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HEALEY HEARSAY

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**From The Editor:***My Swan
Song*

I have been
doing this since
May of 2010.

My inspiration was Peter Egan who at that time was writing for Road and Track. When Bob Kiterer had a "heart event" and his doctor told him to cut back, I happened to be standing there with an Apple computer. I got drafted. It wasn't much of a big deal, because I had the time and the computer and I thought I could pull it off. Plus I would get to try out my "Peter Egan wannabe." Over the years I got to write about things that tickled my fancy and nobody complained because they knew if they complained I would let them be editor and nobody wanted that.

For me it has been a joy each month to write about cars and driving. Now I am off to the north and the mantle of editorship falls to Warren Voth (at least for a little while). Warren told me he would do it as long as it was fun. That sounded like a long commitment to me because it was always fun for me.

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December Meeting**Bully's East**

2401 Camino del Rio S.
San Diego, CA 92108
November 8, 2017
6:30 P.M.



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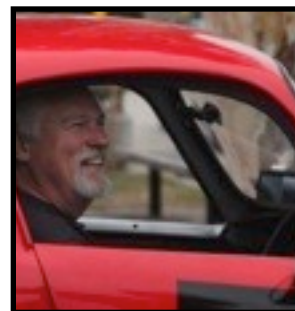
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**President's Message:**

Hello Fellow Healeyites...

Well October has been busy and HOT...I am ready for fall to show up and stay!!

British Car Day was "OK" this year but sure did miss the rest of the food vendors and the restaurants at the **Embarcadero** location over **Spanish Landing**...I think we got spoiled there for sure.

**Monthly Meeting**

Last month's monthly meeting was held at Bully's without any undo fan fare, **Sam** re-enforced the fact that he will and his bride **Janiece** will be moving **North to the Santa Cruz** area to live with his son and his family bringing a close to his long tenure as our well gifted editor. To this Warren Voth says he is willing to take on this position for a while at least, so then the subject of officers and voting is brought up by **VP Don Benke** and who present might be willing to carry on in their present positions and so no one thru themselves on the floor in a rage saying " **I QUIT** " it looks like those who are currently holding a board membership will stay on for yet another year, with our newest addition or Re-Load Warren Voth Newsletter!!

I want to personally **Thank Sam** for all the **GREAT** work and all the editorials he has written over these many years, he not only does the newsletter he gets out and does stuff with Whooeee the BugEye...like **Cars and Coffee in Bonita**, which I didn't even know existed and I live there, until he drug me down there one day!!

We will miss his commentary about his annual trip to Carmel/Monterey for part of Monterey Car Festival which includes the Vintage races and Pebble Beach. I am hoping their moving won't completely leave them out of our club here, because we need as many **ACTIVE** members as possible, we will miss you, **Sam & Janiece!!!**

The Dick Schmidt Memorial

As most of you who attended know...**Jan, Dee Ann, Douglas, Extended Family and Friends** held a very heart warming **Memorial for Dick at Boomerangs** on the **14th**. We got there just in time to get the last parking spot in front with the Healey. I had planned to print some pictures to bring but my printer had

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Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Bully's East in Mission Valley

President Terry Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

There were 21 members in attendance: Don Benke^H, Norm Brewer, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell^H, Bob & Carol Farnsworth, Lou Galper^H, Bob Humphreys^B, Sandy & Lily Leon, Ed Matheus, Bob “Doc” McAllister, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover & Allie Snover, Gary Stalker, Howard Stark, Sam Talbert, Warren Voth.
^HDrove Healey ^BDrove other British car

San Diego British Car Day at Spanish Landing was deemed a success. Three AHCSO members won awards: Gary Stalker 1st Place Big Healeys, Steve Hart 2nd Place Big Healeys, and Bill Mayer 1st Place Sprites. Thanks to Don Benke for volunteering to arrive early to help organize the Healeys for the show.

Saturday is the Celebration for Dick Schmidt, 1pm – 3pm at Boomerang's.

Membership: VP Don Benke reported that the Club did not gain any new members since last meeting.

Treasury: Treasurer Gary Stalker reported that the Club's balance is stable.

Activities: (Committee Chairs Lou Galper & Bob Farnsworth were not in attendance.)

- Our Oktoberfest party at the Farnsworths' in Ramona is on the 21st, from 12 noon – 4pm. As usual, the Club will provide grillables, buns, condiments, soft drinks and ice. Member should bring your own adult beverages and a side dish or dessert to share.
- Several members again expressed interest in holding some future meetings on a weekend, either at lunchtime or maybe brunch.
- Terry will contact the San Diego Automotive Museum to reserve their loft for our Christmas Party, tentatively on December 9th.
- Udo will lead a drive to a new café near Campo on November 11th. Details to be determined.
- Lou suggested an overnigher to Palm Springs for the auto auction, November 17-19, but it will probably be “on your own”.

Terry reported that past AHCSO member and long-time President of the San Diego British Car Club Council was injured recently when he was run over by a trailer. Terry will send a card on behalf of the Club.

Newsletter: Sam & Janiece Talbert's home has been sold, and this will be Sam's last issue as Editor of *Healey Hearsay*. Warren Voth confirmed his willingness to take over, but only for six months at most.

The monthly prize of \$15 went to Allie Snover.

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 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Snover, AHCSO Secretary.





ACTIVITIES: IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Austin Healey Back-Country Drive on Saturday, November 11th, Veterans Day

Meet at 8am for Breakfast at:

Cafe 67 Diner in Lakeside, at traffic light intersection of Hwy 67 and Maplevue, 12381 Maplevue St.

Leave at: 9:00 am for Drive through back country to Lunch at Cafe B in Campo.*

Brought to you by Udo & Gisela Putzke

Palm Springs Weekend in November...

Auto auction November 17-19

Any interest, please contact Lou 619-287-0626

Vintage MG Club Annual MG Parts Exchange

When: November 19, 8am-Noon

Location: The Olde Ship, 1120 W. 17th Street
Santa Ana, CA, 92706

HEALEY/Holiday Party/Gift Exchange

Save the date: December 9th at San Diego Automotive Museum

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My greatest request is that you make it just as fun for Warren and, who knows, he may enjoy it as I did and stay on for a long while.

Now I have to find a club in Northern Cal where Whooooee can hang out with some of his friends and I can explore the back roads of the Santa Cruz mountains.





A VISIT TO HALLOWED GROUND

On a recent Bike and Barge trip to the Netherlands, Diane and I took a detour (their bike trails are extremely well marked!) to Vreeland where the (only) Austin-Healey Museum exists. In an idyllic gated setting, adjacent to a Polo Field sits the Labor of Love of a retired Dutch window treatment magnet, Hans van de Kerkhof and his wife Ria. The museum is only open on weekends (Friday included) and that's when we arrived on bicycle. Once through the gate and into the museum, we were greeted with coffee and conversation with Hans himself. As the only paying customers at that time, we were treated to a personal guided tour, with Hans' detailed description of each artifact.



This large, bright aircraft hangar like structure houses the first Healey, the last-an Austin-Healey 4000 (I didn't know they made that!) which sports a Rolls Royce motor, and in between, DMH's personal Custom Coupe which Hans obtained four years ago for 860,000 Euros. There is a movie theatre with countless hours of Healey



viewing, including some of Donald's personal home movies. There are the Abington's Office appointments which include desks and file cabinets as they were used by Donald and Geoff (or was it Bic?) complete with what was left in the drawers when they were last used!

The library boasts every factory shop manual, parts book, and accessory guide ever printed-and Hans is OK if you touch them! He was particularly pleased with an Auction Lot he'd just procured that previous week; all of the used as a WW I RAF Pilot.

As we needed to get to berthed in Amsterdam, we hours, but had much to talk Holland, by all means go!

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leather flying goggles DMH

the Barge that was now had to leave after only two about. If you find yourself in



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run out of colored ink. After changing all my used printer cartridges, hoping I could print at least one I gave up. It was great to see everyone, many We / I hadn't seen in many years!!

The picture display was fantastic. They brought back **Sooo** many good memories. I had forgotten how many things Dick was good at; as many folks took a moment to attest to. Of course when it came my time, it was a bit emotional for me and I wasn't able convey all the thoughts I had to say. So, **Thank God for Bob Carberry**, who stood up and took over

and was able to say what all of us felt. Both Dick and Jan have been the heartbeat of the club for many years and he will be sorely missed!!

Oktoberfest at the Farnsworth's

I can't believe its been a year since we were celebrating **Bob & Carol's Wedding...**man time fly's. As usual it was a perfect day and they put on an outstanding event with everyone bringing a dish to share, a dessert, in addition to what our hosts most graciously provided. It was a good turn out of Healeys including **Curt &**



Nancy Arndt's beautiful **100-4** as well as **Bob & Carol's** newest addition to the family; a **BRG 65 Phase 2 3000**. It is in great condition considering it had been raced most of its life until now!!

The Holiday Party

I secured December 9th for that function with the help of the new Museum event coordinator Patrick Heffernan who asked if we pay a fee for the room. I told him not normally but he should check with **Paula Brandes**, who I have been friends with since she took over running the Museum many years ago. He said he would check, but she had been out

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British Car Day

I was a little concerned about British Car Day this year. The past few years we have been meeting at the Embarcadero, which is a great venue. There is plenty of room and plenty of people walking around looking at the Queen's finest. It is also on the bay which makes an excellent back drop



for photos. However, this year a marathon or something usurped our spot and we had to move. The choice this year was Spanish Landing. This is a

strip of green across from the airport. It is long and narrow and I was not sure all the cars would fit. Hence, the reason for my early start. When I arrived only Don Benke and a Square Body Sprite were parked in the Healey section. As the day wore on the place filled up and we were able to squeeze in about 250 cars.

Morgan was the featured marque and there were some dandies. We were parked alongside the Jags and some of Sir William Lyons' finest were on display. Someone among the

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recently battling Lymphoma, so **Thoughts & Prayers go out to her and her Family**. She has been a strong supporter of our club as well as many other San Diego car clubs!!

We will need to chat about what we are doing for this event this year. I heard some people talking about it as Lisa and I had to leave the Farnsworth's due to some urgent family business. I for one prefer the catering route which has worked for years and helps support Laurie's class. But we need to make a decision so she has enough lead time!!

OK since we didn't have "**The Brawl at Bully's**" last month and everyone seemed to enjoy the room, and **Jan** was able to attend (thank you **Bob Humphreys**), I have us set up for that room again.

Bully's Nov 8th @ 6:30

I hope everyone can join us for the meeting as this is the last planning meeting of the year and normally our voting month. But, since we took care of that last month no one needs to hide!!

Cheers, Terry

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Mini drivers even tried to make a Mini even "Mini-er".

When awards were passed out our club took home a first for Bill Mayer's Bugeye, and Gary Stalker's BN1.

I was pleasantly surprised, it all went very well. I guess if the Embarcadero is not available again Spanish Landing is a good backup. In fact, there are not too many places in San Diego that wouldn't be a good venue.





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SAM TALBERT	11
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LISA MANDELL	14
ALEHANDRA SCHUMACHER	18
JILL DARLAND	22
DEBBIE LINNARD	25

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Octoberfest



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Octoberfest.

This annual event brings Healeys to the Farnsworth's home for Brats, Beer and sauerkraut. Parked along the road and driveway was an array of beautiful Healeys from Bugeyes and BN1's to BJ8's even a Jensen (Thanks, Bob and Barbara Humphreys). Folks gathered around a pot luck of dishes and made short work of brats and burgers off the grill. The afternoon was filled with conversations about cars, politics, the NFL, the weather (it was HOT) and everything else.



The star of the afternoon would have to be the BN1 brought by Curt and Nancy Arndt. It was still parked in its trailer and spawned a conversation among all who came. I am not sure of all the nuances about the car, but I am sure if you mention it Curt will fill you in on all the special details about the car.



The real surprise of the afternoon was the cake presented by Carol and Bob Farnsworth to Sam and Janiece for their new adventure moving to Soquel, CA.



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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 October 21)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	72	Peoples, G	AH	16
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	66	Stalker, G & N	AH 100	16
Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk II	64	Felt, J	AH Sprite	10
Galper, L	AH 100	64	Hart, S & S	AH 3000 Mk III	10
Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	52	Stark, H & L	AH 3000	10
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000	44	Steepy, J & K	AH Sprite	10
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	44	Arndt, C & N	AH 100	6
Humphries, B & B	Jensen	28	Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk III	6
Neumeyer, E & A	AH 3000 Mk III	28	Graves, Eric	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Mayer, B	AH Sprite	26	Hardy, J	AH Sprite	6
Talbert, S & J	AH Sprite	24	Schmidt, Jan	Mini	6
Linnard, T	AH 3000 Mk III	22	Tabachki, N & N	AH 100-6	6
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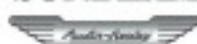
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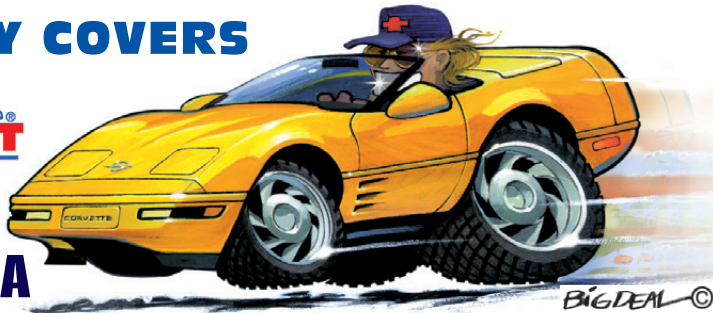
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