HEALEY HEARSAY



From The Editor:



'm sure many, if not most of us, have heard "Lucas is the prince of darkness". Not so, as my tale will tell...

Upon changing my licence plate tag, before the August Club meeting, I

did what I've always done with my rear plate, frame, and tail light, which are held together, as a group, with a special plate, which in turn is fastened to the shroud with two quarter inch bolts, spaced with two TR front suspension bushes between assembly and shroud...

I would let the Lucas tail light with attached aluminium plate hang from the body while I cleaned the plate and changed the licence sticker...

I am now driving home, after the Wednesday Club meeting. Drivers are trying to get my attention on I-8, which I thought was to compliment me on the Healey. So I nodded and smiled back...

Turning on to Washington Street, In El Cajon, the passenger in the car next to me, at a stop sign yelled my tail lights were out. I stopped at the school and backed up to the night light, and opened the trunk. Smoke was curling out of several connections in the looms which were very hot.

I turned off the battery to let everything cool off, patched the burnt wire with electricians tape. Turned the battery on waited a few minutes to find the wiring was cool. I made it home, turned the battery off and planned what I would do in the morning...

The next morning, I replaced the short loom to the tail, brake, turn signal and licence plate lights with the original one from when I replaced the entire harness in 1999 when Randy Zoller rebuilt the engine. Turned on the battery and everything was cool. I called Randy. He said bring it over before buying a complete harness. He found the firewall to trunk loom was compromised as well, at the firewall end.

I would have to purchase an entire harness as this is the only way they're sold. Installation was not going to be as easy as it was, twenty years ago... continued on pg.8

September Meeting

Wed. Sept. 8th, 6:30 PM Mimi's Mission Valley 5180 Mission Center Drive



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On The Cover: Howard gets the crew in position for a group picture, at Crown Point and Breakfast on the Bay.

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September

It was so nice getting together with everyone at our August meeting at Bully's. I was a bit concerned about limited menu selections, however that worked very nicely given member feedback. The food was very good. Now, if Bully's could just spell HEELEY correctly, that'd be something.

Breakfast on the Bay was excellent, even if I do say so myself. What a fun morning. I have to thank the efforts of so many bringing stoves, supplies, foods, etc... and give special thanks to Robert Reid, Lou Galper, Debra Durham our cooks,



Lex Dunn, and Sandy Leon for supplies. Thank you to everyone bringing food items to share and helping with set up. BTW. I heard the omelets were very good. There were lots of smiles and a great photo of all of us taken by Eric's car with our Healey banner. Happy Birthday Eric and Happy Birthday to all our members with August birthdays. There are to many to mention. We finished up the day taking a ride up to Mt. Soledad after breakfast and took a spin around Kate Sessions park along the way with fantastic views. Mt. Soledad memorial is a great place to visit.

Looks like summer is almost over, but we'll have great weather in the fall for Healey drives around the county. Maybe there is a nice ride you would like to recommend to Lou or bring up at our next meeting. We can arrange it. Keep those suggestions coming.



Planning has been completed for British Car Day. Registration will open September 1st. Look forward to see-

ing you at Spanish landing October 3rd. Lou has populated our calendar with a ride late September and tech session in October. We were also kicking around the idea of a party some where and time in October. We usually have a club Oktoberfest party, but with developments in Covid 19 cases, we will need to be flexible. Please look over the calendar for more dates and events. We can discuss the possibility of a party at our next meeting. In the event we are unable to meet in person later this year, we will return to Zoom meetings. I'm hoping we'll be able to carry on meeting in person without restrictions.

Our next meeting will be at Mimi's Café in Mission valley on Wednesday September 8th at 6:30pm. We can discuss our upcoming activities.

See you soon.

August 11,2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:45pm

There were 21 members in attendance. (H) = drove Healey (*) = drove other British

Howard & Lynne Stark (H), Don Benke (H), Warren Voth (H), Eric Graves (H), Udo & Gisela Putzke, Richard & Ada Stevens, Kathleen & Robert Reid, Laura & Terrey Leyland, Will & Sharon Rogers, Alex and Sandy Watt, Rick Snover, Lex Dunn, and Sandy & Lily Leon

New Business: President Howard Stark brought forth the following:

Breakfast on the Bay August 21, 2021 Great event Lynne will discuss more.

Thank You to Ed and Sandy Matheus and Ron and Carolyn Richtmyer, the Hawaiian Party they hosted was fantastic and enjoyed by all!

Parrot Head Weekend coming up., Sept.25, 2021 10am to 10pm \$35.00 see flyer being passed around or go to SDPHC.org for more info.

Holiday Party, any interest? show of hands indicated yes. Venue? restaurant or private at someone's home? More discussion to follow, health mandates?

San Diego British Car Day, Oct.3, 2021 will be held at Spanish Landing. Registration to open soon. Volunteers needed to help tabulate votes.

Motion to Approve July Meeting Minutes: Motion put forth, voted on and approved

Membership: VP Don Benke reported we have approx. 70 members

Activities: Lynne Stark filling in for Lou.

Breakfast on the Bay: A sign up sheet for equipment, stuff and things was passed around for members to bring.

Drive to follow breakfast, Lou will have route and lead.

Possible breakfast and or lunch meetings in winter when days are short and it gets darker earlier so more members

can attend and not fight traffic and darkness.

Members like events that involve rides, food and fun! I will do some research on helping to find some interesting rides/

locations. Members input welcome. An overnight/ weekend trip possibly to Idyllwild

Treasurer: Sandy Leon reported we are solvent

Newsletter: Please send your articles and pictures to Warren

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

• what the future brings •

• 2021 AHCSD ACTIVTIES • CALENDAR

September

- 8 Meeting, Mimi's, Mission Valley, 6:30pm
- 25 Drive from La Mesa to Otay Lakes County Park, to Coronado

October

- 3 British Car Day, Spanish Landing
- 9 Tentative Tech Session, Sprite Carburetor install & adjust
- 13 Meeting, Location TBA

November

• 8 Meeting, Location TBA, Monthly Meeting and Board Elections

Weekly:

La Mesa, Cruise Thursdays 5-8 pm Cruisin'Grand, Escondido, Fridays 4-9 pm El Cajon Cruise, El Cajon, Wednesdays 5-8 pm

Revised: August 30, 2021

Participation at club events, tech sessions, drives and gatherings are understood to be voluntary and at your own risk. AHCSD Board members, AHCA and affiliate clubs representatives or members are not liable for outcomes resulting from your participation at any club activity or event.

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San Diego British Car Day Will Be On October 3rd, At Spanish Landing

We will be back at Spanish Landing Park East, across from the Airport, as we have been for the last several years. We missed you as much as you missed us!

The Marque of the Year is the E Type Jaguar, which was introduced to great fanfare in 1961. It was called the XK-E for the American market, and came to epitomize British sports cars, with it's sleek lines and powerful engine. Join us to celebrate this icon, and many other marques, on the grassy fields next to the Bay.

Registration is now open on their website, where you will be able to register for the show, view and pre-order the beautiful shirt, and read all of the details.

AHCSD SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Scott Jones	7	Tom Linnard	19
Debby Sharp	9	Charles Sharp	21
Robert Rast	10	Sandy Matheus	30
Warren Voth	17	Arthur Neill	\$ \$
Rob Mc Allister	1.8		

ANNIVERSARIES

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And It's not what you may think....Yup, I was more limber then...But twenty years ago the engine and tranny were out of the Healey. And the car sat much higher. I had refurbished the engine room. The harness was already out, but not before I tagged every questionable connection as I unplugged it. And I just followed the wiring colour code as I reattached every loom end. With the exception of a very minor error at one of the horns,, everything worked as new.

I did add loom covering this time, for added protection to the braided cover as much of the front to back loom is attached to the inside of the left frame rail and gets gunked up with Donald Healey's famous under carriage preservative,... ha, ha.

With the engine in, it's a job for the lift. I made an appointment with Randy and we spent half the day under his lift, in his hot shop, with the fan on, replacing the damage... So, what happened?...

When I stopped at the school on the way home Wednesday evening, most of the dammage I saw was at the connection point where the red wire from the front loom joins a four way connector at the back loom energising the tail lghts, brake lights, and the separately fused licence plate light.

Upon checking the Lucas licence plate light at Randy's, we found the red (hot) wire had pulled out of it's interior socket, no doubt when I would let it hang from the



shroud, and it touched the grounded light plate, causing a direct short. The ten amp licence light fuse was a smokey gray, but not blown in the center. (Years ago, I had a similar fuse sit-

uation on another car. Larger amp fuses have an indented bar designed to blow at the indent. Ten amp fuses seem to be able to blow anywhere on the inside fuse wire.) The fuse blew, but at one of the ends where the fuse



wire is connected to the inside of one of the metal end caps.

Some may not realise that the headlights, tail lights and licence plate light, on their cars, are not fused for obvious reasons when we think about it. We can get along without the licence plate light, but not the others, so we may add a 10 amp fuse to it only, for extra safety.

I have heard that British cars were shipped to America with wood bumpers with the chromed ones wrapped safely inside the car. When they arrived here, American mechanics could attach the positive licence plate lights as negative ground, as they were used to...and the dark prince mounted his steed... And, it's time, for the famous line from Shakespeare's Henry IV... "The game's afoot"...as I found out...

So, I did something wrong...did the dark knight have the last laugh...after all?







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President Howard Stark calls the meeting to order...

The Wednesday, August 11th Club meeting was very well attended, considering the "plague" may still be with us... I arrived early to get a good parking spot close to the front door. The food, though a limited menu was typical Bully's pub grub. I had the Bully Burger with corn on the cob and a salad, which did the trick, for the big surprise I was soon to have on my way home from the meeting. We are lucky the future is a mystery, aren't we?...

The turnout included: President Howard & Lynne Stark, V.P. Don Benke, Web-master Rick Snover, Ada & Richard Stevens, Eric Graves, Robert & Kathleen Reed, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Lex Dunn, Treasurer Sandy & Lilly Leon, Alex & Sandy Watt, Will & Sharon

Rogers, and Terrey & Laura Leyland...

It was nice, just seeing everyone as it was at the Hawaiian Party, last month, at the Matheus home. I haven't memorized some of the new members names, so I have some work to do. It should be easier with more contact. Sorry if I missed yours...Better Days are ahead...



...I sat happily munching my Bully Burger and (eyeing Kathleen Reed's prime rib) enjoying the evening while congratulating myself with a parking spot by the front door with not a clue what the evening had in store for me, Even with my surprise waiting for me, it was a fun evening... After all, it.'s only money...



Breakfast On The Bay



Early morning golfers testing their skill around an unusually large water hazard at Kate Sessions park...



Lou Galper led The club on over cast before breakfast quickie drive through Kate Sessions Park and the Mt. Soladad Monument. They stopped to admire an unusual, and very rare, seldom seen, narrow bodied '65 mark III BJ8. The short walk

perked up appetites and the crew headed for Crown Point and the days main event, pancakes, omelets and crispy bacon. Coffee and rolls were reedy until the sous chiefs fired up the stoves and breakfast began...

Howard, Lou, Deborah were busy getting the kitchen set up while others were starting off breakfast with breakfast rolls and coffee. And They did a great job too. It's easy to overlook the effort that goes into a cook-out. and then there's the clean-up too..I appreciate all of your efforts...

I must admit I was a little worried when Doug Schmidt thought I was going to steal his chocolate cookie....I quietly backed off and got my own roll and coffee...



...And Then The Group





Howard positioned us for a family portrait. Everyone was waiving and cheering, except the guy on the left who looks a little grumpy. Eric Graves and his '65 Bj8 is the center attraction with Don Benke positioned to help him out of his car, after the photo shoot. Above-chief Howard greases up a pan for omelets, while Deborah makes sure he gets it right. The omelets, bacon and hot cakes were great.

Again, my hat's off to

all the members that demonstrated their virtue by forgoing this to stay home, cut the lawn, do honey do's, and whatever they were doing while we were having their fun for them. Dave Grundies was in charge of leaning against the gezebo post in the background...good job Dave...

Breakfast On The Bay



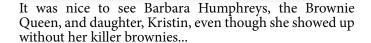


Above- Rick Snover and Lex Dunn slug down their morning coffee...

Left- Robert Reed kept the hot cakes hot and coming, while Deborah takes charge of bacon distribution.

Below- Dave Grundies is smirking because he knows he got the biggest half of the omelet we shared. So I consoled myself with extra hot cakes.





I think this was one of the best Club Breakfasts On The Bay ever, made even better by the pandemic...We hope to see more members next year. It could have been more fun with you...Warren



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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. AHCSD 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: AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSD Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSD 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 AHCSD 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 August 21)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	86	Jones, S. & T.S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8	10
*Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	74	Stevens, R. & A.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	10
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	48	Galper, L.	Jaguar 3.8s	8
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	44	De la Fuente, Anthony	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	44	Galper, L.	1964 MGB	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	42	Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 MkII BT7	6
Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	40	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	38	Schumacher, K. & A.	955 100 BN1	6
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	34	Lee, J. & Susana D.	1971 Triumph TR6	5
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	28	Galper, L.	1997 Jaguar XJ6	4
Leon, S. & L.	1959 Sprite AN5	24	Jones, R. & C.	1963 3000 MkII BJ7	$\overline{4}$
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	22	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	4
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	20	Jones, S. & T.S.	2009 Jag XJ Super 8	3
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	18	Pleasant, M.	Morris Minor	3
Burton, R. &S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8 Modified	16	Snover, R. & A.	2009 MINI Cooper	3
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1960 Sprite AN5 (Coupé)	16	Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	•
Farnsworth, B. & C.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	16	Humphreys, B. & B.	1960 3000 BT7	2
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	10	Polger, L. & A.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	2
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