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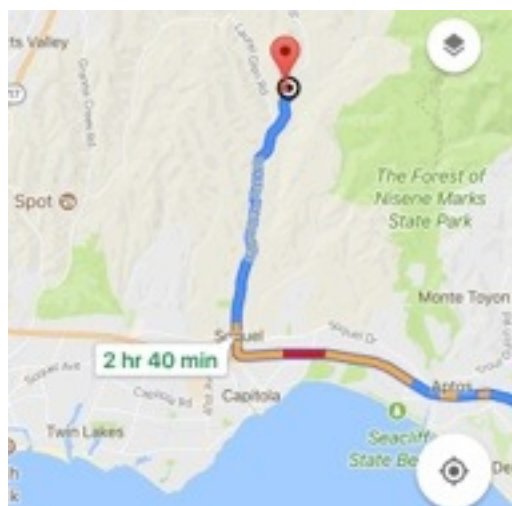




## From The Editor:



Many of you are aware that we are moving to northern California. My son has locked onto a 14 acre parcel in Soquel, Ca (just



south of Santa Cruz) on Sundance Hill. As soon as we sell our house we'll move there too.

This brings up a problem. Just how am I going to get two Sprites from Chula Vista to Soquel? Now here comes the crazy thought. Maybe I could drive Whooeee up there. It's only 486 or so miles of bone jarring, scalp frying

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## September Meeting

# MARIE CALLENDER'S September 20, 2017

6950 Alvarado Rd. San Diego, CA92120  
6:30 for Dinner,  
Meeting starts at 7:30



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**ON THE COVER:** The Boot of Eric Graves' 66 BJ8 in the parking lot at Crown Point where Eric attended Breakfast on the Bay with the San Diego Austin Healey Club

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### Well the Heat is Back...

We just got back from our "Journey to Monterey" just in time to turn around and go back...we got up there and it was like 50 degrees compared to the 100 we had just left. So glad I took a couple pair of long pants!!

First weekend went well for awhile since I had 0 time to break in my engine prior to leaving for the track at 4 AM Friday morning. Load in is supposed to start at noon. It was a long drive for sure. Lisa managed to get a few hours sleep, but I got none. Trying to make up time, we decided to take Hwy 198 thru Coalinga. The map said it was shorter but didn't mention it was Super Windy! So, here I am driving the RV, towing the Healey on a trailer. It was just terrible, but we were committed and so it was some hairy driving for sure!!

Then, to make matter's worse, there was a section they had just paved but hadn't cleaned after. So it showered the trailer and the

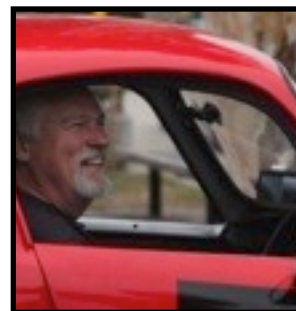
Healey with asphalt. It was so bad I had to drive on the wrong side of road for about a mile because it was less covered with the asphalt rocks in those lanes!!

I should have known better. The last time I was in Coalinga was when my sister got married in San Francisco 1980, or so. I was driving a TR-3 on what looked to be good tires but on the way up I had a flat and the closest shop was in guess what...Coalinga. When I was there the tire guy noticed the other front didn't look very good, so I changed both. On the way back the same thing happened again, but the rears this time. The most expensive wedding I had been to at the time!!

OK back to racing. We did get invited to the Race Cars In Monterey that evening, which is fun. But the first weekend is really just an opportunity to break your car, or perhaps warn you of things to come. But it also gives you time to fix them, while

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### President's Message:





**Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at Marie Callender's on Alvarado Rd**

Vice President Don Benke called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**There were 19 members in attendance:** Don Benke, Norm Brewer, Terry Cowan, Bob & Carol Farnsworth, Lou Galper & Deb Durham, Bob Humphreys<sup>B</sup>, Scott Jones<sup>B</sup>, Chic Linde & Dona, Tom Linnard<sup>H</sup>, Ed Matheus, Bob “Doc” McAllister, Rick Snover, Gary Stalker, Sam Talbert, Warren Voth.

<sup>H</sup>Drove Healey <sup>B</sup>Drove other British car

The Club's Point Loma drive was discussed – a good time was had by all. Thanks Sandy & Sandy! A potential new member, Vick, joined the drive in his BJ8.

**Membership:** VP Don Benke reported that the Club's membership was stable.

**Activities:** Lou Galper

- Bugeye BBQ August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Monterey International Healey Week, September 11-15, with track time at Laguna Seca Raceway.
- 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 Club will have a Breakfast on the Bay on August 26<sup>th</sup> in Mission Bay (Crown Point).
- British Car Day will be at Spanish Landing Park on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Julian has started a Sunday afternoon cruise, every Sunday through September.
- There may be a Tech Session at Jan Schmidt's sometime, as the sorting of Healey pieces continues. Stay tuned.

There were a few interesting non-Healey-related items on the Green Table this month.

Sam Talbert told the story of his long-time involvement with sports cars.

The monthly prize of \$15 went to Tom Linnard.

*(Editor's Note: This is not a picture of Tom, I missed getting a photo of him at the meeting. Sorry about that Tom. This is his daughter at the Breakfast on the Bay. And, by the way, she's cuter than Tom anyway.)*

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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Snover, AHCSA Secretary.





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driving. Nobody in their right mind would even think of trying this. None-the-less, here is my thinking. I can leave East Lake really early and make it to my daughter's in Dana Point and wait there until around 8 pm. Then I could make it through Los Angeles in the cool night. I can hang out with our friend in Santa Barbara. From there it should fairly easy to make it to San Luis Obispo, and stop for a rest there. After that it's only a hop, skip and jump to Soquel and up the hill to Sundance Hill.

Easy peasy, right? My wife is convinced I will be run over by an 18 wheeler in the dark. I'm not sure my 80 year old body can take four days of Healey torture. There's no guarantee Whoeeee can even make it that far. Maybe I should just give up and go rent a truck and trailer. Still it would be an epic adventure reminiscent of the "Wild Hogs."

Naw, it probably won't work. Wisdom is against it. Janiece thinks it's too risky. But



wait, what if Jon comes down and we drive both Sprites up together? Now that's really stupid!!

My wife thinks this is a bad idea, my son thinks this is a bad idea, and probably anyone else I might ask would think this is a bad idea. Oh well, I can dream can't I.

## What I Saw in Carmel







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others enjoy the break during the week. So as not to disappoint, it was one of those weekends!!

One of the BIG problems with not breaking in your engine properly, is that it has a habit of becoming a very large oil pump. Which is exactly what happened on PMO. Oil everywhere. Plus since it was late, I had managed to not finish tightening the pressure relief valve cap. So it unwound 2.5 turns while tuning into a sprinkler head splashing oil into the right front wheel arch, all over the right side wheels & tires producing a quick spin in turn two. OK, I wait until all the traffic passes and fall in at the back of the pack (its only practice) thinking "it can't be me." It had to be something on the track!!



Ok we're off again and I instantly catch the back markers going into turn 6 at high speed and it does it again. But in traffic this time which had to give those folks a rush. 2 super quick 360's and oh yes, it's me. I stay to drivers right up the hill in the run off area, slip off the track down past the corkscrew and a quick exit. Then back to the paddock, leaving a trail and quite the cleanup. But, luck was with us and we were able to tighten the cap, spend the day cleaning car, and the pits, etc, etc, where 3.5 quarts of oil had gone!!

It means since I had done that I got to start last during the race, but that's racing and it could have been much, much worse!! During the race I managed to get up to mid pack before the Checker came but Pete came in without gears on the tow truck.

Last year we made a heroic run back to San Diego when Pete's Comptune engine lost a freeze plug and melted the center two pistons. This year, knowing we didn't have a spare gearbox ready, I decided to let Pete race PMO knowing that would put a big grin on his face and I wouldn't be making any banzai runs home and back to try and fix "8 Ball"!! (nickname for Pete's car)

This set us up to enjoy all the non-racing stuff that goes on during the week, like the Carmel Car Show, where who did we run into, none other than Sam and his friend, plus Lou and Debbie. It's also when we get to move over to the very large house we share with the Chathams and all of our crew. On top of all this, this year we had the Aussie Invasion. One of our pit partners was Paul & Christine Freestone who brought their beautiful 100-6 to race in our group!!

OK, I will continue our adventures in next months edition...

This Month's meeting will be at **Marie Calendars** but one week later on the **20th of Sept at 6:30** due to the **International Healey Meet in Monterey** being held during our normal meeting night!!

Hope to see many of you in Monterey and if not back here on the 20th!!





# Healey Bugeye BBQ

*August 12*

John Felt's BBQ was a great time. With upwards of 20 Bugeyes, plus about 10 other Healeys and Minis and other sports cars, it was one of the largest turnouts we've seen at a local event.

We started the drive to the BBQ at the Miniature Engineering Museum in Carlsbad, a large collection of precision craftsmanship in metal and wood of working tiny engines, locomotives, airplanes and guns, all hand made by extraordinary craftsmen.

The rally traveled all around Carlsbad and Vista, stopping at local parks where we tried our luck at various Beatles themed games: *Strawberry Fields* *Forever Toss*, *Yellow Submarine fishing game*, *Penny*



*Lane*  
*Penny*

*Pinching*

and more. Some of the drive was on the coast, helping us keep cool on the warm Summer day.

Fifty miles! later, we ended up at John and Lilah's home which has a large rolling grassy front yard with room for about 50 cars to comfortably sit under the trees. BBQ by the pool and under the trees made for a fun time.

Beatles music playing everywhere.

Thanks to John and Lilah for a superb afternoon!

Lots of fun and a wonderful excuse to get our Healeys out for the day!





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**Register Now**

Registration online is \$25 for cars (\$20 for additional cars) and \$10 for British Motorcycles. Onsite registration is \$40. so we urge you to register in advance. That also helps us to allot awards for each class. Classes are based on registrations received by October 1st. Car requiring trailers are allowed, but trailers cannot be parked at Spanish Landing Park for the day, and must be parked elsewhere. If you would like more information about accommodating trailers, please contact the San Diego Car Club Council. Food trucks and vendors will be available for your enjoyment. Shade tents are allowed, but cannot be staked down, they must be weighted. If you would like to inquire about being a vendor, please contact the San Diego Car Club Council for more information.

## San Diego British Car Day

October 8th, 2017



*New Location:*  
Spanish Landing Park East  
3900 N. Harbor Drive  
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Near the San Diego Airport



*Spectator attendance is welcome and free*





# Breakfast on the Bay

Saturday broke clear and bright and as I rolled out of bed I had three options facing me: A field trip with the men of my church to Classic Rotors in Ramona, Breakfast on the Bay with the Healey club, and a day filled with “Honey Do’s”. As much fun as a trip with the church to Classic Rotors would be, it’s in Ramona and it’s HOT there. Nobody in his right mind would choose Honey Do’s especially when your wife is off on some kind of quilting event. So, it’s off to Crown Point with the Healey Club. Whooeee is happy to be among friends.

Fortunately Lou Galper parked his Healey in plain sight of the street and I was able to use it to vector in to the right group in the park. All told six Healeys gathered in the shade arriving from all around the county.

Coffee and muffins were waiting when I got there and eggs, sausage, and bacon followed close behind.



Bob and Carol Farnsworth assisted by Gisela Putzke pumped out an abundance of food. We all settled back in that beautiful venue and enjoyed good food and lively conversation.



Whooeee pulled out behind Bob and Barbara Humphreys and rolled on to Eastlake without a hiccup.

My wife got home right after me and the Honey Do’s interrupted my nap.



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TOM LINNARD	19
CHARLES SHARP	21
DEWEY de BUTTS	26
ARTHUR NEILL	???

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## ANNIVERSARIES

BOB & CAROL FARNSWORTH	9/24/16
BOB & BARBARA HUMPHREYS	9/10/66
JOHN & MARY SCHERMERHORN	9/15/56



# 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 August 26)

Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	58
Galper, L	AH 100	54
Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk II	32
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	30
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	30
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000	28
Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	26
Linnard, T	AH	22
Grundies, D & D	AH3000 Mk III	16
Humphries, B & B	Jensen	16
Mayer, B	AH Sprite	16
Talbert, S & J	AH Sprite	14
Snover, R & A	AH 3000 Mk II	12
Carberry, B&J	AH 3000 Mk III	6
Graves, Eric	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Tabachki, N & N	AH 100-6	6
Jones, S	Jaguar	4
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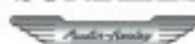
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