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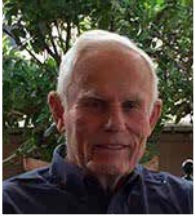


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May2021

From The Editor:



Looks like Club members are getting their cars spiffed out for the trek to Big Bear for Conclave 2021 at Big Bear. Everyone is torquing everything loose on their cars... Including Dave Grundies and his one eyed BJ8, as shown at Rolling British Car Days at the Mengaini Winery. Good job Dave...

Dave's car and other club members getting their cars ready for Conclave made me think of the Bill Devin fiberglass bodied sports car I began in 1959. It was based on a 1948 Austin A40 Dorset which was Austin's two door sedan. You can laugh and I can't blame you. It's what was available and what I could afford at the time.



A Devin body on an A40 Dev-on is really quite humorous. As I have mentioned in a previous editors column, the car was a junker that arrived at my folks home with the engine in the trunk, er... boot, where the back seat should have been. Very much like the photo above. But at twenty-two, all things are possible, and I was in 7th Heaven...

Being used to American cars, I was to learn about British engineering philosophy. That is, it is better to have a ruined bolt than a cracked casting or bell housing. When the project came time for the build re-assembly, I tightened bolts as I would have on my 1947 Ford Club Coupé. I made the bolts stretch like taffy, which is exactly what they looked like.

In the fifties, the only place to get Whitworth thread bolts, in San Diego, was a British car dealer like Wescott Motors or British Motor Imports on Ketner, in San Diego. Or perhaps, Fords & Foreign wrecking yard in National City. Along with new bolts, I received a sneer of disdain from the parts counter guy and a verbal lesson on torque specs. for British cars...

See you at Big Bear and Conclave 2021....

Regards, Warren

**Wed. May 12th, 6:30 PM
ZOOM CLUB MEETING
Info T/C from Webmaster Rick**



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On The Cover: Dave Grundies one eyed Healey as seen at Rolling British Car Day, is in the process of getting ready for Conclave 2021.

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



Hello everybody

I was so looking forward to RBCD and half way through Ramona I figured, better head home now or break down and call for a tow. Luckily I made it home, swapping cars and ended up at the winery at 12:35. Unfortunately many folks were leaving. Such is life. It was a fun ride to Ramona and I now know what to address before Conclave. That is the positive take away from RBCD. Sorry I missed a lot of you and hope you all had a good time. Our cars were able to brave the cold and wet weather. Yes, I need new wiper blades too. Lol.

We were fortunate to be able to have a couple of tech sessions at Terry's Santee location.

It was very generous of him to offer up his place, time and expertise to work through needed repairs on cars going to Conclave. These days, it is getting harder and harder to find experts on Healeys. I really like his shop and many of the cars he's been restoring and working on. It was great getting together, getting help from everyone and making good progress on our cars. The donuts, strawberries and bear claws were really good. Thank you Ed and Ron, Robert and Lou for all the treats. It was nice seeing Robert Reid, Alex Watt, Sandy Leon, Lou Galper, Rick Snover, Ed Mathews, Ron Richtmyer, John Banales, John Banales Jr, Bob Mcallister, and other members. I was quite preoccupied. Please forgive me if I didn't list you. Thank you Terry for allowing us to get together, for your help and allowing us to work at your shop.

For those going to Conclave, please check your email for a listing from Lynne of names and phone numbers of AHCS members attending Conclave 2021. This will enable us to connect with one another at Conclave. Lou will also be providing a caravan route and caravan meeting times and locations. We'll see all of you in Big Bear.

We received a thank you card from Barbara Humphreys and she appreciated the plant, cards and condolences from our club and wanted me to share this with everyone.

Earlier this month we sent out a message about Gary Stalker. Gary passed away shortly after our message came out. Per Nancy, no services are planned. He was a kind, fun, and happy man. He served on the board in the past as treasurer and enjoyed being active in our club with Nancy for many years. I will miss him. We delivered a plant and card to Nancy from the club. This was really sudden and if you would like to reach out and express your condolences, pull her address from last year's roster or contact Don, Lynne or I for her mailing information. Gary's car is still for sale and if you are interested or know anyone looking for a restored 1955 100. Contact Chris at the Secret Car club. The price has reduced to around the \$60,000 range. Call Chris to inquire

As restaurants are opening up and restrictions lessen, I expect we will get together for a club meeting soon. As a reminder, Ed and Sandy Mathews and Ron and Carol Richtmyer have invited us all to a party in July at Ed and Sandy's house. Look to our activities page for more information

Our next Zoom meeting is Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 PM. See you then...

Summer Club Party At Ed & Sandy Matheus Home
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Minutes: Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 - Online via Zoom

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

There were 18 members in attendance: Don Benke, Howard & Lynne Stark, Alex Watt, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Sandy Leon, Louis Galper, Ed Matheus, Warren Voth, Rick Snover, Will Rogers, Doc McAlister, Terry and Laura Leland, Bryon Wood. Anthony de la Fuente and Bill Slade.

New Business: President Howard Stark reported and brought forward the following:

- **Club Meeting in June or July at a restaurant** – Anthony provided a few location suggestions

- **Welcome to New Members**

John J Lee III & Susana Davis (1966 3000 MK III BJ8 and 1969 TR6). John and Susana are planning to attend Conclave so our club members also planning to attend will have an opportunity to say hello, welcome to the Club and introduce yourselves.

- **Conclave News:** We have quite a few club members planning to attend Conclave so our club will be well represented at the event.

Drive up to Big Bear: Contact Lou for routes and departure date and time information if you are interested in driving up to Big Bear for Conclave with other San Diego club members.

Directory of AHCSA Members at Conclave: Lynne Stark has offered to create a directory of San Diego club members attending Conclave and is compiling the list of everyone's cell phone numbers and hotel information. Please contact Lynne if you are attending so that you can be added to the directory. This directory will be very useful for reaching out to fellow club members during the event.

- **March Meeting Minutes** - Approved

Activities: Louis Galper shared the following activities information:

- **Tech Session** –Conclave Prep Session #2 – Sat April 24th 10:00am – Terry's shop in Santee
Email Lou and Terry information on the items you are interested in working on for your car so Terry can plan to have the appropriate tools and supplies on hand.
- **Rolling British Car Day** – Sunday May 2nd from 8:00am – 2:00pm
- **Conclave** – Big Bear CA - Sunday May 16th – Friday May 21st
- **Save the Date!** Ed and Sandy Matheus Beach Party – Saturday July 31st
- **Membership:** Vice President Don Benke reported Club Membership is currently at 66 members.

Treasurer: Sandy Leon reported the treasury is stable and the club is solvent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

• what the future brings •

MAY

- **May 8** Cars & Coffee- Dunkin Donuts- Fletcher Parkway in ElCajon
- **May 16-21** AHCA Conclave 2021- Big Bear, CA

JUNE

- **June 20** Father's Day- Cars & Coffee-San Diego Automotive Museum- Balboa Park



This years Rolling British Car Day happened under very British weather. The day started out with mist or light rain and ended with a little sunshine. As the British say, "there's no inappropriate weather, only inappropriate dress." So we "made do", as they say. I'm with the group that will be ordering windshield wipers for Big Bear, just in case. The turn out was strong with most wearing appropriate dress...

Club members attending included: Dave Grundies, new members Randy & Carolyn Jones and Laura & Terry Leland, Don Benke and Ron Stein, Tom Linnard and Janie, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Ron & Carolyn Richtmyer, Howard Stark, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, and Craig & Sue Turner.. and myself. My regrets if I missed anyone...

I was impressed with all who enjoyed the day with their tops down or who left them at home. It was fun seeing the cars and people. Rolling British Car Day is always a memorable event... especially with Covid winding down, and this being a first non-Zoom event. Some of us, and I include my-

self, are just about Zoomed out. Howard Stark got as far as Julian, only to discover his clutch master cylinder push rod was coming loose as the cir-clip holding it in the cylinder popped out of place. So he turned around and headed for home and came back in another car, a little late...to take some photos for this story. What a guy...Thanks Howard!



Against a British Car background, Lou Galper (taking picture) Deborah Durham, Ron Richtmyer, and Craig & Sue Turner enjoy boxed lunches at the Minginai Winery with perfect British Weather...

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ACHSD BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

Anthony de la Fuente	8	Robert Reid	21
Cathy Newman	10	John Steepy	28
Larry Alldredge	15	Karen Steepy	29
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ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Debbie Linnard	May 9, 1998
Robert & Anne Rast	May 29, 1969
Ron & Sharon Burton	May 29, 1971 (50th)

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2021 Rolling British Car Day

New members Randy & Carolyn Jones 1963 BJ7



Tom & Janie Linnard behind Tom's 1966 3000 BJ8.

Ed & Sandy Matheus 1960 Sprita AN5



Don Benke with his 1967 BJ8



Janie Linnard waves as Tom heads for home...

At The Menghini Winery



The Menghini Winery was a great venue for this years Rolling British Car Day. The turnout was warm and friendly, even if the weather was a little too British for some Californians. If you missed this year, try the next... Just ask Lou, Deborah and Craig ...



1921 Rolls Royce



This 1921 Rolls Royce was the star attraction at Menghini. The present owner is its fourth. This is a “Donton Abby” car with the chauffeur separated from the wealthy passengers for their privacy and comfort. As in Donton Abby, the chauffeur was employed by the wealthy owner to chauffeur and maintain the vehicle.

Only the very wealthy could afford the first automobiles, and they generally employed chauffeurs rather than driving themselves. A 1906 article in The New York Times reported that “the chauffeur problem to-day is one of the most serious that the automobilist has to deal with”, and complained that “young men of no particular ability, who have been earning from \$10 to \$12 a week, are suddenly elevated to salaried positions paying from \$25 to \$50” and recommended the re-training of existing coach drivers.

Wealthy “automobilist” owners might have summer and

winter coach bodies for their automobiles which would be stored for their patrons by their coach builders. Bodies would be changed for patrons according to the season.

This engine is six cylinders with dual ignition, with the spark plugs in bronze inserts. New, in 1921, this Rolls Royce would be between \$15,000 to \$20,00 and more, which would be an incredible fortune for the day. It's interesting that this automobile has no front wheel brakes. The mechanical brakes on the rear wheels were more than adequate for its speed of the day.



Do Lou and Deborah look cold?

Remembering Gary Stalker



Gary Stalker was a long time club member who served several years as Club Treasurer. Gary was a San Diego resident with his wife Nancy. I always enjoyed his company. I recall teasing Gary at 2019 British Car Day. He was interested in selling his car, a very nice BRG 1955 BN1, at that time and quoted me a price. (If I was in the market for a BN1, Gary's would have been high on my list.)

He was having, I believe, a minor electrical problem, with his BN1. We enjoyed going back and forth, really bantering, on the price. I would cut his price and he would raise it. We both knew we were having a good time joshing each other. Having a sense of humour is an important part of life. Gary certainly had that...And I will miss him...

Conclave 2021 – Day by Day

Conclave 2021 will offer all the traditional events and much more, with plenty of time to socialize with old friends and make new acquaintances. The week will unfold as follows:

SUNDAY, MAY 16

Hotel and Event

Check-in, time for a **Car Wash** (on site) or to relax in the Social Center. No host evening **Cocktail Party** with appetizers and a special **Guest Speaker**. Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts displays open. Dinner on your own at the hotel or one of the numerous nearby establishments.



Big Bear Zoo

MONDAY, MAY 17

After breakfast we will head out on our **Poker Run and Tour** around the Lake and into the mountains.

Concours Judging all day. **Cocktails and final Poker Card draw** in the evening, followed by the optional **Santa Maria BBQ Dinner** by the pool.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Today is our big drive, your choice of participating in the TSD Rally or just enjoying the scenery. We will head down the mountain on scenic Highway 38 to visit **Joshua Tree National Park**, a truly unique landscape and habitat. After lunch, we will return to Big Bear via another mountain route. Tonight will feature the preliminary and practice rounds of **Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center. Many have decided to partake of the optional **Paddlewheel Boat Tour** on the Lake.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Car Show Day is here! After your commemorative photo is taken you will be directed to your parking spot on Pine



Knot Avenue, the main drag in Big Bear where we will wow the tourists with our dazzling cars. Late afternoon will see the finals of **Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center and more **Paddlewheel Boat Touring**.



Sunset over Big Bear Lake

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Gymkhana and Funkhama Day at the Big Bear Airport. For those not participating there will be several optional self-driving opportunities including a **Lake Arrowhead drive, Morongo/Las Vegas style casino visit, Palm Spring Aerial Tramway ride, Idyllwild and Palms to Pines Highway tour** and

many other options. Late afternoon will include **Tech Sessions** and a **Ladies Only Event**. A final **Cocktail Party** with appetizers will precede the **Grand Banquet, Awards Ceremony, conclusion of the Silent Auction** and a very special **Healey guest**.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Start your morning with an included **Farewell Breakfast**. We will have some special fun awards and the event signage will be auctioned off.

(Please note that the hotel room rate is \$100 plus tax for Sunday through Thursday nights. Early arrival on Saturday or stayover on Friday night will also enjoy a discounted rate).



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is now open. You may register online or by mail. Visit www.conclave2021.com for full event and hotel information and to start registration. Please note the money back COVID-19 Guarantee. Please answer all the questions carefully, we are collecting a lot of information to make your visit as personalized and enjoyable as possible. Once we have received your paid registration, you will receive an email containing the code required to book your room.

Things to consider if you are headed to Big Bear continued...

adjustment for altitude is usually not necessary. The air is thin, so you might run a little rich, but probably not enough to require turning any screws.

On Your Way In

There are four main routes into Big Bear. If you are coming from the Northwest, the South or the Southwest (I-10) you will have three choices. From west to east, they are Highway 18, Highway 330, and Highway 38. A suggestion would be to try 330, as our driving tours will take you on 18 and 38 later in the week. All routes are roughly the same

distance and drive time.

If you are coming from the Northeast (I-15), you can take Highway 138 from the Cajon Junction and then Highway 18 to Big Bear. Alternatively, you could cut off in Victorville and take Highway 18 all the way.

There is really no reason to "stock up" before heading up the mountain as supplies and gas in Big Bear are plentiful and not expensive (by California standards).

Other Considerations

- If you have a National Park pass, bring it along. You will get into Joshua Tree National Park for free.

- Please bring your club banners. About half the rooms have balconies facing the parking lot. We would love to have the whole face of the hotel covered with Healey banners.

- Don't forget your Theme Night attire: California Cowboy, 50's/60's, Wearable Art, and Beach Party.

- And remember your Arts and Crafts and Photo Competition entries.

- If you are in the Gymkhana, try to bring a helmet as we will have limited loaners and all helmets need to be 2005 or newer.

- Finally, take lots of photos on your way to Big Bear. We will have an Online Photo Contest.

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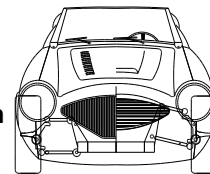
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The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the COTY Recorder, Rick Snover (619-980-4194 ricksnover@earthlink.net) within 30 days after the event. AHCSO 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: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSO Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSO 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 AHCSO 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.

2021 CotY Standings (as of April 24)

Member	Car	Pts	
*Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	40	
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	16	
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	14	
Reid, R. & K.	1959 100-6 BN4	12	
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	10	
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	8	
Leon, S. & L.	1959 Sprite AN5	8	
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	8	
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ 8	4	
Galper, L.	1964 MGB	4	
Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	4	
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	2	
Humphreys, B. & B.	1960 3000 BT7	2	
Polger, L. & A.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	2	
Ventura, A. & Y.	1960 Sprite AN5	2	
Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	1	

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