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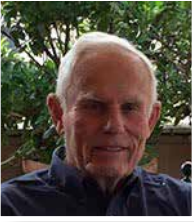


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June 2022

From The Editor:



It's the day before Memorial Day. The Club and Club-member connection made me think of my good friend and Club member Ralph Merritte, who passed away almost 20 years ago. Long time members may remember two articles I did on Ralph and the Healey family he knew from the early days of the Healey marque. I ran this article in the June 2018 Healey Hearsay. (I might run the stories as well, as fillers.) I would never have run this article while Ralph was alive as it would have been an invasion of his privacy...At that time of this story, Ralph would have been about 14 years older than I...

There is another part of Ralph...his experience as a ball turret gunner in B17's and B24's during WWII. This was and still is amazing to me, as my military experience, had I had any, would have been during the *Pax Americana*, when the world was more or less at peace...If you could count the Cold War as peace... Ralph related the following to me...



When Ralph joined the Army Air Force, in the early 1940's, he was assigned as a ball turret gunner. His size qualified him as he was small enough to fit in a ball turret. And in the Air Force, *that was that*. This worked out well as he was an avid trap and skeet shooter. And this was his training...to shoot trap at the base range, days on end, practicing leading a new target, in his case an Me109, that would fly into a cloud of bullets from the two 50 cal. BMG's,

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June Meeting

Wed. June 8 th, 6:30 PM
Hamburger Factory
14122 Midland Road, Poway
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On The Cover: *The Burton's on their Indio Date Farm, Big Wheelies, and old Hippies, at California Healey Week in Palm Springs.*

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From The President

Hello everybody.

We had a great turn out at CHW, The weather on Monday through Thursday was perfect. If you were at our last meeting at Jimmy's you already heard about the event. It was fun! Many of our members received car show awards as follows. Lou Galper received first place, Ron and Sharon Burton received second place, John Lee III second place and Robert and Kathleen Reid received third place Thank you to all SDAH members making this a special event.



Our attendees were: Lynne and I, Dave Grundies, Ed and Alexandra MC Williams, Robert and Joan DeYoung, Curt and Nancy Arndt, Robert and Kathleen Reid, Lou Galper and Deborah Durham, John Lee III, Jeff Boysen, Steve Suppa, Don Benke and Ron and Sharon Burton. Terry Cowan and Lisa Mandell and Udo and Gisela Putzke. The Burtons arranged a private tour of their date ranch for us on Wednesday and hosted a fabulous club barbeque at their wonderful home in Indio. The bacon wrapped dates were fantastic! The tour was great! A huge thank you to Ron and Sharon for their warm welcome and hospitality. Special thanks to Don Benke and Lou Galper for making lunch and dinner arrangements and others like Steve Suppa, Dave Grundies and Curt and Nancy Arndt for helping others including myself get to events, car part stores etc. It's reassuring knowing everyone is supportive when needed and willing to help out so everyone has a good time.

Our car caravan to CHW on Monday was great and we heard we missed a storm that hit the desert on Sunday. Those traveling Sunday experienced severe weather conditions. One of our members had mechanical difficulty made worse by the sand storm Sunday. We worked to remedy the problem with John's generator Monday and Tuesday, but were unsuccessful. When we take our Healey's on events like CHW or a Conclave we hope not to meet with any unfortunate circumstances or car troubles, but sometimes it happens.. Two of us were towed home by the end of the event and John Lee III, Lynne and I, were fortunate to participate in all the events we wanted to attend, including the poker run for lunch on Tuesday. Later that evening, after our great S.D club Italian dinner in Palm Springs, we experienced brake failure. We were very fortunate the issue did not affect our ascent or decent from the Idyllwild mountains earlier that day. It turned out our right front wheel may have come loose because of a worn hub spline and ground down the inner wheel spline. Braking became minimal as the tire would continue to spin when depressing the brake pedal and the car made a horrifying grinding noise. Not to be alarmed, we were ok and limped back to the hotel using the hand brake. It became apparent to me that even though we have tech sessions before long trips to ready our cars, and always tighten our wheel knock offs, this issue can only be detected by removing your wheels and inspecting your hubs and spines. I've been lucky the last 25 years attending events without incident however not the case with this CHW. It's irony that Lynne and I were talking about new wheels and tires on our way to CHW so that has now become a necessity. She will finally get the chrome wire wheels she has wanted for several years. We were able to participate in the car show on Wednesday, however the car wasn't safe to drive home. Other folks also experienced mechanical issues at CHW, so we weren't alone. All in all, we had fun. Our club brought home a few awards, but not the hard luck award this time. Thank goodness! BTW-Lynne & I took fourth place in the Poker.



There are a lot of fun activities coming up. We can discuss them at our meetings and there is room for suggestions, so look over the calendar, think about what interests you and how you can help support and participate in these activities. Our next meeting will be at the Hamburger Factory June 8th at 6:30PM in Poway. We'll see you then.

AHCSD May 18th Meeting Minutes

Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

(H) = Drove Healey, (O) = Drove Other British

There were 19 members in attendance: Terrey & Laura Leyland (H), Robert & Kathleen Reid, Don Benke (H), Lex Dunn, Ed Matheus, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham (H), Dave Grundies (H), Robert & Joan DeYoung (H), Richard & Ada Stevens, Howard & Lynne Stark, John Lee, Rick Snover, and Doc McAllister

- **New Business:** Acting President Howard Stark reported and brought forth the following:
Welcomed members to the meeting and recognized the members in attendance.
Thanks to John Lee for making meeting arrangements.
Next month's meeting is slated for The Hamburger Factory in Poway.
- A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the April meeting.
- **Recap of a successful California Healey Week in Cathedral City.** The club experienced a few wins: Car Show plaques for Lou Galper (first place), Robert Reid (third place), John Lee (second place), and Ron Burton (second place).
And a few losses: two of our cars sent home via tow truck. We were blessed with wonderful weather and good times.
- Lynne Stark collected information to order name badges for club members. AHCSD will cover \$5 per name tag and members will cover the remaining \$5. Please contact Lynne Stark if you were not at the meeting and would like a name badge.
- Discussion of forming a committee to facilitate creating AHCSD calendars. Volunteers include: Lynne Stark, Don Benke, Kathleen Reid, and Terrey Leyland. Any other club member with an interest in creating a calendar is welcome to join in.
- Planning stages/informal poll of those who would be interested in a club event/sleep over to Idyllwild.
- **Activities:**
Upcoming:
5/29 Fallbrook Vintage Car Show at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center; 10 a.m – 3 p.m.
6/12 or 26 Possible drive to end at a restaurant or tech session
Sat or Sun before 7/4 Spaghetti Western Theme event being planned at Warren Voth's house.
More details/discussion at our June meeting
August: Breakfast on the Bay
September: Enclave in the Poconos
October: Rendezvous Healey Club USA in Eureka (Arcata, CA)

Ed Matheus also announced the Parrothead Club at the Bay will be happening on 9/24 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (\$35)

Membership: VP Don Benke: no new report

Treasurer's update was summarized by Howard Stark in Sandy Leon's absence. Club is solvent

Meeting Adjourned

• what the future brings •

• 2022 AHCSO ACTIVITIES •

June

- 8 Monthly Meeting
- 19 Fathers Day Car Show, Belmont Park, Mission Beach, www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org
- 19 SD Auto Museum Cars & Coffee 7:30 to 9:30 am
weekly Saturday cars & coffee Liberty Station 8am

July

- 3 Warren Voth- A Spaghetti Western & Cannon Shoot Out
- 13 Monthly Meeting
- 24 SD Auto Museum Cars & Coffee

August

- 13 Breakfast on the Bay

September

- 14 Monthly Meeting
- 18-23 Enclave, International Healey Meet, Poconos, PA

October

- 8 British Car Day, Spanish Landing
- 8 SD Auto Museum evening event
- 12 Monthly Meeting
- 15-16 Healey Rendezvous, Arcata, CA

weekly Wednesday, El Cajon Classic Car Show- 5pm
weekly Thursdays, La Mesa Classic Car Show -5-8 pm
weekly Fridays, Escondido Cruisin Grand- 4-8 pm
monthly SD Auto Museum -third Sunday

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

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 SDAH 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 SDAH gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact me to find out what's involved or just to talk about it.

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AHCSO JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Yolanda Ventura.....2
 Dawn Moore.....3
 John Lee.....11
 Mary Schermerhorn.....14
 Tim Spivey.....22

ANNIVERSARY'S

Don & Pat Benke.....6/26/71
 John & Heidi Farkash.....6/24/84
 George & Alice Hurley.....6/6/69
 Don & Cathy Newman.....6/1/89
 Charles & Debby Sharp.....6/18/77
 Howard & Lynne Stark.....6/25/78
 Roland & Loreen Wilhelmy.....6/26/65

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It will take 2 - 4 weeks for delivery. As always call me with any questions or concerns...Lynne

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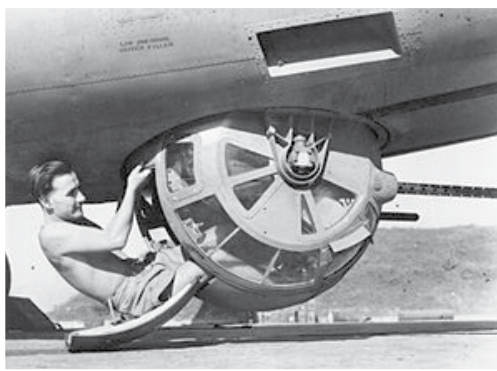
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Ralph Merritte...Ball Turret Gunner



The Sperry ball turret had a hatch for the gunners entry/exit and maintenance. The ball could be raised and lowered in and out of the fuselage

airspace. He would track the enemy with his guns, holding them at bay, as they both were angling for an easy kill. If the mission survived that, closer to the target was usually a ring of enemy 88MM flak guns. As the captain handed the controls to the bombardier, the boredom became *"abject terror"* of the Me109 cannon and the 88MM flack rattling against, and ripping through, the planes thin aluminum skin. They were an exposed target for about half an hour as they began their bomb run. Then, hopefully, again, the long boring return flight to Brize Norton and rest..

One day, on the way back to Ralph's home in my Healey, after one of our lunches, he began talking as if I wasn't there. I caught a corner of his face in the rear view mirror and looked away as I couldn't bear to look. He mentioned the trauma of the of planes and crew he saw go down, lost in action, or on the way back, and men and boys he knew, and never saw again....And how, and why, fortune favored him,...making it through,...when so many didn't...

Ralph and I always enjoyed lunch, at least once a month, at Saigon, an Asian restaurant on El Cajon Blvd, or DZ Akins for matzo ball soup and pastrami sandwiches. And reminiscing about his car being the fourth factory production Austin Healey 100. And driving it through out Europe after the war. How he wished he still had it. He gave me his cloisonné Healey grille badge, given him by *"the Healey's"*.

As I Said, I would never have mentioned any of this while Ralph was alive as he was quite private about it, especially the mental flashbacks, which he said were always with him, still, after all those years. I was surprised, and honored, he was open on this to me. He never thought of himself as anything special. Those were the ones who never came back...

hydraulically. And it could also be raised manually in case of electrical or hydraulic failure. The gunner, who entered the turret when the guns were pointing down in flight, was in a fetal position, between the guns, his feet in stirrups, which were also controls. He was not in the ball on take-off and landing. B24's had a fully retractable mount because of low ground clearance.



Ralph described a typical mission as follows...The flight from Brize Norton, in south-west England, to the intended target was usually *"seven or eight hours of freezing cold, boredom, and thinking what was ahead"*. As the squadron approached, the Me109's would be waiting for them as they entered enemy

Top- A crewman poses with the Sperry ball turret of a Royal Air Force B-24, Burma, c.1943-1945

Center- A B-24J's Sperry ventral ball turret in its retracted position for landing, as seen from inside the bomber

Bottom- Interior of the Sperry ball turret of a preserved B-17 (2008)



Ralph Merritte at Brize Norton Royal Air Force Base in 1955, with the fourth production Austin Healey 100.

Palm Springs Healey Tour at Heritage Trim

By Lou Galper

During our week in Palm Springs, I arranged a tour at Heritage Trim. For many years, Heritage has been known for Concours quality upholstery for Healeys and other British cars. Although they were originally located in Vancouver, B.C., the owner relocated to Palm Springs a couple of years ago.

During a previous visit, the owner, Tony, told me he moved for the warm weather, and was pleased to find local workers who could meet his high standards. He proudly told our group that he provides the best product available, and that his prices reflect that, being about 50% higher than competitors. He mentioned that he has a lot of work in progress for Jaguar, Porsche and Mercedes. He is doing the Jaguar upholstery that Moss sells, and there was a number of boxes marked 'Moss Motors'.

He showed us the CAD/CNC machine used to cut patterns and some samples of work in progress, mentioning he can provide any Healey upholstery or trim (panels and dash pads) made to the highest standards. He showed us seat heaters which they sell or can be incorporated into any of the seats they produce.

Customers can send in their complete seats for re-upholstery or buy a kit that has all the components, including their own custom-made foam cushions and backs, exactly duplicating the original seats, with small improvements to the firmness. Note: I bought a kit from them years ago, and had it fitted locally. Seats still look excellent, no wrinkles.



California Healey Week FUNkhana -- by Kathleen Reid

What makes the FUNKHANA a whole lot of fun? Some might say it's the social aspect of getting to know Healey car owners from across the state. Others get a thrill from the friendly competition and the chance to win a prize. Of course, there is always the opportunity to show off your skills at carnival games. But for me, a first-time participant, the number one draw was a chance to ride a "big wheel"

I did most of my growing up in the 60s on a sunny southern California cul-de-sac. Our neighborhood gang spent hours outside in the streets and sidewalks playing a regular rotation of games from kickball, hide-n-seek, poison, three-flies-up, etc. Lots and lots of freedom and benefits from being a kid during such a carefree decade. We had a ton of fun. BUT, we also grew up just a tad too early for any of us to find a Mattel Big Wheel tricycle under the tree on Christmas morning. And that made me pretty darn envious to watch the next generation cruising back and forth on the sidewalk with their legs churning the pedals of those plastic, low riding trikes.

The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club sponsored the Funkhana Event for Healey Week. I remembered being too intimidated during our week in Big Bear last year to even consider participating. This year, there was no question though. This was going to be my chance to spin that tricycle around the course. I'd been waiting decades for the opportunity.

So, in order to not look too eager (in case I was a gigantic failure on the course) I tried out all the other events first. First event was to hit moving targets with suction cup darts. Eh, I managed to knock one target over. Next up was a ring toss. Again, not a great performance. I managed to land one hoop (out of sixteen) around a peg. No worries, I've never come away from the fair with a stuffed animal prize either. I scooted over to the next activity and played "catch a tennis ball in a wine glass" with a partner. Thank goodness they had adjusted the game to eliminate the water in the cups. Again, it was just a so-so outcome. I was just biding my time until I had a chance to get to what I had really come for: racing a course of orange traffic cones on a big wheel.

There were two trikes to choose from, depending on the length of your legs. I slid myself onto the trike for shorties, grabbed those handle bars, adjusted my foot pedals and approached the starting line with a sense of glee. The starter informed me that I had the chance for a practice run and then a second try on the course. They'd count the fastest run. I tested the hand break, edged up to the starting line, and I was OFF.

I was NOT disappointed. Hitting that track, pushing the pedals with as much force as I could muster, whipping around turns, I am proud to say I avoided running into any of the cones. Hitting the straight away, heading for the finish line, skidding to a stop on the grass. Heck yeah, it was every bit of fun as I had anticipated. And, I got to go again! I think the course organizer said I had a pretty good time of 41 seconds. I honestly don't remember, as I didn't really expect to win anything, especially based on the other games. But, finally getting a chance to take a spin on a Big Wheel tricycle was all that I imagined and more. SO MUCH FUN at the Funkhana!



Robert, Flat out on the course...



Above left- Robert & Kathleen enjoying the desert view.

Above- Howard , waiting for the checkered flag...



The Week In Review By Lynne Stark

Monday May 9th our car club caravan to CHW started in Ramona at 9:30 am. By 10:00 we were on the road to Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel to pick up the rest of the caravan and head for the desert. Our group included our caravan leader Lou Galper and Deborah Durham, How-



ard and I, Dave Grundies, Don Benke, Gisela and Udo, Jeff Boysen, Steve Suppa, Kathleen and Robert Reid, Robert and Joan DeYoung, and Curt and Nancy Arndt. Lou planned and led us on a beautiful scenic drive to Palm Desert where we met up with Ron and Sharon Burton and had lunch (also planned by Lou) at the Daily Grill restaurant on El Paseo. We had our own private patio and had a very good late lunch. It was a great start to CHW. Thank you Lou!

After lunch we drove the last 20 minutes to the hotel. The rest of the day was spent getting settled into our rooms and registered for the week's events and relaxing and meeting up for the cocktail welcome reception. We met

up with John Lee III who had arrived the day before on Sunday during high winds. Unfortunately his generator decided to be uncooperative, so Howard and a few of the guys went to check out his car and see if they could help.

Tuesday morning was the Poker run ride up to Idyllwild. The one and a half hour drive is just what you look forward to in a Healey! Howard and I, Robert and Kathleen, Ron and Sharon and Nancy and Curt all had lunch and a walk through some of the shops before taking the curvy mountain road back down to the hotel. Some members participated in the afternoon Funkhana. I went to the pool. Ed and Alexandra Mc Williams had come up that afternoon so our San Diego contingent was complete. Later we met for cocktails and to get the final poker cards to complete our hands. Howard and I were surprised to find we came in fourth with a full house.

That evening for dinner Don Benke suggested an Italian restaurant in the area that he



and his family had eaten at and enjoyed on previous trips. We gathered everyone up and drove to dinner. The place was fun, the service good and the food plentiful and tasty. Thank you Don!





After dinner, Howard, Dave and I went in search of a little night life and stopped in at a local casino. Lady luck smiled favorably on us and after a celebratory drink we left to go back to the hotel. Coming up to a red light the car made a horrendous noise and did not want to stop. Howard used the emergency brake to slow us down and we slowly made our way back to the hotel.

Early **Wednesday** morning after inspecting the car he found that the right front wheel was in danger of coming off due to a worn hub and spline. Since both John Lee's car problem and ours had been diagnosed they decided that both cars could be in the car show that morning.

It should be mentioned that all the activities for the week except the drives, of course, took place at the hotel resort. After the show and buffet lunch several of the guys pow wowed and discussed what to do. I went to the pool.



Dinner that evening was a planned BBQ for our club hosted by the Burton's at their date ranch in Indio. John, Howard and I all had rides from various members. Thank you Nancy and Curt, Steve, Dave, Don and everyone who gave rides. We caravanned to Indio, a 30 minute ride. The ranch is amazing as are the Burton's and their generous hospitality.

We all got into numerous small utility vehicles for an up close tour of the property and date ranch operation. It was fascinating. Back at the house we were treated to a BBQ of pork chops



and chicken with Sharon's delicious beans and home made date cookies. The Healey's were all lined up on the front lawn in front of their beautiful home. It was a very

special evening and the highlight of my time in the desert.. Thank you Ron and Sharon!



Later that evening back at the hotel, John and Howard were hard at work arranging for flat bed tows for the cars. Thursday morning and both guys are still on their phones working to get tow trucks out to the hotel for long distance towing back to San Diego. I went to the pool.

This went on for most of the day. At 5pm, while I was getting ready for the banquet, Howard finally got a flat bed tow and rode with our car during rush hour back to our house where he got the car safely garaged.



A short while later he began the drive back to the hotel. On a side note, a future article on dealing with tow companies, insurance companies and long range tows might be interesting and informative, because it was time consuming and frustrating.

Meanwhile the banquet was underway at the hotel. This year there were table reservations that could be made in advance of the banquet so friends/clubs could sit together. Dave Grundies was the first to get to the hotel on Monday and register





at the event. He was able to get three tables for the San Diego club. As a result we were all able to sit together. Thank you Dave!

The food was very good and the room decorations lively in black and white racing checks, British flags and



Austin Healey confetti. Our club took home a few awards with Lou getting a first place, Ron and Sharon Burton and John Lee III both getting second place in their classes and Robert and Kathleen a third place. Howard arrived back at the hotel a little after 11pm.

Friday May 13th, everyone checked out and started their journey home. John Lee III finally got his car towed home and Howard and I continued our trip to Idyllwild for the weekend. Thank you John for all your help with our car as well as your own! To ALL our club members who helped with rides, restaurants, car advice, repairs and support another big Thank You!

There were many other activities during CHW and all were well planned and fun. A big Thank You to Steve Kirby, the Austin Healey Association of Southern CA, the Golden Gate club, and the sponsors who



...Our club took home a few awards with Lou getting a first place, Ron and Sharon Burton, left, and John Lee III, both getting second place in their classes and Robert and Kathleen, above left, a third place...



Healey Week Palm Springs...

As a newcomer to the San Diego Healey Club I want to express how impressed I was with the overall comradery of our members. The caravan to the event and time spent with the group was a lot of fun. It was really nice to see not only our own club members come to the aid of others who may have had car issues but how ev-

eryone was willing to jump in, either with advice or even physical labor to help those in need and also provide an empty seat in their cars to see the club members that now didn't have a ride could enjoy the events.. It was truly a fun week and this is one of the reasons we join a club. Make new friends, help those in need and enjoy the same passion..... Our Cars. Thanks to all Steve Suppa

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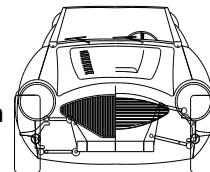
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CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) AWARD



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. 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.

2022CotY Standings

(as of May 20)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	70	Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BN7	16
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	62	Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	16
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	56	Newman, D. & C.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	16
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	46	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	16
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	46	Suppa, S.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	16
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	40	Arndt, C. & N.	Range Rover	13
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	30	Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	10
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	30	Galper, L.	Jaguar 3.8s	7
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	24	Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	22	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 MkII BT7	20	Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1	6
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	20	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Burton, R. & S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8 (4WD)	18	Johnson, B. & A.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	2

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