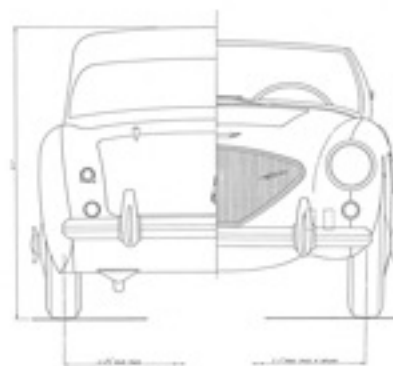
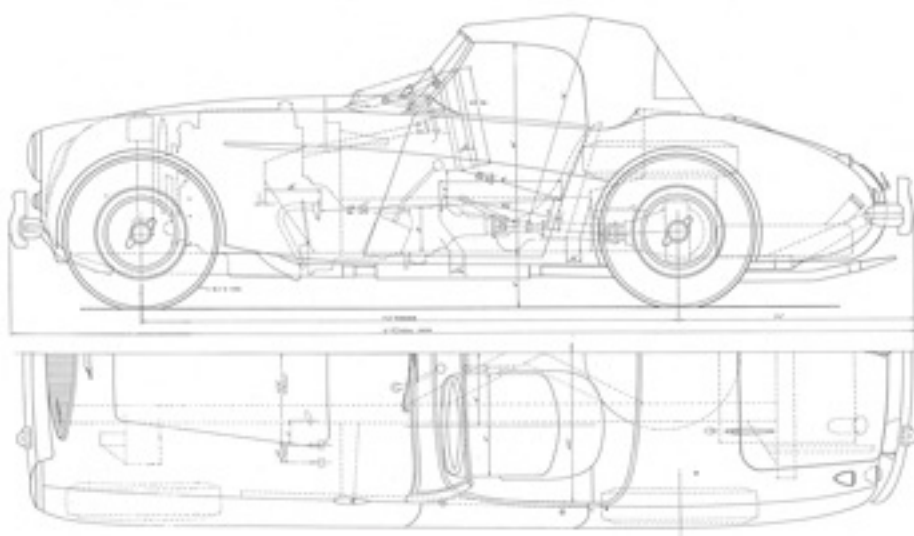




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**From The Editor:**

Three frogs are sitting on a log. Two frogs decide to jump into the pond. How many frogs are on the log now? No, that's wrong. There are

three frogs still sitting on the log.

Deciding to jump and jumping are two different things.

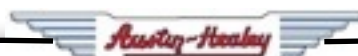
So, what does that have to do with anything? Well, I am beginning to understand the difference between deciding and doing. Janiece and I made the decision to move to San Jose about a year ago, but we are now beginning to feel the impact of acting on that decision. We are in the chaos of bringing our house up to 'sale readiness', and beginning to sort stuff into piles of 'keep', 'sell', and 'dump', and believe me that is no easy task. My son has schooled me on the use of Craig's List and we have invested in a pile of plastic boxes to begin packing up what we are going to take with us.

One of the difficult tasks of this confusion is the necessity of moving Whooooe to San Jose. Today I received the clear pink slip for my two Sprites that

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February Meeting

Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill
7510 Hazard Center Dr
6:30 pm



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

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Hello Healey Peeps...What???

It's almost Super Bowl already...the Charger's are Super Gone with a Super Lame Logo....As most folks know or have read my message and RSVP'd, or were at the meeting this years party is at our house and is a **Potluck** event since we didn't have a lot of **Chili Cookoff** volunteers.

It has come to my attention, due to the lower amount of cast members lately that perhaps we need to put a bit of new spark into our play!!

We, the board, are open to any new or old ideas. A couple of things were brought up at the last meeting by Sam, but we would like to hear from all the members what you would like the club to be doing, going, sharing. It truly would be fun to get more Healeys moving, driving, smoking...anything.

One Idea is to celebrate birthdays of the people who show up at the meeting that have birthdays that month, (stealing that idea from Jan Schmidt who in times past would bring cakes) and Sam's idea of the "Green Table" where you bring something to exchange with club members, and the members who have birthdays that month bring something to auction off!!

The members I know have Healeys that are drivable are on the board, Sam - Bugeye, Rick - BT-7, Don - BJ-8, Gary - 100-4, Lou - 100-4, Bob - BT-7, my - BJ-8... Other's are Matheus - Sprite, Humphreys - 3000, Norm - Jensen Healey, Warren - BJ-8, Wolf - 100-4, Putzke - BT-7, Starks - 100-6, Grundies - BJ-8..etc etc, what would you like to do???

A morning drive for breakfast or brunch could be fun, **Lou & Bob** need any and all ideas, how about reviving **Healey's on the Green, BBQ on the Bay**

For example...Meeting places, we mainly use **Mainstream in Poway, Bullys in SD, Marie Calendars in La Mesa, Jimmys in Santee...**

We have also used **Boomerangs in SD, Szechuan Mandarin in SD, Downtown Café in El Cajon, Casa Mercado in SD, Por Favor in La Mesa**. I know some folks get tired of going to the same places, so I would like to hear what people prefer or other places they may want us to try. It is easier if the spot has a separate room and that they don't charge for it or are able to shuffle things around for our group.

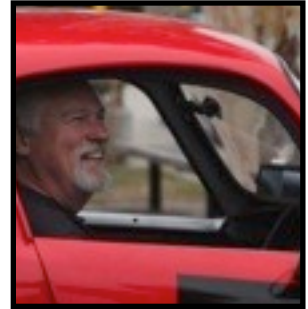
This month all of our normal places are booked. I took most of Saturday driving around looking at places in the Valley, so it took me to places I hadn't been in in years. Valley Café - no room and no parking, **TGIF** - plenty of parking but no set up for meeting, **Benihana** - packed, no parking...**Mimis** - no parking and crazy busy, other spots: **Cheesecake Factory** has no parking & busy, the **Brewerys** are crazed as well!!

One place I did find, was in Hazard Center called **Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill**. It's new with plenty of parking, so I have us set up on the enclosed patio for our next meeting **Feb 8th @ 6:30**. Address: **7510 Hazard Center Dr** off of **Frazee Rd** off Friars East of the 163 bridge, the restaurant is all the way in the back of **Hazard Center** past the underground parking.

Hope to see you at Super Bowl, or if not the next meeting, until then Happy Healeyeyng!!

Cheers, Terry

President's Message:





MEETING MINUTES

The January 2017 meeting was held at Marie Calender's

15 members were in attendance. None drove Healeys or any other type of British car. Sandy and Lily Leon, Howard and Lynne Stark, Terry Cowan and Lisa Mandell, Ed Matheus, Sam Talbert, Gary Stalker, Sandy and Sandy Watt, Gisela Putzke, Debbie Durham, Lou Galper, and Norm Brewer

Meeting was called to order at 7:20p.m. by president Terry Cowan

General Discussion:

Conclave will be in Waco Texas in July, and International Healey Meet will be in Sept. - Get your registrations in.

Mike Williams has moved to L.A. A new delegate to AHCA to be named. Possibility of rotating delegates to be discussed.

The Christmas party was a success and the approximate cost to the club was between \$200 and \$300.

Sam brought up doing something to spice up our meetings / get together. Bring radio controlled cars to race. He also brought up the "Green Table" idea - free stuff to give to other members and to bring something to raffle at the monthly meeting your birthday is in.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

So...Bring your radio controlled car or racer to the Super Bowl party at Terry and Lisa's on Sunday February 5. Party starts at 2:30 p.m. Kick off is at 3:30 p.m.

This will be a POTLUCK -- NO CHILI COOKOFF. Bring a dish to share.

Membership: Don Benke not in attendance, but asked Terry to remind everyone who has not renewed either their AHCSO or AHCA or both memberships to do so ASAP by sending in their money to Don.

Treasury: Terry to get together with Gary Stalker, our new Treasurer to transfer the checkbook .

Secretary: Rick Snover not in attendance. Lynne Stark filling in.

Activities: See Super Bowl above and Activity page.

No Other Business, Old, New or any other kind.

Dinner Winner: Lynne Stark

Meeting Adjourned 8:03p.m.





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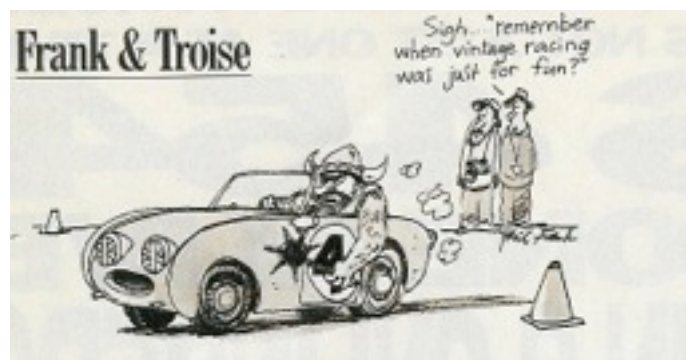
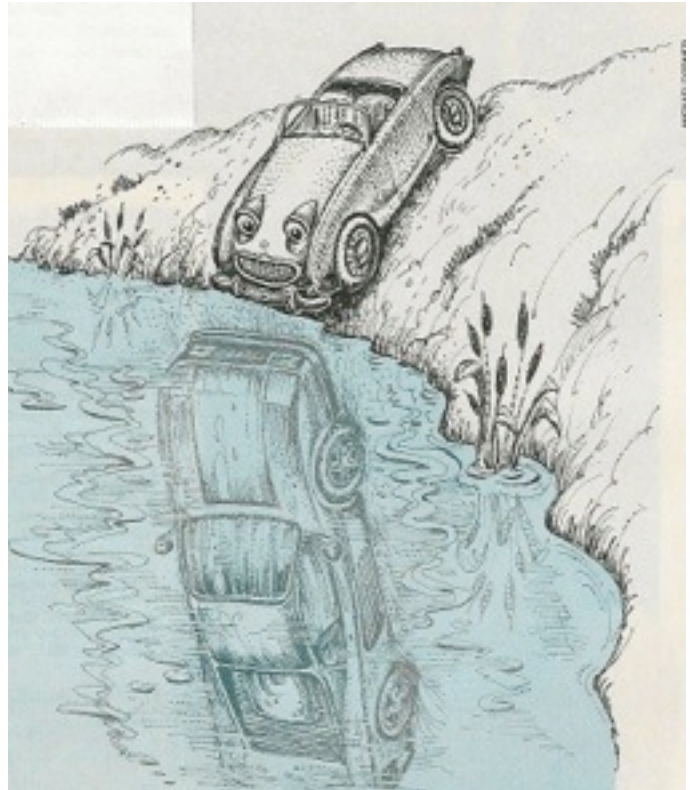
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culminates a year-long DMV adventure showing me and my son as owners. He promised to carve out a spot in his garage for Whooeee to come and live with him while we put together the move. That means Whooeee won't be available for me to drive for a while. I hope I can handle the separation anxiety.

So, looking ahead, I am going to become dependent on Stella to provide a "Healey fix."



When will this all happen? I don't know really. It all depends on the sale of our house in East Lake and my son's success in finding a home for us in San Jose. I don't know how long that will take, so you'll just have to put up with your left handed, right brained editor a little longer.



TRAILERING

Trailering is one of those skills that often strikes fear in the hearts of the bravest souls, but in reality is a very basic driving skill where the key to success is going SLOW and making very small movements especially when backing. Towing a trailer is no different to normal driving when going forward. The only difference is that your overall length can be more than twice your normal length. Your 16 foot vehicle is now almost 40 feet long, and you need to be aware of this when merging with other traffic.

There are several DMV regulations that need to be adhered to so that one doesn't run afoul of the law. Trailers should have brakes, lights, safety chains, and good tyres, and should not be overloaded from a carrying capacity or a towing capacity of the tow vehicle. Also in California, it is illegal to use the car pool lane when towing a trailer.

Brakes are required on all trailers over 1,500 pounds gross weight. Make sure they work, as there is nothing worse than going down a hill at freeway speed with your trailer loaded, when everyone ahead comes to a screeching halt, and you are standing on your brakes and barely slowing down because your trailer brakes are inoperative, and you are praying that you will stop before you reach the stopped cars, and that you won't jack-knife your trailer. The brakes on our tow vehicles are not designed to stop over twice their weight, which is what we are asking them to do if our trailers do not have functional brakes. There are several types of trailer brakes, surge brakes which apply as the trailer pushes the tow vehicle, and electric brakes which apply in concert with the tow vehicle brake pedal being pushed. Both systems have their good points and will stop your rig if properly adjusted. Even so remember that with a trailer your total vehicle weight is greater than normal and your stopping distance will increase even with trailer brakes. The key is brake early and try to avoid panic stops.

Lights and reflectors are required and in addition to the brake, tail, and license plate lights, you should have turn signals. You should install running lights as an added safety measure on all trailers, however these are required by law if your trailer is over 80 inches wide..

Trailer tyres should have sufficient tread and are subject to the same requirements for tread depth as the tow vehicle. Keep the tyres inflated at the recommended pressure as under inflated tyres will tend to overheat and are subject to blowouts. An overinflated tyre will tend to skip on turns and will bounce as opposed to running smoothly. Trailers are rated according to their



carrying capacity, and this shouldn't be exceeded. Your load should be balanced with the weight distributed with 55-60 percent of the weight to the front of the trailer and 40-45 percent of the weight to the rear. This will ensure a tongue weight of 10 percent of the gross weight which will maintain handling characteristics of the tow vehicle. If all the weight is up front on the trailer, the back end of your tow vehicle will be pushed down, lifting the front end and you will be left with almost no steering control or power if you have front wheel drive. If all the weight is to the rear of the trailer, it will unweight the back end of your tow vehicle and when you need to brake..... You are all over the road and will be lucky if you don't end up jack-knifed, in the ditch, or worse.

But first you need to get your trailer loaded. First, make sure the trailer is hooked up to the tow vehicle and the hitch is latched as if it isn't, putting weight on the back of the trailer will cause the front to rise and before you know it you will have driven up your ramps, which will now be flat on the ground, and your trailer will be

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pointing to the stars with you left trying to figure out how to get it back on the ground without damaging anything. Ok, your trailer is securely attached to the tow vehicle, now you can load. The key thing is GO SLOW, and use spotters to let you know if you are lined up. Once loaded, be sure and securely strap down your car as you don't want it coming off the trailer en route to your destination. Also be sure that your top is securely strapped down if you have an open trailer, as your car will be travelling a lot faster on the trailer (55 mph in California and up to 75mph in other states) than we normally drive them on tours, and the wind can destroy a top in short order if it is not securely stowed. At each rest stop check all your tie downs to make sure that they are still secure and that none have worked their way loose or broken. I have actually had a tie down strap tear in half due to the strain, and was lucky to have sufficient tie downs attached to keep everything on the trailer. Keep all tie downs clear of bodywork and sharp edges as they will rub which will either damage your finish, or cut the tie down strap. Make sure that all your tie downs have a rated strength of at least twice your load, and you should be safe.

Unloading is simply the reverse, go slow and be sure that there is sufficient space behind the trailer for you to get the car back down the ramps safely come to a stop. Remember a lot of our old cars have brakes that are primarily designed to work when going forward, so leave extra space to stop when backing.

Last but not least, we come to the real scary part. BACKING.... Here again the key is go slow and don't

make sudden moves. Most people have their first attempt at backing a trailer with a 4x6 U-Haul or some other short trailer. In reality short trailers are the most difficult trailers to reverse as the slightest movement on the steering of the tow vehicle has an immediate and drastic effect on the trailer. The answer, practice with the longest trailer you can find. Go to the local shopping center, find a clear area and practice reversing not only going straight, but also both to the right and left into parking spaces. Remember that when backing a trailer, turning the steering wheel to the right will



cause the trailer to turn to the left, and vice versa. Learn to trust your mirrors and get to know where your trailer is and how it responds to varying amounts of turn of the steering wheel.

One last note is to make sure that you keep an eye, or a temperature sensing hand, on the trailer wheel bearings. At every stop do a visual and a touch inspection on the axle dust covers. They should all be cool or at the most warm, if one is hot, your bearings are in trouble. Also try rocking the wheel. There should be no movement. This is important and cannot be over emphasized, as the author can attest. On a trip to Kansas and back I checked the bearings at each stop, and on the last leg of 100 miles a bearing on the trailer decided to disintegrate. I made it home safely and I didn't realize there was any problem until the next day when I went to move the trailer, and noticed one wheel was crooked. There had been no warning and at each stop everything had passed my inspection.

Don't be afraid of trailering, many a deserving angel has earned their wings while watching over Sandy and me on our adventures.

The California DMV has an excellent web site with information on Recreation Vehicles and Trailers, and will give more information than I could include in this article. I highly recommend taking a look at their site (<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/d1648/d1648pt12.htm>)

Sandy Watt.



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Wow, spring is just around the corner!





Car of the Year Award

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