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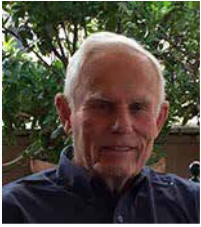
## Club of San Diego

*Happy  
New  
Year*



**JANUARY 2020**

## From The Editor:



Welcome to 2020! That was the easy part. The hard part will be all of us filling the new decade with meaning. As this is written before the first, I have yet to decide if I will salute the new year with my cannon. There will be plenty of fireworks from next door ( Sycuan Casino), so I may join them.

On a more somber note, **Absolutely British** will be closing shop. I never met Eric Grunden personally. I called on him, twice, when I was trying to figure out what was wrong with my clutch, a while back. He was very helpful, but mystified as I was. Had I lived in the Santa Maria area, I would have been a customer. He recommended what I ended up doing. Best wishes on new adventures, Eric.

Absolutely British closing made me think of the following...As our cars have been long out of print, a common complaint is the new parts to keep them running can be not as good as spares were, fifty years ago. And *"parts and labor are too expensive"*.

I know the quality issue from personal experience with repair parts, and I'm not a mechanic for a living. It's easy to question the cost of repairs when you don't know how long it took to fit a new part that won't fit, and had to be reordered or re-machined, because it was manufactured out of spec. And it can be impossible to guarantee a rebuild when, after a few miles, a valve stem breaks, the valve crown destroys the piston, which destroys the rod which destroys the crank., etc...

It doesn't take many of these to destroy the shop. So, who pays for this? With specialty shops closing, I think we had better figure out how to take better care of those remaining...

## January Meeting...

**Wed, January 8th @ 6:30 PM**  
**Kings Fish House**  
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**On The Cover:** *The Club's Holiday Party at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park.*

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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

This was a great year! It went by very quickly and we can't seem slow down time. It waits for no one! Wish I could buy more time. That said, we are looking forward at 2020 fun activities. Please look over our preliminary events calendar. Nothing is cast in stone and we would like to hear your ideas, your interests and suggestions and then discuss what we want to lock down, change or add to our 2020 calendar.

Next meeting is January 8th at King's Fish House in Mission Valley. Come earlier if you would like some happy hour treats.

Lou sent out a notice to get together at the Shakespeare Pub, Tuesday December 31, for early celebration of New Year in Abingdon England, which will be at 4PM PST. Shakespeare British Pub is known for Fish and Chips, British food and spirits. It is suggested to get there around 2PM for seating.

Lou is currently planning our Sunday January 19th Hawk Watch event with suggested arriving around 9AM in Ramona. It is always a fascinating and an informative event.. Whether you drive your Healey or another car, don't miss out on this experience. We'll hope for mild weather. Lou will provide more details at our January meeting.

Again, I want to thank our departing Treasurer Gary Stalker for his great service over the past few years and welcome Sandy Leon who will take over as Treasurer in January and thank Debra Durham our Secretary for her service this year and welcome Lisa Mandell as Secretary in January 2020. Please remember to express your appreciation for their generous service and welcome our new board members at our next meeting. The club needs a member to volunteer reproducing and mailing out hard copy newsletters to members that aren't on line and our vendors monthly. It is a small list of about 20 or so for hard copy distribution. Please contact anyone of your board members if you are willing to complete this important monthly task. Thank you to all our members for your support and for your participation.

Our Holiday Party was wonderful and it was great seeing everyone. Thank you all for coming, helping to set up party decorations, tables, music, silent auction, picking up party supplies, plants, desserts and arranging this joyous occasion. I would like to give special thanks to Ed Mathews for his Gift exchange Santa expertise and to Lynne Stark for her tireless Holiday Party coordination. Everyone was in great spirits and it was a wonderful Party.

See you in 2020.

Happy Holidays!

Howard Stark



### *what the future brings....*



Hawk Watch 2020, a free educational program held at Ramona Grasslands each winter, will continue every Saturday — rain or shine in January and February.

Hosted by the Wildlife Research Institute headquartered in Julian, Hawk Watch is an opportunity to observe and learn about resident and wintering raptors. Among the birds of prey guests will see are the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, wintering ferruginous hawk, red-tailed hawk, prairie falcon and burrowing owl. Project Wildlife plans to bring a barn owl, great horned owl and western screech owl this Saturday and three Saturdays in February.

Hawk Watch will start promptly at 10 a.m. at the Begent Ranch, 18528 Highland Valley Road, and continue until 1 p.m. Recommended arrival time is 9:30 a.m.

Begent Ranch offers plenty of parking, and coffee, tea, rolls and doughnuts will be available.

Institute biologists share their knowledge and expertise about the significance of the Ramona Grasslands ecosystem to the raptors' survival during Hawk Watch, and visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the raptors and see them up-close.

Scopes will be available for all to use, but those attending may bring cameras and binoculars. Because seating is limited, guests are asked to bring a camp chair if they can. Layered clothing is advised.

Begent Ranch is one mile west from the state Route 67/ Highland Valley Road intersection.

For large groups or more information, call 760-765-1957.

## 2019-2020 AHCSO ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### December

- **31** New Year's in Abingdon & Longbridge 2pm to 4pm – Shakespeare Pub 3701 India St, near airport; small celebration; RSVP for head count.

### January

- **8** Monthly Meeting – Kings Fish House, Mission Valley, 6:30 pm
- **19** Hawk Watch live program in Ramona meet at 9:30; at Begent Ranch for coffee. starts at 10am. See Hawks, Falcons and Owls, doing what they do. Great program.

### February

- **2** Super Bowl Party & Chili Cook-off – Host required
- **12** Monthly Meeting – MainSteam Bar & Grille, Poway, 6:30 pm.
- **19** Fairbanks Ranch Cars & Coffee & breakfast, 9:00 am, Fairbanks Ranch Country Club

### March

- **11** Monthly Meeting –at Mimi's Restaurant, Mira Mesa Weekend Borrego Wildflower Drive, Lunch, possible overnight trip
- **21** Campo Train Ride

### April

- **8** Monthly Meeting
- **26** La Jolla Concours
- T/C Rolling British Car Day – Register before the deadline for a reduced rate)
- T/C Coronado Motorcars on Main Street-

### May

- **3** Campo Train Ride
- **13** Monthly Meeting, 6:30 pm
- **17-21** California Healey Week; Lake Tahoe (Reserve soon)

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The Holidays can be when we only see friends we may only see once a year. And so it is with the Club. Once again, Lynne Stark made sure we had our yearly Holiday fun and fare. I want to recognize thank Lynne for her efforts and to make sure hers is not a thankless job. Thanks Lynne, for steeping up to the plate so ours were filled with Holiday cheer.

Beckkers Catering did their usual outstanding buffet presentation. Thanks for your attention to detail so we could have an afternoon of holiday frivolity.

This year, Ed Matheus was MC in his crazy Holiday suit that I wouldn't have had the courage to wear. I'm grateful Ed is crazier than me. Thanks Ed, for being a wacko...and keeping the gift exchange fun and fast moving.

What can I say about the venue. As I've said before, for us time travelers, there's the eternal view of the museum below. I feel I've been coming here since the museum cars were new, and they're always ready for my fantasy rumble. Louie Matar always greets me in his eternally moving, non stop, 1948 Cadillac that's still racing down the eternal highway to happiness... Happy Holiday Louie, I remember you since high school. Your Cad still looks great...Happy motoring... The more we change, the more things stay the same...Best wishes for 2020...

*Below- Gary Stalker checks out his gift while Gisela Putzke, Dave Grundies, Don Benke, Lou Galper, and Deborah Durham see if they're interested.*



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*Above- Gary Stalker gets his just deserts. Dave Grundies looks like he's already had too many.*



*Claire Coombs shows off her Austin Healey pillow.*



*Above- Kevin, Alejandra, & DJ Schumacher. Alejandra takes Dj to seriously check out the desert table.*



## Holiday Party Gift Exchange



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*George Hurley covets his gift while Alice, Chic Linde, Donna Van Houghton, and Claire Coombs look on.*



*Left- Donna Van Houghton and her Healey pillow.*



*Deborah Durham draws the Chula Vista-Opley board game.*



*Above- Santa emeritus Udo Putzke and Gisela.*



*Loreen Wilhelmy is all smiles with big wine bottle.*



*The gull-wing DeLorean eternally chasing Louie Matar's non-stop Cadillac and support trailer, back to the future.*



*Above- Looks like Don Benke doesn't want to give up his gift card to Gary or Udo..*



## Still More Holiday Party



Left- Loreen & Roland Wilhelmy and Eric & Mary Ann Wolf. Below-Alice Hurley, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Debby & Charles Sharp.



Deborah Durham & Lou Galper with Holiday smiles.



Left- Dave Grundies and Eric Wolf give Roland Wilhelmy's Bottle of Jim Beam the eye.

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### June

- Possible Del Mar Fair Healey's at the Fair –Full Day- Call Lou in February if interested
- **10** Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm
- **16** Fathers Day Car Show at Belmont Park -- Tech Session or driving event/lunch

### July

- **4** Fourth of July Celebration Party and Club Meeting- Club funded party
- **8** Monthly Meeting, 6:30 pm

### August

- **8** Breakfast on the Bay with Monthly Club Meeting- Breakfast may pre-empt our monthly meeting
- **12** Monthly Meeting, 6:30 pm

### September

- **6-11**
- **9-** Monthly Meeting-
- **9-** El Cajon Cruise British Invasion
- **19-** Tech Session or driving event/lunch

### October

- **14-** Monthly Meeting-Meeting may be During or After British Car Day.
- **12-** British Car Day
- Ocktoberfest Warren Voth's home

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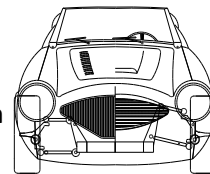
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