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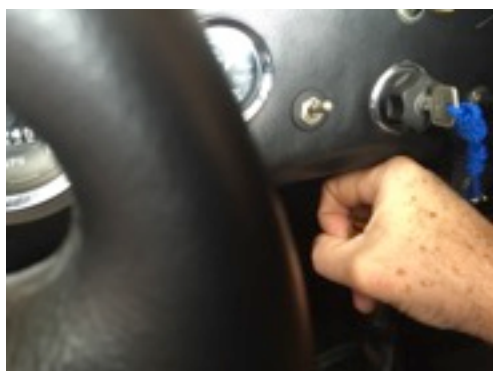
Club of San Diego



**From The Editor:**

Life is full of nuisances. Big things seem always to happen to 'someone else' but there is always something for

me to complain about. Whooeee has his share of minor irritations that, from time to time, make me want to cuss. Most of these conditions are of my own doing so I would be cussing myself and that gets me nowhere. For example, my home made shift knob is larger than the



original and I bump my knuckles every time I shift into third or fifth. Also, the bracket I installed to hold down my hard top is in the perfect place to gouge a hole in my head. The wires to the headlights

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February Meeting

Boomerangs Gourmet Burger Joint
4755 Clairemont Drive, San Diego, CA
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On the Cover: Even the Beatles loved Healeys. Here are George and Paul in a Bugeye.

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



Hey there Healey Folks

Thanks for the nice turn out for Super Bowl, nothing like the opportunity to clean our house, twice !!

We hope everyone had a good time...the weather was perfect but not very many Healeys driven this year and a much smaller crowd

but fun still the same.

We did have some new folks this year...David Smith & his girlfriend Ines. He has a BJ-8, came down from the LA area and joined the club. They said they enjoyed meeting all of us and what a "Fun Group" we are...boy if they really knew how fun we are !! LOL

Next Stop New Zealand. Well, she is on her way again...since we can't win the COTY award two years in a row, this is a good time to send the Black Widow on another adventure. This time to visit the New Zealand Austin Healey Club. She is currently being spotlessly cleaned under, over and around. It turns out New Zealand is VERY strict about what you, or in this case, your car imports !! No Weeds, Flowers, Spiders, Bugs or anything NON Native to that country...if only we were that careful.

Lisa & I will join up with her and her friends around March 25th and tour the North & South Islands for three weeks, with the hopes of seeing Penguins in their natural habitat. Also we will be taking in the sites and sounds with our Kiwi friends. Along with the usual band of Healey Peeps that we toured with in Scotland, we will be taking in as many historic & popular sites as possible. We understand the weather & countryside is very much like Scotland, and if it's anything like that trip, it should be a great experience!!!

OK other news...**Dick & Jan Schmidt** have located a new (OLD) spot for us to try, called **Boomerangs**. We have been there before but it was many years ago. It will be on Feb 11th (back to the second Wednesday) 6:30PM @ 4577 Clairemont Drive (858)483-9500.

And I would like to give a big **THANKS** to all who helped with the **Super Bowl Party**, mainly **Ms Lisa Mandell**, and to all those who brought stuff to share **yummmmy !!!**

Hope to see you all there !!

Yr Prez, Terry C

***Editor's Note:** Since this edition of the Hearsay was already compiled before the Superbowl Party on Feb. 1, room for text and photos from the party was already committed. Photos and information about the party will be featured in the next Hearsay. None-the-less, Happy Birthday, Terry!!!*

President's Message:





January 2015 Healey Meeting Minutes

The January 21st 2015 meeting was held at the Mainstream Bar and Grill at 13385 Poway Rd. Poway

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

Don Benre*, Terry Cowan, Lex Dunn, Bob Farnsworth, Dick Hoss, Ed Mathew, John McCoy, Ed Neumeyer*, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark*, Sam Talbert*, Craig & Sue Turner*, Hal Vick, Sandy & Sandy Watt, Lee White*, Erich Wolf,

Meeting was called to order at 7.15 pm by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions, comments :

It seems to be dawning on more and more clubs that monthly meetings and an annual yearly big event is getting harder to manage and costlier to produce, so now there is more talk of clubs alternating with each other to put on the big events. As we next learned, there are clubs putting this to the test. Ed Neumeyer has a container waiting for six Healeys to call home while traveling to New Zealand for an event there. Terry and Bob Farnsworth were mentioned as participants in this. Stay tuned.

Vice President/ Membership:

Not sure if we have been reporting on a tentative membership number, but it seems that we have 47 actual renewals and 26 needing a little help.

As the actual COTY badge eventually fills with names, we need a replacement. Lynne and Howard took care of having the new COTY badge engraved with Terry's name as the latest winner and Lynne presented it to Terry in a nice little ceremony.

Lynne went over the various years of Christmas Party costs and was able to show that with some cost management and the employment of things like Lou's silent auction, we were actually able to bring the costs to a virtual break-even point.

Secretary: No comments related to the minutes.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin out of town. Some people with knowledge of the balance indicated it was still about the same as before the Christmas Party.

Newsletter: Sam asked that anyone with pics, and stories if they could get them to him for this month's issue..

Activities: This month's activity is the Superbowl on Feb 1 and Terry will apparently again be our host. There was not extensive coverage of the details, but the mechanics of the event should be like previous years. Chilis for the contest and side dishes for the meal. Gathering time will be after 1.00 p.m.ish. Lets see, guess that is a few days from now huh?

Regalia: Open position.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Erich Wolf was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, secretary





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rub against the front tire when I close the bonnet. It wouldn't do that if I had left the bonnet hinged to the firewall as it was originally rather than making it hinge forward.

On the other hand, some of these nuisances are not my fault. DMH needs to bear some of the responsibility. First, the bonnet. Coming from the factory it was a head banging monster. I cannot count the scars on my head just from changing the battery.

The factory steering wheel is a problem for anyone with legs. And seat adjustment is a joke. You can adjust the drivers seat from "for short drivers" to "for shorter drivers".

Mirrors are another nuisance. They can only be adjusted by a team. You cannot do it by yourself without getting in and out of



the car at least four times.

I could go on, but you get the picture. There are plenty nuisances to complain about with a Bugeye. We are just like the lady in the emergency room surrounded by gun shot wounds, stab wounds, and heart attacks complaining of a hang nail. We have all these issues, but look around--they have to drive

Activities

February 1 -- Annual Superbowl Party and Chili Cook off. Again, this year it will be held at Terry and Lisa's, 4028 Bardaquera Pl, Bonita. Party starts around 1 pm and the game starts around 3 pm.



March -- Our annual drive to Barrego to see the wild flowers will be in this month. We have no specific date yet, so watch for an e-mail.

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*)

A Lesson Learned

I have been a lurker in this club for quite a while. Some of you guys know me from my Old English White Bugeye. Just to let you know, I am progressing on my BN2 restoration, albeit slowly. Here are some pictures of the body shell fresh from the paint booth for the last time. Let me explain. This body shell has been painted two times previous to this paint job. Both times they were done quite unsatisfactory. The first paint job was done by a hack who's idea of a classic car paint job was to slather on gobs of Bondo, then sculpt a car out of it. He did not even mix the stuff properly. It was like dry clay and would chip off when you just ran a small screwdriver into it. There was no recourse as this hack left in the middle of the night not leaving any forwarding information.

The second gentleman seemed to be more knowledgeable and even removed all the Bondo and did the correct metal repairs to the car. As time went by, this painter was having problems with the other tenants in the complex that he sublet a space to work in. At one time, some one stole my louvered hood because of a debt this painter had with him. We were never able to prove it, but I had to buy a new louvered hood. This guy did not have any money nor insurance to cover this loss. The paint job was supposed to be done in the paint booth of the "real" body shop next door. I guess he spent the \$100 to rent the booth for the day, or did not have the money for it. So, he painted the car out in the open of his rented space, which he happened to share with a cement mason. I think you can see where this is going. There was dirt in the paint and the orange peel texture was so bad, a \$600 color sanding could not remove it all. This flake left in the middle of the night also. OK, so I am 0 for 2 up to now.



I was trying to get a decent paint job and save money at the same time. It's a false economy. I finally went to an established shop whose clients include Jaguars, Ferraris, Maseratis, etc. This guy was not a "fly by night" operation. He came to my house for an estimate on the body shell. We agreed on a price. Don't ask. Within a month it was painted and cleared. Now it is sitting in his shop with the clear coat hardening so he can color sand and polish it. I pick it up the end of January and I could not be more pleased. It came out perfect. The way it sits, it looks like it does not need to be color sanded. What a beautiful job! The pictures do not do it justice. It will still be some time before I am driving it, but I am over a tremendous hump

with this paint job.

Mike MacLean

San Bernardino



Editor's Note: *I know it is not fire season in San Diego, and it may seem strange to talk about this when the eastern half of our country is looking at a major snow storm with monster drifts, freezing rain and black ice. None-the-less, while Southern California is not burning up in forest fires may be the best time to get ready for the "Big One"*

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Brush Fires here in Southern California made me realize that I could hopefully be of assistance to someone who has suffered a loss. I have been on the "loss" end of a major fire, and I have also been on the FEMA end working with the Corps of Engineers helping rebuild after flooding in Arizona and tornadoes in Missouri, so here is the straight #\$\$%& according to Alex...

In light of the recent wild fires here in California, there are certain precautions that need to be taken before you are subjected to the trauma of being evacuated from your home with little warning. You need to have a list of those items that you think are "critical" to take with you when evacuated. I am not going to tell you what to put on your list as everyone has different priorities, but if you wait till the last minute you will react on emotions and you may end up taking that new stereo instead of insurance and identification papers that will help you get your life back together after the event. You can always replace the stereo.

Put all these items in a place that you can easily access, and make sure that the entire family knows the location. Set up an emergency meeting point, or phone contact point as the evacuation might occur when not all the family is at home. Another phone contact list should be a list of Club members who can help you evacuate your cars if time allows. Horse owners do this, so why not "Old Car" owners.

Another important piece of information is what to do after the fire. Speaking from the experience of having gone through a fire, in 1982, that was declared a Federal Disaster, and having the easiest move into my new apartment (my entire worldly goods fit in one Xerox box), you need to remember

that as long as you and your family came through the fire uninjured, you will survive, and can rebuild. (This happened before I met Sandy, and now I would need a really huge box if we were to move.)

Loss of your home is a very traumatic experience and you will have difficulty making rational decisions. Remember that there are people there to help you get your life back together, including friends and coworkers, who would be thrilled at the opportunity to help. Use all of these people to steer you through the red tape that seems to jump up all over the place. A lot of people really want to help but



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Here is a photo from December 31st outside the *Tilted Kilt*. My sister and I went at 4PM for the celebration of British new years, and she took this picture of me and my BJ8 with a few of the MGs that were also there. Unfortunately I didn't see any of our AHCSO members there, but we went in talked to some of the MG club members, toasted the new year, had a beer with some cider, and then compared notes with Wayne Johnson, the owner of the '59 MG Mark 3 four door sedan in the picture. He told me that he also owns a 1964 MG 1100 which he noted is the only front-wheel drive MG ever. I believe it is virtually the same as the short lived Austin America from about the same era, which also was front wheel drive, and larger than a mini. Anyway, It was a nice sunny day, and I was happy that I could drag my sister along for the ride.



There are only a few things for sure in this life; Death, Taxes and:

Dues, Dues, Dues!

Hi Everyone! I hope your new year is off to a wonderful start. About two thirds of you have renewed your membership. If you haven't, please send a check for \$30.00 made out to AHCSO to me. If you want to be included in our roster, and you want to keep receiving your newsletter, I need your dues no later than Saturday February 28th. I would like to have our 2015 roster out sometime in March (hopefully available by the time of our monthly meeting). March will probably be your last newsletter if you do not renew. If you have already renewed...Thank You. Please check your listing in last year's roster and let me know of any changes. Thanks...Lynne

At the auction in Scottsdale, AZ



Terry put his Healey up for auction with a wide variety of interesting vehicles. It didn't make the reserve so he brought it home to sell it another day.





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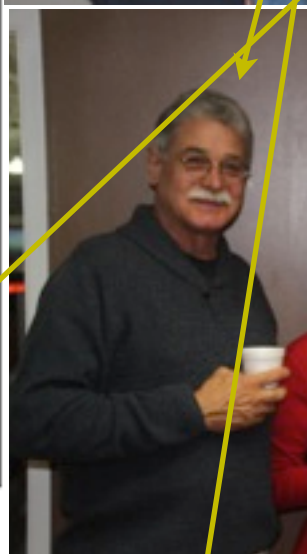
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February Birthdays

Terry Cowan	4
Mike MacLean	4
Don Benke	8
Diane Kirby	10
Mickey Pleasant	11
Janiece Talbert	12
Jerry Schaffer	14
Debbie Durham	28



February Anniversaries

Nancy & Neil Tabachki	2/25/95
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are afraid that they may say the wrong thing and upset you, don't be afraid to let people know how they can help. Simple things such as a bag of toiletries can make a world of difference.

Even before you settle with your insurance broker, or with FEMA, get a small notebook and carry it with you so that you can list everything that you lost as you think of it. Don't try and do it all at once, but over the next several months as you remember that box of straight pins, the half used roll of paper towels on the counter, the new oil filter in the garage, the box of Christmas ornaments in the attic that you hadn't used on the tree for a couple of years, the roll of masking tape, the bowling ball at the back of the closet, and all the other bits and pieces that you have acquired over the years, write them down in the notebook. Individually they are of minimal value, but together they add up and this can be claimed as a loss on your taxes.

If it is a declared Federal disaster, different rules come into place, and you can deduct your losses over several years. It may be possible to adjust your previous years taxes to get a refund. One thing that can be done is to use only enough of your loss each year to zero your taxable income. I did make a list of what I had lost, and as a result was able to get major tax relief over a three year period.

Let's hope that you will never have to use this information, but if you or someone you know ever has need to use it and it helps, my experience was worth it.

Sandy Watt



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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Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
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