

HEALEY HEARSAY

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From The Editor:



The question among Healey owners is "keep it original" or "upgrade". I have always opted for "upgrade" since it appears to me

that "original" is too costly and too demanding. However, upgrading always brings with it its own issues. Once upon a time I decided to install a dish washer for my wife. Before we finished we had almost remodeled our whole house.

I started long ago upgrading Whooeee and now he has a bigger engine, a 5 speed transmission, an alternator, an aluminum radiator, and upgraded dials among other things. Now I am in the same process with Stella.

The most recent issue is the dials. When I put the dash together I just installed the Tach and speedo as "place holders" since they were not hooked up. they are there just to fill the holes in the dash until I can get them all operational.

I started recently on the tach, because it only needs to have the wires connected. However, there is a problem. I have upgraded the generator to an alternator. When I started connecting the tach I found that the old one ran off a

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May Meeting

Bully's East

2401 Camino del Rio S. San Diego, CA 92108 6:30 p.m.

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ON THE COVER: Capt. Grundies' third place winner at the La Jolla Concours d'Elegance early in the morning.

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Hello Fellow Healeyites

President's Message:

What May flowers, month 5 already?? Well, as most of you know a few of us had a good time showing our cars at the La Jolla Concours with one of us taking a third.

Nicely done Mr Grundies Sir!!

My Healey had been sleeping since Yosemite where it had started popping out of 4th gear. So, as anything Healey goes, once you take them apart, there is ALWAYS



things you don't plan on, don't see, forgot Yada, Yada, Yada, and ours was just the same even though I do this every day.

Therefore, getting her detailed for the show, well-- "didn't happen." I did let them judge the car, but I am sure the list of errors was long. But remember, we DRIVE this car and it has been to numerous countries in the last few years. So I didn't expect to win anything, but she still looked great on the lawn with our friends!!

The Toy Shop had another car in the show. It was a one family MGA, the only one in the show this year. It is Glacier Blue

with Grey Leather interior with matching grey carpet. It had some pretty stiff competition including a stunning Nash Healey Coupe right next to us. So I spent a lot of time running between the Healeys and the MG polishing and waiting for judges!!

Lisa drove the Healey to the show. Because I was up late the night before, we missed the Pre-Show party. Therefore, I didn't have time to fill the Healey up with gas (My Bad). On the way back from the show she ran out of gas and had to be rescued. I had taken a shorter route because the MG was starting to overheat. Lisa was following Steve and Cindi



Kirby, and we became separated. I managed to get back the hotel earlier than they did, and had already loaded the MG in the trailer when then they drove up and said Lisa was stranded. Off we went to find her.



Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Bully's East in Mission Valley

President Terry Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

There were 27 members in attendance: Terry & Lisa Banach, Don Benke^H, Norm Brewer, Terry Cowan^H Bob & Carol Farnsworth^H, Lou Galper & Deb Durham, Dave Grundies^H, Bob Humphreys, Scott Jones^B, Tom Linnard^H, Ed Matheus, Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Rick Snover, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark^H, Sam Talbert, Ron Trepanier& Deb Fetherston, Warren Voth, Alex & Sandy Watt.

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New members Ron Trepanier & Deb Fetherston were attending their second meeting. Members
Terry & Lisa Banach were attending their first meeting. Their '58 100-6 was her grandfather's car. It

Membership: Don Benke passed around a draft roster for review by the members in attendance. Final roster is forthcoming. The Club has approximately 63 memberships this year. About 8 or 9 of last year's members did not renew.

Treasurer: 2016 Acting Treasurer Terry Cowan reported that the Club's balance is stable. 2017 Treasurer Gary Stalker will take over as soon as they can get together to do the paperwork. The Club's PO box rental had expired due to a miscommunication, but has been reestablished.

Secretary/Webmaster/Coty Recorder: Rick Snover reported that the Club's web calendar has been updated, and reminded the members to report their Coty points to him.

Activities: Bob Farnsworth called on Dave Grundies, who talked about the **La Jolla Concours d'Elegance** – His 3000 took third place in class (very nice trophy). Other Healeys in the show included Terry Cowan's & Lisa Mandell's 3000, Ed Neumeyer's 3000, Steve & Cindy Kirby's, and one other.

Bob then mentioned the **Ramona Main Street cruises** on Thursday nights. Other members brought up cruise nights in other communities: El Cajon on Wednesdays, Escondido on Fridays (British event in August), La Mesa and Chula Vista.

Lou Galper brought up **Rolling British Car Day** on April 23rd. Pre-registration is \$10/car, day-of is \$15. Drive is from El Cajon to Hollywood Casino in Jamul, with secure covered parking in their structure.

Other upcoming activities were discussed:

runs but needs some work.

- Coronado's "Motorcars on Main Street" show April 30th.
- Laguna Seca historic races August 11th-13th & 17th-20th.
- International Austin Healey meet in Monterrey, September 11th-15th. There'll be track time at Laguna Seca for attendees on Tuesday the 12th.
- Austin Healey will be the featured marque at this year's British Car Day in October.
- Nobody's heard anything yet about the Fairbrook Farms event this year.

The Club decided to attend the Ramona cruise night as a group on May 18th. Gather at Bob & Carol Farnsworth's house [19791 Via Vista Grande] at 6:00 PM and head over to cruise downtown Ramona

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around 7:00 PM. To avoid commute-time traffic on route 67 on the way to the Farnsworths', use Archie Moor Rd to get to Highland Valley Rd. **Newsletter:** Sam Talbert called for stories and pictures.

Sam also reminded us of the Green Table (Green Chair this month due to the number of members attending this month) – Bring to the meeting any item (Healey or non-Healey) that you want to donate and put it on the Green Table. What is not taken must go home with you.

Terry will try to get the room at Marie Callender's in La Mesa for next month's meeting.

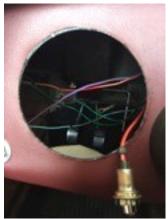


The monthly prize of \$15 went to Lisa Banach. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Snover, AHCSD Secretary. Continued from Page 2

mechanical cable from the back of the generator. When I approached this issue with Whooeee I





found the newer tachs have smaller faces. They don't fill up the hole, bummer! My friend in Santa Ana, the machinist, made me a bezel to fill the gap around the new tach and speedo. That brings me back to Stella. The old tach won't work and I don't have a new one nor the ability to create another bezel.

So now I am pinning my hopes on Terry to do his magic and find me an electronic tach that will fill the hole in my dash.



In the skies over the La Jolla Concourse



MAY 2017 ACTIVITIES:

By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper

Along with better weather comes driving weather. So no matter where you happen to be in our area driving opportunities abound. Following are a few of the organized Car oriented activities in and around the San Diego area of interest in addition to AHCSD scheduled events.

Cajon Classic Cruise runs from April to October.

The car show offers a different theme each Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. This month's schedule:

May 3 - Cinco De Mayo Celebration

May 10 - Herds of Thunderbirds

May 17 - Return To The '50s

May 24 – Tribute to Our Military

Mat 31d – Charger Steve's Stars Cars

Beginning1 June, La Mesa Blvd Car Show through August 31, each Thursday.

Each Thursday through September 7-9 pm.

American Graffiti Cruise night in Ramona.

This event started April 13 and will run through September. Carol and I joined the cruise the second night and had a great time. Cars stated on the west end of town and ran down Main Street to 3rd street, about twenty blocks. Crowds lined the streets from both ends of town. Lots of cool rods, 50's & 60', old cars, new cars even a couple big rig tractors. If interested, call Bob Farnsworth, 760-787-5737.

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

All 1974 and older vehicles of all makes, models and styles. Info: www.cruisingrand.com.

May11-14 2017 Austin Healey Northwest Meet

More information on line: http://www.austinhealeynorthwestmeet.org/

July 9 -- 14 Austin Healey International Healey Week

More information on line: http://www.ahcaconclave.com/

Sept 11-15 Monterey International Healey Week

More information on line: http://www.healeyweek2017.com/



LA JOLLA CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

by CAPT. Dave Grundies, USN (Ret.)

For 13 years, the La Jolla Concours has been happening in my backyard, but I didn't pay too much attention to it. Oh I'd wander by, and one year they offered Free Admission to Military, so I actually went in. It was and is a beautiful venue with gorgeous automobiles, but well above my Healey's paygrade. This year was different. They were featuring the Big Healey Marque and I was in town. So I gritted my teeth and dropped the \$275 and registered. I guess I "applied" because I had to include 5 pictures-port, starboard, nose, tail and engine to see if we were "Concours Worthy". I guess I made the cut because my credentials arrived by mail in a big blue envelope. Two weeks later I was invited to be

on TV (CW 6-their last week in existence) and accepted, thinking there would be a dozen or so cars. There were only two, me and a 1951 Porsche plus a new Bentley to tout the show. Thinking we were being filmed for "News at 10" I didn't tell Diane to DVR it. Truth is, we went on live and this included a phone call from Diane at a very inopportune time!





In my packet were several instructions that were very important to heed. 1. The car needed to be on the field by 0600 and you had to surrender your keys to an official or a "significant other." I got there at 0610 worrying that I really shouldn't have stopped at Starbucks.

As far as I could tell, I was the first car to arrive! The gate guards weren't too versed on logistics and the Marshalls were barely in place. I was given Entry #89

which I had great pleasure in turning upside down to

enlighten things. I got parked by a friendly Marshall who placed my name placard precisely in front of my car. I introduced myself, and asked if he'd like to be my "significant other" (Diane was still home asleep) and hold my keys. He had no idea what I was talking about.

I walked off to pick up the two (2) chairs they provided (yes, we got to keep them) which were pretty nice but not worth the \$137.50 each. I sat down in my new chair to eat the breakfast I had brought and watched the sun rise. It was quite chilly and I finally made use of that Healey blanket that has been living in my trunk for so long. Finally, other cars



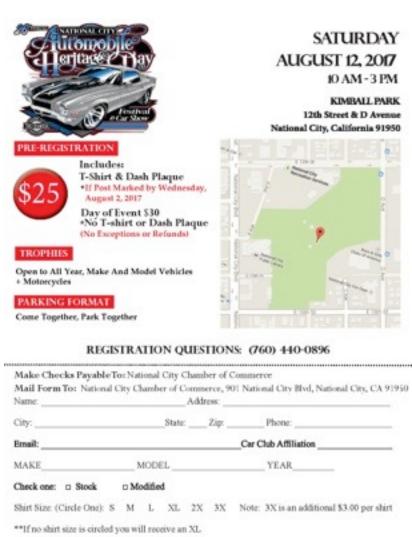
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Good Afternoon Car Show Enthusiasts

The 26th Annual Automobile Heritage Festival & Car Show, hosted by the National City Chamber of Commerce, will take place at Kimball Park in National City on Saturday, August 12 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Participants can showcase their classic automobiles and compete for awards ranging from turn-of-the-century production cars to muscle cars. We will have the opportunity to test drive technologically advanced cars at the electric vehicle (EV) Ride-and-Drive exhibit.

The festival promotes tourism and community development by celebrating National City's



automotive industry. Attendees will enjoy live music, a variety of food vendors, entertainment for children and retail booths. Children's area will include martial arts exhibitions, magicians, dance schools, face painters, train rides, and much more. Guests are invited to stay the weekend in one of National City's 12 hotels. To book your hotel room, go to www.VisitNationalCity.com.

An awards ceremony at 2 p.m. will showcase first-place winners. Winners will be selected through a competitive ranking system by experienced car judges. Visitors to the event are encouraged to vote for their favorite car, which will be awarded "The People's Choice." Check out National City's vintage Fire Engine, historic Rail Car, and the new Police Rescue bat-mobile!

The event is free to spectators. Join us at Kimball Park, East 12th Street and D Ave., National City, CA from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. The entry fee for those displaying their cars and motorcycles is \$25 prior to August 2 and \$30 thereafter.

We hope to see you soon.

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started to arrive and I had somebody to talk to besides the Marshalls.

The Healeys had a beautiful spot next to the ocean, and I was parked beside Terry, and more important, Lisa. As I was enjoying my sunrise breakfast, Mike Scroggie from the LA

Healey Club, and a great kidder, walked up and said, "Hey a Big Bird just crapped



on your car!" Yea, right! Sorry to say, he was correct!! Several frantic moments of Simple Green and Armor-all followed, with the Hood (Top) being so stained that I laid the Healey Driver's Manual on it to hide it from the Judges' critical eyes.

Precisely at 0900, the judging began and I was asked to open my bonnet and boot. They-there were 3 of them, spent about 10 minutes asking me to tell them about my car. They were impressed that I'd owned it for 45 years. I got it when I was in Navy Flight School. All my shipmates were buying 'Vettes which are gone now, but I still have my Healey. They made me go through a mandatory safety inspection, engine, horn, lights and wipers, which we passed with ease. Failure of this inspection resulted in your entry not being judged!

Then they were gone and performing the Safety Inspection on my neighbor's car. It seems that one of his brake lights wasn't working, so I stepped over and pushed on the wires feeding it. Hark, the Lucas Light illuminated! The judge told me to take my hand away and I slowly did. The misbehaving



light stayed on, and they were able to continue with his judging.

Diane arrived and we walked off to lunch. Arriving back at the car, we were pleased and surprised to see a big red ribbon on it! Third place in MARQUE at the renowned La Jolla CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE! It was a great day! Steve Kirby copped first in his black BJ-8 and got to drive up to the Judges Stand to receive his trophy. Second and third just walked up and got their hardware. I enjoyed walking back carrying that big blue box through the 125 cars at LJ Concours-and more parked in "corrals"

outside the gate. I placed it on the bonnet (with the Programme underneath) to display it until we were allowed to leave-precisely at 1600. As you can imagine, it was quite a long, slow parade, as the Healeys were at the farthest point from the entrance/exit. Second place tried a backdoor shortcut and ended up removing his exhaust system at the flexible header pipes — ouch! Of more concern, he had absconded with the Marque Banner, and was more worried about that being discovered than his nonstock exhaust note, but it was a clean, if not noisy Getaway.

A most enjoyable day with some very civilized people.



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May Birthdays

Bob Kitterer	1
Cathy Newman	10
John Schermerhorn	16
Craig Turner	19
Karen Blanchard	25

May Anniversaries

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Once we found her, (turns out they had gone one light too far before turning up to Torrey Pines) I stayed with the Healey and Steve and Lisa went looking for fuel. Then returning with most likely the most expensive gallon of gas ever, we all drove back to the hotel for a much needed glass of wine!! One more memory for the books!!

On a Personal Note...

I did manage to get my mom's stuff handled (Living Trust, Durable POA Etc. Etc.) But now the hard part starts, something to think about if you have "stuff."

If you don't have a trust, you need to get one while you still remember things, are still paying your bills, you still know why you have a 55K loan on your rental property that was free and clear, you still know if you have health care, life insurance, and know where your retirement comes from, so your kids don't have to try and figure it out, when **NO**ONE will talk to them because they aren't you!!

When the cost of your home care is 10K a month and you will be out of your monies in 6 weeks, this is a serious wake up call for me and my brother Paul, who by the way, has been smart enough to set up a family trust already!!

OK enough with the heavy stuff, we have Motorcars On Main Street in Coronado this weekend, which is always a nice event. If we don't see you there, hope to see you at the monthly meeting, **Bully's East**, 2401 Camino del Rio S. San Diego, CA 92108 6:30 p.m. May 10, 2017 :~)

Yur Prez, Terry



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. AHCSD 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: 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.

Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	30
Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk II	14
Galper, L	AH 100	14
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	12
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	12
Grundies, D & D	AH3000 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
Talbert, S & J	AH Sprite	6
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000	4
Linnard, T	AH	4
Stark, H & L	AH 3000	4
Trepanier, R & Deb F	Trepanier, R & Deb F	4
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