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HEALEY HEARSAY

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Austin-Healey

Club of San Diego

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From The Editor:

Yes the newsletter is different. Warren is taking a well deserved sabbatical but has left a big challenge for the new newsletter editor - - me.

Unlike Warren writing is not my forte and it is going to be difficult for me just to get this column out each month. This means if there is going to be any content to the newsletter we need members to step up to write some articles and send in some photos. You do not need to be concerned with formatting or how it will look in the final form - that's my job. A title would be appreciated and please identify people, cars and places in photographs. Text can be in almost any format, as simple as an e-mail to almost any word processor document - saved in rtf format is certainly going to work. Photos in jpg format is the easiest. A new email address has been set up, hearsay@me.com, for all submissions to the newsletter. My thanks in advance.

What is new? Well one thing that I want to start is a Members Car page. This is a place to show your car, in any condition, a pile of parts to a finished car. Then tell the rest of the club some history behind the car and why you acquired this particular vehicle or anything else related to the car. Due to the short time to get this issue out I have done some photos of my car with a few comments. Be you can do better.

For those who do not know me - I purchased my first Healey, a 1954 100, in late 1958. It had been badly abused by the prior owner and as such I was frequently late to work getting it road worthy. In Feb. 1960 a girl friend (later wife) ask me to check the Sprite for her. It was so much absolute fun to drive I traded the in the 100. I am still driving that car, some what modified now.

Bob

February Meetings

- AHCS D Monthly Meeting
- Round Table Pizza
3250 Governor Drive in
University City (TG 1228-C5)



HEALEY HEARSAY is the official monthly publication of the **AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO**. Monthly members' meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. The location varies and is announced in the newsletter and on our web site: www.sdhealey.org

Membership Information

Membership in the AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO is open to all owners of Austin & Jenson Healey's and to all others who profess an interest in the cars or the purpose the club. Yearly dues to the AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO are \$30 per household. Visit our web site, www.sdhealey.org or contact our Membership Coordinator, Vice President Rick Snover (ricksnover@earthlink.net) for details and an application.

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Cover: Dick and Jan Schmidt's BN6 & Warren Voths BJ8, club camp out at Dos Picos County Park, 03/97
Photograph by Bob Kitterer

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President's Message



Hey There Healey Folk...

Well, we are off to bang up year I hope !!

My thanks to Bob Kitterer for making reading this possible...we have lots of new ideas for activities from Lynne Stark and others as well. The Farnsworth's have been kind enough to invite us all to there newly rebuilt home, for a house warming party Saturday, and then Super Bowl at Rick Snover's the following weekend. Should be great fun, I already have my Pepcid ready for the chili tasting !!

February meeting to be held at:

Round Table Pizza
3250 Governor Drive in
University City (TG 1228-C5)

Hope to see you all there

Cheers, Terry



**Bugatti Veyron EB 16.4, 987 hp
at the La Jolla Motor Car Classic**

Photograph by Dick Schmidt

**Minutes Last Meeting:****JANUARY MEETING MINUTES 2009****HAPPY HAPPY NEW YEAR GO STEELERS**

Attendance for the Jan 14th, Meeting (held the Coco's Restaurant, Friars Rd, Mission Gorge). 20 members and guests were in attendance. Drove Healeys*, other British ~. Attending were: Rick Snover, Gerry & Susan Kwiat', Chuck Sharp, Bob Kitterer, Dick & Jan Schmidt, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Craig & Sue Turner~, Gisela & Udo Putzke*, Terry Cowan, Howard & Lynne Stark~, Sam Talbert, Jim Leaverton, and Gale & Martha Hess.

Meeting was called to order by President, Terry Cowan at 7:30 pm.
Terry welcomed everyone for the new year and introduced the newly elected Board members.

Call for reports from the Board.

Secretary: October Minutes which were printed in the newsletter were finally approved.

Vice President/Membership: Membership is at approx 45 members. 2009 Dues are currently due. Renewal notices have been sent out via e-mail and then snail mail for those that do no renew by e-mail.

Treasurer: Treasury Report was given. See Treasurer for treasury balance.

Newsletter: Bob Kitterer volunteered to be the newsletter Editor for 2009. Info to Bob at hearsay@me.com by 20th of the month. Requests for stories and pictures and the writing up of articles. Suggestion was made to have a Member Profile section and also to accumulate pictures of our own Club's Healey's for a calendar.

Activities: Terry introduced Lynne Stark as the Activities Chairperson. Terry reported on the La Jolla Motor Car Classic at the Cove. Discussion was held as to the various Club activities to participate in. These included: Jan 24th 2-6pm Open House at Farnsworth's house in Ramona with pre-drive leaving from Bilsteins at 1230pm; Super Bowl Party(Men's Chilli Cook-off) on Feb 1st at Rick Snover's house in Mira Mesa; Tech Session at Schermerhorn's in March. Various other ideas for future activities were discussed (e.g. East County Drive and Train Ride at Campo). CA Healey Week will be in Paso Robles this year. See newsletter and website for these and other listed activities.

Regalia: Jan reported on the status of regalia available and took orders for fleece jackets with AH wings logo. Summary of regalia available to go into the newsletter. Susan Kwiat' reported on the status of the Conclave 08 Grill Badges and their distribution as soon as they are back from being re-done at the manufacturer. There will be approximately 8-10 badges left for sale as regalia.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry Kwiat' reported on upcoming car related activities for 2009 (See flyers left). Ideas for Club participation was discussed (e.g. Del Mar Fair). Legislative flyer on Cash for Clunkers Bill was passed out and discussed.

SD British Car Club Council: Lou was not present to report on the results of the Ball Bearing Breaker Rallye.

Old Business: Discussion was held again as to a new COTY Badge being made (as the old one was filled up with names) and/or the making of an additional piece to add Dana Driving Award on to it and to make more room for future names. Udo would look into having it done. A motion was made to change the COTY points rules to take out the restriction of "no COTY points if event has rain". Discussion was held and it was voted unanimously that COTY points would be given for an event rain or shine.

New Business: None. Board Meeting if needed could be held on-line.

Jim Leaverton was the lucky dinner entrée winner. Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Virden-Kwiat', Secretary



What's Coming Up?

Hi Everyone!

I'm looking forward to a fun year of activities, tech sessions and get-togethers in addition to our usual slate of club events. Our club has a large diverse membership and getting to know each other better at things like dinner and a movie night, Sunday walk and coffee at the beach, a picnic to Santee Lakes or Lake Murray and maybe some kind of ladies only event would appeal to more of our members. Other ideas are speakers at our monthly meetings from outside the club as well as club members getting up and telling us about themselves and interesting stories about their cars. Our brunch last November at Belle Fleur in Carlsbad was such a fun time I think we should do it again this year. The club won't be paying for it, but it was a very reasonably meal and was a wonderful time for all. Also this year I would like to bring back our annual beach party this summer. In the fall, a trip to Julian for apple pie and antique shopping/browsing will be on the planning "to do" list. Activities are based on what YOU the membership would like to do and its always more fun when there are several members at any given event. I'm open to any and all suggestions, so please give me your input, good, bad or indifferent so I can put together some events everyone can enjoy. You can reach me by e-mail at redjag99@sbcglobal.net or at (619)579-7551 (home) or (619)733-7785 (cell) or talking to me meetings or events. I'd love to hear your ideas and need your feedback

....Lynne

FEBRUARY AND BEYOND

- **Sunday, February 1, 1-7 PM**
- **AHCS D Super Bowl Party & Men's Chili Cook -Off**
Men, bring a pot of your best chili, Club will provide soft drinks and ice. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Location: Rick Snover's House in Mira Mesa
- February 7 & 8
University of VARA - Driving school -
Buttonwillow Raceway Park
Presented by: Vintage Auto Racing Association
- **Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 PM**
 - **AHCS D Monthly Meeting**
 - Round Table Pizza
3250 Governor Drive in
University City (TG 1228-C5)
- **Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 PM**
 - **AHCS D Board Meeting (if needed)**
- **March - AHCS D Drive to Campo**
- March 6-8
Midnight At The Oasis - Classic Car & Nostalgia Festival -
Ray Kroc Complex, Yuma, AZ
Presented by: Caballeros de Yuma
- **Saturday, April 18, 2009:**
 - **14th Annual San Diego Rolling British Car Day.**
<http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org>
- May 2 - 3 British Extravaganza - Vintage Races & Car Show
Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- **May 27 - 31 California Healey Week 2009**
Paso Robles Inn, Paso Robles
Presented by: Austin Healey Association
- **June 14 - 18 Healey Rendezvous 2009, Jackson, CA.**
Host: Golden Gate AHC
- **June 21-26 2009:**
 - **Austin Healey Conclave 2009 at the Ambassador Conference Resort, Kingston, Ontario Canada.**
 - <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>



BBCC Rallye XLII goes off without a hitch....

by Lou Galper,

Photographs by Lou Glaper and Mike Williams

Saturday, January 10 saw the XLII running of the Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Cup Rallye, hosted by the San Diego Jaguar Club. What a great excuse to take your British car out for a drive. A twenty-three car assortment of MG's, Triumphs, Jaguars, Healeys, Land Rover, A35, NSU and Morgan took off from the Midway on a beautiful Winter morning.

The rallye traveled down Harbor Drive, admiring Public Art along the way, over the bridge with a great view of the Bay, to Coronado, down the Silver Strand with the ocean crashing beside us, thru IB with more Public Art, thru a surprising rural area of horse ranches in South San Diego near the Border and over to Otay, ending up near the Olympic Training Center at Otay Ranch Shopping Mall.

The Rallye was designed by Deborah Durham, assistant Rallye-Master, who felt that we had been on many other driving adventures where we had counted every driveway in Rancho Santa Fe, Ramona and east county, so a different type of route was mapped out.

The Trophy as been enhanced with the first-time addition of a Jaguar emblem, a gold Jaguar "Leaper" climbing up one of the dipsticks trying to bite the MG badge.

There were 36 questions/ clues on the rally which, combined with the timed portion resulted in the following winners:

- 1st Place - Ken & Jaime Harpenau - Triumph
- 2nd Place- Katherine Partain & Shirley Smith - Jaguar
- 3rd Place - Kevin Shulte & Bill Sheldon - Triumph

Ken, a several time winner of the BBCC Rallye won with his teenage daughter Jaime. Katherine, President of the Jaguar Club, made a very good showing with her Navigator Shirley Smith. Kevin Shulte with his Navigator Bill Sheldon, also performed very well out of the 9 Triumphs who participated in the Rallye.

Thank you to assistants Deborah Durham, Anita Johnson of the MG Club and Randy Blum of the MG and Healey Clubs.



Lou Galper presents 1st Place to Ken & Jaime Harpenau, Triumph



2nd Place Katherine Partain & Shirley Smith, Jaguar



3rd Place Kevin Shulte & Bill Sheldon, Triumph



Concours at the Cove

by Mike Williams

I know that I shouldn't gloat, but San Diego really is America's Finest City. Okay we get the occasional ground shakers and once every couple of year firestorms, but when you can go out in your Healey with the top down, wearing short sleeves, in early January, who can argue our claim to living in paradise?

Such were the conditions a couple of weekends ago, which saw the 41st running of the semi-annual Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Cup Rally on Saturday and a somewhat newer annual event, the La Jolla Motor Car Classic on Sunday. This was the 5th year of the La Jolla Classic and it was a bigger, grander and more successful event than its predecessors. With 200 cars participating, it's grown quite a bit. With the Pacific Ocean as a backdrop, the show was set on the grass at the beautiful Ellen Scripps Browning Park. A location only rivaled by The Lodge at Pebble Beach. Dick Schmidt and Mike Williams were part of this year's judging team and had to arrive at o'dark thirty to have a light breakfast and attend the Pre-Judging meeting. By 8:30AM we had divided into our groups of three and headed off to our assigned classes. Dick, Chris Hol and Mike were given the British Sports class, which of course was the largest group, represented with 19 entrants. There was a good showing of Jaguars, Austin-Healeys, Triumphs, and couple of T-series MGs, and an Aston Martin. Several of the AH Association members drove down from Orange County and LA areas to show their Healeys as well as our own Danny DeSanto and his BRG BJ8.

This year's event was not open to the public for free, as in the past, and there was a lot of feedback, both positive and negative about the \$15-\$20 spectator entrance fee. All-in-all, it was a wonderful day amongst some absolutely gorgeous cars and very nice people. I look forward to participating again next year.



Dick Schmidt and Mike Williams judging the Austin Healeys.

Photographer Unknow



Once again into the fray

Dick Schmidts perspective. Photographs by Dick Schmidt

The 5th La Jolla Motorcar Classic promised various improvements over previous years and among the hype was the news that - oh yes and it will cost the public \$20 to see it in case you want to do more than just look over the fence. There was word that the promoters are trying to make this show just a tad less than Pebble Beach, so OK, given that calibre of cars then, it would probably be worth it, but right now to most spectators it was just another sign of the times.

Speaking of times 'rise and shine be there' had been moved up to 6.00 a.m. and had me catching a ride with Mike Williams who had been invited into the judging ranks also volunteering to do British Sports. We were joined by Chris Hol to fill out the team and we choked a bit when we discovered the class had 19 entries which we were expected to judge in, yes, 2 hours.

Besides needing to get the job done, the reasoning was to get us in and lunched before the other attendees and while great in theory by the time we actually finished it looked like the lunch line stretched to the border. To quell our possible revolt the Chief Judge got the sponsors to cut us into line and we went off to munch and count point deductions. Fortunately there were no tied scores in the first four places and a very well done Jag was our class winner. Unfortunately there was still Best of Show and its backup yet to pick. This task came after lunch with a long lecture on how we were going to do this and given 20 classes to review, a longer walk/look, vote, revote until we finally reached a consensus. The task was about like picking a pope. It is a given that 'whatever' will weigh 2+ tons and have required a Washington sized bailout to restore it and the judges opinion that it must have "elegance" which says British Sports sans Rolls/Bentley need not apply. So after the elimination rounds we are down to the finalists. My personal choice (a Delehayé) was defeated and to indulge my being vastly out voted I quickly forgot whatever did win. Pout. Mike voted for the winner so ask him.



Judges Meeting



Something the judges considered Elegant

So who did we see from the club? Right off Bob and Barb Humphreys so I figured we'd see their Healey or Jensen, later on Craig and Sue Turner, Terry and which?friend and also Randy Zoller. who'd I miss? The Assoc from L.A. had two cars entered. George McHarris and sorry on the other.

So finally it was over. Keeping up with Mike on the climb back to Prospect St. energized that small little voice reminding me I'm not that youthful kid anymore. Jan had opted out this year as "I just can't be on my feet that long anymore". If the 'Five hour energy drink' doesn't do it we may further need a new volunteer next year.

Dick



Victory in First “Cash for Clunkers” Battle, a Second Fight Begins

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SEMA’s grassroots efforts to prevent Congress from including a nationwide “Cash for Clunkers” program in the economic stimulus package has been successful - so far. At SEMA’s request, thousands of SEMA members and SEMA Action Network (SAN) enthusiasts contacted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in opposition to the plan.

The Speaker’s office told SEMA that your e-mails, calls and faxes were received and thanks to your work, Cash for Clunkers was not included in the economic stimulus package introduced last week in the House of Representatives.



Unfortunately, several members of Congress did not hear the message and last week introduced separate legislation call the “Accelerated Retirement of Inefficient Vehicles Act.” This is Cash for Clunkers with a twist. Instead of focusing exclusively on older cars, this program would target “gas guzzlers” (18 mpg or less) of any model year.

The legislation would establish a government program to use taxpayer dollars to purchase and crush vehicles into blocks of scrap metal. The cash vouchers would range from \$2,500 - \$4,500 based on the model year and whether the replacement vehicle was a fuel-efficient new car or used car (MY 2004 or later).

Fuel-efficient is defined as getting at least 25% better mileage for the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) target for its class. The bill sponsors want to scrap up to 1 million cars a year for at least four years.

There is no evidence that the program would achieve the goal of boosting new-car sales or increasing fuel mileage. Many states have considered scrappage programs in the past as a way to help clean the air or increase mpg, but abandoned the effort because they simply don’t work.

The programs are not cost-effective and do not achieve verifiable air-quality or fuel-economy benefits, but they do have a devastating impact on the many small businesses that market products and services for the scrapped cars.

Two lawmakers - Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) - need to hear from SEMA members that their vehicle scrappage legislation is a waste of U. S. taxpayers dollars that will cost American jobs in the specialty auto market. For those who responded to our first call for action, we need you again, along with everyone else.



Car Covers

by Bob Kitterer

As many of you know when North Coast Tarpaulin closed their doors a year or so back it was a big loss for the car club community. Well last week a club member called me (whose name was garbled by my answering machine) to say they had found a new source for the same covers. This turns out to be Big Sky Car Covers in Montana. The North Coast Tarpaulin (Coast Car Covers) 800 number was transferred to Big Sky and they have the same covers and materials. I talked with Karma at Big Sky and she believes that they have better prices than North Coast, shipping is free and if you mention the club there should be a 10 percent discount. Karma also said if anyone was having a problem with a car cover to give her a call to see if they can help you out. A very pleasant conversation.

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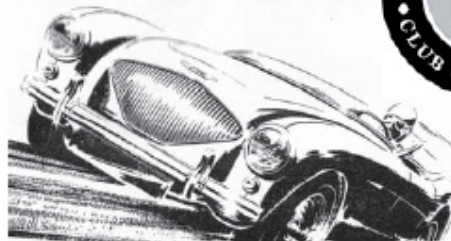
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Club Members Car

This months car, due to short notice is Bob Kitterer's 1960 Sprite

A brief history: The car was purchased from the foreign car dealer on La Jolla Blvd. in Feb. of 1960. In July of that year, sporting a Judson Supercharger, it was taken on 3,700 mile trip with a brother as a passenger. In 1962, now married, we went on a belated honeymoon of 3,200 miles. For 20 years it was a daily driver. In 1968 we acquired a wrecked 1967 MkIV with less than 3,000 miles and over the summer exchanged everything under the shell. In the early 1980's transmission troubles developed and I did not have time to address them right away so the car went up on stands in the garage. There it stayed until March 1996 when we started a frame up restoration to it's 1968 modified state. 197 days later we put on the last trim pieces an took it to British Car Day starting it's new life. Since then it has been to many events coast to coast, in a trailer for events some distance away.

All photographs by Bob Kitterer except Cruise Night by David Coyote.



Feb. 1960 - Day One



July 1960 - Lassen Volcanic NP



July 1960 - Bryce Canyon NP



Oct. 1962 - What will go in a Sprite



Oct. 1968 - Mk IV under the shell



March 2001 - Moss Motors Photo Shoot

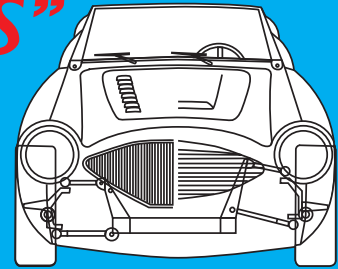


July 2008 - Escondido Cruise Night

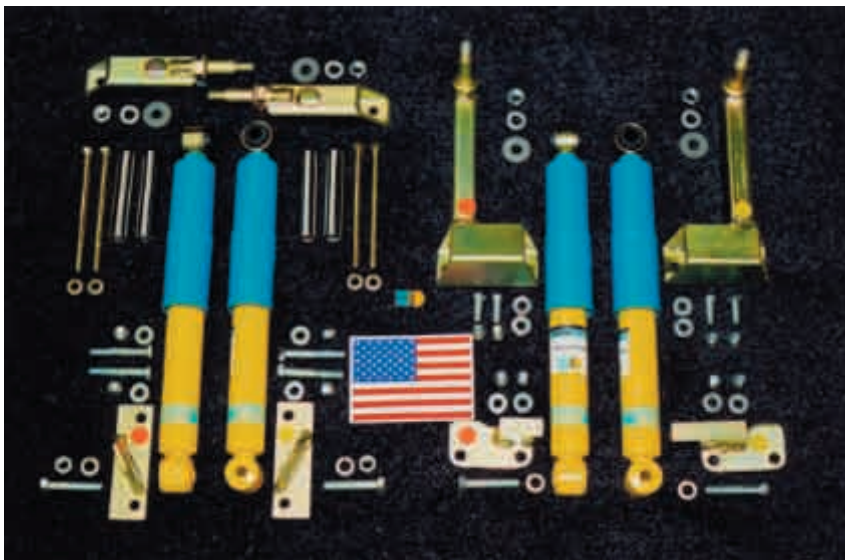


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CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

In an effort 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) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The

participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members, etc.) to the CotY recorder, Gisela Putzke (858-486-3870 or putzkes@cox.net), within 30 days after the event. AHCS D events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For multi-Healey families, be sure to indicate which car(s) you drove.

CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts, AHCS D Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6 pts, California Healey Week 16 pts, Healey Rendezvous 16 pts, Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts, S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D.10 pts, Other non-AHCS D one-day events 2 pts, Other non-AHCS D=2 0multi-day events 4 pts, The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

Putzke, U+G BT7.....14	Thrift, Rick BT7.....6
Snover, Rick AN8.....10	Williams, Mike BT7.....6
Turner, Graif BT7.....10	Galper, Lou Jag.....6
Voth, Warren BJ8.....6	Kind, Klaus BJ8.....6
Humphreys, B&B BT7.....6	Brewer, Norm Jensen.....4
Tabachki, N+N 100-6.....6	Stark, H + Lynn Jag.....2
Carberry, Bob + Jo-A BJ8.....6	

NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Brian & Debbie Church (Del Mar)
1959 Sprite, 1953 MG TD
- Allan & Sheila Seid (Encinitas)
1964 3000 Mk III
- Colin Seid & Nancy Gold (La Jolla)
1964 3000 Mk III

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Nancy Winslow 02/03
- Mike MacLean 02/04
- Terry Cowan 02/04
- Jason Whitton 02/06
- Danny DeSanto 02/08
- Bridget McGee 02/09
- Diane Kirby 02/10
- Jeanne Deringer 02/10
- Mickey Pleasant 02/11
- Janiece Talbert 02/12
- Ron Harris 02/12
- Milan Wukadinovich 02/14
- George McHarris 02/18
- Gil Daab 02/19
- Arthur Quillo 02/20
- Marianne Turlington 02/21
- LeRae Phillips 02/24
- Scott Tisdale 02/25
- Jasen Armstrong 02/25
- Staley Banales 02/12

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Michael & Denise Cooper 02/18/96
- Neil & Nancy Tabachki 02/25/95



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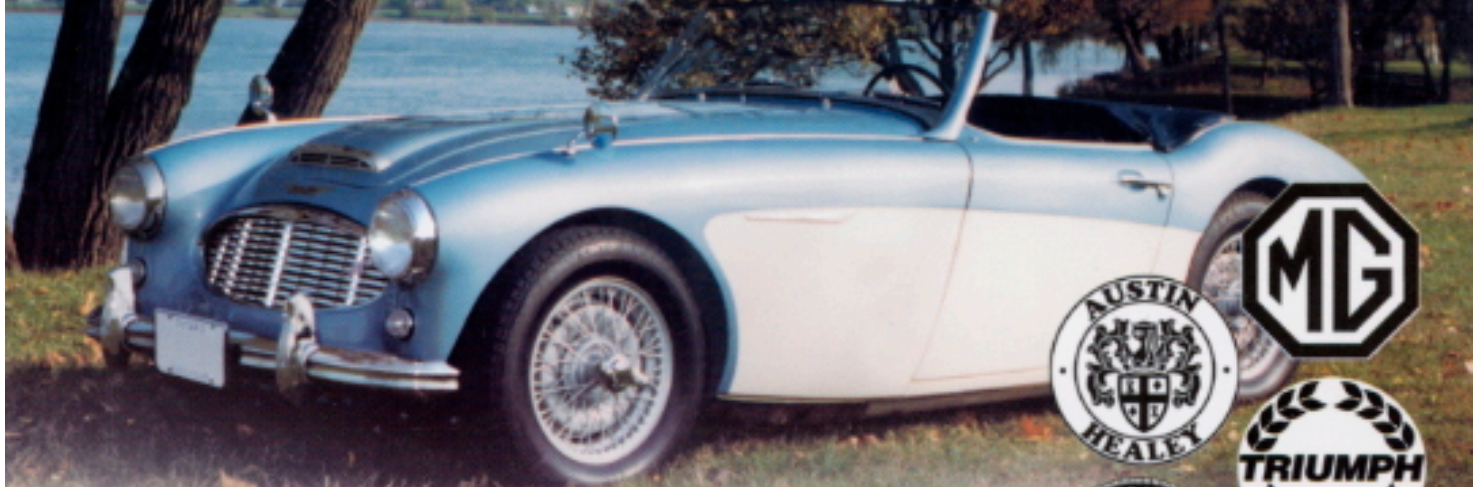
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