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HEALEY HEARSAY

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**From The Editor:**

You're an idiot
Sam Talbert!!
You live in one
of the prettiest
towns on the
continent and
you own a
Healey and
you haven't

driven it all month. That is almost a
sacrilege. In the past I have railed
against Healey owners for not driving
their cars. Now I am guilty of that same
sin. What a hypocrite!!

I offer no excuse nor do I claim any
exemptions. But I do have a story.
There are three elements behind my
driving pattern for this summer. I all
started last January when my friend
finally realized that restoring a Healey
wasn't going to make it as a father-son
bonding project and I brought Stella
home. However, she did become a
great father-son project with me and my
son who lives in San Jose. He buys the
parts and I put them on.

Which leads me to my second issue,
since I am getting older (80 in
November) my son wants us to move to
San Jose with them. Now with our

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September Meeting

Bully's East
2401 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, Ca 92108
@ 6:30
Sept 14th



HEALEY HEARSAY is the official monthly publication of the **AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO**. Monthly member's meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P. M. The location varies and is announced in the newsletter and on our web site: www.sdhealey.org

Membership Information

Membership in the AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO is open to all owners of Austin & Jenson Healey's and to all others who profess an interest in the cars or the purpose of the club. Yearly dues to the AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO are \$30 per household. Visit our web site www.sdhealey.org or contact our Membership Coordinator, Vice President Lynne Stark redjag99@sbcglobal.net for details and an application.

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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

On the Cover-- Some of the group that took the local drive to the coast, Including Lou Galper, Debbie Durham, Bob and Barb Humphreys and Bob Farnsworth.

Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>



Hello Fellow Healeyites

President's Message:

Since we weren't racing PMO we didn't get to see many of our club folks as usual. Lou & Debbie stopped by to say Hi, and that was all of our club members that I am aware of.



This year as always had its moments, we had just put in a fresh Comptune motor & clutch in Pete Smith's car that he had purchased from Dewey DeButts. After disappointing overheating issues it blew a head gasket at Sonoma during the final race on Sunday.

Since PMO wasn't running we decided to use my much larger radiator to see if this would help with the overheating problem. This has been an issue since we had increased the HP in both of the other engines for Pete's car.

After a thorough check out of the Comptune 655 it was found to have a billet crank, Carrillo Rods, New AE Pistons Etc Etc...a real jewel. We replaced the head gasket with a new one, installed an air bleeder on top of the thermostat housing for easy bleeding and a new HP Clutch & Cover, and off to Laguna we go.

On the first day the car is running nicely; going well, temps good, engine running strong. The next day (Saturday) starts out good. Then afternoon race disaster. The front freeze plug decides to leave the party, and before Pete could shut her down he had deleted the top of number 2 and 3 pistons. Just then David Gooley roles up to do the interview we had been planning for a couple weeks on the history of Pete's race car and take pictures for a magazine article he is writing on Bugeyes. And we had nothing but steam from all concerned!!

Poop...Ok, lets load her up and head back home. There is plenty of time to put engine #one back together. At least, that is what we hoped. Sunday comes and Adam and I are bombing our way back to SD, radar detector blazing away, 8 hours door to door. We hit the sack and were up bright and early to start our quest -- two engines three days.

Monday starts with a bang. Adam starts removing 655 while I start on CT 259 --R&I timing gear, New Flywheel and Tilton Clutch. Next I install a corrected billet crank that first had to be sent back because the throws on 3 and 4 were hitting the distributor timing gear (thats another story). Day two -- helper Mike can't come in as hoped. now things are getting critical as is the norm when its a BIG DEAL. Just as we're freaking out a call comes in from on HIGH. Cris Vandergriff has told Pete since PMO is apart (we had to use my gearbox in Pete's car) we can just install PMO's running gear. really I said ??

Well, talk about save the day. We quick change the head gasket, clean the pistons. PMO is going racing but as the Blue 8 Ball. Remember PMO runs an 1100cc engine not 948cc and Pete's car is about 200 lbs

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SDAHC Minutes

August 9 2016

Members present: Rick Snover; Bob McAllister; Lou Galper *; Deborah Durham; Tom Linnard *; Sam Talbert; John Schermerhorn; Ed Matheus; Carol (Bob Farnsworth's friend); Allie Snover; Mary Schermerhorn; Dave Grundies *; Bob Farnsworth *; Don Benke *; Bob Humphreys *; Howard Stark; Sandy Watt; Sandy Watt; Udo Putzke *; Gisela Putzke; Terry Cowan; Lisa Mandel. (* indicates who drove a Healey)

It was noted that Jim Pendleton passed away. A memorial is set for August 17. Contact Libby for details.

Bob Farnsworth presented the activities.

Aug 28 National Ice Cream Social. The association has this listed as an activity.

The **Grossmont event** has been pushed to a later date which conflicts with Speed Week.

Healeys on the Green -- Tabled for a later discussion as to whether we want to do this event and if so where, and when.

Redwoods in Yosemite is hosting a 3rd night free in the fall. Contact Bob Farnsworth if you are interested.

Aug 12 -- **British Invasion** in Escondido 5-9 p.m.. Get there early to find a parking place.

Local free car show events: *Wednesdays* in El Cajon; *Thursdays* in La Mesa and Ramona; *Fridays* in Escondido; *Saturday mornings* in Bonita.

Lou suggested we conduct a **local drive:** August 27 -- Start at the Mira Mesa Park and Ride and end up in Del Mar Heights.

General Discussion -- *Breakfast on the Bay* -- Carol is looking into places, tentative dates are in Sept. *Octoberfest* -- Will be at Farnsworth's

La Quinta -- Nov. 2 We need to find out about group rates

Christmas Party -- Will be on the second weekend of December. Terry will book the museum and Bob will check with Laurie about catering the event.

Superbowl Party -- Feb. 7. Terry and Lisa will oversee.

Sam needs photos and articles as always. Sam also announced this would be his last year editing the Hearsay. We are seeking a replacement and the job offer is open now.

Vice President report -- nothing to offer we have the same number of members.

Tom Linnard was the dinner winner.

Lou and Lisa won eggs from Allie

Ed. note: *Tom Linnard is on of our new members and I don't know him. I think this is his photo, but I'm not sure.*





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attention focused on San Jose the need has arisen to wrap up things in San Diego and find a place to live and store Healey parts in San Jose.

Finally, last summer I started having back pain and the doctor said it was "spinal stenosis." I spent a year trying to remedy it with medication and exercise. None of which worked. He was able to mediate the pain with drugs but the problem did not go away. We concluded that surgery was the only way to really solve the problem. So, I waded through all the canes and walkers and stumbled into the hospital for back surgery. I'm home now learning how to sit and walk in a new way that won't run me back to the hospital again. This is my new ride.



OK, it's been a less than ideal summer. Things will get better. The day will come when Whooeee and Stella will sit side-by-side at British Car Day.

Activities

SEPTEMBER 2016 ACTIVITIES: By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper

Each 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 29 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)*

Each Friday through 30 September 5-9 pm. Cruising Grand Avenue in Escondido.

All 1974 and older vehicles of all makes, models and styles. For information: cruisinggrand.com

Each Wednesday through 28 October 5-8 pm. Main St at Magnolia Ave in El Cajon

All older vehicles of all makes & models. For information: downtownelcajon.com

Every Saturday 7:30-9:30am. Dunkers & Clunkers donut run.

Bonita Donuts at the donut shop at the corner of Bonita and Otay Lakes Rds. South Bay Cruisers 619-4261882.

August 27 North County Coast Drive.

Lou Galper has planed a drive along the coast. Meet at 9:00 am at Mira Mesa Blvd Park & ride at I-15.

We leave at 9:30 am to Torrey Pines along the ocean--*nice ride in a Healey--* past the golf course to Mt Soledad for a few minutes --*take*

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a picture-- down the hill & along Neptune Place and stopping at Symbolic Motors and Grand Prix Classics on La Jolla Blvd to see the latest inventory, then to Su Casa down the street for lunch.

No freeway legs

**August 27 -- 25th annual National City Automobile Heritage Day Festival
and Car Show.**

Kimball Park, 12th Street and D Ave, National City, 9a.m. - 3p.m. Open to all cars, trucks, racecars and motorcycles. Show registration \$35 in advance, \$30 at the park, free to view. Also featured will be music and food vendors. Info: 619-477-9339 and www.automobileheritageday.com.

September 17 & 18 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 advance sales pricing tickets are \$25 for one day, \$35 for both days. Onsite ticket pricing is \$35 for one day, \$45 for both. Children under twelve are free accompanying a paid adult. Terry will have Car Club Coral passes.

September 17 Grossmont Center Car Club Show.

Presented by channel 6 the CW in San Diego. The station is going to be running a lot of commercials to promote the event and will have a camera crew there to shoot it to air it on their news. If you plan to attend, please call Terry, Bob or Lou as soon as possible as the channel 6 program organizers would appreciate a head count.

September 24 Breakfast On The Bay

(Still planning)

October 9 San Diego British Car Day Embarcadero Park North

Register on line. British Car Day will be at the Embarcadero Marina Park north, which is directly south of Seaport Village. The Park and Seaport Village may be replaced by a development soon don't miss this event.

www.sandiegobritishcarday.org

October 22 Oktoberfest at Bob Farnsworth's

November Overnighter to La Quinta (Palm Springs)

December 10 Annual Christmas Party



Without PMO in the races this year, Terry spent his time keeping Pete Smith in the hunt. Pete even brought home a trophy, the Excellence award for group 3A **Congratulations!**



Fun times with the Pikes, from Australia, Udo, Gisela, Lisa and Terry.

Classic ornaments seen on Ocean Blvd. in Carmel.





Healeys drive the coast

Lou Galper

This last Saturday, the 27th, we had a wonderful drive along the ocean from Del Mar to Mt Soledad to Windansea. Starting from the Mira Mesa park and ride at I-15, we traveled north on Black Mtn Rd to Carmel Valley Rd, and arrived in Rancho Sta Fe, near the Inn at 10am.

The small 'cars and coffee' klatch burst into applause upon seeing the 5 pristine Healeys and the MGA race car of David Coyote.

Traveling with us was Bob & Barb Humphries, Bob Farnsworth & Carol, Don Benke, David Coyote & Kelly, Tom & Janie

After a half hour of enjoying the other cars parked in the one block area, we headed out Via de la Valle to Torrey Pines, listed on the instructions as 'drive west to ocean.' Driving along Torrey Pines State Beach was great, then up the grade past the golf course, turning right onto La Jolla Shores Drive, great view, then up the hill to Mt Soledad with another great view. The sports cars always draw attention when we stop at a place like Mt Soledad, so we were there for awhile.

Then down to visit Grand Prix Classics and on to Su Casa for lunch.
Great weather for the drive, hope the next one is soon.





STUFF

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS. . .

What you tell me you don't want any longer I'll put here along with your contact information.

Whoever wants your 'stuff' will contact you directly and you'll work out the details of price, pick up, etc. between the two of you.

1. Radiator for an Austin Healey Sprite. Sam Talbert -- smacktalbert@gmail.com
2. Smooth case transmission from a BN1 Healey. Sam Talbert -- smacktalbert@gmail.com

What you tell me you need I'll list here along with your contact information. Whoever has something will contact you directly and you'll work out the details of price, pick up, etc. between the two of you.

1. I need seats for my 1962 Austin Healey Sprite. Sam Talbert -- smacktalbert@gmail.com
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September Birthdays

Jim Pendleton	<i>In Our Thoughts</i>	2
Scott Jones		7
Debby Sharp		9
Michael Dolphin		11
Bob McAllister		18
Tom Linnard		19
Charles Sharp		21
Dewey DeButts		26
Arthur Neill	--	

September Anniversaries

Bob and Barbara Humphries 9/10/66

John and Mary Schermerhorn 9/15/56

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lighter, and Pete is more than a few pounds lighter than me. So, still cranking at 11pm that night I get her to lite up, but we had some issues getting the timing gear aligned, so it carried into the next morning Wednesday, We got her set up just right with a few degrees advance left if needed. Lisa said as we were getting ready to leave "Ya know Pete's gunna want a new engine after this!!" LOL

Off we go around 10:30 AM with a side trip to Laguna Beach to pick up some wheels for George Holt. He had broken some spokes on the way down from Canada in his XK120, which he drives to the track, races and then drive home. Bill Rooklidge was kind enough to give George two brand new Dayton Wire wheels for the races and a safe trip home. I must say we have some pretty good friends!!

We make it back to the track just before dark. They let us in after 8PM, which a No No, but yours truly knows folks. We're in, and on the track by 8:30 Thursday morning!! Pete's car is transformed. He moved from 35th to 19th right off the bat. you couldn't smack the smile off Petes face. The rest of the weekend went fantastic with Pete and Crew getting the Excellance Award for group 3A!!

Glad to be back, hope to see you all at our next meeting on the 14th.

Yr Prez, Terry



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HELP!!

Our Club is changing. Some of the old guard have had to give up their responsibilities for a number of reasons.

Some of those jobs have been covered by other members but some of them have been left open. For example: When Mike Dolphin left we had no one step to take the treasurers role. Then Dick Schmidt's illness necessitated he give up the role of secretary and No one has stepped up.

I have announced the probability of moving to San Jose makes my job as editor vulnerable to change. I can't speak for others but I have really enjoyed doing the Hearsay each month and am sad to have to give it up. I know someone else would enjoy this task as much as I have. I would love to share the joy of editorship with someone who has a desire to express him/her self in print. It has been a great run.

Why don't you take a look at your availability and participation level and step up for one of the openings. We all would appreciate your contribution.



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.

2016 CotY Standings

(as of 8/20/2016)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
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Benke, D	AH 3000 Mk III AH 3000 Mk II	58	Pleasant, M	AH Sprite AN5	12
Putzke, U&G	BT7	50	Darland, R & J	AH Sprite AN5 AH 3000 Mk II	10
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	46	Banales, J	BT7 AH 3000 Mk III	8
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7 AH 3000 Mk III	46	Sharp, C&D	BJ8 AH 3000 Mk II	6
Grundies, D&D	BJ8 AH 3000 Mk III	34	Williams, M&D	BT7	6
Cowan, T & Lisa M	BJ8	32	Humphreys, Jensen	Interceptor	5
Stalker, G	AH 100 AH 3000 Mk II	32	Brewer, N	Jensen Healey AH 3000 Mk III	4
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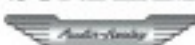
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