH Sprite AN5	4
Church, B	AH Sprite AN5	10	Kwiat, G&S	AH 100-6 BN4	4
DeBoer, A&V	Jensen Healey	10	Farnsworth, R&D	Triumph America	3
Dolphin, M Jr	AH Sprite AN5	10	Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	3
Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Healey	10	Williams, M&D	Triumph TR6	3
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MISINFORMATION ABOUT OLD CARS

Over the past few years, I have found myself in situations which have almost resulted in a whiplash or in almost choking on what I was either drinking or eating. These have not been as a result of driving, but from being around crowds of people and overhearing various conversations. These have all been auto related and I am still in denial as to what I heard.

Two of these incidences occurred when I was invited to judge at the Pebble Beach Concourse. On the Saturday of the Concourse I was looking at several Edwardian cars, most of which were brightly painted in their original colours. All the people present were what I would call “car people” and were quite knowledgeable about the cars that they were looking at. Suddenly I heard something that resulted in me swallowing my drink the wrong way, getting into a coughing spasm that almost brought me to my knees, and barely missing the other people with a spray of soda. What I had overheard that cause such a reaction was a man talking to several teenagers, and telling that all these cars were painted in the wrong colour, as all early cars were either black or a shade of grey. This was such a revelation to me that I almost choked. It took me a couple of minutes to regain my composure, and then proceeded to rectify the situation by explaining that the cars were the correct colours. I explained that the confusion results from the fact that there were no period colour photographs, and all the photographs that were taken when the cars were new were black and white, showing the cars as either black or a shade of grey.

The other incident of the weekend was on the Sunday out on the show field where I was looking at a beautifully restored 1932 S.S.1 Fixed Head Coupe. The SS company has a colourful history, starting life in 1921, in Blackpool England, as the Swallow Coach building Company Ltd, changing its name early on to the Swallow Sidecar and Coach Building Company. In 1926, William Lyons, the company founder started to make bodies for Austin Sevens, with the resulting cars being called Austin Swallow. He then proceeded to fit bodies to other British cars including Standard, Swift and Morris. In 1928 the company had outgrown its facilities and moved to Coventry, and the company name was changed to SS Cars Limited. At this time Lyons decided to produce his own car based on a low slung version of the Standard Sixteen chassis, and the new cars were known initially as S.S.1 and then S.S.2. 1939 brought the Second World War and the stopping of all car production. In 1945 production was resumed but the name of the car S.S. was deemed to be insensitive in the light of world events and a new name was selected for the car - JAGUAR. With this history in mind I will bring you back to Pebble Beach. Here I heard a proper English accent behind me and I took no notice of it until he announced quite loudly to his companions.”This is one of Hitler’s cars from the war. You can tell as it’s called an SS after his Storm Troopers”. Needless to say my head spun around so fast that I almost gave myself a whiplash. Luckily before I could regain my composure the owner replied that he was wrong as this was an early Jaguar, and the “English accent” sheepishly left the scene.

These experiences show me that we need to remember that there is a lot of MIS-INFORMATION out there, and we must be prepared to hear it at the most inopportune times, and not injure ourselves as a result of what other say. Other than these two experiences I had a DAMN good time at Pebble, and really hope I’m invited back.

Sandy Watt



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