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**From The Editor:**

When I got my driver's license we had a 1949 Chrysler. It was a lumbering beast that had fluid drive and went 0 to 60 in about a week. It was big and heavy and slow.

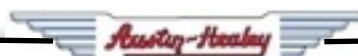


I think that car may have imprinted me for the rest of my life. Ever since I have gravitated to smaller cars. I can only remember a couple "big" cars in my motoring history: a 1959 Chevy Station Wagon bought primarily to pull a U-Haul to Texas, and a 1972 Chevy Van, made into a camper for long, cross country vacation trips. Otherwise our cars have been of the smaller variety, primarily Hondas.

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December Meeting

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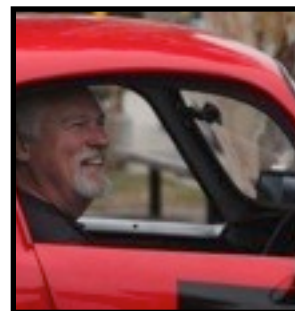
On the Cover: Healeys lined up on the grass at California Healey Week

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Happy Holidays Everyone...

President's Message:



Well here we are again another year has blown by and we are all going, "where did it go??" Well for us its been a very busy year, Australia, New Zealand, San Francisco, Sonoma, Monterey, Oregon, La Quinta, Dallas, and misc places in between.

For those of you who didn't make it to CHW it was great fun which included a nice drive to Idlewild for a nice lunch and memories of when the club used to do weekend sleepovers there!!

Next stop, the Holiday party. But before we go there, it wasn't a very good turn out for our November meeting where we vote for new officers and ask for new volunteers to help for the New Year. We did get one new helper, **Don Benke**, has filled the VP slot, **I, Sam & Dick** will continue in our positions

which leaves open Activities and Treasurer...

Also, the first big event of year, **Super Bowl**, wasn't very well attended last year. It's a lot of work to set it up. If only a few people attend I wonder if it is worth the effort. So, I will be asking for a show of hand's at the Christmas Party to see how many people expect to show up before **Lisa and I** go to the trouble of cleaning & shuffling. Perhaps it we're due for a change, ideas???

Don't forget to buy something for the gift exchange...always a fun part of the party !!

Ok, well hope the see you all very soon at the **Automotive Museum Dec 12th!!**

Happy Thanksgiving & a Very Merry Christmas!!

Yr Prez, Terry



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November 2015 Healey Meeting Minutes

The November 18th meeting was held at the Main Street Bar and Grill in Poway, CA.

15 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~, Don Benke, Terry Cowan, Bob Farnsworth* and his sister Joan, Bob Humphries*, Udo & Giesela Putzke*, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Howard Stark, Ric, & Allie Snover, Sam Talbert*, Lee & Julie White

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Terry Cowan

General Discussions, comments: Holiday party will be \$25 per person when pre-registered, or \$35 per person at the door.

Report from California Healy Week: 58 total cars; La Quinta; good show, 10 cars from our club. Ed Mathews won 1st place in his red sprite. Craig Turner won 2nd in his class. Ed Neumeyer along with Bob and Joan attended as well. 6-7 golden gate members attended, and reported good accommodations. The ladies went into town and had a good time shopping.

Vice President/ Membership: Our yearly elections were held, with the results being that everyone kept their current position except for the Vice President, which is being filled by Don Benke. *See election results on Page 7.*

Secretary: No comments related to the minutes

Treasurer: No comments

Newsletter: No new comments, please refer to Sam's previous request for more pictures for newsletter content.

Activities: see above comments from General Discussion.

On Dec.13th, there will be a wine tasting tour with the Triumph Club.

Regalia: Open position

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position

Old Business: None

New Business:

Sam Talbert was the lucky dinner entree winner

Meeting adjourned around 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, Secretary





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I also developed a taste for British Sports Cars (Jags, MGs, Triumphs and of course Austin Healeys). Bugeye Sprites caught my eye early on and I bought one while I was in seminary. I sold it a year or so later because I was poor and couldn't afford two cars and my family of five fit poorly in a Sprite. When My son got ready to own a car we pushed home a pile of rust and built into what you now know as Whooeee. When he started his family, it



didn't fit into Whooeee either and I inherited it back and he bought a Toyota van.

I never really fit into a Sprite. People would stop and stare at me getting out of Whooeee and wonder how I fit in there. I always had folks laugh at me sticking out over the wind screen. True, the Sprite is a tight fit. My normal comment when people ask how I get in is, "I don't get in it, I put it on."



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Activities

By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper

The Austin Healey Association did a fantastic job with California Healey Week 2015. From my perspective every thing surpassed all expectations (except I did not bring home a trophy). With about fifty cars and a hundred folks, the venue, Embassy Suites La Quinta Hotel & Spa located within walking distance to Old La Quinta was all we could ask for. About ten members and five cars represented the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club and we had twenty-four members and ten cars.

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

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

The Ramona High School Food Trades students will provide conventional Holiday meal .

January 16th Tour of Bill Allen's Museum at Gillespie Field. Start at Grossmount Center, La Mesa at 9:30am

Bill Masquelier, a member of the MG Club and has invited the Austin Healey club to join the MG Club in a tour of Bill Allen's Hanger at Gillespie Field. The hanger contains many artifacts, such as Steve McQueen's plane, Titanic Artifacts, original movie posters and tons of other collectible stuff. The hanger is filled from floor to ceiling with millions of dollars worth of aviation and automotive artifacts and so many other one of a kind items such as slot machines and so much more.

February 7th Supper Bowl Party and Men's Chilli Cook-off at Terry & Lisa's

June 1st – 5th Yosemite Healey Week

If you have not yet booked for this event, call Bob Farnsworth 760-787-5737.



To Oregon and Back...the Sprite Odyssey

I mean really, is there such a thing as having **TOO** many Austin Healey's. Who does without having a Lenham Sprite reformed and made to look like a Shelby Cobra Coupe and painted Red & White; like a Coke Can???

Or, a completely flared out H Production Bugeye with a Warwick Factory Sebring top. Yep, that's the kind of top Donald & Geoff used on their alloy works cars. So, with me being at Laguna Seca surrounded by Healeys and Healey folks, how could I resist. Plus, both cars came with EXTRA parts. Oh Boy, do I need some extra parts.

Well now I'm back in San Diego, and the NEW & FUN part of this adventure is quickly wearing off. You have to remember those Cars & Parts were a lot closer when I was in Monterey. The the scope of **PARTS** has become really clear. Now I'm thinking how in God's good name am I/we going to move all that **STUFF**. (I'm thinking of a different word now but I'll use *stuff*.)

So, I ask for more pictures of the STUFF. It turns out not all the "Cars" roll, not all the tires hold air. But wait, there's more. Now it's enough stuff to fill the race truck and two trailers! Yikes! Now, its bring the big truck, the new F-150, and the covered trailer. In fact, we decide to buy the trailer the STUFF is stacked on. Well, its easier than renting a big truck and finding out it's not ok to put cars in it. Rick and I found that out in 2002 when our first race truck's motor died on the way to Grants Pass Oregon.

So, now I remember that in the big truck's former life it was **TAAA DAAA a U-Haul Truck**. And yes, it still has all its plugs, etc. So, I send a note to the seller of said STUFF, and yes, the trailer hitch ball size was the same, the lights on the trailer worked, plugs on big truck are OK!!

Now it's time. We bring one of our custom Sprite rolling stands, gas up, and were off. 1179 miles to go. We leave Sunday @ 4 AM to beat the LA traffic, and our first stop is Buttonwillow & Willow Ranch for breakfast. We blast on to San Fran/Concord and we are there by 2PM. We hang out with Pete and crew, (Friends since 3rd grade) and off again. Pete volunteered to go with us and we land in Redding around 10 PM where we sleep over. Then time seems to go into slow motion when you're in Oregon. Everything just goes on and on and on. Maybe it's because of the fact you are heading North to the Polar ice cap. Then the best laid plans syndrome sets in, what normally in So Cal takes 1 hour now takes 2!!

It was long, it was rainy, we finished loading in the dark, but least it didn't rain during the loading of the **STUFF** part of the trip. But it was cold, the stuff we thought would be OK on the trailer went into the big truck etc, etc. But another **Healey** adventure it was!!

2200 miles and **4 days** at about a dollar per mile cost to move everything, considering the cost of rooms, food & drinks and fuel it was not too bad. In fact, with only one trip to the Pep Boys not bad at all!!

Seriously, Happy To Be Back in Sunny SD!!

Your Fearless Leader, Mr T

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Yes, I do look funny as a big man in a tiny car, and I do stick out above the wind screen. In fact, the top of the wind screen is in the middle of my view of the road ahead making me have to duck down to see ahead. But I have learned to live with all those issues. Now, however, I am facing another set of problems. I am getting older, and I don't bend like I used to, so places where I used to fit seem much smaller than they were before. I am also not as strong as I once was. So, getting in and out is accompanied with a new symphony of grunts and groans.

I guess what I need is something like that old Chrysler again with its massive, lumbering bulk into which I can fit my oversized, stiffened self in sedentary comfort. I think the saying is true: when you get my age you should drive a Buick, the proper car for the elder



gentleman who cannot fold himself into a Healey any longer.

NOVEMBER

... is loaded with all kinds of special events. First there is Thanksgiving with all its Turkey, Football and family gathering. Immediately following is "Black Friday" However it seem like this year black Friday is every day in November. The best highlight of course is *my birthday*. The other event is elections. Next year we'll be choosing a president to run the country, but for this year we'll just have to settle for a slate of officers for the San Diego Austin Healey Club. Here are the ones chosen:

President -- Terry Cowan
Vice President -- Don Benke
Treasurer -- *To Be Filled*
Secretary -- Dick Schmidt
Hearsay Editor -- Sam Talbert
Activities -- Bob Farnsworth
Car Club Council -- *To Be Filled*

We still have a need for a Treasurer and a representative for the Car Club Council. Which brings me to this: We would be happy for any member of the club who could help in any way, writing articles for the Hearsay, planning and helping execute activities, etc.





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Two new Sprites



Who
used
to live
in

Portland Oregon

(For more details ask Terry)





The San Diego MG Club has invited San Diego Austin Healey Club to join them on a tour of Bill Allen's Warbirds West Air Museum at Gillespie Field, El Cajon, CA on Saturday, January 16. Among the artifacts in the museum is the Stearman biplane owned by Steve McQueen, Artifacts from RMS Titanic, original movie posters and tons of other collectible stuff.

We will gather for the run/tour at Grossmont Center (by the Starbucks) at 9:30 and end at the airport. We will have lunch at the Airport Cafe.

For more information contact Bill Masquelier at 206-947-0107.



San Diego Austin Healey Club @ California Healey Week

Bob and Jo-Ann Carberry - attended the final day (car show)

Terry Cowan and Lisa Mandel, BJ8

Bob Farnsworth and Joan Woods, BT7

Lou Galper, BN1

Dick Hoss, Sebring MX 5000

Bob and Barbara Humphreys, BT7

Chic and Dona Vanhoughton

Ed and Sandy Matheus, AN5

Ed and Abbe Neumeyer

Udo and Gisela Putzke, BT7

Neil and Nancy Tabachki, BN

Warren Voth, BJ8



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December Birthdays

Barbara Humphreys	1
Susan Virden-Kwiat	10
Ines Gerson	11
George Hurley	16
Nancy Stalker	30
Lynne Stark	30
Aeint de Boer	31



December Anniversaries

Sue & Craig Turner	12/01/79
Nancy & Curt Arndt	12/21/84
Virginia & Aeint de Boer	12/17/94
Sue & Steven Hart	12/30/80
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your foot.



"That's my foot."



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.

Final 2015 CotY Standings

(as of 11/23/2015)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	120	Hoss, D&D	Sebring 5000	16
Benke, D	AH 3000 Mk III	76	Linde, C	AH 100 BN2	16
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	68	Grundies, D&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	14
Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	66	White, L&J	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	12
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	50	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Cowan, T&Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	48	Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	44	Sharp, C&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	40	Watt, S&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Farnsworth, B	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	38	Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Interceptor	6
Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	30	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	30	Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	5
Stalker, G	AH 100	28	Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	28	Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	4
Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	26	Cowan, T	AH Sprite Sprinzel Coupe	4
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	24	DeButts, D	AH Sprite AN5	4
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