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**From The Editor:**

I started my career as a youth pastor. The average tenure of a youth pastor is less than one year. They either move on to greener fields,

or get in trouble, or run out of ideas. I stayed at that same church for 27 years and while there I was the youth pastor there for about 18 of those years. I mention that to show that I have a tendency to stay put for the long haul. This works well in the Healey world. Whooooe came into the family back in the early 80's and is destined to survive me and maybe my son too. Also, it took exactly one year to get Whooooe painted. I dropped him off on All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) and picked him up on Halloween (Oct. 31) the next year. It also took me a year to get Stella registered with the DMV. Nothing really happens fast for a Healey owner, except a breakdown.

Enough about me. A week or so ago I received my Healey Marque Magazine. It was the issue in which they recognized the "Club Longevity Awards." There in bold print among

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April Meeting**Bully's East**

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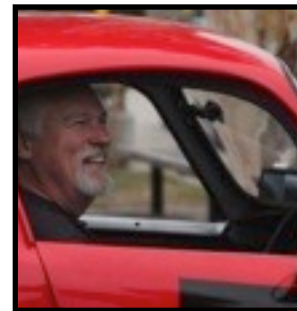
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Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>



Hey There Healeyites

President's Message:



Well, I made the foolish mistake of going to LA on April Fool's Day to help my friend Bill Rooklidge take his newest project/racecar apart...its an A35, which shares most of the driveline components of the Sprite. They have large sedan groups of these cars racing in England, so Bill is trying to get that started here. We are building a new 1275 with all the "go fast" goodies we like to use!!

Sorry I missed last months meeting but as most folks are aware I have been dealing with family issues about my Mom. She has fallen again and can't get around on her own and requires 24hr care. We have been trying to set up a trust and power of attorney so we can help with her finances. But that only works when the person you're trying to help will let you. So, it's been a trying last couple months. The doctors want you do things but you have no power to say yes or no. I am back for the moment and hope to see you all at the Concours this coming weekend!!

Speaking of car shows we have some pretty fun stuff coming up. The **Concours in La Jolla** on the 9th includes a Healey Display this year, our BJ-8 as well as a '58 MGA have been accepted.

The **Great British Swap Meet** is on the 22nd in Lake Forest which is a great place to sell your spare bits. The next day is **RBCD** on the 23rd and is considerably closer. Next up is **Motor Cars on Main Street** in Coronado on the 30th, see the flyer if you wish to enter.

In **June 1st-4th** we plan to attend SVRA's race at Sears Point in Sonoma for the Wine Country Classic which my home track. Please feel welcome to join us and this year we will be trackside as we have garage space we are sharing with Pete's Bugeye & Bill's XK120!!

I have been told that I had bad intel and the **Conclave in Waco July 9-14th** is still alive and well, so if you were planning to attend grab your hat and boots, make sure to bring lots of coolant because it will be hot!!

If you are planning to attend the **September 11th to 15th** Healey Event in Monterey, it will now include track tours of Laguna Seca on Tuesday of the event. Speaking of Laguna Seca, Pete Smith and I have been invited again this year to race both the Pre Re-union and Re-union so please let us know if you wish to join us at the track. We may also be using PMO for the pace car during the Healey event in September.

Hope to see you at the meeting!!

Yer Prez, Terry



**Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting
March 8, 2017 at Bully's East in Mission Valley**

Vice President Don Benke called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. (President Terry Cowan was out of town.)

There were 14 members in attendance: Don Benke*, Norm Brewer, Bob & Carol Farnsworth*, Bob Humphreys^, Sandy Leon, Ed Matheus, Rick Snover, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert, Ron & Deb Trepanier* (new members). **Drove Healey ^Drove other British car*
Don Benke discussed the Wood Ranch BBQ's suitability for future meetings. It would have been better if that other group hadn't been so loud, but otherwise fine.

Don Benke reported on the Tremble Cleffs car show – he and Lou Galper & Deb Durham attended, but were too late to enter their cars in the show. Bill Mayer and his Sprite were in the show. New members Ron Trepanier and Deb Fetherston Trepanier introduced themselves. They acquired their BJ8 at auction in Palm Springs just two weeks prior. There may be one or more Tech Session in the offing.

Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper discussed the upcoming Borrego Springs drive(s) – there'll be drives on both Saturday and Sunday, leaving Ramona at 10:30 AM both days. Lunch on Saturday will be play-it-by-ear. We have a lunch reservation at Red Ocotillo at noon Saturday, and an invitation to visit Neil & Nancy Tabachki's home in Julian on the return trip Sunday.

Other upcoming activities were discussed:

- Rolling British Car Day date changed to April 23rd, to avoid conflict with the La Jolla Concours d'Elegance. Registration is open on the SDBCCC website.
- Conclave has been cancelled this year.
- Northwest Meet in Oregon, May 11th-14th.
- There's an Austin Healey meet in Monterrey, September 11th-15th.
- Coronado's "Motorcars on Main Street" show – April 30th.
- Austin Healey will be the featured marque at this year's British Car Day in October.

Howard & Lynne Stark reported on the Midnight at the Oasis event they attended in Yuma – A good time was had by all.

Lou Galper is working on a drive for the Club, sometime in the not too distant future.

Don Benke reported that ten (10) of last year's members have not responded to the renewal notices.

The monthly prize of \$15 went to Norm Brewer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Snover, AHCSA Secretary.





April Events:

April 8

House of England Village Faire at the International Cottages, Balboa Park on Saturday, April 8th, 12 noon - 5 PM. Lots of fun for the whole family! Refreshments, British Sausage Rolls, Cream Teas, Proper English Tea and Sweet Treats.

<http://www.houseofengland.org/>

April 9

La Jolla Concours

<https://www.lajollaconcours.com>

April 9

House of England Lawn Program

Noon-5pm

Baja Bugs- Beatles Tribute Band at 2pm

<http://www.houseofengland.org/>

April 23

Rolling British Car Day on Sunday, April 23rd.

Starting at Parkway Plaza, El Cajon, traveling to the new Hollywood Casino

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<http://sandiegobritishcarday.org/portal/index.php/7-sdbccc-events/36-2017rolling-british-car-day>

Mea Culpa -- In our last edition we announced that Conclave had been cancelled. It was caused, I think by the cancellation of The Healey Roundup. I called Reid Trummel and he assured me that Conclave is alive and well. So, if you have a strong desire to visit Baylor University or Magnolia Farms to meet Chip and Joanna Gaines go ahead and load up your Healey with Gatorade and sunscreen and head out for Waco.

Editor





Sunny Weekend in Borrego Springs

By Lou Galper

Our annual drive to Borrego turned out to be a winner this year. After the heavy rains in early February, Mother Nature came through with the heaviest flower blooms in many years.

Widespread reports in the newspaper, local and national TV guaranteed that many visitors would descend into Borrego.

On Saturday, a few of us met out in Ramona, Jan Schmidt with son Doug's mini, Lou and Deborah in Healey, Dick Hoss in Healey, Warren Voth in Healey. Reports came by phone that the valley was loaded with tourists already at 10am, nevertheless we headed to Dudleys in Santa Ysabel. A couple cars dropped out, but we loaded up on snacks at Dudleys, finally leaving with Jan & Doug following Lou & Deborah north to the Borrego turnoff.

Nice drive down into the valley except the last 5 miles was bumper to bumper, although steeply downhill, so Healey engine wasn't needed—runs cooler when off. Valley was crowded but everyone was in a good mood, and we immediately went to eat at Carlee's Restaurant for 2 hours—Bob & Carol Farnsworth, David Crawford in Healey, Lou & Deborah, Jan & Doug.

We said our goodbyes to Jan & Doug, who went to view the flowers and head home. Bob & Carol took David, Lou & Deborah to dinner at The Palms restaurant, with live music afterwards.

Sunday, we went to Breakfast of course, then headed off to see the flowers and cactus, I'm pretty sure that we had the only Healey driving around the valley at that point. After lunch, we headed to Julian by way of Banner Grade, a little hot for the Healey, but we made it to Neil and Nancy Tabichki's home, along with Rick & Allie Snover, in their Healey.

Great tour of Neil & Nancy's one of a kind, new, custom home. Super attention to detail throughout the property only made possible because the Builder-Craftsman lives onsite—Neil. Mantles, inlaid countertops, furniture made from trees grown on the property, riding ring/stable for Nancy's horses, workshop, guest cottage, temp-controlled wine storage on 2 floors etc, etc

Hope to see everyone next year, we'll make a weekend of it !





The car show fund raiser to benefit the Tremble Clefs Chorus

The Tremble Clefs Chorus is a group that performs Therapeutic singing for people living with Parkinsons Disease. The event as described in the March Hearsay was on March 4th, and was open to all types of classic, exotic, foreign and



domestic vehicles.

It was held on the parking areas of the Palisades

Presbyterian Church in Allied Gardens, and included over 100 cars and a few

motorcycles. Bill Mayer was there with his Bugeye Sprite, and there were a couple of MG TD's and a Mini. In their Healeys, Don Benke and Lou Galper and Debbie arrived ready to join the show, only to find the exhibit spaces had

been reduced due to a church function — a memorial — that left them out, looking in.

But, Lou, Debbie, and Don had a nice breakfast outdoors at Troys, and enjoyed seeing the show. Don was able to sit in on the performance by the Tremble Clefs choir which sang about 10 songs. All the songs had a driving and road trip theme, including: Beep Beep, Route 66, Little Ol Lady From Pasadena, and Take Me Home Country Roads (*by John Denver*). It was a heartfelt, sincere performance by a dedicated group of volunteers, and added an extra level of meaning to a beautiful, spring day with classic cars and friends. Look forward to this event again next year.

By the way, Troys Greek Restaurant has a nice outdoor dining area, with lots of parking. It is a perfect spot to meet in Healeys on a Saturday morning, have breakfast, kick back and compare notes about plans for the weekend. **Troys, 10450 Friars Road, down the hill from Kaiser Zion hospital.**



**September 11-15 Monterey International Healey Week
2017**



Desert Drive – Almost

By Rick Snover

Allie & I left North Park in our Tri-carb a little bit later than planned. The day was beautiful and



sunny, and the car was running really well, so we thought we'd still be able to catch the group before it left Ramona, but we ran into a traffic jam on highway 67. It took nearly half an hour to get from Air Mail Lane to Highland Valley Road, so that wasn't going to happen. Once we were rolling again, we figured we'd catch up at Dudley's. We reached Santa Ysabel just as Neil & Nancy Tabachki were about to leave in their 100-6. They saw us, re-parked, and waited for us to use the restroom.

We discussed the traffic – reports were saying it would take 3 hours to get to

Borrego Springs from there – and decided that it wasn't worth the frustration, especially if it was going to be just us. We elected to go to lunch at the Lake Cuyamaca restaurant instead. That was a nice little drive, with the locals leading the way around the Julian Main Street traffic, and the lunch was very good.

After lunch we went to the Tabachkis' new home outside Julian. The house and property were amazing. I have a severe case of garage envy, and Allie loved Nancy's miniature horses. Lou Galper & Deb Durham arrived a couple hours later from Borrego Springs, where they'd spent the night. We chatted, admired the view from the deck, etc. for a while, and then headed on down the hill for home.



Even though it was a little bit disappointing to not get out to the desert to see the wildflowers, it turned out to be a very fun day.



Hi Friends,

This message is going to AHCA members in the western states, and its purpose is just to make sure you know about the great opportunity offered by the Austin-Healey Club of Oregon as we host the 2017 Austin-Healey Northwest Meet in The Dalles, Oregon, May 11-14. If you've already registered, great! If it's too far from you, I understand.

I just wanted to make sure you knew about it and how big it's going to be. There are still almost seven weeks until the event, and we already have over 50 registrations. In fact, the primary lodging option is filled, but we have a good overflow option (where I'm staying myself).

This event has no registration fee. There's a website with most of the information you need, including a registration form:

AustinHealeyNorthwestMeet.org

There is actually much to see and do in the central Columbia Gorge, and I urge you to consider this rare opportunity.

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I hope to see you there!

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- Austin-Healey Calendar, our colorful calendar with beautiful photography of these beautiful cars.
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- Please visit our website:
www.healeyclub.org



April Birthdays

RON DARLAND	6
LOU GALPER	10
PAT BENKE	15
CLAIRE COOMBS	27

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Save the Date! April 30, 2017



MotorCars on MainStreet
Coronado, CA

This will be the 27th annual car show, MotorCars on MainStreet, featuring over 400 pre-73 restored classic, rod and custom cars & trucks. The event will be held in downtown Coronado, one block from the beach, at Isabella & Orange Avenues, on Sunday April 30, 2017 from 10-3 PM. Co - Sponsors Ron Baker Chevrolet, El Cordova Garage, the City of

Coronado and the County of San Diego welcome participants and spectators to the grand gathering. There will be live music featuring The Cat-illacs and drawings throughout the day. Thousands of spectators are expected and viewing is FREE. Car registrations are \$40 before April 23, \$45 after, space permitting. This event will sell out. For more information or to register on-line, contact our web site, www.CoronadoMainStreet.com or call (619) 437-0254.



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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.

2017 CotY Standings (as of March 20)

Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	26
Galper, L	AH 100	14
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	12
Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk II	10
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	6
Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Snover, R & A	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Tabachki, N & N	AH 100-6	6
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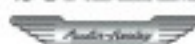
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