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# HEALEY HEARSAY

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**From The Editor:**

I remember when I was just a kid growing up in Arkansas the saying going around then was, "A chicken in

every pot and a car in every garage."

That was the promise coming out of the great depression. Things are different around the Talbert household these days. You probably already know we have two Sprites (Whooeee and Stella). Of course, we need a car that will come every time we whistle. That would be our Honda, which is Janiece's car. She does not know how to drive a stick and has no desire to learn.

This past month my long time best friend Jay Carty passed away of cancer. We have been best buds since the 70's when I began discipling him in ministry. Jay and Mary live in Santa Barbara and he had a 1975 Super Beetle convertible. When he died, I assumed it would go to one of his grandkids. But it didn't. For some reason it didn't fit in anyone's plans. So, Mary made arrangements to sell it to a restoration shop in Visalia. I was sad to hear that because I would like to have had it

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**July Meeting****MARIE CALLENDER'S**

*July 12, 2017*

6950 Alvarado Rd.

San Diego, CA92120

6:30 for Dinner, Meeting starts at 7:30



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**ON THE COVER:** A before and after (a work still in process) look at Jeff Wallace's BT7 3000 MK 2 being restored by Toyshop Restorations.

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## Hello Healey Peep's Man has it been HOT or what lately??

I hope you have cut your weed's back as they have gone from 4 foot green water filled crazy never seen the weed before, to dry laying down lite me on fire hazards so remember, cut, trim, remove so we don't read about any more club folks losing their homes, or their Healeys!!

On the tech front something to be aware of, the **Newest/Replacement Cut Off/safety switches** which ALL big Healeys use are faulty. If you have a good original unit, clean it up and put it back in your car, or **BYPASS** it by bolting the ground cable and the battery cable to one side of the switch, basically deleting the original idea of the switch, but if you leave the switch in place and use the off position it will still ground the ignition making it impossible to start.

The internal parts of the switch are so light weight in comparison to the original switch they can over heat and catch fire as the current is drawn over the shut off plate causing it to overheat internally and fail. And at times cause a fire by melting the **PLASTIC** they are now made of. This seems to happen after long start up loads...just another of the buyer beware things that plague the old car industry of late. Let me know if you need more info about this problem. MOSS says they are working on a fix, but currently the switches are no longer available.

Racing, well while we didn't see any SD club folks at Sonoma, we did run into a couple of our racing Healey friends. One of which was Gary Cox who races the Healey Rossa which is a modified BN-1 with a Buick V-8. He ran with the big boys including Bill's most excellent XK-120 with whom we were garaged. Pete Smith ran well, first in his class.



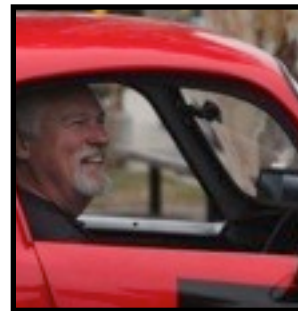
We were surprised when a camera crew showed up in our pits and asked if they could do a video of Pete's car and relive its history. It turns out they had been hired by the son of an Ex-National Champ Bugeye racer who in fact had at some point in time raced against the original owner of Pete's Sprite which was a National Winning Sprite in its day.

During the weekend they shot hours of video and did interviews with Pete and made a fathers day video which I posted on FB. The tribute was great. They said they intend to make a longer video concentrating on Pete's Bugeye and its history in the near future. Stay tuned and I'll let you know when it's coming out when I know.

More current stuff, the 4th Of July party is set and ready to go at the Tabachkis. They plan to shuttle folks to the parade and back up to their place after the parade, so we hope to see your there. If not, we are back at Marie Calendar's on the 12th of July hope you all have a Happy & Safe 4th!!

**Yr Prez!! Ter**

## President's Message:





**Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at Marie Callender's on Alvarado Rd**

President Terry Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**There were 20 members in attendance:** Don Benke<sup>H</sup>, Norm Brewer, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell<sup>H</sup>, Lou Galper<sup>H</sup> & Deb Durham, Bob Humphreys<sup>H</sup>, “Doc” McAllister, Udo & Gisela Putzke<sup>H</sup>, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert, Craig & Sue Turner, Warren Voth<sup>H</sup>, Sandy & Sandy Watt. <sup>H</sup> **Drove Healey**

**Treasurer:** 2017 Treasurer Gary Stalker was not in attendance. Terry reported that the Club's balance was “about the same”.

**Membership:** VP Don Benke reported that the Club now has 65 paid-up memberships for 2017, including a new member that joined on the Ramona cruise last month.


**Activities:** Lou Galper

- British Car Club Council wants some British cars to attend the Scottish Games in Vista on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Bob Humphreys said he's going.
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: Club BBQ at the Tabachkis' house in Julian, beginning at 2 PM (after the Julian parade at noon). About 8-10 of the members present indicated that they would be there. Lynne Stark (got) volunteered to help with shopping. Club will provide grillables, condiments, buns, soft drinks, ice, plates & cutlery, etc. BYO everything else.
- There will be a group drive to Julian that morning, leaving from the Barnes & Noble / Panera Bread parking lot in Grossmont Center at 10:30 AM.
- Monterey International Healey Week, September 11-15, with track time at Laguna Seca Raceway. Terry & Lisa, Bob & Carol F, Bob & Barbara H and Udo & Gisela indicated that they were going.
- Terry invited any interested members to visit them in the paddock at Laguna Seca, where he'll be racing the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends in August.
- The possibility of having a Breakfast on the Bay was discussed, but there was no firm decision.
- We're looking for someone to lead a Club drive sometime in the upcoming months.

**Newsletter:** Sam Talbert called for stories and pictures from Ramona cruise, etc.

The Club learned that member Gerry Kwiat was home after a long stay in the hospital.

Don mentioned that he like Marie Callender's as a frequent meeting location. Many members agreed.

The monthly prize of \$15 went to “Doc” McAllister. 

Reminder – 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Snover, AHCSA Secretary.





**July 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 AHCS D 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.

**La Mesa Blvd Car Show** Each Thursday through August 31,



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

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**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/>







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because it belonged to my best friend. Well, that's just too bad, the guy is coming on Sunday to pick it up.

When Janiece went up to Santa Barbara to spend a week with Mary, she said the guy didn't come and if I wanted it was mine. I took the train to Santa Barbara the next day and drove the Beetle home.



One more kink in this story. My son is taking his family to Hawaii. He calls and asks if we could follow him to the airport and keep his truck (a four wheel drive Ram extended cab) 'till they get back. So for a week we had 5 vehicles parked at our house. The irony was, My wife could choose any one of the five to go to her quilt class. However, she could only drive one. The two Healeys and the Bug are stick shift and the truck, although automatic, is too high for her to climb into.

Do I have too many cars? Yes, I have to move a car onto the street so I can get the trash cans out for the trash pickup. But, do I have too many Healeys? No, I don't think so. Terry has fifteen Sprites and I have no idea how many Sprites John Felt has, so I have some catching up to do.

## More Pics of Jeff's Car



Before

After





Arrive between 11 and 11:30am at Tabachki's home. Neil will shuttle us to Main Street in a reserved section that he's setting up for us.

Parade will feature Nancy's miniature horses and with club members Gisela and Allie and Nancy walking the horses in festive attire.

After the parade, about 1pm, Neil will shuttle us back to their home, a few blocks away for us to enjoy the afternoon.







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# The Texas Austin-Healey Clubs Present Conclave 2017

*in Waco, Texas July 9-14, 2017*







## IN MEMORIAM

We will miss our friend and former club member, **Dick Hoss**, who passed away last Saturday, June 24 of pancreatic cancer.


He drove something that looked like a Healey but was more Ford than Healey. Its fiberglass body sits on a Mustang chassis and wraps around a 5 liter Ford V8.

Technically it's a Sebring MX, 1963 BJ7 Replica. Dick was an active member of AHCSA until the family moved to San Juan Capistrano 2015.

Dick is survived by his wife, Deborah, three adult and a yard full of grandchildren.

A memorial will be held in his hometown of Salinas on August 4.

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## July Birthdays

Bob Humphries	1
Sylvia Torres	6
Edwin Neumeyer	8
John Banales	14
Allie Snover	16
John Farkash	17
Carol Farnsworth	17
Alice Hurley	17
Adrian Newman	22
Neil Tabachki	28
Loreen Wilhelmy	30

## July Anniversaries

Scott Jones & Tim Spivey	7/23/95
Udo & Gisela Putzke	7/17/92



# 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.

## 2017 CotY Standings (as of June 20)

Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	48
Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk II	32
Galper, L	AH 100	32
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	26
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	20
Grundies, D & D	AH3000 Mk III	16
Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	14
Linnard, T	AH	12
Mayer, B	AH Sprite	16
Humphries, B & B	Jensen	13
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000	6
Snover, R & A	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Tabachki, N & N	AH 100-6	6
Talbert, S & J	AH Sprite	8
Stark, H & L	AH 3000	4
Trepanier, R & D	AH 3000 Mk III	4
Williams, M & D	TR6	3
Jones, S	Jaguar	2
Neumeyer, E	AH 3000 Mk III	2





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