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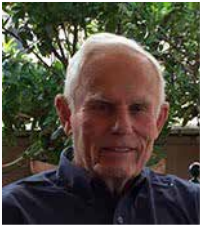


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February 2020

From The Editor:



I always remember Jim and Barbara Widgery, together, as the quintessence English couple, friendly, thoughtful, comfortable, low key, hospitable, gracious host and hostess, interesting people anyone would love for special neighbors...

I first met Jim and Barbara, as a new club member, on what was the annual drive to their home in Rainbow for a barbecue and birthday parties. The yearly drive became a Healey high point event for me. As we pulled up to their home in Ranchita, Barbara would always tell me how much she loved my car. Of course she was referring to the BRG color and the bisque top and interior. I can hear her voice as I write this. And she would mention this every time I would arrive...

Jim's brother, Jack Widgery, was a professional watercolorist. Their home was full of his watercolors. I commented that some of Jack's work reminded me of the works of J.M.W. Turner, the famous English painter. I always enjoyed seeing Jack's work on Club visits...



When Jim and Barbara left their home in Ranchita, they sent me one of Jack Widgery's works. It hangs in my office above my computer. I see it when I'm doing the news letter. And I'm always reminded of Jim & Barbara, and the good times we shared at their home...

February Meeting

Wed, February 12th @ 6:30 PM
Mainstream Bar & Grill
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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, Don Benke 619-778-1680 dgbenke@cox.net for details and an application.

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On The Cover: Lou Galper & Deborah Durham and myself at the Bool Weavel in Ramona, after Hawk Watch.

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



Looking back upon 2019,

We socialized and celebrated holidays together, wine and dined, enjoyed Super Bowl and Chili cook off contests, gazed upon the Borrego super flower bloom, waved as we passed each other during Rolling British Car Day, participated in one of the largest local British Cars Days events at Spanish Landing I have ever seen, enjoyed drinks and appetizers at Tom Hams light House overlooking San Diego Harbor, watched birds and raptors in Ramona, climbed aboard a train and rode on the Campo Golden State Railroad, showed cars at Del Mar and other venues, worked together on member cars at technical sessions, enjoyed driving events, watched belly dancers at Menghini Winery, toured Temecula spending several nights at CHW, visited miniature, car and train museums, saw sea dragons, sea horses and aquatic creatures at Birch Aquarium, had Breakfast on the Bay, celebrated our Independence together, learned and played Croquet, drove in a Poker run rally, visited Campland on the bay – Jimmy Buffet Parrot Head festival listening to live music, enjoyed Brats @ Oktoberfest, toasted New Years at Shakespeare's Pub and shared many other good times together in 2019. What does 2020 hold in store for us? Tell us what interests you have for this year's activities. We can add or modify our initial 2020 calendar based upon common interests. Bring your ideas and suggestions. We're all ears! Our 2020 board member contact information is available in the Healey Hearsay. Please reach out to us anytime.

It's membership renewal time. Sending in membership payment will assure you keep receiving the newsletter to keep informed about activities and meetings. If you have any articles or pictures of Healey activities send them to Warren for inclusion in the newsletter by the 20th of each month.

February 2nd is Super Bowl, so make a chili or bring a side dish. We hope you'll join us at our annual Super Bowl party and Chili cook off. The Chili's will be judged in several categories, and prizes awarded. Our VP Don and wife Pat have graciously offered to host our party. The club will provide bottled water, but please bring anything else you would like to drink.

A long time past member of our club, Jim Widgery, passed away in late November. Club members were invited to drive our Healey's and attend a celebration of Jim's life. His sons told wonderful stories, while others spoke of memorable times together. We shared a final toast to Jim. He was 99 years old and will be missed.

See you February 2nd at Don and Pat Benke's home on Super Bowl Sunday and at our member meeting Wednesday February 12th at Mainstream Bar and Grill in Poway

Minutes: Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2020 Kings Fish House Mission Valley

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:49pm.

There were 17 members in attendance: Mary Schermerhorn, Jim Court (B), Bob Humphreys (H), Don Benke, Deborah Durham, Louis Galper (H), Howard Stark, Warren Voth, Gary Stalker, Rick & Allie Snover, Terry Cowan, Lisa Mandell, John McCoy, Dave Grundies (H) and Sandy & Lilly Leon.

Membership VP: Don Benke reported membership dues are continuing to come in. To date 42 members have remitted dues. Membership dues are outstanding from 30 members. Reminder to send membership dues to Don as soon as possible.

Treasurer: Gary Stalker reported the treasury is stable and the club is solvent.

Activities: Terry Cowan provided information on the Celebration of Life for Jim Widgery on Saturday January 11th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Lawrence Welk. Dave Grundies suggested members interested in attending drive their Healeys in tribute to Jim. We will depart the Mira Mesa Park and Ride at Mira Mesa Blvd and I-15 at 11:30am to caravan to Lawrence Welk.

Louis Galper discussed the next upcoming activities:

- Date for Hawk Watch has been updated to Sat Jan 18th
- Rancho Santa Fe Cars and Coffee on Sat Jan 22nd from 8am – 1
- Super Bowl Party and Chili Cookoff on Sun Feb 2nd – Host confirmation pending from Don and Pat Beke.

Terry Cowan and Lisa Mandell volunteered for the back-up hosts.

- Campo Train Museum with the MGM Club on Sat March 21st
- Healey Week Rendezvous at Lake Tahoe from May 17th – 21st

In appreciation of his many years of service to the club, Howard presented Terry Cowan with a commemoration of his service.

Howard introduced the newest Club member, Jim Court. Jim shared with everyone the road he travelled to acquiring his 1967 BJ8 in November.

Club of America: Howard discussed receiving copies of the Club of America insurance policies for Board and Club Members and will provide information after he has had an opportunity to review. A motion was made by Howard, seconded and unanimously approved for the Club to pay for the Board Members. Additionally, Howard shared there was interest from Club of America to have our Club assist with activities in 2021. At this point we do not have resource bandwidth needed for these activities but will look to potentially assist with volunteers in the future.

Austin Healey Association: Howard advised that members should be receiving a copy of the newsletter so if you do not receive the January newsletter by the end of January, notify the Association or a Board Member.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

what the future brings....



**Sunday
Feb 2nd!**

Super Bowl Party/ Chili Cook-Off At The Benke's Home

Healey Fabulous Super Bowl Party ! Sunday February 2nd...Starts 1 PM

Super Bowl Party is at the home of Pat and Don Benke
Address: 4775 Yerba Santa Dr., San Diego 92115 (There's
a guardhouse at the entrance to their community)

All Welcome

Chili contest open to all, bring your best chili in your
crock-pot; Club to provide tasting cups, soft drinks,
snacks. Please bring a side dish to share, and your Healey.

Arrive from 1pm on; game starts at 3:30pm

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- 26 Coronado Motorcars on Main Street-

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June

- Possible Del Mar Fair Healey's at the Fair – Full Day-
- 10 Monthly Meeting
- 16 Fathers Day Car Show at Belmont Park
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July

- 4 Fourth of July Celebration Party and Club Meeting- Club funded party
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Above- Jim discusses his 1600 CC. formula Ford racer with Mike Williams, Tom Luckie Jr., Udo Putzke, garaged in a shed out-back. Fiberglass rear shell is removed showing exhaust manifold. In front was his now blue Bug-eye Sprite AN5 vintage racer that Dewey de Butts raced until recently.

Jim, Racing his Sprite...



Above and Right- Jim and Mike Williams detail a BJ7 at Casa Sirena in Ventura during California Healey Week 1992. Jim looks to top off the gas tank with water for good measure...



...At Their Home in Anza

Photos taken from December 1995 Healey Hearsay...Jim Widgery introduces everyone to their 100'6 BN4, firing up the engine after being restored in 1983....



Above- Art Hill, Norm Brewer, Dick Schmidt, and Tom Luckie Jr. watch while Jim makes last minute adjustments.



Above- Jim does last minute tweaking between start up attempts...and then it lights after a rebuild, started in 1983. Art Hill and Lou Galper look over Jim's Shoulder.

Right- At long last, Mary Schermerhorn, Barbara Widgery and son Robyn applaud at the smooth start up. We hope to see the car on the road in 1996.



Below- The Widgery's BN6 prior to start up. Jim would usually close the garage door during parties so the guys would hang out with the gals, and not in the garage.



Hawk Watch 2020...

Hawk Watch 2020 did not seem as active, (birds in flight) as in past years... The event was very well attended with the usual birders. And there was plenty of hot dogs drinks, donuts and hot coffee to keep everyone comfy. Club members attending included: Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Kevin, Alejandra, & AJ Schumacher, Gary & Nancy Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark, and myself.



This young Red tailed Hawk's tail is not yet red as it will be at second year maturity. It seemed to be looking for action that it didn't get...



A large crowd enjoyed a clear, bright morning in Ramona. As I said, the birds were kicking back, and maybe enjoying the people enjoying them...Everyone seemed to be enjoying something...which is a good thing...



The falcon was waiting for its hood to come off and the show to begin...

My car in the parking area by itself, with other cars backed off, like it had a virus...



Couldn't resist this Harpy Eagle. We've all had days like this...right!

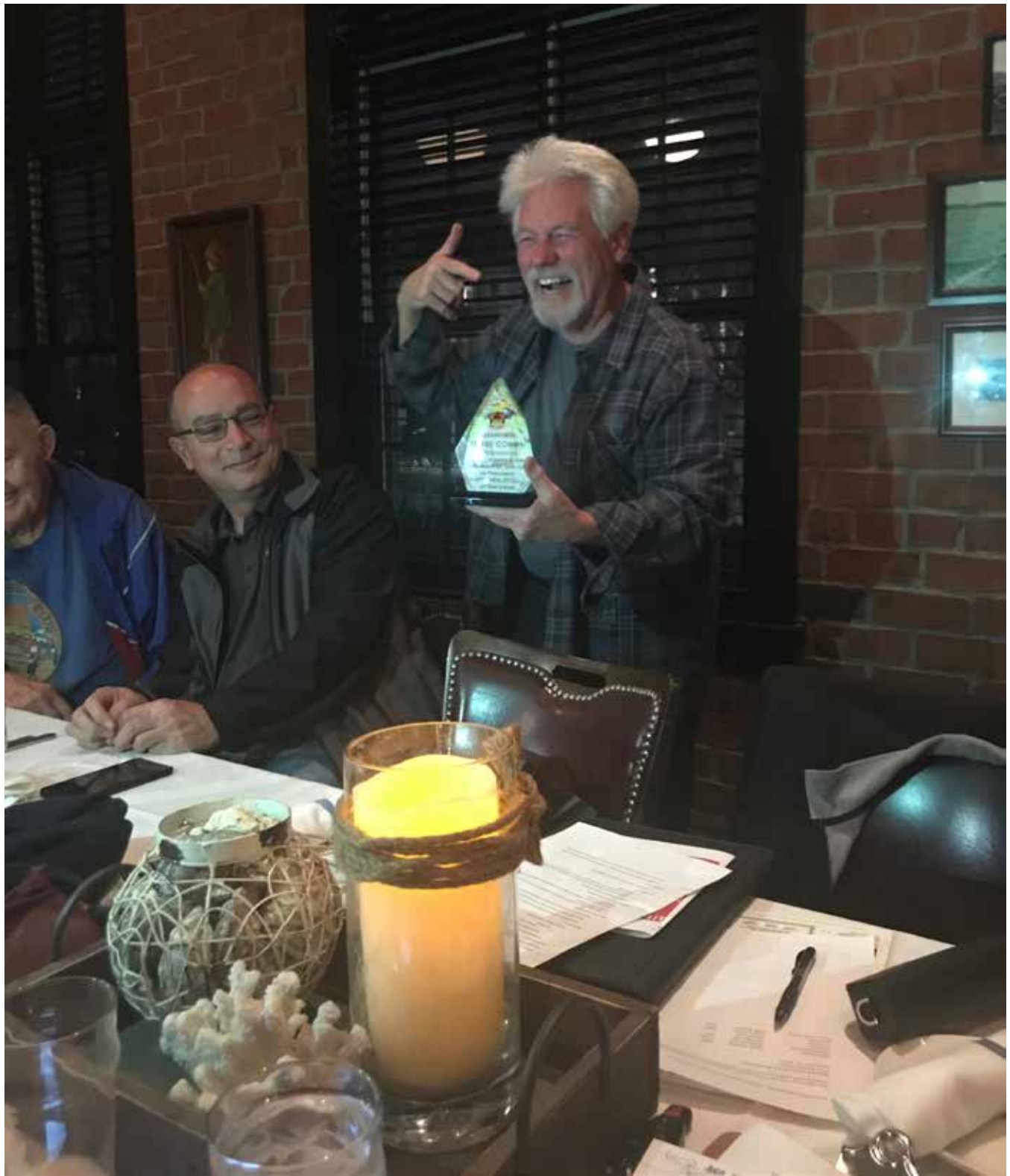


The entry display area has a giant eagle nest, for those who really want to get into being a bird...



A curious young falcon.

Years ago, we had Monkey Faced Owls, like these, that entered the ceiling through a crawl space, I had left open. They kept us awake for months until the six owl chicks matured enough to leave...and I closed the crawl space.



President emeritus, Terry Cowan was presented with an achievement award for his ten years of service as Club President., at our January member meeting at Kings Fish House. New member, James Court, looks on approvingly. Thanks for your service, Terry...

Healey Fuel Injection

Interesting article from
The Austin-Healey Experience Car Forum - The 3000 Forum
Discussion forum for all models of the Austin-Healey 3000

SteveWorksWEFI Steve T

Larkspur, CO, USA

[Send message]

Dec 1, 2019 11:06 AM

Joined 5 years ago

30 Posts

As a few of you know, I built a EFI AH a few years back... a Works Rally Tribute car with EFI (pic. attached). On that car, I went to great lengths to hide the EFI so the engine simply looked like a vintage tri-carb setup (pic. attached). It worked well. I've since sold the car to a gentleman in Australia. Now I'm working on another EFI Healey... another BJ7. This time I decided rather than hide the EFI I was going to try to optimize the injection system without regard to the original look. To that end, I decided to make an intake manifold expressly for injection. You may have seen a short 1 minute video of an initial test we did on the first version of that manifold (and ancillary components). It worked very well but there were some problems with the Weber castings I used, which were completely unrelated to the EFI manifold. Without boring you with details, I decided the, what I'm calling Version 1 manifold, was not going to be the final. So, I got another set of Weber manifolds, from a different source, and began Version 2 of the manifold. Besides being a much more robust casting than the previous one, I changed a number of the design elements to improve injector access. Yesterday, we (Chris Mack of Maxinnovation and I) finished the near final Version 2 EFI manifold for my Healey (pic. attached). It still needs final welding and metal finishing, but you'll get the idea.

The engine is now together awaiting external components (EFI manifold, headers, etc.). The goal is to start the engine on a run-in stand sometime in the next 3 weeks. Besides the EFI stuff, the engine has a head extensively modified by Hap Waldrop (Acme Speed Shop in SC), a custom cam by Dema Elgin (Elgin Cams in CA), rocker arm assembly reprofiled by Gary (Rockers Arms Unlimited in CA), machining by Ridge Reamer in CO, and assembly by Ted Ax (Ax and Allies in CO) and a bunch of other details.

I'll fill you in when we've done the run-in.
Steve



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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
- -Tech Session?

October

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

Revised: January 20,2020

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AHCSO FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Cowan.....4	Diane Kirby.....10
Mike MacLean...4	Mickey Pleasant....11
Sharon Rogers....5	LeRae Neil.....??
Don Benke.....8	

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Kevin and Alejandra Schumacher.....2/7/15
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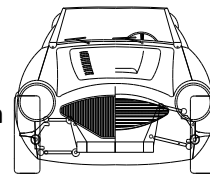
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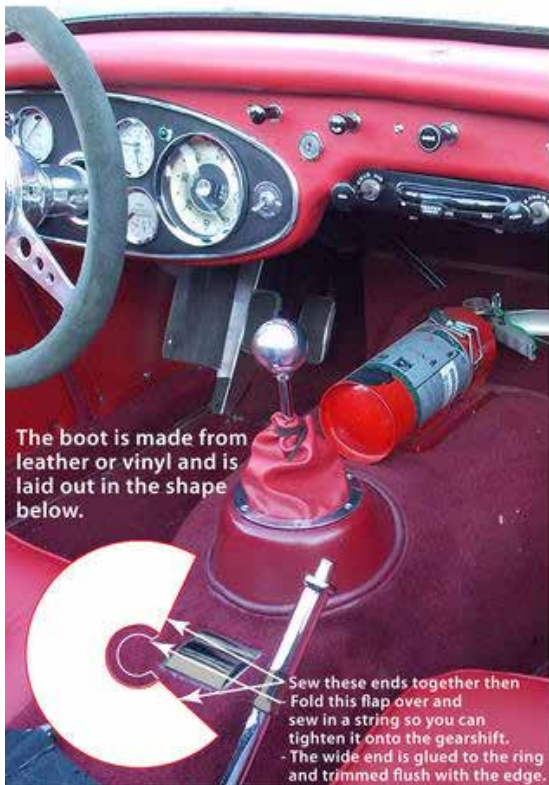
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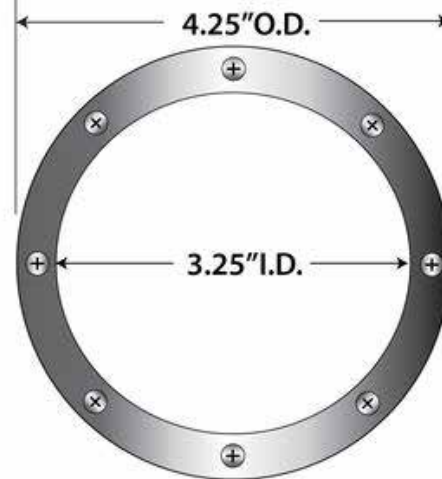
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The CotY Points page is on hiatus until next month. The following is a gear shift boot and aluminum ring by Peter Carbone from the Austin Healey Experience Forum that should work for BJ7's and BJ8's.

GEAR SHIFT BOOT & ALUMINUM RING for BT7



Actual Diameter may be different from your car.
You should make your own pattern for accuracy.
The most important measurement is the 1/2" width.
I had this cut at a metal shop with a Waterjet machine.



- Use 1/8" Aluminum Flat Stock x 1/2" wide
- Chamfer outside edge of ring then polish it
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