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HEALEY HEARSAY

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**From The Editor:**

"Was your car parked here?" asked my friend pointing at a spot on the church parking lot. "Yep, I said, why?"

"There is a puddle of oil there." "I know," I said, "it's a British car." We laughed. That seems to be the standard for all British cars. I really don't feel so bad after I visited Allen Taylor's restoration shop and, looking at a multi million dollar Bugatti, I spotted a puddle of oil in the pristine engine bay. Taylor said that was how they knew there was oil in the car.

None-the-less, the piles of oily cat litter in my garage is testimony that there are more oil leaks than are warranted by a 55 year old british chariot. Looking underneath I know the rear oil seal on the crank is leaking and Moss has an up graded one that will stop all that. I could change that but it would entail pulling the engine and transmission just to get to the offending part. I'll wait until there is some other reason to take the engine apart then I'll fix the oil leak. So, I need another bag of kitty litter.

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October Meeting**NOTE THE CHANGE!!**

October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

at the

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co.

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Membership Information

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 Lynne Stark redjag99@sbcglobal.net for details and an application.

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ON THE COVER: Bob and Sue Farnsworth arriving at a recent British Invasion at an El Cajon Wednesday night Car Show.

Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>



Hey there Healey Peeps

Well here we are again, Summer is slipping away and the Holiday season is quickly approaching!!

Coronado Speedfest was a mixed

bag this year. I was listed in Group 5 in the program but raced in Group 1 PMO

ran well First in class and 9th overall. Dewey also raced in Group 1 and Pete Smith's car was supposed to also until the timing chain stretched and decided not to run on the way back from the Downtown Coronado Parade & Show. Thinking it had just ran out of gas (that's what Pete thought had happened) we went about trying to fix that issue Friday & most of Saturday with Lots & Lots of other opinion's and arms and legs, first it was no gas, then it was too much gas, bad plugs, wrong plugs, no spark, bad coil, bad points, broken/bad wiring. With every change it would tease us by starting just for a

moment and then lap back into popping back out the

carb, indicating again my original feeling that the timing chain had stretched and the intake valves we still open when the ignition was trying to fire. So, thats racing sometimes, so new adjustable duplex timing chain & gears to the rescue. Thank God Pete had his Formula Ford there to drive as well!!

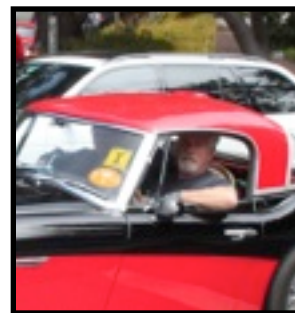
Welcome to our newest paddock friends **Joe Biglione** GP-1 Karmann Ghia, **Bart Smith** Mini Cooper and their Families & Friends. Also joining us are **Lon Walters**, with his Elva & **Alan & Joanne Berry** with a Volvo in Group 5, so it was great fun and great racing!!

I also took a moment and went up to **English Motors @ Fairbrook**. It was a great drive, nice Healey weather, and still a great setting. I met up with a few of the Association folks, chatted about the upcoming New Zealand trip and saw some nice Healeys!!

Chic & Donna were there, Lou & Debbie in his Jag, Howard Macken's Nasty Boy 100, and a Nasty Boy Bugeye. I didn't get all the names but it was a nice turn out Healey wise.

Next up British Car Day. We must have at least 4 cars per category Pre Registered on Oct. 1 or there will be no place awards. You must be there **AND PARKED by 9AM** or no get to show.

President's Message:



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September Healey Meeting Minutes

The September 10th meeting was held at the Mainstream Bar & Grill at 13385 Poway Rd Poway Ca. 25 Members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

John Banales, Terry Cowan*, Mike Dolphin Sr. Debbie Durham, Lou Gallper~, Bob & Barbara Humphreys*, Lisa Mandell, Ed Matheus*, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Mary Jane Schmidt*, Rick & Allie Snover~, Gary Stalker*, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert, Craig & Sue Turner, Sandy Watt, Lee & Julie White*,

Meeting was called to order by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions:

Largely about the Christmas party. Terry has secured the Auto Museum for December Sat. the 13th. A tally of last years event showed a net cost of \$173.95 to the club. Lynne will contact the caterer we used and get a quote for what this years cost might look like. We have traditionally held a "steal it x times gift exchange" and the idea of doing a silent auction instead was apparently floated.. This would need a decent list of items to make this successful so send a list of donations to Lou to get an idea of where things stand. Drinks (club to sell ?) suggested were Sierra Mist and Coke Zero with Lisa indicating she will bring Perrier.

A clarification of the meeting entrée winner rules. Food only, maximum of \$15.00. 1 person. The meeting has been changed to the 3rd Wednesday in October to possibly make it easier for Dick and Jan to attend.

Vice President/ Membership: Think I understand Lynne to be putting out an updated roster..

Secretary: My thanks again to clubmembers for taking down meeting notes so I can turn them into the newsletter "minutes" format. The Wednesday hospitality of Moors Cancer Center is not permanent but I will be there for a bit longer.. Jan and my problem is not the "day" of the meeting, but where or what time it is. Her night vision has become problematic so getting us home comfortably in winter darkness is the challenge.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin reported that the bank balance is still hanging around in decent shape.

Newsletter: Sam indicated he will be doing an article on Sue. He would like pictures, anecdotes, input of articles from any source...

Activities:

The Octoberfest will be Saturday the 18th.

September 20 and 21 is Coronado Speedfest.

The Fairbrook Farms will be a two day event Sept 27 and 28., The LA Association will be there on the 28th.

October 12 is British Car Day and cars there for showing need to be parked by 9.00 a.m.

See the dedicated activities page for complete coverage of whats coming.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Position vacant

Old Business: None

New Business: None

No record of lucky dinner entrée winner.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Debbie Durham for meeting notes
Dick Schmidt, secretary



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There is also another pile of litter under the differential, and cute stripes on my rear wheels. Something else is leaking. An inspection revealed perished rear wheel seals and gaskets on both sides and a leaking pinion seal.

The next step is to replace all the seals and gaskets and redo the rear brakes because the dead seals allowed differential oil to coat the brakes and make the drums useless to stop the car.

Hopefully it'll all get done before British Car Day.

Activities on the Horizon

October 12 (Sun)	British Car day, Embarcadero Marina Park. Registration: www.sandiegobritishcarday.org
October 18 (Sat)	Oktoberfest, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm, Farnsworth's
November	Triumph Wine Run Contact Lou Galper for details.
December 13	Annual Christmas Party 11am at the Automotive Museum (upper level) in Balboa Park

Holiday Party 2014

The Austin Healey Club of San Diego invites you to our annual Holiday party!

Please join us on Saturday December 13th at 11am at the Automotive Museum (upper level) in Balboa Park. If you would like to participate in our gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 - \$15 dollars. NO "white elephants" please.

This year we will again have a catered buffet lunch of Roast beef, Turkey and Ham with all the trimmings, side dishes and of course dessert.

Cost is \$25 dollars per member and \$30 dollars for non member guests in advance. This includes admission to the Automotive Museum.

Please RSVP and send checks/\$ made out to the Austin Healey Club of San Diego or (AHCSD) to:
Lynne Stark

1164 Benjamin Place
El Cajon, Ca 92020

By Monday December 1st.

This year we will also again have a silent auction/raffle to help as a club fundraiser. Please email me or Lou Galper and let us know what items, car, holiday or other you wish to donate.

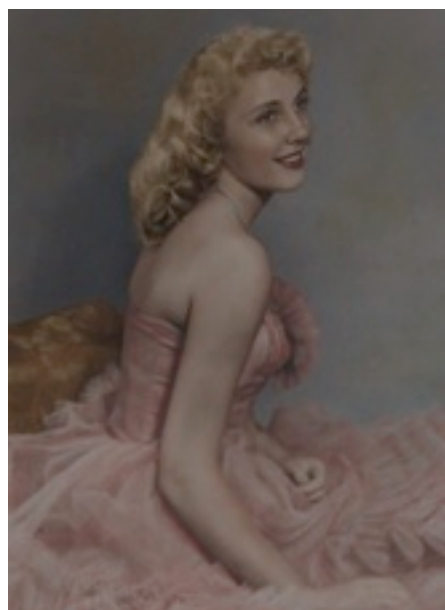
Please contact me at home (619)579-7551 or cell (619)733-7785 or email redjag99@sbcglobal.net to RSVP, let me know about auction/raffle donations or with any questions or concerns about the party or to volunteer to help setup or clean up.

I hope to see you at the party!





Sue Farnsworth



It was a happy day in the Gower household. Santa came three days early and delivered a beautiful baby girl on the 22nd of December 1937. Susan Gower grew into a tall, sassy, blond, blue eyed beauty in her home town of La Mesa. She attended Grossmont High School until Helix High opened in her sophomore year. She entered the running for Cinderella Princess in El Cajon's Mother Goose Parade and became first runner up.

Susan was invited by some of her friends to come along on a blind date. There to pick her up was a Tony Curtis look alike named Bob Farnsworth. He took one look and never wanted that date to end. As soon as Sue finished high school, on May 7, 1955 they got married.

Typical of most young couples they had to live on a budget and Bob traded his less than reliable 1952 Kaiser for a 1951 MGTD. After all there were only two of them and the TD cost much less to run, with both of them working they had to ferry each other back and



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forth to work. It wasn't too satisfactory though. MG's are not noted for their power, and one day as Sue was being overtaken by a bread truck, she said, "We need a Healey!"

That led to the purchase of the first Farnsworth BN1 (Bob ultimately had three that were lost in

the Cedar fire). As time went on the family grew with the entrance of Laurie and Rick. Bob's work as an engineer has taken him to some interesting places to work on some exotic projects. One particular project took the family to Wyoming and they loaded everyone into the BN1 and headed out for Cheyenne, Wyoming in FEBRUARY! That takes real faith! (Ask Bob about that trip.)

In conversation with daughter Laurie and daughter-in-law Donna, one of the things they told me was, she loved to cook. She even



conducted cooking classes for the local 4H club. She was involved in PTA and volunteered in many ways in the community. She was awarded 'Volunteer of the Month' by the San Diego Volunteer Bureau for her work with mentally ill patients in Spring Valley.

Sue was a consistent participant in the activities of the San Diego Austin

Austin Healey Club. Bob and Sue were at every event of the club. It was almost like, If Bob and



Sue aren't here then it's not a real event. She slipped away from us last month. She will be missed.





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Wounded Warrior Car Show

Bob & Barb Humphreys

The 2nd Annual show was held at the Hawthorne Equipment shop near Rancho Bernardo. The show benefited the San Diego Wounded Warrior Project. There were over 300 cars of all types present and most were in very good condition.

The show had a wide variety of drawing prizes, a live auction and a raffle. This was the most items that I have seen at any show. There were numerous vendors and food trucks to



choose from.

There were loud demos by several dragsters. A drone was seen filming the show.

The weather was VERY HOT. We were lucky to find a shaded area that was reasonably comfortable. In addition to the trophies, some cars

were awarded medals based upon the choices of the wounded warriors. The ribbon attached to the medal signified whether the car was owned by a veteran or not.



This show provided much support to the many wounded veterans in San Diego and is well worth attending. We are planning on being there next year.



A Day at the Coronado Speed Fest

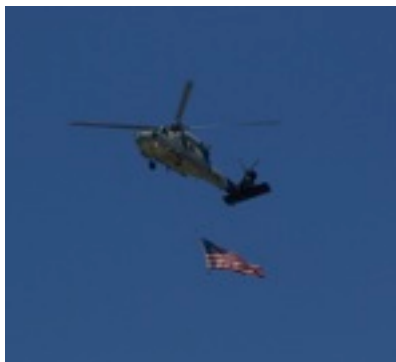
by Warren Voth

The 2014 Coronado Speed Festival, like racing and life, is an event always in transition. Still the largest racing event of its type on the West Coast, the excitement was still there but seemed to call to the next generation. The race cars of the 30's to the 60's were in short supply. The Testa Rosa Ferrari's, Bird Cage Maserati's, D-Type Jags, Aston Martins, Pre War Alfa's, MG's and HRG's, etc. were absent. There was a nice Lister Corvette and a Lotus or two though.

Time marches on to Thunder Birds, monster trucks and big block 70's and 80's cars, and new gear heads with different likes. Taste and times are changing.



The Austin Healey Club of San Diego is no longer peopled with as many of the spring chickens we knew and were. And more Club members have other interests and priorities. I saw a few members. Terry Cowan and Dewey de Butts were racing their Sprinzel Sebring and Bug Eye Sprites. And Gary Black, (from out of town), and his very nice Denis Welch powered BRG Healey 3000. Gary and I had a nice chat, He wondered if the interest in British cars, like the Healey's, were waning. I said I hoped not. Big Healey's anyway, were never a large production item and many of them have returned to Mother Earth. The fact that they were limited (and Barbie's favorite) helps their cult following.



The car corral was packed with before mentioned 50th Anniversary Thunder Birds, muscle cars, and the larger more active clubs. I saw very few British sports cars from the 40's and 50's that started the American sports car movement we knew and grew up with. My Healey, no longer in the prime corral spot behind the first bleachers, was relegated to the far end of the car corral next to the RV's and trailers. That's life.

I arrived about 8:15 and walked around until about noon. The exhibits were great as always and the food was artery clogging. I grabbed a lean grilled chicken sandwich that was surprisingly good, or I was unsurprisingly hungry. While having lunch, a fellow enthusiast with a Monterey shirt asked to sit down at my otherwise vacant table. I commented on what I felt was the lack of vintage cars at the festival. He said he had attended the Monterey races and felt many were missing there too. His take is they are being bought as investments, hidden away in a low profit market, to be sold in better days..

I picked up a program, from the next table, that the purchasers glanced at and left. I checked out the pits and exhibits I missed earlier and left before the mass exodus, which I happily missed. I did see Lou Galper and Deborah Durham on the way out.

The day was too nostalgic for this gear head filled with remembrances of earlier Speed Fests passed.



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Membership Update

Hi Everyone! As of September 2014 the club has 68 members. I would like to extend a warm welcome and welcome back to new and renewing members since our last roster was published.

John Banales and Sylvia Torres

Gerald Paquette

Sean and Shannon Kirkland

Jerry and Jennifer Schaffer

Terry Banach and Lisa Wilhoite

John and Karen Steepy

It's almost October and not too soon to think about renewing your memberships for 2015. Dues for the Austin Healey Club of San Diego (AHCSD) are \$30.00 . If you also want to Join or renew your membership to Austin Healey Club of America (our national club) the dues are \$50.00. You can write one check for \$80.00 for both club dues or \$30.00 if you only want to belong to AHCSD. Either way please don't delay and send your checks to me

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If you have any questions please call or email me. I can be reached at (619) 579-7551 or (619) 733-7785 or redjag99@sbcglobal.net

P.S. I hope to have a roster addendum electronically available soon





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October Birthdays

Nancy Tabachki	1
Buck Buchanan	2
Kathy Shoemaker	2
Cheryl Dolmage	4
Gerry Paquette	9
Dick Schmidt	9
Abbe Neumeyer	15
Joel Mayer	21
Don Newman	27
Robin Nelson	30
Erich Wolf	31



October Anniversaries

Allie & Rick Snover	10/10/10
Diane Schneider & Dave Grundies	10/11/97
Bibi & Andy Washburn	10/25/86
Susan Virden-Kwiat & Gerry Kwiat	10/26/04



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Bob Farnsworth has said he still wants to have **Oktoberfest on the 18th** at his house, so please plan to attend.

Also please remember we have changed the meeting date to the **3rd Wednesday** for a while so **Dick & Jan** can attend we hope!!





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. AHCSO 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: 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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Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	60	Kirkland, S	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Farnsworth, B&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	54	Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Interceptor	9
Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	50	Macken, H	AH 100 (Modified)	8
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	46	Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
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Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	32	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	7
Schmidt, MJ	AH Sprite Mk IV AN9	32	Cacciatore, C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	30	Hart, S	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	30	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
White, L&J	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	30	Pendleton, J&L	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	26	Tabachki, N&N	AH 100-6 BN6	6
Cowan, T	AH AN5 Sprinzel	22	Arndt, C&N	Mini Cooper	4
Dolphin, M Jr	AH Sprite AN5	18	DeButts, D	AH Sprite AN5	4
Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	15	Farnsworth, R&D	Triumph America	4
McCrae, M & Karen S	AH 100-6 BN4	14	Galper, L	Jaguar 120	4
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	14	Sharp, C&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
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The Triumph Sports Car Club invites you to the 2014 Wine Run

November 23rd 10:00 AM

Meet at the park and ride at Scripps Summit Drive

(Just east of I15 off of Scripps Poway Parkway—1st street north)

We will leave the parking lot at 10:30 for a nice drive to Santa Ysabel arriving by noon.

This year we have brought the wineries to a very nice restaurant for your enjoyment.

Chef Jeremy has selected a menu for your gastronomic delight.

We will have a wine tasting first and then have a sit down lunch where you will order from the chef's menu.

Adult beverages, including any wine tasted, coffee, tea, and soda are available. All items are priced individually so that you only purchase and pay for what you desire.

Wine tasting from these select wineries: La Serenissima Vineyards and Winery, Tony will bring his 2013 Arneis, his 2010 Claret and his 2011 Syrah. The Arneis is \$20 a bottle, the Claret is \$23 a bottle, and the Syrah is \$25 a bottle.

Milagro Farms will be bringing their 2013-Sauvignon Blanc their 2012-Barbera, and their 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon.

All six wines – \$8 tasting fee and bottles will be for sale (two white wines and 4 red wines) The tasting fee and any purchases would be directly through the wineries. Tony is the Vintner from La Serenissima. Milagro Farms has yet to identify their representative. This is a great opportunity as La Serenissima does not have a public tasting room and Tony will be available to answer any questions.

First Course

Lobster Bisque with Sherry - Cup \$5 Bowl \$7

Or

Garden Salad with Avocado, Garden Vegetables, Organic Greens, House Croutons, Red Wine Sage Vinaigrette and Manchego Cheese - \$7

Or

Julian Apple Salad with Organic Greens, Julian Apples, Candied Walnuts, Bleu Cheese Dressing and Bleu Cheese Crumbles - \$9

Or

Crispy Brussels Sprouts with Ponzu Sauce, Red Pepper Flakes, Brown Sugar and Ginger - \$8

Second Course

Bacon Cheese Burger with Cheddar Cheese, Caramelized Onions, Apple Wood Smoked Bacon and Garlic Herb Fries (The Famous Gloopy Burger) - \$14

Or

Beer Battered Halibut Fish and Chips with Chipotle Aioli - \$16

Or

Flat Iron Steak with Green Peppercorn Cognac Sauce and Garlic Herb Fries-\$19

Or

Gourmet Quinoa Lunch Bowl with Marinated Portabella Mushroom, Zucchini and Avocado - \$10

Or

Monty de Julian with Apple Wood Smoked Ham, Apple Jam, Caramelized Onions and Hand Sliced Cheddar dipped in Egg Custard Batter and Pan Fried -\$12

Third Course

Famous Apple Cobbler with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream and Caramel Brandy Sauce - \$8

Or

Crème Brûlée of the Day - \$10

Or

Triple Layer Organic Carrot Cake - \$9

If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Jim Porter.

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