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**From The Editor:**

It all started early in the restoration of Whooeee. The stock steering wheel is gigantic and a guy my size just does not fit around it. So,

I bought a smaller wheel; about 10" in



diameter. This worked fine with a couple issues. First, Whooeee became really skitzzy and you only had to THINK about changing lanes and it would turn. Second, all of the instruments were hidden behind the wheel. I had to learn to steer really carefully and to judge speed and RPM by sound. To remedy all this I decided to cut away a portion of the

January Meeting

The January meeting will be on Jan. 21 at 6:30 at the
Mainstream Bar & Grill
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On the Cover: Three British beauties parked outside the San Diego Automotive Museum at the annual Holiday Party of the San Diego Austin Healey Club.

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Happy Holidays it was indeed...

I want to start out by giving a great BIG "Thank You" for all who helped out for this years Holiday Party...Lynne & Lou for all the organization & set up, plus the normal Early Elves who always pitch in to set up !!

Also "Thank You" to Mike Williams doing his best Santa imitation with a borrowed hat from last years Santa, Udo. Not to be forgotten are all the folks who donated gifts for the silent auction as well as the raffle...cool NON CAR stuff this year from Lisa & Jan made it more interesting for our girls. Thank you to Don for donating the "Most Expensive" auction prize which I couldn't resist 100-4 engine print & t shirt to match !! A few things that were donated by The Toy Shop mostly Sprite stuff will be reloaded at a later date or listed for sale in the newsletter with the proceeds to go to the club.

Lisa & I will be enjoying our CotY points badge for the next year. We truly have enjoyed being able to jump in the Healey and meet up with some of the best folks around...and the very first time even though combined with all our cars we have had enough to win perhaps before, that we have one with just one !!

Looking forward to 2015, I will make a more concerted effort to find other venues for our meetings. Having said that, if you have ideas please write down and bring them to the next meeting, or feel free to E-mail me at terry@toyshop-resto.com and I will go out and check them out. One of the things that may have to happen is, we may have to go back and forth between the second & third Wednesday of the month depending on the locations and availability of the room they may have, Wednesday seems to be a very popular night for meetings.

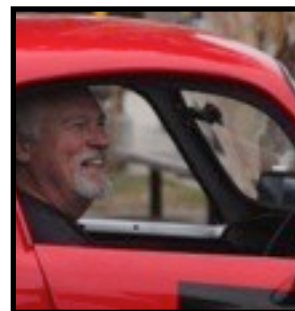
Speaking of the third Wednesday or first meeting of the year will be @ Mainstream Bar & Grill Jan 21st @ 6:30 !!

Hope To See You All There...

Happy New Year, Enjoy And Be Safe !!

Yr Prez, Mr T

President's Message:





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wheel (sorta like a steering wheel from a Piper Cub). That worked fine for seeing the speedo, but the car was still skitzy. Furthermore, since the cutout was designed to make the speedo visible it was not centered. I spent the next years explaining why the wheel was not really



crooked, "I designed it that way!"

For my birthday this year my wife bought me a new steering wheel. It is a little bigger (about 14" in diameter). It is a slick fit, it looks great with chrome spokes and Healey Sprite badge in the center. Amazing the car handles much more calmly now, and I can actually see both the Speedo and the Tach. I'm happy.

At the Bugeye Bar-B-Q at John Felt's house I saw an old wooden steering wheel that

he had liberated from one of his piles of 'Sprite Stuff'. I have always admired wooden steering



wheels but have been prevented from buying one by the price (around \$300). When I saw the junk Wheel at John's I had a brain storm. Why not make my own wooden steering wheel, after all I made the wooden shift knob and it looks great.

Thus the new project. I need to learn how to manipulate all the wood working tools (saws, sanders, drills, router, etc.) and make my very own, unique to me steering wheel. It'll be a while because I am in the throes of practicing all of my ideas and finding out just what will actually work and what is nothing but fanciful thinking. Stay tuned!

Editor's Note: There are no minutes from the December meeting. The Holiday Party served as the meeting for this month. Plus Secretary Dick Schmidt was too busy chowing down on roast beef, turkey and ham to take notes. He should be finished with all the left overs by the January meeting.



Photos from the Holiday Party



Activities

Dec. 31 -- English New Year (*London is 8 hours ahead of us so you can start celebrating at 4 p.m.*) at the Tilted Kilt



April 19 -- Rolling
British Car Day at the Pauma Valley
Country Club.



July 19-24 -- Enclave 2015 Healeys on Hallowed Ground
at Gettysburg , PA (*Details at www.enclave2015.com*)



The Annual Holiday Party.

I decided a long time ago not to drive Whooeee in bad weather. I also in last month's Hearsay made the boast that here in San Diego we drive our cars year round and encouraged all members to drive to the Holiday party. Then wouldn't you know it, a storm, the biggest in years took aim at San Diego and dumped two years worth of rain in just two days. I was looking at a major apology for not driving Whooeee to the Holiday Party. However, God came through and the sun broke through on Saturday morning and I had a clear crisp drive to Balboa Park.

Parking is always an issue and I planned to park just outside the museum where we often display our cars. When I got there Don and Lou had already parked there and there was no room for Whooeee. Reminded me of the Christmas story where there was no room for Mary and Joseph and they brought their baby into the world in a stable. I hunted down Lou and Don and asked if they could move out a little to make room for Whooeee, which they did. (See also the cover photo)



Inside the San Diego Automotive Museum is a great collection of classic cars. Up stairs we gathered as we have for many years. It was great to see all the regulars and also those who for one reason or another can't make all the events. Another plus is the opportunity to meet some of the spouses we don't see often.



Lynne Stark did a great job putting together the menu for the day. I loaded up my plate with ham, turkey and prime rib along with all the side dishes and settled down for an excellent feast. The only void was the absence of stuffing.



However the cheesecake made up for it for a little.

One of the events that always takes place at the Holiday Party is the presentation of the Car of the Year Award. This year the recipient was 'his majesty mr. president himself, Terry Cowan and Lisa Mandel. It's about time. The guy who spends more time under the

bonnet of a Healey than any other person on the globe ought to win the award every once in a while.

It is always fun to watch the gift exchange.



Some really creative gifts surfaced. It is interesting watching some gifts get stolen and others can't be given away. I noticed something this year. Whereas in years past almost a majority of gifts involved booze in one form or another, this year not so much. I don't know how to interpret this, but I did find it interesting.

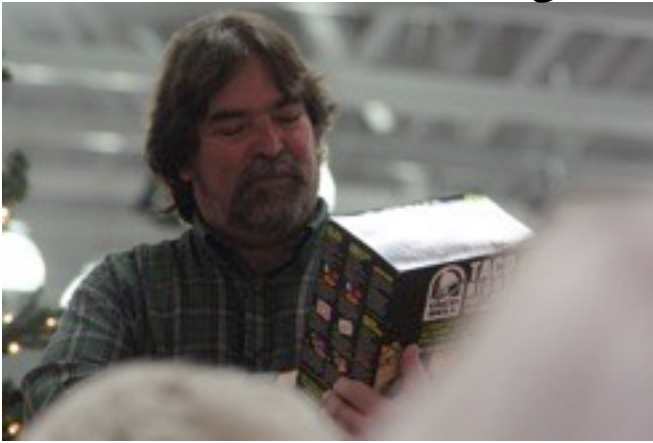
Initiated last year the silent auction brought out some interesting items. We got to bid on Healey parts, hats, purses and a bunch of other things I can't remember now. Beside the opportunity to move stuff from your closed/garage to mine, this event helps to defray the costs of the party.

An unexpected benefit of the Holiday Party happens after the party is over. Although we try to guess how many will come and plan accordingly, we always miscalculate. Fortunately Lynne makes sure we always err on the fat side. After the party we along with others gathered around the food tables and divided up the leftovers. I don't know how others fared, but Janiece and I enjoyed the extra meals.





Holiday Party Photos



I GOT MY STUFFING!





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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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(as of 12/20/2014)

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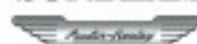
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