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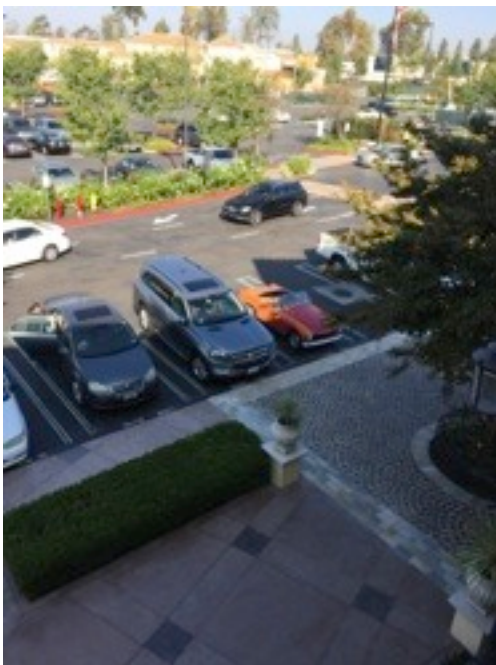


From The Editor:



Resurrection! I needed a haircut and Janiece had gone somewhere, so I decided to take Stella to Supercuts. This

was the first time Stella went somewhere



other than a test drive around the block. All went well until, on the way back, I heard a 'clump' and a grinding noise all the way home. Later when I was able to

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March Meeting

Bully's East

2401 Camino del Rio S.
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March 8, 2017



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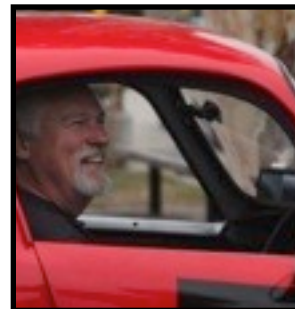


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Hello Healey Folks

President's Message:



I can't believe its March already, when they say time flies, I feel like I'm in a rocket not a plane!! Lisa and I want to take a moment and say thanks to those people who attended the Super Bowl / Lynne & Terry birthday celebrations, even though the turn out was smaller than most times. It was a fun event, which included some half-time pylon races, Thank You Sam. I'm pretty sure most of us won't soon forget the crazy change in the final outcome of the game, or Lady Ga Ga!!

Well March starts off with a bang on the 4th with the Tremble Clefs Car Show. And then our Borrego Desert Drive on the 11th. Unfortunately, we will most likely miss for a couple of reasons. I haven't been able to find the time or space in the shop to fix my Healey which doesn't want to stay in 4th gear. I have the parts but not the time as of yet. Still not bad for a 52 year old gearbox which I haven't ever had open!!

Next on the Activities list is RBCD which was changed to the **23rd of April** at our first SDBCCC meeting of the year on the 27th of Feb, so as not to conflict with the La Jolla Concours. Which, BTW in case no one has heard, has invited us to enter an Austin Healey Class Group. I am hoping to enter #56 pre-production car as a rolling chassis as well as our 65 BJ-8!!

Another thing which was decided at the BCCC meeting was the Marque of the Year, and this year it will be Austin-Healey, as it celebrates its 65th year. I can't believe its been 35 years since Dick and Jan let Robin and I crash in their room in Snowmass. What GREAT memories these cars give us...and a couple painful ones as well, like running out of gas when the gauge says 1/4 left!! LOL.

Also of note, as far as I have heard COA **Conclave in Waco has been cancelled**, due to lack of entries. I'm guessing most folks took a moment and thought, Waco in July...in an Austin Healey...can you say Easy Bake Oven??

We are currently waiting to hear about our entries for this years Vintage Racing so when we know, I'll let you know. One thing is for sure, the Race on the Base is a no - go this year. So, if you were holding the third weekend in Sept for Racing on Coronado, you need not to worry, it's not to be. Perhaps the International Healey Meet in Monterey on the 11th to the 15th, might be more to your fancy!!

OK, last month's meeting was at Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill. I liked it but it was very noisy as we shared it with another group in large room with an open ceiling which made talking and hearing difficult. So, this month we will go back to one of usual spots -- Bully's, just one week from now. Congregate @ 6:30 for food and the meeting starts between 7 & 7:30. It wasn't clear how many people liked the new place, so I will ask this month if we want to put it in among our meeting spots.

Hope to see you all there...Oh, don't forget the Green Table!!

Cheers, Terry



Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting February 8, 2017 at Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill in Hazard Center

President Terry Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM.

There were 17 members in attendance: Bob & Carol Farnsworth, Don & Pat Benke^H, Lex Dunn, Bob Humphreys^H, Sam Talbert, Warren Voth, Gisela Putzke, Howard & Lynne Stark, Terry Cowan, Rick & Allie Snover, Ed Matheus, Eric Graves, and John McCoy. ^H Drove Healey

Tonight is Don Benke's birthday. There'll be cake later.

Terry called for input on future meeting locations. Bob suggested having a meeting at the end of a Club drive on a Saturday, after the weather improves. After much inaudible side conversation, April 1st and 8th were discussed as possibilities, but no decision was made.

The annual San Diego Rolling British Car Day will be on Sunday, April 9th.

The Club's annual desert wildflowers scenic drive to Borrego Springs will be on Sunday, March 12th. Cars will gather at the parking lot of the former Sizzler restaurant on Main Street in Ramona between 3rd and 4th Streets, beginning at 10:00 AM. Departure will be at 10:30 AM. There will be a stop at Dudley's on the way out to Borrego Springs.

Don Benke introduced his guest, Geza Hombalko, a member of the SD MG Club who also owns BN1 and BJ8 projects and may be interested in joining our Club at a later date.

VP Don Benke reported that of the 76 memberships in 2016, 25 have yet to renew, and that 21 or 22 of the 26 AHCA memberships had renewed. A final(?) renewal reminder will be sent via email.

Sam discussed the "Green Table" donations – any items on the green table at this and future Club meetings can be taken home by any member. If you donate something that nobody claims, take it home.

The Super Bowl LI score pool winners were: Lisa Mandell (1st quarter: ATL 0 – NE 0), Don Benke (2nd quarter: ATL 21 – NE 3), Gisela Putzke (3rd quarter: ATL 28 – NE 9), and Rick Snover (final: ATL 28 – NE 34). The RC car playtime during halftime of the game was a hit, and will likely be repeated.

Don Benke mentioned a car show on March 4th to benefit the "Tremble Clefs" (Parkinson disease).

Don's cake was served.

The monthly prize of \$15 went to Don Benke.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Snover, AHCSA Secretary.





MARCH 2017 ACTIVITIES:

By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper

- March 4** **Car Show to benefit the “Tremble Clefs”**
Contact Don Benke for information
- March 11** **Annual Drive to Borrego.**
- With rain expected the last weeks of February the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Wildflower Hotline predicts a good flower bloom this year. Meet at the old Sizzler parking lot between 3rd and 4th streets off Main Street, Ramona at 10:00 am. We will leave at 10:30 am.
- April 9** **Annual San Diego Rolling British Car Day** *(see Editor’s note on Page 6)*
- May 11-14** **2017 Austin Healey Northwest Meet**
More information on line AustinHealeyNorthwestMeet.org
- July 9 – 14** **Austin Healey Club of America Conclave** *(see Editor’s note on Page 6)*
More Information on line: <http://www.ahcaconclave.com/>
- September 11 – 15** **Monterey International Healey Week**
More Information on line: <http://www.healeyweek2017.com/>





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Rolling British Car Day

Hello, British Car Enthusiasts and Owners!

Rolling British Car Day will be held on April 9th, 2017, in the Southern part of San Diego County. The drive route will take us through winding, beautiful roads and end up at a location conducive to chatting, enjoying each other's tales of motoring, and, of course, eating. While the details are being worked out, please reserve SUNDAY, APRIL 9th, 2017 to polish up your treasured car and join us! You will be notified when the website registration is open.

Further details coming soon! Pass the word. The more the merrier. If the sight of Classic British cars ahead of you makes your heart sing with joy, you will want to be right in the middle of this enjoyable tradition.

Sincerely,
Joanie Berkwitz
President
San Diego British
Car Club Council



Editor's Note: *The date of this event has been changed from April 9 to April 23 as noted in Terry's words on page 3. This event will be discussed at the meeting at Bully's on March 8. Terry also states that the Concourse in Waco has been cancelled.*



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get her off the ground I found the front wheels moved in ways unnatural for a Sprite. Pulling the wheel off caused a shower of steel balls that are still rolling around my garage.

On closer examination I found that the spacer between the inner and outer bearing was missing. I now need a new set of bearings and Moss has a set of tapered bearings for a great price. Only one problem -- they are on back order and have been since July. In fact, they are still on back order. That forced Stella into retirement until I could find bearings from somewhere else and find the money to buy them.



To the rescue comes our illustrious president. Terry looked through his stash and found a set for me at a reasonable price. In the process we found that one of the hubs was ruined and needed to be replaced. Last week I installed the newly reconditioned hubs and Stella stepped down onto her wheels ready for another shot at life on the streets again.

Now that problem is remedied the next issue is seats. I am now using an old rusted out ragged seat that I salvaged and I just sent all the makings for new seats off to the upholsterer.

When: 7am Saturday April 22, 2017

**Where: 20555 Pascal Way
Lake Forest, CA 92630**

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March Birthdays

Gisela Putzke	3/11
Dave Grundies	3/12
Klaus Kind	3/20
Nancy Arndt	3/23
Bob Farnsworth	3/28

Radio Controlled Racers at the Superbowl Party



March Anniversary

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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.

2017 CotY Standings (as of February 20)

Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	20
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	6
Galper, L	AH 100	6
Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Talbert, S & J	AH Sprite AN5	6
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	6
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