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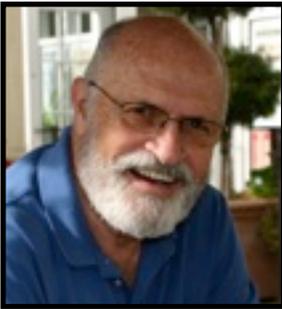


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From The Editor:



Big Guys and Small Cars

by Sam Talbert

I'm 6' 4"
and I drive a
Bugeye. I
rarely go any

place without someone commenting,
'how do you get into that little thing?' or
'How do you fit your feet into that?'
When I, rarely, drive it with the hard top
mounted and get out at the market
someone will invariably exclaim, 'Wow,
I don't believe you fit in that thing!'

I have always loved small cars.
When I was a teen we had a Chrysler
with fluid drive. You cannot imagine the
embarrassment of riding around in that
boat with the smooth (read gutless)
acceleration. I fell in love with British
cars when I saw a Red Skelton movie
where bad guys in a TC chased him
around a lumber yard while he was
driving one of those Hysters that carry
whole stacks of lumber. That little MG
fascinated me.

My fascination with small cars
seemed to gravitate to British cars. I
have owned an MGB, a Healey 100-4,
two Sprites, and a bunch of Jaguars.

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August Meetings

CoCo's Bakery Restaurant
10430 Friars Rd.
519-280-6890
August 11th at 6:00
TG 1249 H-6



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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 of 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: *Udo and Gisela Putzke touring southern Oregon in their 1961 BT7 Tri-Carb with Helaeys from all over the U.S. and Canada who came to Rendezvous 2010 in Eugene, OR*

Photo by Bob Segui

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



President's Message:

Toy Shop, Terry's restoration shop, is hard at work on



Rick Snover's 3000. These photos witness the progress



toward a sweet drive up California's highway 1.



Dear Healeyites

Well, looks like we are starting to see the end of the tunnel for John & Mary's Sprite Project. They are both ready to stop buying parts and start driving them around !! Howard made some progress on his 3000 while learning once again how bad some of the parts we are supplied really are !!



Meanwhile back at the shop, we are busy trying to get ready for the Monterey Historics now known as the **Reunion**. Unfortunately, Cory broke a bone in his left hand and will be out for a month or more, and Chris who is Army National Guard will be guarding our boarder for a while. OK, so things happen in three's, next

Because of this event I won't be able to be at the next meeting at, "you know where" CoCo's Eeeeeehaaa!

We are making good progress on Ricks car and we hope to have it done prior to Laguna but we'll see, now that we are short handed by 50%. So, if you plan to go to the races feel free to stop by, drop your stuff off, check out the cars and have a cool one. Event dates are Aug 13th to 15th hope to see you, otherwise we will see you when we are back !!

Oh, and yes the meeting place as promised will be the exciting CoCo's, Wed., August 11th @ 6PM till ???

Regards, Yer Prez





Minutes Last Meeting:

July 2010 Healey Meeting Minutes

The July 14th meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego.

Attendance 21 members and guests were present: *Drove Healeys*, other British~.*

Terry Cowan, Norm Brewer*, Mike Dolphin, Bob Humphreys*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper* & Deborah Durham, John & Bridget & Patrick McGee*, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert*.

Meeting called to order at 7.45 pm by president Terry Cowan.

Terry offered some general comments on the agonies of configuring his race truck for exclusion from the rising trend of government intrusion into every aspect of our lives.

Cards

There were several cards passed around for signing relating to Jim Widgery's Birthday, Chic and Pat Linde's 60th wedding anniversary, and for our old time members, a get well card for Marianne Turnington who now lives in Mesa Arizona experiencing some medical issues.

June minutes were approved..

Vice President/ Membership: Rick Snover reported that our membership is 79. One more registration in the mail.

Secretary: No comment

Treasurer: Lynne reported on the bank balance and in passing indicated that there are 31 members that are also currently members of AHCA.

Newsletter: There was an impromptu round of comments and applause on the job Sam has done in taking over the job of newsletter editor. This was followed by a comment or two from him (he also speaks good) on the fact that we pretty much have a 16 page news letter format and that if he doesn't have car/club stuff to write about, that we will be reading about aunt Tillie or-? or those Past Blasts. Now we know the reason for Librarian custodian voluntarism.

Activities: Get your 'what you want to do' in July and August from the dedicated Activities page as postings here will be past history.

So O.K. what did we/will we do? Well we are going to hang some more Sprite stuff on Johns car and since Howard and Lynne's car has just gotten out of the paint shop Howard proposed we have a joint Tech Session on July 24th at 9 a.m. till 4.00 at the Schermerhorns and work on both. Mary will not be slaving in the kitchen (much) as this will be a potluck affair. So pack your basket, figure out which car you want to work on and lets get after it!

For other events that are upcoming, see the dedicated Activities page.

Regalia: Nothing new to report.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

BCCC: First meeting apparently still coming up.

Old Business: Inquiry to Lou Galper if there was any news of the success or not of the Aztec Racing bunch from San Diego State. Lou to check. Possibly events related to the contest are still underway.

New Business: None

Sam Talbert was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, secretary





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Most of them presented difficulty for me getting in and getting out. None-the-less, I suffer the discomfort of ingress/egress for the joy of wrapping myself in well designed sheet metal eye candy.

My Sprite does, however, pose a major difficulty. The steering wheel is too big for me. I cannot fit under it nor drive the car safely. So, I bought a smaller wheel. That works fine with two exceptions. First, with the smaller wheel the car responds to the slightest move of the wheel. Sometimes I feel like I don't even have to turn the wheel. I just have to think 'go left' and the car will turn. It makes you very careful with the steering. Second, the smaller wheel blocks the view of the gauges. I cannot see the speedo because of the wheel. Not a major problem, but "officer I couldn't see how fast I was going" doesn't help with the speeding ticket. My solution? A cutaway wheel. I took a hack saw to the wheel and took out a notch so I could see the speedo. I can now stay within the law and it looks pretty racy too. I have the only Sprite in the world with a cut away steering wheel. Whooeee!!



Thank You, Thank You and Thank You.

To all of those who took the time to sign and send the wonderful anniversary card for Our Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary we deeply appreciate it and it was a Great Gift For you to have remembered us.

Chic and Pat Linde

Activities - what the future brings:

AUGUST AND BEYOND

August 1st

Automobile Heritage Day
Location: Kimball Park, National City, CA
Contact: 619-477-9339 or Fred @ 619-475-1155

August 6th & 20th

Race Legal.com
1/8 Mile Drag Racing Dual Tracks @ Qualcomm Stadium--6 p.m. until midnight
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August 14th

Cruise for the Cause
Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Rd. Chula Vista
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

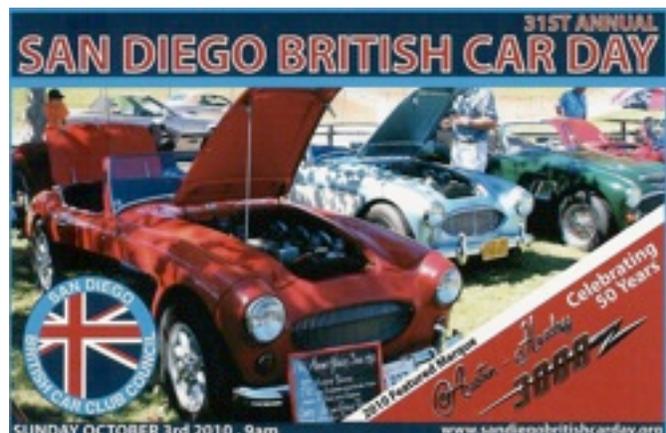
August 28th

Christian Rods & Customs Classic Car Show
9400 Campo Rd, Spring Valley
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

September 18

Classic Car Show
MotorHeadMadness.com
13933 Poway Road
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

October 3rd





Austin Healey Rendezvous 2010 in Eugene, OR

by Gisela & Udo Putzke

It was a long drive to Eugene, OR with one blown tire on the truck, but a well organized event with lots of fun activities, drives and parties made up for it.

Rendezvous 2010 was hosted by the Austin Healey Club of Oregon, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Austin Healey Club USA. The Valley River Inn in the heart of Eugene, Oregon on the picturesque Willamette River was the perfect location.

A Jimmy Buffet pool party started the



Dana Hawk, Udo Putzke, Steven Kingsbury having fun

event on Monday evening.

The Popular Car show and Concours Judging took place on Tuesday at Coburg Park. Even our '61 BT7 Tri Carb, with all its wrinkles and age spots managed to get 2nd place in its class.



Udo and I participated in the Covered Bridges Tour on Thursday. On this tour we got to see and



even drive through some of the Covered Bridges still in existence today. We learned that the bridges were covered so they would last longer.

The week was filled with many other exciting activities like: Tech Sessions, Commemorative Rally, Thompson's Grain Mill Tour, Covered Bridges Tour, 2 Auctions, Arts & Crafts display, Ladies Brunch,



Gisela, Steven Kingsbury, Kathy and Don Newman & Jan Brown-Jackson

Ladies Tech Session and the always highly anticipated Awards Dinner.

We left Eugene on Friday morning and drove towards the coast to Florence, OR. The drive south along the Oregon coast was gorgeous and we made it home without any problems.



A lonely Little Healey Amid Acres of Detroit Iron

by Sam Talbert

Saturday morning, July 10, San Diego Police Historical Association put on their annual 'Cops and Rodders' car show in North



Park. I pulled onto the grass and parked behind a brown 1950 Oldsmobile and proceeded to the registration table. I didn't see any other Healeys, but it was still early. For the next couple of hours a steady stream of highly polished American cars poured in. Later in the



morning I took a stroll around the park and saw a mixed bag of American cars. The place was full of Fords and Chevys, of course, along with Nash,

Packard, Studebaker, Imperial, and Plymouth. Still no other Healeys, in fact, only three British cars could be found.

Having surveyed all the Healeys, mine, I settled down to people watch. A lot of kids romped by bouncing on an astro-jump, talking to clowns and checking out some unique bicycles.



The celebrity of the day was Aloha Taylor from Channel 5. The Warrior Foundation brought some of



our wounded warriors from Balboa Hospital.

Lonely as my Healey was, it was still worth it. Any time I can drive my Sprite, hang out with a bunch of gearheads, take photos of a beautiful celebrity, and encourage some of our brave warriors, it is a good day. Whoeeee!

Tech Session



We had 8 intrepid wrenchers gather at the Schermerhorns to add parts to John's project car. Arriving at various times were Bob H.,

Howard S., SamT., Udo P., Dick S., Rick S., Terry C. & Lou G. Actually we had two projects underway, Howard is adding pieces back to his BT7 after getting it back from the paint shop. On Johns car we battled the 'where's this part,' 'what's that part,' 'how's it held on.'



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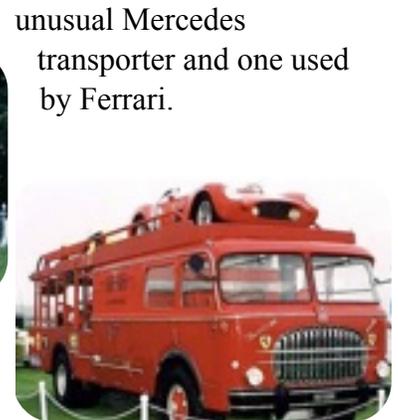


Terry's Truck

by Sam Talbert

There is a pile of stuff to get ready if your are interested in having some success racing your Healey. Not often do you find someone driving to the track, racing and then driving home again. Most serious racers arrive at the track with everything they might need in the race.

After just a little research I found a few transporters. Here is one from Ecurie Ecosse that hauled Jaguars and even a Sprite to the races. I also found this unusual Mercedes transporter and one used by Ferrari.



Our own racers, Terry and Rick, have their own garage on wheels. Take one U Haul truck, paint it, and outfit it with a toolbox, a bed, a closet and a potty and you have the makings of a pit crew headquarters. The Monterey Historic races is the goal where PMO 200 and friend will arrive in style.





Healeys take Eugene

by Bob Segui

Photos by Bob Segui and Mike Dean Photos

Edited by Sam Talbert

Each year Austin Healey Club USA holds their annual meeting known as “Rendezvous”. This year, the host club was the Austin Healey Club of Oregon.

Over 115 Healeys descended upon Eugene, Oregon for the 2010 Rendezvous. Along with all the Austin Healeys there were eight Nash Healeys, two Jensen Healeys and a Healey Fiesta in attendance.

The event started on Monday, June 28th with folks arriving from different parts of the US as well as some from Canada and one special friend, Steve Pike, from Australia. The theme of the reception that evening around the pool was



“Margaretville” because it is always – 5 o’clock somewhere!

The next morning started with cars being washed and then driven to the Coburg, Oregon, a short drive from Eugene, for the Popular Choice Car Show and Concours Judging. The setting was a beautiful park and all of the Healeys shined on the green grass and under a blue sky. We ate lunch and marked our ballots and then it was back to the hotel for a Tech Session on SU Carbs and Laycock Overdrives put on by Bob

Macherione, the owner of the Sports Car Shop in Eugene.

Wednesday morning there was another Tech Session, this one on “Brake Fluids” by Steve Day of The British Car Ranch in Wenatchee, Washington. Later that day, Steve did a Tech Session just for the ladies explaining various parts of the car and their use. There was a special presentation by Reid Trummel about the run of a replica of the 1954 Healey Streamliner on Lake Gairdner in South Australia. A driving tour to the Thompson’s Mill and an auction of Healey memorabilia completed the days activities.

Thursday morning we drove through the



surrounding area to see Covered Bridges. What a fantastic site, to see 60+ Healeys going down the road together. Later that evening was the Awards Banquet. We honored and said our “Goodbyes” to Norm Nock; a longtime Healey enthusiast that passed away earlier this year. We also learned the outcome of all the judging.

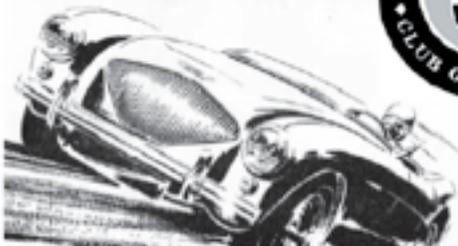
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Best of Show was a beautifully restored two toned 1954 Nash Healey Le Mans Coupe owned by Jim & Maurita Walton of Alamo, California.

To make the evening complete, Mark Schneider, the President of the Austin Healey Club of Oregon showed a video he and others put together of Rendezvous 2010.

Cascade Austin Healey Club of Washington will host the 2011 Rendezvous, in Vancouver, Washington. For additional information on this event, please go to; <http://cascadeahc.homestead.com/Rendezvous.html>

Aztec Racing Struggles at the Competition



About a week and a half before competition a few students were testing the car and it suffered some major damage to the right side of the suspension and chassis. The team rallied together and we rebuilt the car in time to go to competition but we had no chance to test after that.

Going into competition without testing was really hard but the team was able to get the car past tech inspection in time for the main endurance event. The first driver in the car was able to turn an incredibly fast lap time on only his fourth lap,



probably top 10 or 15 in the competition. Unfortunately the lack of 'seat time' in the car inevitably came back to hurt us.

On his fifth lap, the driver spun out entering the trickiest portion of the course and the engine would not restart (probably due to flooding of the



engine). The tow vehicle moved the car off course, and that was it for the dynamic portion of the event.

BUT, we had a pretty good showing in the static portions of the event. The team finished 5th in cost, meaning that we budgeted our funds very well and built an awesome car with the least money we could. We also placed well in the business portion of the event.

Overall it was an awesome experience and we ALL learned a lot. Not to mention it was a blast to be around awesome race cars for four days!

Editor’s Note:

I visited the Aztec Racing headquarters to talk to the team about their competition in Fontana. I wanted to see the car and talk to the team about their experience.

They were disappointed about the mishap but felt they had done really well by putting the car back together in a week and a half and do as well as they did. They learned a lot and are looking forward to the competition next year.

I asked, “What’s next?” They said, “testing, testing, testing.” When I asked what that meant, they said, “We’ll take the car out and try to break it.” Between now and the next competition they will do everything they can to find out where the weak points are and what it will take to correct them. As much fun as they had in Fontana, I think they will really enjoy themselves as they search for the razor’s edge.



When I asked about the business end of the project we talked about their budget and how much they had to work with. SDSU fronts them about \$3K and they raise the rest. This year they built this car with a total budget of around \$15K. That takes on new meaning when you remember they were up against teams who started with a \$50K head start.

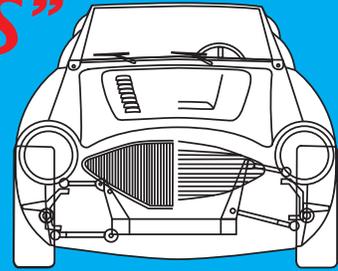
I think they did pretty well!



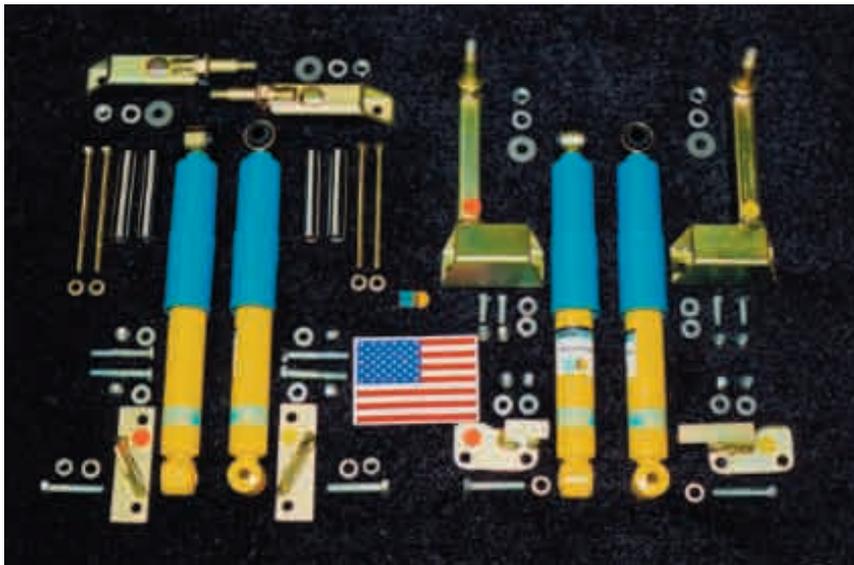


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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCS D driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling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

Putzke, U+G	BT7	62	McHarris, Geo/Kathy	100	16
Humphreys, B+B	BT7	56	Deringer, K & J	100mod	16
Williams, Mike	BT7	46	Brewer, Norm	Jensen	12
Galper, Lou	100	40	Stark, H+Lynne	3000	12
Talbert, Sam	AN5	34	Voth, Warren	BJ8	10
Newman, Don/Cathy	BJ8	32	Galper, Lou	Jag	8
Farnsworth, Bob/Sue	BT7	30	Humphreys, B+B	Jensen	8
Newmeyer, Ed/Abbe	BJ7	28	Schermerhorn, J+M	AN7	8
Tabachki, N+N	100-6	28	Coyote, David	100	6
Kirby, S+D	BT7	22	Carberry Bob+Jo-A	BJ8	6
Turner, Craig	BT7	22	Pendleton, Jim	BJ8	6
Snover, Rick	AN8	22	Hess, G & M	BJ8	6
Newmeyer, Ed/Abbe	BJGr8	20	Galper, Lou	MG	5
Kind, Klaus	BJ8	18	Leon, Sandy & Lily	AN5	4
Cowan, Terry	Racer	18	Williams, Mike	TR6	3
Shoemaker, K & K	100-6	16	Coyote, David	MGA	3
Davies, R & S	100mod	16	Stark, H+Lynne	Jag	2
Daab, G & J	?	16	Grundies, Dave	BJ8	2



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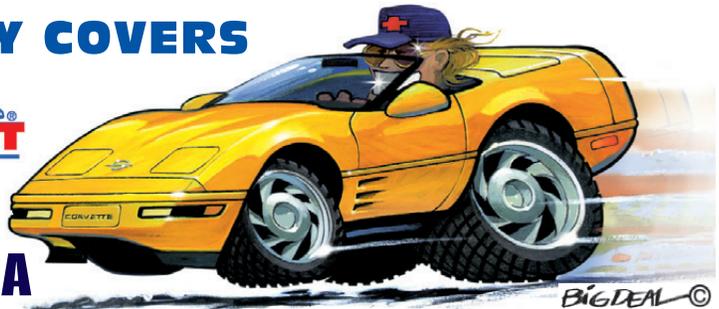
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Conclave 2011 Web Site is up and running.

It is not complete but Online Registration is now available and rooms at the Crowne Plaza in Colorado Springs can be reserved prior to registration online. A Brochure and Conclave Overview is available as well as a link to the Host Hotel Web Site.

The URL for the Web Site is as in the past www.austinhealeyconclave.com

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Rick brought his square body car so we had a pattern.

So what did we do? We got the tough parts of the cooling system

done and added the windshield washer jets and wiper system. Rather than trip over the new wheels and tires we added them to the car. Lighting fixtures and progress on the



electricals also happened. Somewhere in there Mary, Gisela, Lynne, Allie, and Jan got our potluck lunch going and we quit for a bit.

So what's left? The windshield assembly, instrument panel and gauges, end of wiring and the interior upholstery. Oh, and the matter of getting it running.



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