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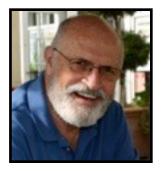


Club of San Diego





From The Editor:



Smoke!

When I brought Stella home she had not shown any sign of life since 1975. So in January I started the



journey to bring her back to life. That entailed a new gas tank, a new fuel



pump, and a new fuel line. Then I

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July Meeting

July 13, 2016 Mainstream Bar and Grill 13385 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064 6:30 P.M.



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ON THE COVER: Udo and his 1961 BT7 in Yosemite Park for the 2016 California Healey Week. How many climbers can you find on El Capitan?

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Hey There all you Healey Folks...

President's Message:

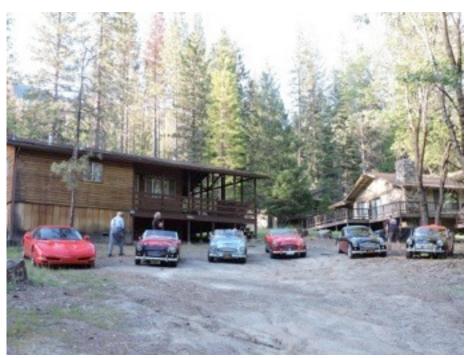
Well Summer is here and boy its HOT already!! The few of us who made the drive to Yosemite found that out the hard way...I had heard that it was warming up and to bring shorts and summer clothes...but not that the heat on the road was going to be running around 105 F. That means the



Healeys were hitting around 200 to 230 or more, which made it very uncomfortable. Plus, it didn't help that I managed to hit San Diego traffic and then LA traffic before even getting to the 99 for the drive North. Then add a hardtop, and it's like driving in a phone booth with a V-8!!

Then to add to the drama on the way up a few Healeys were stuck on the side of the road. One was Scott Tisdale's 100-6, which seemed to have run out of fuel in spite of him saying he had just filled up. It turned out to be a cracked fuel pick up line sucking air and not picking up enough fuel. A quick trip to a local shop and it was on the road again. Ahh, but the Healey breakdown bug wasn't done yet. As we were heading up the hill toward Yosemite on Hwy. 49 it was still cooking hot and there was a fire on the entrance road and the traffic was backed up for miles.

Since we were heading downhill I thought I would shut off the Healey and just coast and let the car cool since it was about ten minutes between them letting the traffic move. So, I yelled up to the Kirbys to do the same, which was fine until it wasn't...RUT ROW! Steve's newly finished Jensen won't turn over. Instant roadside tech session. With a little help from a Cal Fire crew, the car was pushed into a very convenient driveway! After some testing and jump starting, no love. Time for a tow so that's how Yosemite started. We did manage to make it up in time for dinner after stopping for supplies, thanks



to Peter Roses, who had come down to meet us and load up what we couldn't fit in the two remaining Healeys.

I did manage to stay until the next night and then make my way to Sonoma for the races, but not before hooking up with our San Diego crew. They were going on the Poker Run which ran through the park and most of its beautiful scenes and wildernesses!!

I did manage a Banzai run down to the track in the middle of the night. However I was still in time for the Continued on Page 5



June 2016 Healey Meeting Minutes

The June 8th meeting was held at Marie Callendar's in La Mesa.

21 members and 4 guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~, Don Benke*, Norm Brewer, Bob & JoAnn Carberry, Fred Casey (guest), Terry Cowan, Bob Farnsworth, Jill Forrester (guest), Lou Galper~, Bob Humphries*, Scott Jones (new member), Peter Kremer (guest), Lisa Mandell, John McCoy, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schemerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard Stark, Sam Talbert*, Sandy & Sandy Watt, JoAn Woods (guest).

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President Terry Cowan.

General Discussions, comments: Terry shared his recent three week long European tour, concluding with a vintage Grand Prix race in Monaco. See Terry's notes for additional details. He also discussed the upcoming vintage race event to be held at Laguna Seca. Terry was only able to spend one day at the California Healey Week event in Yosemite.

Vice President/ Membership: Please welcome our newest member Scott Jones.

Secretary: No comments. **Treasurer:** No comments.

Newsletter: No new comments, please refer to Sam's ongoing request for more pictures to be included

in our newsletter.

Activities: Bob Farnsworth reported there were nine Healeys from San Diego attending the recently held event in Yosemite. Dave Grundies won Second Place in his class. The June 18th Tech Session at Don Benke's was focused on discussing carburetors and LED lighting. The July 4th Club event will be held again at Warren Voth's place. Please bring a side dish to share, the club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks.

Regalia: Open position.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

Old Business: None New Business: None.

Don Benke was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned around 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted Dick & Jan Schmidt, Secretary

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needed a reconditioned radiator, new hoses, a new thermostat and its housing. It had no power, so I added a new battery, a new coil and distributor complete with new plug wires and plugs.

After checking the compression I had all the necessary ingredients: "Pour in some gas, squeeze it and spark it and it'll run." I finally got all that correct but she wouldn't pop for me. It took Terry's "fairy dust" touch to finally get smoke. So, in just 6 months Stella went from a dead dusty lump, to dusty lump that is alive!!

In the process I have been working on the front suspension and brakes. I made the decision to upgrade to disc brakes in front.



At this point now the front is all together and I have only one stubborn spring holding up the completion of the rear brakes. My goal is to have Stella down off jack stands and onto her wheels by the next Hearsay. It would take a miracle, but I would love to drive Stella to the British Car Day in October.

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morning traffic snarl on the 580. But now, the Healey has developed a problem where it won't stay in fourth gear. I did manage to meet Lisa at the hotel at 6:30 AM after her flights had been delayed and she ended up renting a car to meet me.

So, off to the track where I again ran into traffic which made me miss my practice. Then I find out Pete's car was giving them fits, and the new Wiz Bang clutch system was having some teething issues. This continued through the weekend and then some overheating on the cool down lap, and a High Tech Lithium Battery failure made it oh Sooo Much Fun...Not!!

PMO ran perfectly except for the ongoing forth gear 'pop out' which it has been doing for a couple of races now. So, we will deal with that before the next event. The rental turned out to be an OK thing since I ended up leaving the Black Widow in Concord with our friends and driving back by way of Carmel and enjoyed a night by the Sea!!

A big Thank You to Don Benke for hosting our June tech session covering HD-8 Setting & Tuning having breakfast snacks and then lunch at their beautiful home which I told him it would be hard not to turn the tennis court into a shop!! LOL

I did have a call from Jan & Dick saying that the tech session set for their house in July will have to be delayed due to some unforeseen house repairs. I will check in with them and get back to you all on that project.

Lisa and I will be out of town on the 4th so we hope everyone has a GREAT time at Warren's and hope to see you at the next meeting on July 13th...

Until we meet again...

Cheers, Terry





TECH SESSION

We had a small but enthusiastic group. Lou Galper came in his 100, and Bob Humphries was there with his 3000. Also, there to lend support was Gary Stalker, Sam Talbert (with his camera), Howard Stark, and Terry.

Terry gave us a very thorough explanation and demo for cleaning the carbs on my BJ8,

and made some adjustments to synchronize the floats, added oil, checked the jets, found some interesting numbers on the needles which seemed OK and probably original, and showed us the critical slow idle adjustment, which in concert with both carbs being matched, makes

my car run very much better. Also, I was



somewhat

amazed to discover that after nearly three years of operation I had not been using the choke to start the car! I wasn't aware that there is a turn-and-lock

mechanism to hold the choke out. Just this basic piece of info was worth the time and effort. Oh, and we also put a new LED lamp in my gas gauge!

So, a good day overall, and my thanks to the club and to Terry in particular for getting me on the road again with a new smile and greater understanding of my Healey.



Don



Activities

FOR JULY AND FOLLOWING

by

Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper

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

Let's see if we can get a few Healeys together. If interested, call Bob Farnsworth, 760-787-5737.

Each Friday through September 5-9 pm. Cruising Grand Avenue in Escondido.

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July 4 4th of July Celebration, Warren Voth's, 5554 Riggs Road. El

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hamburger, chicken soft drinks and condiments. Bring a side

dish or desert and chairs.

July 17 26th Annual British Car Show

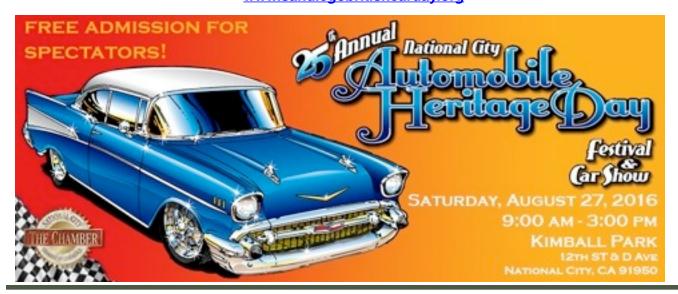
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THE ROAD TO YOSEMITE

by Dave Grundies

The trip sounded like a fun idea. Could my 51-year-old car make it? I hedged my bet by changing several critical parts prophylactically. It's seem to work, as I had zero problems, other than an idle problem at 10,000 feet. Anyway, I booked the cabin and was off solo as Dr. Diane had other plans. Then I got mixed up with Bob Farnsworth who had two women he promised rides to; his sister Joan (pronounced Jo Ann) and Jill, an Australian spark plug. Jill rode with me to Bishop. I was impressed with how small her "kit" was and never saw her in the same outfit twice!

We left Bob's at 0800 after a fine breakfast made by Carol and joined up on Lou and Debbie and Dick. OBTW, I traded my single cabin for a four bedroom to hang out with Bob's Harem and invited my Navy buddy "Furn" to join us in his 1961 Bugeye.



We had reservations in Bishop because of logistics and shopping, prior to entering the National Park. We were pleased and surprised to see Udo & Giesla, and Neil & Nancy had also selected the same accommodations.

It was hot (103°F) and our only road damage was Bob's car heating up/vapor locking but Dick had a great fix – a bag of ice on the manifold. It seemed to work as we got to the Bishop Vagabond Inn safely and in plenty of time to enjoy their cool pool. Meanwhile, Furn (remember him) aborted the original mission due to a slipping clutch, grabbed the back-up car, his wife's red Corvette, and pressed on just in time to arrive for dinner. We cooked carrots and Cardiff Crack (tri-tip) on the grill by the pool. So ends day one, Tuesday.

The next day we were going to provision the cabin and enter the park over the 10,000 foot Tioga Pass. There was a shifting of assigned seats as it seemed everyone (including Bob) wanted to

ride with Furn in the air-conditioned comfort of the little red corvette.

What a contrast from soaring temperatures to a snow-covered mountain pass (it had opened for the season only one week prior) in less than a couple hours travel. It was quite beautiful and gave us the perfect overview of the National Park.

We stopped for lunch on the side of the road and proceeded to the check-in spot at the meeting lodge. We were one of the first to arrive but The AHASC was ready with cabin keys and registrations. The Happiness Hour was all set up along with the silent auction and while most of us



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were focused on moving in, Udo stationed himself beside the refreshments.

It was warm on the valley floor, but our cabin was dark and cool. We readied ourselves for the Wednesday night dinner and were served tri-tip (again).

The next day was sightseeing which we'd already pretty much done on the drive in, and dinner on your own. We cooked in the cabin and were joined by Lou, Debbie, Udo, Giesla, Neil and Nancy, so It was dinner for 11. We had plenty as Udo was testing his

MRE's (meals; ready to eat) for his upcoming motorcycle trip so he brought his own. We closed the evening around the pool table our cabin boasted.

Friday was the Poker Run and lunch at the Majestic Lodge. The Lodge has another, Indian name, but the park is in a legal dispute with the previous contractor and cannot use it. Out large (about 100) group ate in two shifts and the lodge was indeed majestic, with Yosemite Falls visible from the dining room.

After lunch and a tour of the lodge we prepared to head back to the cabin and (yet another) Happy Hour put on by The AHASC before the western dress dinner. But prior to our departure Neil & Nancy reported that their new battery was flat. It seems his inverter was the culprit. Several of us pushed to start but to no avail. We decided to jump the car and Terry appeared with those cute little jumper cables that Moss sells. I never thought they were big enough but they did the trick and off we all went. On the way back my driver's door popped open and Terry (again) came to the rescue with the right tool for the job. Thanks Mr. President!

Saturday brought the car show after breakfast and we set up in our categories: Sprites, BT's, BN's and BJ's but strangely enough, 1967 BJ-8's had their own category. We assembled around the Lodge to look at each other's cars as if we hadn't done that for the past few days. It was warm but the tall pines provided good shade for most.

The day was filled with rocker cover racing and a tech talk on automotive fluids from a guy who knew WAAY too much about the subject.

The Saturday night banquet had all of us in our finest attire and awards were presented and the silent auction items were distributed. I was pleased to receive second place in the (truncated) BJ-7/8 category and even more pleased when Neil acquired a set of those Moss jumper cables and gave them to me! Sunday morning we said our goodbyes and departed. Our smaller group went west and visited the spot where James Dean died in his Porsche. We spent the night in the beautiful Carlton Hotel in Atascsdero, and made it back to San Diego County in one piece the following day.

My car ran great (thanks Randy!) I'm ready to try it again !!



SIZZLING HOT TRIP TO HEALEY WEEK-YOSEMITE

by Lou Galper

We all had a good time at California Healey Week. Leaving early Tuesday morning, May 31, our southernmost group of 1 left Lake Murray to arrive at North County Fair at 8 am. There Deborah & I were to meet up with the group of 3 from North County: Bob Farnsworth, with his 2 guests Jill and Joan; Dave Grundies, and Dick Haas.

While waiting in the parking lot with the trusty BN1 pointing towards the freeway, we saw 2 Healeys go by on Via Rancho Parkway and turn onto the freeway. After trying to call by phone, we decided that the tour had started and took off. We got on the freeway, of course never catching up with who we found later to be Udo & Gisela Putzke and Neil and Nancy Tabachki. By the time we got to Riverside,



Dick and the group had caught up with us. The trip up 395 was warm, all convertible tops were up, but we had to stop a couple of times for road work – 10 to 15 minutes, as well as some time trailing Bob's car which didn't drive too fast in the heat. It looks like the cars will still run at 220F. We stopped in Lone Pine for lunch and shopping, finally getting to Bishop late in the afternoon. Udo's group had already checked out the pool area.

Next day, on to Tioga Pass, with a stop at Mammoth Lakes. Tioga Pass is at the East end of the park, while we were all

staying at the West end, near Wawona, about 99 miles. Caution, after entering the park, there was only one gas station about half way in. Hot sun all the way,

although there was ice on the ground at the East end, and we passed a frozen lake.

We arrived at our cabin later that day, and met up with the other 95 Healey owners, about 40 from the Golden Gate Club, 40 from Healey Association, 10 from our Club, 2 from Arizona, 2 from New Mexico. Our club attendance included Curt and Nancy Arndt, Bob & Jo-Ann Carberry, Terry Cowan, Ed & Abbe Neumeyer, Chic Linde & Donna. The next day was a ride to Tioga Pass, which we passed on, opting to stay in the



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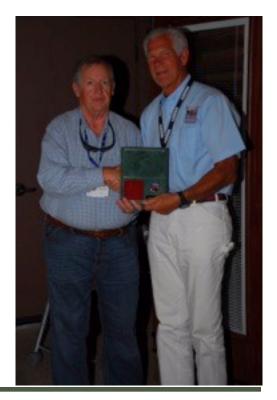
July Anniversaries

Udo and Gisela Putzke 7/17/92 Scott Jones & Tim Spivey 7/23/95

valley at the Ahwahnee Hotel (now Majestic Hotel) enjoying food and drink.

Friday, we all drove to Glacier Point, with Healeys overwhelming the parking lot. Sun was hot, but some snow on the roadside and on the mountains. Lots of good pictures from there. Our Saturday car show had some previously unseen examples that Curt, Concours Committee Chairman, enjoyed examining. Dave Grundie's car won a 2nd Place award, which we all celebrated. The award was all the more deserving since he had driven the car from the hostile desert environment of La Jolla, California.

Sunday, we made the drive home on the 5 in one day, up the Grapevine, etc. Hot all the way, the cars **will** run at 230F+.





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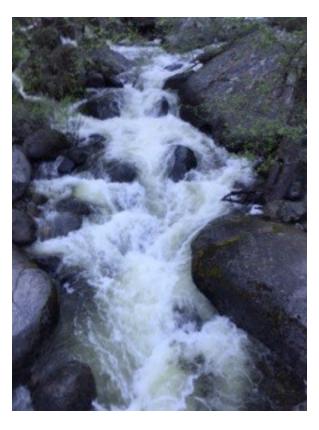
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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSD driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSD one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSD multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

2016 CotY Standings (as of 6/20/2016)

<u>Members</u>	Car	Pts	Members	Car	<u>Pts</u>
	AH 3000 Mk II			AH 3000 Mk III	
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Benke, D	AH 3000 Mk III AH 3000 Mk II	44	Carberry, B&J	AH 3000	16
Putzke, U&G	BT7	40	Pleasant, M	AH Sprite AN5	12
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	36	Darland, R & J	AH Sprite AN5 AH 3000 Mk II	10
Humphreys, B&B Cowan, T & Lisa		36	Banales, J	BT7 AH 3000 Mk II	8
M	BJ8 AH 3000 Mk III	32	Williams, M&D Humphreys,	BT7 Jensen	6
Grundies, D&D	BJ8	30	B&B	Interceptor	5
Stalker, G	AH 100	28	Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	4
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5 AH 3000 Mk II	22	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	3
Snover, R&A	BT7	18	Wilhelmy, R&L	Jaguar XE	3
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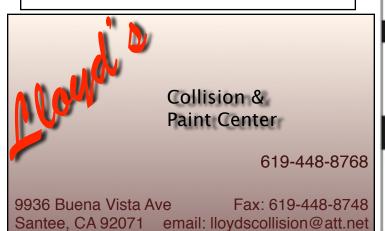
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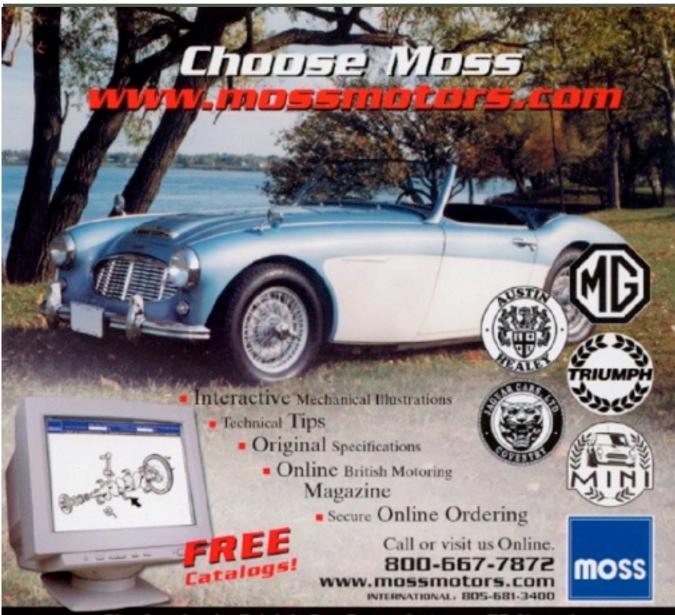


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