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# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## From The Editor:



I saw something interesting at British Car Day. One of the fellows in the MG group has a Midget with a Mazda

engine and transmission. It was a neat package that fit with little modification. Plus it triples the power output. That caused me to back up and say, "Huuuummmm. . . ." More power and less weight is a tempting thought. Maybe I should hit the breaker yards for a good Wankel engine.

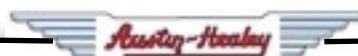
However, after giving it more thought I realized that even if this would create an interesting, unique and crazy 'out-of-the-box' project. It would be nothing more than trading the shortcomings of my 1275 for the shortcomings of a Wankel. I already know many of the weak spots in Whoeeee now to switch to a Wankel would entail learning a whole new set of issues. I'm too old for that.

Then there is that other thing. If Donald Healey had thought a Wankel engine best for the Sprite he would have put one in it. There is something

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## November Meeting

Mainstream Bar and Grill  
13385 Poway Rd., Poway, CA 92064  
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**On the Cover:** Gary Stalker's recently completed BN1 which took first place among big Healeys at the 2015 San Diego British Car Day

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### Hey There Healey Folks...

I hope everyone who attended BCD enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately, with Lisa having been gone for three weeks, we had so much happening that day all I could do is drop our Healey off and pick it up after it was all over.

As usual Bob and crew put on another great **Octoberfest Event**, he even ordered some fantastic weather. It is always good to see the Farnsworth Crew. It was also a great day for planning our fast approaching Holiday Party otherwise know as The Christmas Party.

**Jan Schmidt**, has volunteered to head this years event. Holding an impromptu meeting Jan, Barbara, Deborah, Lisa, and Geisla met with Laurie as the planning committee.

Jan asks that we pay our 25.00 per person to be sent to the PO Box Address 17101 San Diego Ca 92177-7101 by Nov 23rd.

Another fun thing which a lot of us like to join up with is the annual Triumph Club Wine Run. Unfortunately it happens to fall the day after our Holiday Party. I'm not sure how many folks want to do back to back car events. If memory serves it is usually held the last weekend of November or the first weekend in December.

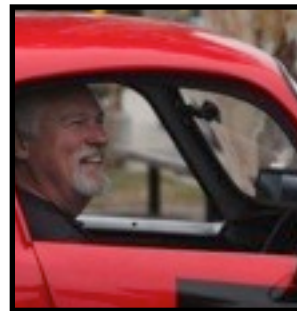
Don't forget this November Meeting is our **Vote for officers Meeting**. So if any of you feel the need to help out, please be there. The meeting will be on the **18th** of November because **CHW** starts on the **12th**, and some folks have Wednesday, the 11th, to check in!!

If we don't see you @ CHW, hope to see you at Mainstream Bar and Grill 13385 Poway Rd, Nov 18th 6:30 PM.

**Until Then, Safe Healeying!!!**

**Terry**

### President's Message:





## October 2015 Healey Meeting Minutes

The October 14th meeting was held at Szechuan Mandarin on 5855 Mission Gorge Road.

**22 members and guests were in attendance:** Drove Healeys\*, other British~, Don Benke\*, Norm Brewer~, Terry Cowan, Mike Dolphin, Bob Farnsworth\*, Dave Grundies, Lisa Mandell, Ed Mathews, Mike McCrae, Bob "Doc" McAllister, John & Mary Schemerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Karen Selsor, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert, Warren Voth, Sandy & Sandy Watt

**Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Terry Cowan**

**General Discussions, comments:** Registrants for CA Healey Week must register right now, as the registrations are LATE. We would like to thank Sam for showing up early, representing the club and for helping out during the British Car Days event. It should be noted that a minimum 12 cars must be pre-registered in order for a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophy to be made available, otherwise only a 1st place trophy will be authorized. Member Craig Turner won 1st place in the Jaguar class.

It was mentioned that November-2015 is elections month, please select your favorite candidates and how you, may wish to contribute to the club.

**Vice President/ Membership:** No comments for this topic

**Secretary:** No comments related to the minutes

**Treasurer:** Mike Dolphin reported we are solvent

**Newsletter:** No new comments, please refer to last month's request from Sam for more pictures for newsletter content

**Activities:** Discussion of Christmas Holiday party. Holiday party set for SD Automotive Museum Dec 12, 11am to 2pm and will be catered by Ramona High School culinary students. Menu choices to be presented by Laurie during the upcoming Octoberfest at Farnsworth's. Please make your reservations for the Holiday party before 1-December-2015. Dave Grundies motioned to keep the cost of the Holiday party food at \$25 per person. The motion was seconded by several folks. At this point, Sam is the COTY leader.

Sam announced a gathering-of-the-Bug Eyes on 7-November-2015, at 4056 Bonita View Drive, Bonita CA, 91902. If interested, please see dedicated activity pages, or contact Sam or Bill Mayer directly.

**Regalia:** Open position

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Open position

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Lynne announced a new event at the Valley Center Brewery on Saturday 23-Nov-2015. Please call the Valley Center Brewery for more information.

***Gary Stalker was the lucky dinner entrée winner***

Meeting adjourned around 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, Secretary





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to be said for keeping our cars like they were when they left the factory. That is what restorations and concours are all about. OK, OK, I know I have messed with Whooeee and changed just about everything but the starter button. I realize Whooeee will never make 100 concours points. But, he still looks the same and when you open the bonnet there is still a little 4-banger. And to the average Joe, who will never be a concours judge, it still looks right.

## *Activities*

*By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper*

Beautiful day on San Diego Bay for British Car Day. A little warm, but nice. Congratulations Gary Stalker for taking 1<sup>st</sup> with his recently completed BN1 and Dave Grundies for a 2<sup>nd</sup> with his BJ8. Bill Mayer's Sprite took 1<sup>st</sup> in his class making it a good showing for AHCSA.

A good turn out for Oktoberfest with about 34 folks, 8 Healeys and Lou in his Jaguar. Thanks to all for your participation and support.

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

November 12-15      **California Healey Week:** Embassy Suites La Quinta, CA Hosted by Austin-Healey Association of So. California. <http://www.austin-healey.org>

Several of us will be meeting in the Stater Bros parking lot 14<sup>th</sup> St & Main Ramona November 12 at 9:00 am for the drive to La Quinta. Call Bob Farnsworth at 760-787-5737 for more info.

December 12th      **Annual Christmas Party Automotive Museum in Balboa Park, 11AM – 3PM.**

Conventional Holiday meal will be provided by the Ramona High School Food Trades students consisting of:

Roast turkey and stuffing

Baked Ham

Green Beans and Almonds

Potatoes & Turkey Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Spring Mix Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette

Fresh Rolls and Butter

Homemade Assorted Pies and Cookies

**RSVP by November 23<sup>rd</sup> including \$25 person. Mail to AHCSA, P.O. Box 17101, San Diego, CA 92177-7101 or Jan Schmidt, 2866 Gobat Ave, San Diego, CA 92122-3132. After November 23<sup>rd</sup>, pay at the door \$35 per person.**



# British Car Day

It has been blazin' hot all week and this Sunday is predicted to be no different. However, when



Whoeeee rolls out at 5:30 it's still dark and still cool. The drive through downtown to the Embarcadero pleasant and uneventful. As I drive through I notice an MG Midget and a Rolls Royce sitting in the parking lot. I pull onto the grass where I parked last year and walked back to get my instructions for the morning. Soon Don Benke arrives and places his Healey at the other end of the "Healey row." As the morning progressed the space between our cars filled in with a dozen or so Big Healeys and 5 Bugeyes.

A couple months ago Terry brought up the need for helpers at British Car Day and I raised my hand to volunteer. (You see, I was never in the military and didn't understand the rule: "Never volunteer for anything"). So, here I am at 6:00 a.m. looking for someone to tell me what to do. The knowledgeable ones arrive and Don and I join a crew putting up signs indicating where each of the Marques are to reside. An hour and a half later all the signs are out and dividing lines are laid and I am dripping with sweat. It is time to park in the shade and swig my Gatorade.

My spot in the shade of a Eucalyptus tree proved to be the best seat in the house. Many of the other Marques drove right past me and the cool breeze off the bay made the day a joy. Others put out their chairs near their cars but as the day went on they all began to migrate to the shade of my tree.

I have to remember that British Car Day is a 'concours wanabe' and every body works hard to present their car in the best light. Across from me is a fellow brushing all the grass clippings off his tires. Down the way polish and towels are out spiffing up the shine. Up the way are easels with photos, and all kinds of extras designed to catch the attention of the judges. I decided on a different strategy,



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knowing I will never outshine Bill Mayer or Ed Matheus. I decided to offer families with kids who showed an interest the opportunity to take a photo of

their kids sitting behind the wheel of Whooeee. After all it did not harm Whooeee and the look on the faces of the young Phil Hills, Mike Hawthorns and Sterling Moss' was priceless.

The day proved to be successful for the Healey club in that we walked away with four trophies, carried home by Gary Stalker first place for big Healeys, Dave Grundies second place for big healeys, Bill



Mayer first place for Sprite and Craig Turner for his Series III, E Type Jaguar.

After the trophies I packed up my shady spot and drove home. By the time I got there I experienced what the rest of San Diego was like outside my shady spot on the bay. It took me the rest of the day, all night and all day Monday to cool off. Autumn come quickly!!





# Octoberfest



In Bavaria the weather cools off, the leaves turn color and the beer barrels roll out for Octoberfest! In San Diego the



sun comes out, the temperature rises, and we all head to Ramona (not the coolest place in Southern California) for Octoberfest at Farnsworth's. Whooeee decided to take the day off chilling in the garage. We loaded up our lawn chairs and salad and headed to the best garage in the club.

There were a fewer number of Healeys present this year in fact there were no Sprites at all. Chuck Sharp, Warren Voth, Don Benke, Bob Humphreys,



Dick Hoss, and Rick Snover drove big Healeys, Norm came in his Jensen and Lou Galper drove his MKII Jaguar.



I think the bottom

line for Octoberfest

in its original form is to consume as much beer as you can hold and enjoy as much good food as

possible and dance all your cares away for a season.

Nowadays there is much Octoberfest that has retreated to Bavaria and we are left with a watered down version.

For guys like me I can bend our Octoberfest into a Baptist potluck with a lot of non-Baptists.

Next year we are putting in for more fall-like weather, an oom-pah band and polka lessons.







California Healey Week 2015 is hosted by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. Each year, CHW is held in a seaside, mountain or desert location in California. This year, the event will be held at the desert resort city of La Quinta, at the Embassy Suites from November 11th through 15th. La Quinta is located along the bustling Highway 111 corridor and has an enchanting Old Town Village which features the best of shopping, dining, and personal services.

The California desert cities offer a wide range of activities, including golf, hiking, bike tours, balloon rides, nature parks, museums, shopping and the famous Palm Springs aerial tram ride. La Quinta lies in this Coachella Valley, home of “eternal



CHW 2015 will be headquartered at the La Quinta Embassy suites. The spacious two-room suites at this Hotel & Spa offer a variety of great amenities for your comfort and convenience with separate living and bedrooms with two TVs and Wi-Fi service. Start your day off with the complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast. Unwind at the end of a long day in the Terra Bistro Bar and savor a drink and tasty snacks at the complimentary Happy Hour.

**For the latest updates on CHW 2015, see our website at [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org)**



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## November Birthdays

Norm Brewer 4

Gary Dolmage 8

**Sam Talbert 11**

Mike Williams 11

Lisa Mandell 14

Jill Darland 22



## 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





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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 10/24/2015)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	116	Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Benke, D	AH 3000 Mk III	72	Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	10
Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	58	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	8
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	52	Hoss, D&D	Sebring 5000	8
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	44	White, L&J	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	34	Sharp, C&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	32	Tabachki, N&N	AH 100-6 BN6	6
Stalker, G	AH 100	28	Watt, S&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	26	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	24	Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	5
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	24	Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
Farnsworth, B	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	22	Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	4
Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	14	Cowan, T	AH Sprite AN5 Sprinzel	4
Grundies, D&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	14	DeButts, D	AH Sprite AN5	4
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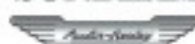
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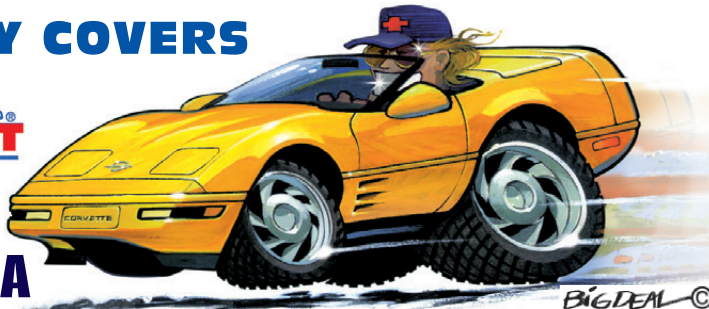
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