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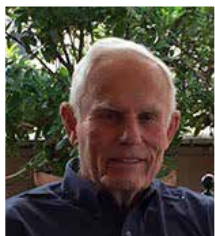


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December 2017

From The Editor:



If you were at the October Club meeting, you may have seen me sign on again as editor. So here goes...

Sam and Janiece Talbert have headed North to Soquel California, with his Sprites. And it's on a nice 14 acre spread, with his son and family. Sounds like a wonderful retirement. He will be missed, not just because he was editor, but because Sam is just a nice guy. And he may have actually driven his Sprite on the freeways... Maybe even on the I-805 during rush hour. Probably, makes him a hero too....

In talking with Sam, I couldn't believe it has been almost ten years since I'd been club editor.



WHOOEEE in it's new home...

Sam had been editor for about seven years. He took over from Bob Kitterer, another nice guy, who was editor for two years or so, after my last stint. I was amazed when I realized the passage of time...*ten years since I have done editor!* I remember what Herb Haimsohn, the president of The Handyman, told a much, much younger me, "*Life is self inflicted*"...a good thing to remember, but easy to forget.

The Club had known for some time that Sam was heading for greener pastures. And I had been approaching my editor crisis in tandem. It's been obvious that no other member was interested so.... while driving my dilemma by a fellow car guy, he suggested I accept as long as it's "fun". He said, "if you enjoy doing it, do what you enjoy doing. When it stops being fun"...his voice trailed off...

The next evening I lit up my Imac to scrub up my *All Things Healey* files, which were a total dump. (Smoke seemed to curl off the back of the screen.) Plus I tend to forget the small (and some large) software stuff, which I haven't used as much as I should.

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Christmas Party...

...at the Balboa Park Automotive Museum
December 9th, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM...



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Membership Information

Membership in the Austin Healey Club of San Diego is open to all owners of Austin Healey, Jensen Healey, or any other Healey vehicles, and to anyone else who is interested in the Healey marque. Annual dues for the Austin Healey Club of San Diego are \$30 per household. Visit our web site, www.sdhealey.org, or contact our Membership Coordinator, Vice President Rick Snover (ricksnover@earthlink.net) for details and

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On The Cover: John Felt's Sprite leads off the usual suspects November 11th at the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum..

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



President's December Message

Well, the end of the year is near and we are still having some odd weather...Didn't really need an oven for Thanksgiving this year. It was a HOT one, so I hope everyone enjoyed their day with family and friends without being too over baked !!



I hope the Back Country Drive was fun for all who attended. Unfortunately, our back road tour to Santa Cruz was an all day, all night adventure. I had volunteered to take Sam, Whooeee and the rest of his garage stuff to their new home in Soquel CA as well as the gifts for the forth-coming Grand Baby K. It turned out to be "A Bridge Too Far" and with the added tongue weight and tool Boxes in the front of the trailer, it was the end of the fun times for the differential or perhaps the transmission as it was acting strangely and had been making howling noises even before we got to Sam's new home.

It's now 1 AM. Having left home 12 hr's earlier, its time to head north to San Fran at a much slower pace. I found a speed where whatever was making the noise was at its lowest level. I arrived in Walnut Creek at 3 AM. Now its time to park the truck and 20 foot trailer but not before I took all the Shower Gift's into the hotel !!



Ok...Well lets get to the punch line, The Baby Shower was fantastic...We got Sam's stuff home and

I had to limp the truck the long way home after finding the differential was the problem...Down the 101...50 to 60...two hours on two hours off but did manage not to get stuck and got it fixed. So all is good, which gets back to the original idea...When ever there is an Austin Healey involved its always an adventure, good or bad !!

When we got back, we finished the rust repairs we were doing on Sam's 63 sprite he is building for his son John which they picked up on Saturday. And now its on its way to the Santa Cruz mountains to join Whoooweee... Thank You again Sam for all your good work !!!

Coming up a Healey Club Girls event set up by Gisela...Saturday, December 2nd !!
@ 12:30 at CASA Machado, 3750 John J Montgomery Dr, San Diego, CA 92123

ALSO...We currently only have 24 RSVP's for the Holiday Party...Normally this is the biggest event of the year... Please take a moment and RSVP to... lgalber1@cox.net... The current amount doesn't even cover the cost of the catering !!

I have the COTY book. Not sure who has the COTY badge, or if its still on last years winning car of Bob and Carol Farnsworth. If we can get it at the Holiday Party, I can do the awarding and then have it engraved ??

Remember the last meeting of the year is the Holiday Party...Hope to see you all there !!!

Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas !!!

Yr Prez, Terry

Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Bully's East

President Terry Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

There were 26 members in attendance: Don BenkeH, Norm Brewer, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Bob & Carol Farnsworth, Lou GalperH & Deb Durham, Bob HumphreysB, Sandy & Lily Leon, Ed Matheus, Bob “Doc” McAllister, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert, Warren Voth, Alex & Sandy Watt. HDrove Healey BDrove other British car

Terry announced that member John McVeety passed away recently.

Membership: VP Don Benke reported that the Club has gained two new memberships.

Treasury: Treasurer Gary Stalker reported that the Club's balance remains table.

Activities: Lou Galper

- The Putzkes will lead a drive on Saturday the 11th. Based on a show of hands, about 10 or 11 Healeys are expected to participate.
- Lou mentioned that if anyone was going to attend the Palm Springs auction on the 18th, they could contact him to coordinate overnight arrangements
- The Club's annual Christmas Party was discussed. We have the loft at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park reserved for Saturday, December 9th. Members attending should arrive at 11:00 or shortly after. Lunch will be served at Noon, followed by our usual Gift Exchange (approx. suggested value \$20, no “white elephants”) until 2:00 PM. Bob Farnsworth will check on catering by the Ramona H.S. students. There will be emails sent out very soon – Please reply immediately if you're planning to attend.
- There's a British car swap meet in Modesto in January.
- The MG Club is having a swap meet in Irvine on November 19th.
- British Car Day 2018 will be at Spanish Landing Park.
- California Healey Week 2018 will be in Solvang, the week of October 19th.

This was Sam Talbert's last meeting, as he and Janiece will be moving after the sale of their home closes on or about Thanksgiving.

Warren Voth confirmed that he will take over as Editor of Healey Hearsay at least temporarily, beginning with the December 2017 issue, and cautioned that there may be a bit of a learning curve for him to get back up to speed on the software.

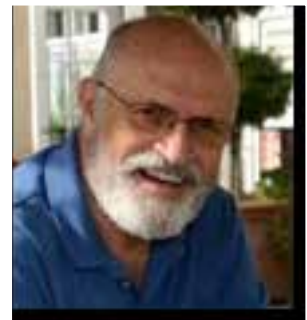
The Club's annual election of officers was held. All incumbents were unanimously reelected:

President:	Terry Cowan	Secretary:	Rick Snover
Vice President:	Don Benke	Editor:	Warren Voth
Treasurer:	Gary Stalker	Activities:	Lou Galper & Bob Farnsworth

The monthly prize of \$15 went to Sam Talbert.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Snover, AHCSA Secretary.

*Sam's last supper
(pardon the pun)
was on the club...*





*Austin Healey Club Of San Diego
Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December Ninth 2017
11 AM to 3 PM*

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*At The
San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park
Event Catered by the Ramona High School
Culinary Arts Students*

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Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

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Bring A Gift Of Approximate \$20.00 Value For The
Gift Exchange. (No white elephants, please). Lou
Galper is collecting donated items for the raffle.

***We're All Members
of the Activities Committee***

- Do you enjoy the club's events and drives?
- Do you know of a great place that SDAHC Members might enjoy?
- Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
- Do you have a favorite luncheon or dinner place that would make a good venue for a SDAHC gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact me to find out what's involved or just to talk about it.

Lou Galper
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What's left in 2017...

- **December 31st** Celebrating New Years in Abingdon/ Longbridge/Warwick which will occur at 4pm PST -- location to follow
- **November 11 -12** Indianapolis, IN
Austin Healey Club of America
Delegates Meeting
Cambria Suites Hotel

What's coming up in 2018...

- **July 15 - 20** French Lick IN Conclave 2018
Back Home Again in Indiana Hosted by the
Central Indiana AHC
- **October 4 -7** Charleston SC Southeastern Classic XXII, Patriots Point, Hosted by the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club, SEClassic2018@gmail.com

Healeys... Out back in Campo

The crew met at Cafe 67 in Lakeside to fill their tanks before heading south-east to Campo....

En route drivers meeting for the stragglers and lost...



Saturday morning, November 11th was perfect Fall Healey driving weather. The Days' outing was brought to you By Udo & Gisela Putzke, who planned the drive and directions. Lou Galper supplied the Map.

It really was the weather that Healey radiators were designed for. The day would be considered

a lovely warm, if not hot, summer day of about 25 degrees Celsius in the British Aisles...to us colonials, a comfy 75 degrees Fahrenheit, spring or fall. Locals would be frolicking about, in their peek of Summer, in shorts and sun dresses, with their dogs, on the hundreds of walks, garden tours, and outdoor events throughout...always prepared for surprise showers. There's no inappropriate weather, only inappropriate dress.

The Club fielded eleven Healeys. Those attending included Bob & Barbara Humphries, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Don Benke, Dave Grundies & Jimmy, Bob Farnsworth, Lou Galper & Deborah, Dave Coyote Crawford, Tom Linnard & Janie, John Felt in his cannery yellow Bugeye, Eric Graves & Edward, Gary Stalker, and myself.

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David Coyote Crawford's BN1...



Tom Linnards' daughter Janie stands by their red BJ8.

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Our Healeys were already tanked up...



A nice bronze plaque, set in the stone wall, depicts the locally famous 1875 Gaskill-Cruz shoot-out...

I've always wanted to stop and check out the Gaskill Brothers Stone Store Museum. Lou and Deborah joined me for a little local lore. The original Gaskill Bros. Store was a wood frame building on the site. In 1875 Cruz Lopez and his group of undocumented border bandits had a dispute, with the Gaskills, over the store's cash box. A shoot out followed. I'm not sure that anyone was hit. However, the Gaskills, then and there, decided to build the present store of bullet proof stone. The fortified store became a social center and a place of refuge from ruckus travelers visiting from south of the border or elsewhere. It's now a local museum stocked with 19th century store goods, and implements from a simpler time, as well as local native Kumeyaay Nation artifacts. Upstairs is devoted to Camp Lockett and the Buffalo Soldiers Cavalry that were stationed close by as recently as the nineteen forties. Local color and lore for history buffs, is supplied by a very pleasant docent, who once owned an Austin Healey.



NOVEMBER 2017 UPDATE

Ye olde holidays approacheth, but it's never too early to make plans for fun in the sun next summer.

Let's review the basics:

The dates next year are September 16-21

meaning that just 10 short months from now it will all be happening.

The place is Madras, Oregon

a town of which you may have heard in connection with the recent solar eclipse.

The host hotel is the

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Our rate there is just \$117.99/night (all rooms, same price), and that's down \$2/night from some previous announcements (apparently they like us so much they reduced the rate without our even asking).

Don't say we didn't tell you:

Over 40 of the 72 rooms at the inn are already reserved. HIGHLY recommend that you make your room reservation NOW. Call **(541) 475-5800** and mention Healey Rendezvous. Early arrivals Sunday, September 16 (recommended arrival day). Official first day with evening welcome reception, Monday the 17th. Wraps up Thursday evening, September 20, with awards dinner; (Friday, September 21 is a drive-home day that begins at the Inn). All rooms just \$117.99/night and light breakfast is included.

Registration #1 is taken

Congratulations to Lynn Martin, owner-operator of "[Forever Healeys](#)" in Post Falls, Idaho, who won the auction at the last Rendezvous for the coveted Registration #1 in the 2018 Rendezvous. The list of benefits is impressive and a bargain at the \$650 paid. More on this later.

BONUS VIDEO

["Operation Speed" - 1956, Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah](#)

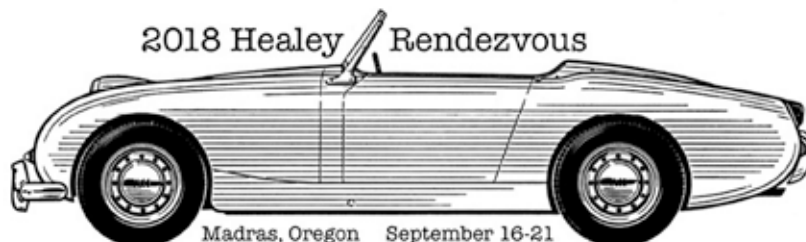
This is just to get you thinking about all the fun we'll have next September, and to encourage you to make that room reservation now. (Event registration will open after the holidays.)

"See" you next month with another monthly update.

Meantime, Happy Holidays!

Reid Trummel
Classic Car Activist

2018 Healey Rendezvous



The Beginnings of the Austin Healey Club of San Diego.

In looking through some of the old files and boxes that Lou Galper transferred over to me (Susan Kwiat') when I became Club Treasurer, I have found several old introductory letters, applications, and accounting ledgers. Here are some portions of the initial introductory letter and 1978 -1979 member dues paid. Recognize Anybody ????



From introductory letter written by **Robert S. Carberry, President, AHCS**D:.

" The Club was formally organized in July 1978 after existing on an informal basis for some 10 months. The purpose of the Club as stated in the by-laws is "the maintenance and preservation of the Austin Healey 100 and 3000 Series automobile, the rendering of assistance to other Healey owners, and the companionship of those with like interest." There are a significant number of Austin Healey Sprites in the Club and equal attention is provided to Donald Healey's favorite car.

To achieve these purposes we have monthly activities such as tours and rallies where we can get together to enjoy driving our Healeys in the presence of other Healeys in the San Diego county area. We also schedule tech session to improve our knowledge of the Healeys and share information on parts sources and local services.

While our focus is on San Diego County many of our members also belong to the National Austin Healey Club-Pacific Centre in San Jose and the larger Austin Healey Association of Southern California in Riverside. Dues are \$12/year, prorated to \$6 after July 1."



Top - June '86 California Healey Week features Stan Winters winning 100-M. Right- Gathering at Terry Cowan's home with Howard & Lynn Stark and daughter

Samantha , George & Mary Workman, Robin's brother Jeff Raaberg, and dad, Bud Raaberg.

Photos-Terry Cowan

From Accounting Ledger AHCS D Aug 1978 to Dec 1978.

(Dues Paid through 1979)

Robert & Sue Carberry	Gerard Saindon
James Nolen	Rosmarie & Rod Rogness
Martin Bloom	Terry Cowan
Jack & Lois Dowell	Larry & Claudia Buell
Dick & Janet Schmidt	James Darnell
Robert & Eva Raines	Will & Sharon Rogers
Joe & Carol Feldman	William Rennie
Kent Franklin	Harold McCarthy
Neil Torr	Frank Maloney
Marlene Partica	Richard H. Benes
James Desrochers	R..G. Levering

The following were added in 1979 (Dues paid)

Dan & Jennifer Jensen	Steve & Lorraine Toth
Dave Cuzick	John D. McCoy
Tim Roote	F.V. Weltner
Fred C. D'Brian	Gary & Erma Garrison
Barry & Karen Blanchard	Lawrence J. Samuels
Ross S. Cook	Michael Fisher
Wayne Baker	Craig West
Douglas Hasselo	Kenneth Mayer
John Timm	Stanley Winters
Gerry Kwiat	Jim Glover
Golden Howard	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- Barbara Humphries.....1
- Susan Virden-Kwiat.....10
- Ron Trepanier12
- George Hurley.....16
- Nancy Stalker.....30
- Lynne Stark..... 30
- Aeint de Boer.....31

ANNIVERSARIES

- Curt and Nancy Arndt..12/21/84
- Steven and Sue Hart.....12/30/80
- Craig and Sue Turner....12/1/79

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That's a huge understatement. I think I stopped being editor when my hips needed titanium replacements. About that time, I upgraded my software to Adobe Suite 6. As I was no longer editor, I let it lay, and my software skills slip. And now I am paying for it. It's beginning to come back with lots of IMac face time.

While file scrubbing, I mused how I originally hooked up with the A.H.C.S.D. My car was "finished" sometime in 1991. At that time, Howard and Lynne Stark's children were attending our Auntie Lynn's Daycare Center on Chase Avenue, in El Cajon. For some reason, my wife, Lynn, mentioned to Lynne Stark that we had an Austin Healey. Lynne S. mentioned to Lynn V. that they belonged to an Austin Healey car club. She left a newsletter with my wife. The club was having an outing at Lake Poway on a future weekend.

On that future weekend, I headed up CA15 to the Poway turn off. And lo, there was an all red, hard topped, Austin Healey in the lane in front of me. Not knowing where Lake Poway was, I followed the Red Healey. Sure enough, it led me to a bunch of Healey's, in a picnic area at the lake. Unknown to them, the Schmidt's led me to my date with destiny and the Club. I met Dick & Jan Schmidt, Tom & Earnestine Luckie, Mike Williams, Lou Galper, Sandy Leon, and Tom & Nancy "Frog" Rohr, and Bob & Barbara Humphries. I'm sure there were others, now lost in the fog of my memory. I recall talk by Tom Rohr and Tom Luckie, whom had just installed Smitty's Five Speed Conversions in their Healeys. I remember Dick Schmidt checking out my car with scrutiny, or so I thought. Obviously, to me, he seemed to know more about Healeys than I did. I remember him asking something about the egg crate grille and side vents. *(They were made by the outfit that manufactured knock-off Ferrari Californias' in El Cajon. Enzo Ferrari himself sued to stop their manufacture. The "Ferrari" that starred in the movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off was one of them.)* We had a very friendly talk which was followed with hot dogs and salads. I decided to join the club that day.

Back to editing...How is the newsletter going to change? I could say it will blossom like a flower, or push up like a weed. Beats me. We'll see... I'll be trying things to keep this being fun for me. Hopefully, you will enjoy it too...

Ciao for now...

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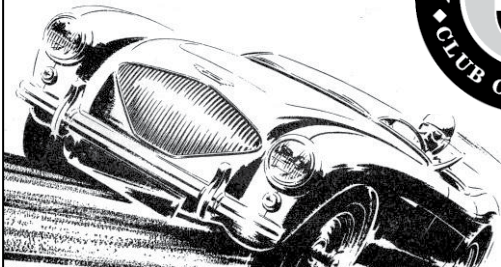
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We met at Cafe 67 in Lakeside, a gear-head diner, decorated with 50's movie posters featuring Hells Biker Angels and Drag Strip Queens. Many of us had the American version of what of what the British know as a Full English Breakfast, or *heart attack on a plate*.

We hit the road about 9am, on Los Coches Road, to Greenfield, up Suncrest Grade, down through Harbison Canyon Dehesa Road, ending up at the Railroad Museum in Campo about 70 miles later. In route, Don Benke lost the front bearing to his generator and car pooled for the rest of the drive. After photos at the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, we had lunch at Cafe B, visited and enjoyed the fall weather. A drive bonus is to meet new members and reacquaint with friends. It was nice to talk to David Coyote who joined us in his white BN1. All in all, a very nice Healey day...



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CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) AWARD

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, etc.) where you participate with your Healey. Events need not be listed in the Club's newsletter to earn points.

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 ricksnover@earthlink.net) within 30 days after the event. AHCS D events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For members with multiple eligible vehicles, be sure to indicate which one(s) you drove.

COTY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCS D Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCS D Healeys on the Green 8pts; California Healey Week, Healey Rendezvous and Austin Healey Conclave 16pts; S.D. British Car Day and Rolling B.C.D. 10pts; other multi-day British-themed events 8pts; other multi-day events 4pts; other one-day British-themed events 4pts; other one-day events 2pts. Other non-Healey British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award.

All points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCS D regalia during the subsequent year. The total point leader at the end of the year will receive the coveted CAR OF THE YEAR badge for display on their Healey for the following year.

Congratulations to Don Benke and his 3000 – 2017 Car of the Year!

Final 2017 CotY Standings

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	82	Felt, J	AH Sprite	16
Galper, L	AH 100	74	Linde, C	AH 100	16
Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk II	70	Peoples, G	AH	16
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	66	Graves, E	AH 3000 Mk II	12
Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	58	Tabachki, N & N	AH 100-6	12
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000	50	Hart, S & S	AH 3000 Mk III	10
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	50	Stark, H & L	AH 3000	10
Humphries, B & B	Jensen	30	Steepey, J & K	AH Sprite	10
Mayer, B	AH Sprite	32	Schmidt, J	Mini	9
Linnard, T	AH 3000 Mk III	28	Arndt, C & N	AH 100	6
Neumeyer, E & A	AH 3000 Mk III	28	Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk III	6
Talbert, S & J	AH Sprite	24	Hardy, J	AH Sprite	6
Grundies, D & D	AH3000 Mk III	22	Galper, L	MG B	5
Stalker, G & N	AH 100	22	Jones, S	Jaguar	4
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