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From The Editor:



It took me back. All of a sudden I was 14 again lying in my hospital bed with a fresh appendectomy scar dreaming about zipping

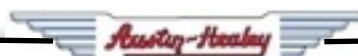
around town in an MG TC. That year (1950) I suffered appendicitis and while in the hospital my mom bought me a magazine, Sports Car Graphics. In it was an article about Briggs Cunningham. He took on Le Mans and all the European sports cars with two 1950 Cadillacs and did amazingly well (tenth and eleventh overall). It was a sight to see all the sleek Europeans with a big, stock Caddy towering over them. He also designed his own version of a sports car on the other Caddy chassis and the French nick named it "Le Monstre." That Mag



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September Meeting

Mainstream Bar and Grill
13385 Poway Rd., Poway, CA 92064
September 9, 2015
6:30 p.m.



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All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of each month for publication in the next month's issue. smacktalbert@yahoo.com

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Terry Cowan's BJ8 parked at the entrance to the Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca, Monterey, CA

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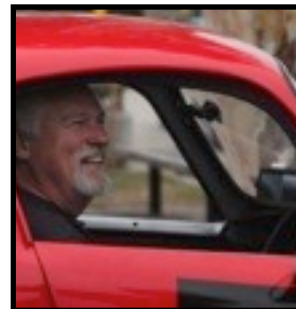
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Hey There Healey Peeps

Our monthly meeting was a bit down from the previous month, I hope its because you were on vacation and not that you decided you didn't like Bully's. As with any of our eating places they add or set aside a person for our meeting so when I say X people will be there they aren't very happy when we don't show up!!

President's Message:



Things that came up at our last meeting were that we need volunteers to set up cars for **BCD, Oct 11**. We now have two people, more is merrier plus you get free registration for the event. Please let **Sam or I** know if you would like to help!!

Also, **Lynne** announced that she is taking this year off from arranging the food and desserts for the Holiday party this year. Soooooo if someone would like to help us out with that, please let **Bob or Lou** know.

Don't forget we will be racing in **Coronado Speed Fest** again this year as part of **Fleet Week**. This is one of **Lisa's** favorite events so we hope to see as many of our **Healey Family** as possible. Both **Bob** and I have **Car Club Corral Passes** for those who want to bring their car and not have to walk for miles.

This Month we will be back @ **Mainstream Bar & Grill in Poway**...hope to see you there
6:30 Sept 9th !!

Cheers, Terry





August 2015 Healey Meeting Minutes

The August 18, 2015 meeting was held at Bully's East at 2401 Camino del Rio S. Mission Valley

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

Don & Mike Benke*, Norm Brewer*, Terry Cowan*, Mike Dolphin, Bob Farnsworth, Dick Hoss, John MCoy, Gisela Putzke, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert*, Sandy @ Sandy Watt,

Meeting was called to order at 7.10 pm by president Terry Cowan.

General Discussions, comments: These touched on the various upcoming events that have been topics in prior meetings. They can be found in greater detail on various pages of the newsletter. The Christmas Party came up and Terry indicated he was working this event.

Vice President/ Membership: Lynne indicated that we are 66 memberships strong.. ..

Secretary: No comments related to the minutes.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin reported on our bank balance. We can actually afford the upcoming last part of the year.

Newsletter: Sam expanded a bit on the cars and coffee event every Sat. happening in Bonita. This will continue through September.

Activities: For the Octoberfest activity, this will be held at the Farnsworths on October 24th. Mentioned Coronado Speed Fest. We will have Coral passes for the 19th and 20th. As usual check the dedicated activity pages to flesh out any events you need information on.

Regalia: Open position.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

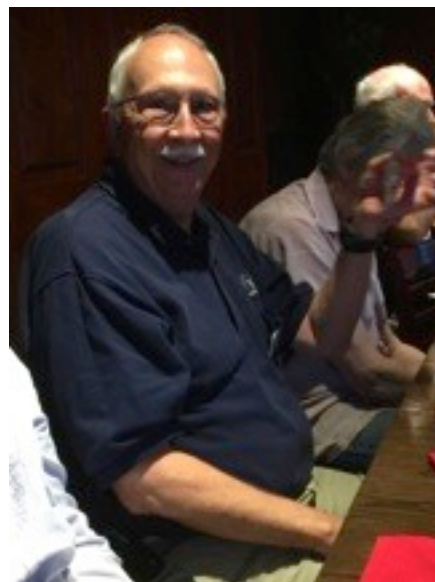
Old Business: None

New Business: None

Bob Humphreys was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 7.40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary





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ignited my interest in sports cars that continues to this day.

Standing on the street in Carmel



photoing all the cars on the tour I nearly jumped out of my skin when over the hill came a Cunningham C4R. Cunningham was the first serious challenge to Le Mans from the USA and while NASCAR and USAC were blistering tracks over here, no one was taking on Le Mans and other European venues until Enzo Ferrari ticked off Henry Ford. Then Ford began to flex its muscle and pulled down trophies first with the Shelby Daytona followed in quick succession with the Ford GT40. Cunningham never won at



Le Mans but he represented us well. He even produced cars for a while with Chrysler V8s nestled in a beautiful body by Vignale. I saw a couple of them along the avenue as well.

Seeing those Cunninghams made the long drive and the ten miles of 4mph traffic around Kettleman City all worth it.

Activities

By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper

Don't forget to register for California Healey Week. Group rate guaranteed prior to October 13th.

Every Saturday 7-9am Cars and Coffee at the donut shop at the corner of Bonita and Otay Lakes Rds.

Every Thursday Ramona American Graffiti Cruise Night. Departs from Ron's Tires, 2560 Main St. (Hwy. 67 next to Boll Weevil) at 7:00 pm. *(I have been to several of these and they are fun, every type of rolling stock you can imagine and then some. Crowds line the streets to view. This event will end 24 September to be resumed next summer. I will try to participate in the remaining events of the year. If you would like to join us, give me a call, Bob 760-787-5737)*

SEPTEMBER 9 - The British Invasion at the Cajon Classic Cruise,

Car show is from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. An area on Orange Ave. or Sunshine Ave. will be reserved for MG cars. We will gather for dinner at one of the local restaurants, probably around 7:00 pm.

SEPTEMBER 12 - North Park Historical Society's North Park Car Show,

The car show is from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the parking lot and surrounding area of the Balboa Tennis Club in the Morley Field Sports Complex of Balboa Park. Vehicle registration is \$10 for one and \$20 for two or three, and spectators are free.

SEPTEMBER 19-20 - Coronado Speed Fest.

Vintage auto racing from 8:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm both days at NAS North Island. Tickets for the event may be purchased on-line, at the gate, and for military retirees and DOD tickets are available at the Navy MWR offices. For more information and online tickets: www.coronadospeedfest.com General Admission tickets are \$35 for one day, \$45 for both; VIP tickets are \$150 for one day and \$250 for both days. Children under twelve are free accompanying a paid adult. Terry has Car Club Coral passes.

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SEPTEMBER 26-27 - English Motors at Fairbrook

We look forward to seeing you at the seventh annual event on September 26, 2015 for the tour and September 27, 2015 for the judged show. You must pre-register to have your car judged. PLEASE NOTE: Registration is limited to the first 250 cars; Registration for English Motors at Fairbrook will be available on the day of the event only if the 250-vehicle limit has NOT been reached.

It is mandatory that each vehicle have a fully charged fire extinguisher

Cars registered the day of the show will not be eligible to be judged. Please register your vehicle early to avoid any disappointment, **Pre-registration closes on September 19, 2015.**

<http://www.englishmotorsatfairbrook.org>

OCTOBER 11TH - British Car Day

All British cars and motorcycles welcome. Embarcadero Marina Park North, downtown San Diego, 9am to 3pm (Show cars at 7:30am). Online registration; \$25. Day of Event registration; \$35. British motorcycles; \$10. Spectators free.

<http://sandiegobritishcarday.org/portal/index.php/7-sdbccc-events/31-2015-san-diego-british-car-day>

October 24th - Oktoberfest, Bob Farnsworth's

NOVEMBER 12-15 - California Healey Week:

Embassy Suites La Quinta, CA Hosted by Austin-Healey Association of So. California. http://www.austinhealey.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=961230&module_id=180804

DECEMBER - Annual Christmas Party

Planning for the Christmas Party is started. We are trying to get the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park. If you can help or have suggestions contact Terry, Lou or me.

National City Heritage Days

My BJ8 and I attended the National City Heritage Days car show and Festival on Saturday, August 8th. It was a long day, 7:30AM-3PM, but I saw some interesting American cars, both stock and modified, which means hot rods and low riders. My favorites were an untouched totally original '54 Corvette, and the most beautiful Red '60 Corvette convertible I've seen in a while.

My Austin Healey, one of only 3 foreign cars at the event, won third place in the 1960's stock class (Trophy in hand!) The others were an XKE coupe, and Bill Mayer's modified Bugeye Sprite. In the photos attached, you can see an Indian motorcycle with side car which was a winner, and beyond the Model A ford next to my Healey was a beautiful stock restored 56 Buick, also a winner.





Monterey Car Week



Monterey Car Week is the big car show of the year and I have been fortunate to join the festivities for the past three or four years. I usually take in

the “Ocean Blvd. Show” and the “Pebble Beach Tour” both of which are in Carmel where my friend lives. (Read: free lodging.)

This year was no different. The Boulevard was chocked full of some of the



most beautiful cars ever built. There are always a load of Ferraris and Porsches and this year there seemed to be a huge wad of Packards, duPonts, Auburns and Dusenbergs. I saw at least four Cunninghams which was an unusual delight as I mentioned on my other comments. I even saw a

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Laguna Seca Or Bust

Well, the drive to the track is where our adventure starts. I sent the crew with the race truck and RV off early and I stayed back and did a few last minute business things, so I didn't get started until about noon.

About two hours into my journey I get a call from Pete saying that there was a fire on the top of the Grapevine and that the traffic was stopped and they were using air drops to stop the fire. Oh boy, just what we need. A short time later I get a call from Adam telling me that the RV has broken down and something is wrong with the transmission. It had dumped all of its fluid out on the freeway and to make matters worse, it was on the left shoulder in the middle of a traffic filled freeway.

It took over three hours to reach them. At the same time I'm on the phone with my transmission guy telling us what we could do, and what to test. Meanwhile, my truck was running out of fuel AGAIN close to where it ran out last year. I managed to get to Castaic and fill up there and get 7 quarts of transmission fluid!!

Good luck is with us. The fluid takes care of the issue. By now Pete has been waiting @ Buttonwillow for 6 hrs. We manage to get there with some light, grab a bite and carry on. What was normally an 8 or 9 hour drive turned into 14 hours!!

Time enough to catch some Zzzzzz's and then set up our pit early the next day. Then we drive our Racers to downtown Monterey with our CHP escort down the 68, blowing through the lights and making our way into town with all noise fanfare only a bunch of Vintage Race Cars can do!!

Our racing the first weekend goes well with both car's running without issue except using up our brakes & tires. This caused us to overnight new race pads from Porterville, and install already ordered race tires.

Staying downtown Carmel has its advantages. The car show traffic has to pass right by the front the Inn we were staying. Even though we hadn't entered the car we were able to park our big Healey in the driveway while all the show traffic stopped and lined up for their spots. Pretty nice day for sure!! Then a nice lunch at Flaherty's after a stroll through that car show!!

Meanwhile, back at the track the RV is feeling left out and wants more attention. The generator stops

working and the deep cycle

batteries die. Back to Costco we go. The batteries seem to be the fix, at least for a while.

Time now to meet our friends the Chathams, and a whole group of new folks at the Chateau. This is such a great place to share with our extended Healey family!!

Now we are on track with our plans at the house with our friends. Different meals are created each night, Tai Food Night,

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weekends went well for our TEAM. My whole goal for the event was to get around two **300 SL's** in our group. I named them **Hans & Franz** one car is owned and driven by **Alex Curtis** from **Scottsdale AZ**, the other was an import driven by **Hans Kleissl**

From

Polling,

Germany. Sunday afternoons on both weekends it's game on!!



We start with both SL's a couple places up on the on the starting grid. I was starting 20th and so it's a Black Alfa Giulietta, then Mike Sullivan's Silver 356 Porsche, then past Hans in his SL then Finally past Alex in his 300. What a great race with some serious hard driving, smoking brakes, off track excursions. I'm looking forward to seeing this, only to find that the GoPro memory card had filled up half way through the event!!

Poop!! It would have been good U-Tube watching. Maybe next year we will get to do it again!!!

It was a good finish for Pete Smith in his Bugeye and PMO. Pete finished 1st in class 31st overall, PMO 1st in class 15th overall out of 41 world class racers!!

I hope to see you all at The Coronado Speedfest, Sept. 19 & 20! Remember if you need a car pass call me, or Bob Farnsworth and we will get you set up!!

Remember Keep The Sticky Side Down!!



Terry

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Jaguar D type and an OSCA along with some really interesting FIAT and Alfa examples, even a Mercedes that looked like a knockoff Maserati Merak.

My friend was concerned that I was missing all the really great cars and asked if I could stay longer and go to the Concours d'Elegance at Pebble Beach. I had two reasons not to. One, it cost too

much, \$350 per ticket. Way out of my budget! And two, I had to get home. My friend came up with two free tickets, but by then I had already left for home. *Next year.*





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SANDIEGO
BRITISH CAR DAY

All British Cars & Motorcycles Welcome!
Sunday, October 11, 2015
9am to 3pm (Show Cars @ 7:30am)
Embarcadero Marina Park North
Downtown San Diego 92101

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British Motorcycles: \$10
Spectators: Free!



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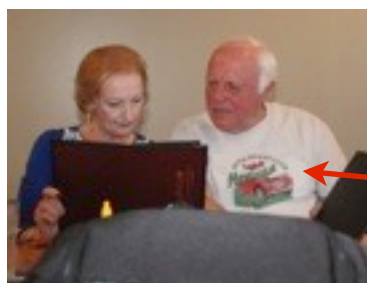
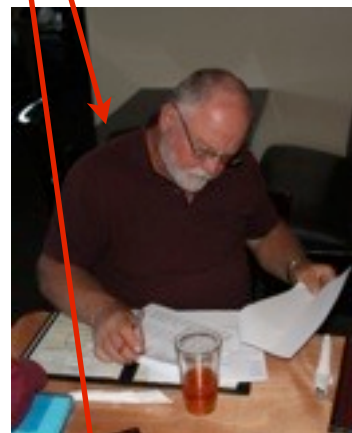
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September Birthdays

Jim Pendleton	2
Debby Sharp	9
Michael Dolphin	11
Rick Shoemaker	11
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.

2015 CotY Standings

(as of 8/20/2015)

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Benke, D	AH 3000 Mk III	48	Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	42	Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	10
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	30	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	8
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	26	Tabachki, N&N	AH 100-6 BN6	6
Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	26	Watt, S&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	18	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
Stalker, G	AH 100	18	Hoss, D&D	Sebring 5000	5
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	16	Grundies, D&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	16	Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	14	White, L&J	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
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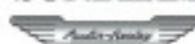
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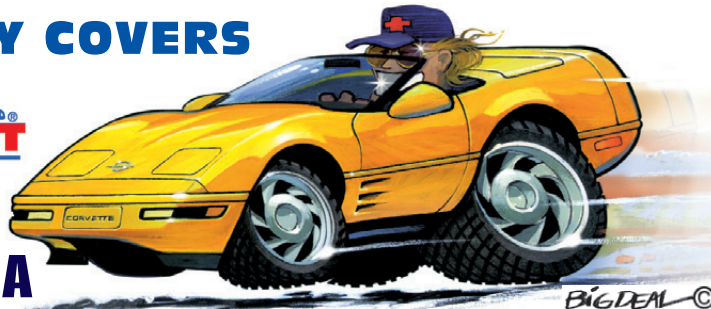
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