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# HEALEY HEARSAY

Official Publication of the

*Austin-Healey*

Club of San Diego



**From The Editor:**

I mentioned last month about all the 'stuff' that I have in my garage that needs to find a home

someplace else. In the world of classic cars I have found that every car that has filtered through my hands has left a trail of debris in my garage.

As much as there is 'stuff' that needs to find a way out there is always the need to find other valuable 'stuff'. So, I am on the hunt for square body Sprite 'stuff'. Seats are high on my list and of course anything else that is better than the 'stuff' I already have.

This weekend I was informed of a "swap meet" of British 'stuff' hosted by a Jaguar club in Long Beach. Well, I could drop my wife off at our daughter's place, take in the swap meet and meet my sister for lunch. That all together would seem to make it a worth while event. So, off to Long Beach I go. I had no real high expectations but none-the-less, I was disappointed. When I arrived some of the guys were laying out their 'stuff' and by the time I left only about 6 piles of 'stuff' had shown up. Most of

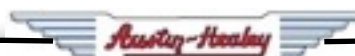
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**June Meeting**

**June 8, 6:30 pm**

**Marie Callenders (La Mesa)**

**6950 Alvarado Rd., San Diego, 92120**



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**ON THE COVER:** Dick Schmidt's BT7 uncovered from a 17 year nap and getting ready to fire up and go out into the bright San Diego summer sunshine for a stroll again.

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## Hello Healey Folks...

Lisa and I are back from our European adventure which took us on a flight to the UK's Heathrow airport, then a drive to Bristol where we met our hosts **John & Vicky Chatham at Wellingsham Farm**, a 450 year old home where some old school Healey magic happens!!

First things first, immediately after arriving John whisks me off to his favorite pub "The Fox" (a daily ritual) to meet some of his long time friends



Healeys, a V-8 Marcos and a 350SL Mercedes, 7 cars in all. So we say our hellos and take off to the ferry for a 6 hour ferry ride to France where we land in Caen. We queue up, grab a quick lunch and make the 99 mile drive to Bourges in the mist.

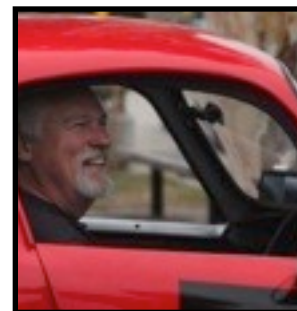
*To Be Continued next month...*

Ok, back to reality. Finish front suspension and shock tower plate repairs on Bob Carberry's BJ-8 in time to pick up Bob Farnsworth's vehicle & trailer to tow up to the CHW, and at the same time finish up two race cars to go to Sonoma at the same time as CHW. Which, by the way, we have paid for a cabin, registration, etc., etc., and now, might not make it. Lisa's company has acquired another company, and now she has to spend the week in Houston teaching and training, so she will miss seeing you guys!!

I intend to try to drive up for a day or two, and then continue on to the track. But that remains to be seen as we have new engine issues with Pete Smith's Bugeye!!

We will, however see you at our **NEW** meeting place. Thanks to Don for checking this out while we were away. They have a minimum order fee of \$250.00. So, if we go under the club we will have to pay the difference. So, we may have to take a vote on this as this is a club decision as to paying for a room. It's **Marie Callender's (La Mesa) 6950 Alvarado Rd., San Diego, 92120 6:30 June 8th !!**

## President's Message:



and a couple who are going with us our trip through France to Monaco. We were offered two options for driving: a very fast Tri Weber BJ-8, or a more comfortable XJ-S Jag with more room for "Stuff". We chose comfort over cool!! I also got drive the BJ-8. Quick is not the word. Also, a brisk ride with John in a Supercharged A35 proved he hasn't lost his touch. WOW was that fun!!!

The next day we are off, John and Vicky in their XKE and our big blue boat. We meet up with the rest of our crew at a fuel stop where we join 3 big

**Happy Healeying, Terry**





## May 2016 Healey Meeting Minutes:

*The May 11th meeting was held at Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway.*

15 members and one guest were in attendance: Drove Healeys\*, other British~ John Banales\*, Don Benke\*, Carol DeBenny (guest), Lex Dunn, Bob Farnsworth\*, Bob Humphreys\*, John McCoy, Doc McAllister, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Gary Stalker\*, Howard Stark, Sam Talbert

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice President Don Benke.

**General Discussions, comments:** The meeting was opened up with a lively discussion about the recent tech session held at the Schmidts' place. A follow up session will be needed sometime in the near future, most likely in July. Don felt the tech session was so much fun, he would like to host one himself at his place in Alvarado Estates, with June 18 being a possible target. Topics could include carb tune up (type is TBD) and other items TBD. More discussion to follow during our next meeting. There was also another discussion about having future club meetings held at a different location, please submit your ideas for a new meeting place to either Terry or Don.

**Vice President/ Membership:** Don mentioned we currently have 71 members but could not confirm as he could not contact Cass Cacciatore for the actual numbers.

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

**Treasurer:** No comments.

**Newsletter:** Please refer to Sam's ongoing request for more pictures for newsletter content.

**Activities:** Don mentioned the National City car show in Kimball park is coming up later this month.

Please see the activities page for additional details. May 21st there will be a swap meet in LA, sponsored by the Long Beach Jaguar club. Our July 4th club party will be held again this year at Warren Voth's place, with soft drinks and bbq items provided by the club, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. More details will be covered in our next meeting.

*Please see the activities section to learn more about the The Plaza Bonita Saturday morning car activities.*

*Thursdays in Ramona will feature a car cruise down the main blvd. See Bob Farnsworth for additional details.*

**Regalia:** Open position.

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

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** No new comments.

Don Benke, was our lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned around 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

Dick & Jan Schmidt, Secretary

cc: djs





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those piles was 'stuff' that had fallen off a Jaguar. There was one pile of Alpine 'stuff' and some MG and Triumph pieces scattered here and there. One fellow had a radiator and a water pump for a Sprite (neither of which do I need) and that was about all the Healey 'stuff' I could recognize.

I had seen everything several times over and was ready to go by 8 o'clock. I think I would have had enjoyed it more if I were still into Jaguars.

I did enjoy a good conversation with a fellow Bugeye owner, and the fellow at whose building it was held had a great collection of Rolls and Bentleys and a room full of race cars. They were not on display though. However, the door was open and my curiosity got the best of me.



Now I am sitting here in Westminster in the Lazy Dog Restaurant waiting for my sister to arrive. I'm looking forward to a good lunch.

# Activities

*Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper*

**Each Thursday thru September 7-9 pm. American Graffiti Cruise night in Ramona**

**Friday Cruising Grand in Escondido**

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

**May 28 & 29 Scottish Fest USA**

Scottish games and car show at Orange County Fairgrounds. Daily 9am to 6pm. Arrive in your British car before and park in the car display area on the grounds. Take part in the Parade Lap at 3pm.

[www.scottishfest.com](http://www.scottishfest.com)

**June 1- 5 Yosemite Healey Week**

**June 12-17 Austin Healey Club of America Conclave, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

<http://www.2016healeyreunion.com>

**August 27 Automobile Heritage Day Kimball Park, National City**

**October 9 San Diego British Car Day Embarcadero Park North**

[www.sandiegobritishcarday.org](http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org)

**Tech Session: Don Benke (Carburetor adjustment and dash lights)**

**Sandy Watt (LED lighting for Healeys).**

**Date and locations To Be Determined.**



# Tech Session



Dick started working on his BT7 several years ago and got it almost ready to start up. However, the stuff of life began to take over and layer after layer began to cover his work and the Healey moved further and further down the priority list until it became almost forgotten. Health issues loomed so large it appeared like Dick and Jan would never get the joy of once again cruising the back roads of San Diego in their Healey.

That is when Terry and the SDAHHC stepped in. After liberating the Healey from the layers of life that had hidden it for 17 years a Tech Session on April 30 initiated a "start up" plan. The club showed up with the full intention of "making smoke" that Saturday morning. After adding some racing gas and attaching a fresh battery we were able to get oil pressure, and life out of the engine.

However, leaks from a number of places made continuing dicey, plus Terry had to hustle to catch a plane to the bay area. All in all it was a productive morning and another session has the potential of getting on the road.







JUNE 2016

# The Healey Family Reunion: 2016 Austin Healey Club of America Conclave— June 12 thru 17, 2016



## Welcome Austin Healey Enthusiasts....

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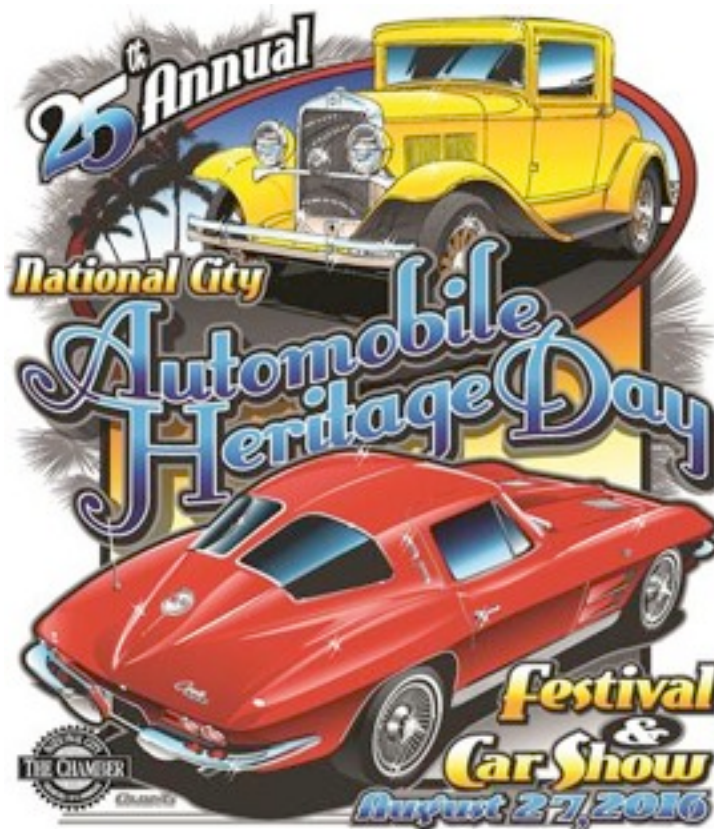
## Good Afternoon Car Show Enthusiasts,

The 25th Annual Automobile Heritage Festival & Car Show, hosted by the National City Chamber of Commerce, will take place at Kimball Park in National City on Saturday, August 27 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Tradition meets modernization at this year's event. Participants can showcase their classic automobiles and compete for awards ranging from turn-of-the-century production cars to muscle cars. We will have the opportunity to test drive technologically advanced cars at the electric vehicle (EV) Ride-and-Drive exhibit.

The festival promotes tourism and community development by celebrating National City's automotive industry. Attendees will enjoy live music, a variety of food vendors, entertainment for children and retail booths. Children's area will include martial arts exhibitions, the Magic of Alfonso, face painters, train rides, free soccer clinic, games and much more. Guests are invited to stay the weekend in one of National City's 12 hotels. To book your hotel room, go to [www.VisitNationalCity.com](http://www.VisitNationalCity.com).

An awards ceremony at 2 p.m. will showcase first-place winners. Winners will be selected through a competitive ranking system by experienced car judges. Visitors to the event are encouraged to vote for their favorite car, which will be awarded "The People's Choice." Check out National City's vintage Fire Engine, historic Rail Car, and the new Police Rescue bat-mobile!

The event is free to spectators. Join us at Kimball Park, East 12th Street and D Ave., National City, CA from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. The entry fee for those displaying their cars and motorcycles is \$25 prior to August 18 and \$30 thereafter.





## SAFETY ISSUES OF THE EARLY MOTORISTS

Safety has always been a concern when it comes to motoring. It not only relates to the highway safety in regards to other vehicles and road conditions, but also includes other factors such as working on the car, both in garage and out on the road, as well as a multitude of other subjects.

I feel that it important to start early in the life of motoring and present some of the safety issues that concerned early motorists, so that we can appreciate what they had to endure..

In March 1903, a young lady by the name of Dorothy Levitt got a driving lesson from a family friend, and within a few days “she handled the wheel as well as the owner or his chauffeur”, and within a month had become the first Englishwoman to drive a motor-car in a public competition. Over the next several years she covered more than twice the distance of the average driver. She was aware of the safety issues and had some advice for any ladies driving alone.

In her 1909 book “The Woman & The Car” she wrote the following:

“I advise you to have a hand mirror with a handle, and you will find it useful to have handy - not for strictly personal use, but to occasionally hold up to see what is behind you. If you are going to drive alone on the highways and byways it might be advisable to carry a small revolver. I have an automatic Colt, and find it very easy to handle as there is practically no recoil - a great consideration to a woman. While I have never had occasion to use it on the road it is nevertheless a comfort to know that should the occasion arise I have the means of defending myself. If you are driving alone a dog is great company. The majority of dogs like motors and soon get into the habit of curling up on the seat by your side, under your coat.”



The suggestion of the mirror was ahead of her time as rear view mirrors did not become popular until around 1914.

She also had advice on the wearing of jewelry - “It is not advisable to wear rings. Rings while you are driving yourself, hurt terribly, and also the stones are loosened. Bracelet and bangles are irritating unless secured by a sleeve or glove from working up and down.” (I feel that we should look out for the comfort of our wives, so instead of a piece of jewelry for that next gift, a nice new set of tyres might be the way to go, however my wife tells me that this is not necessarily the opinion of the management.)

Other safety concerns for the early motorist were the lack of road signs, availability of fuel, breakdowns, accidents, and mechanical failures. In fact the first fatal car accident in Britain occurred in July 1899, as a result of the rear wheel spokes collapsing while going down a relatively steep hill.

As far as the Authorities were concerned the main safety issue was speed, and they came up with all sorts of wonderful ideas to slow down motorists. In Britain, until 1896, a man had to walk in front of the car carrying red flag. The repeal of this law was the incentive for the London to Brighton run. In the US things weren't much better as is seen where in 1902, Mayor Dennis of Glencoe, Illinois, had steel cable strung across the main road to stop all cars entering his jurisdiction, then when he was made to take them down, he had the road dug up into artificial bumps to slow down the cars. (The first use of speed bumps?)

Alex Watt



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## June Birthdays

Dolores McComas	3
Cass Cacciatore	13
Mary Schermerhorn	14
Tim Spivey	22
Steven Hart	24
Karen Selsor	24
Chic Linde	28

## June Anniversaries

Alice & George Hurley	6/06/69
Delia & Mike Williams	6/11/11
Debbie & Chuck Sharp	6/18/77
Joal and Bill Mayer	6/20/64
Heidi & John Farkash	6/24/84
Lynne & Howard Stark	6/25/78
Loreen & Roland Wilhelmy	6/26/65
Libby & Jim Pendleton	6/26/66
Pat and Don Benke	6/26/71



I told you if I ever came to a point where I did not have enough content to fill a page I would fill it with pictures of my grandkids.

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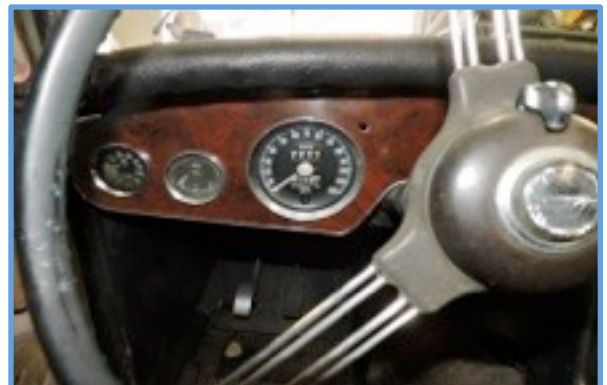
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In an effort to recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards Car of the Year (COTY) points for various activities. Opportunities to collect CotY points include any car-related events (shows, 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.

## 2016 CotY Standings

(as of 5/20/2015)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
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Farnsworth, B	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	34	Pleasant, M	AH Sprite AN5	12
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	28	Darland, R & J	AH Sprite AN5	10
Stalker, G	AH 100	28	Banales, J	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	8
Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	20	Williams, M&D	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	18	Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Interceptor	5
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	18	Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	4
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	16	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	3
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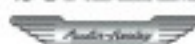
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