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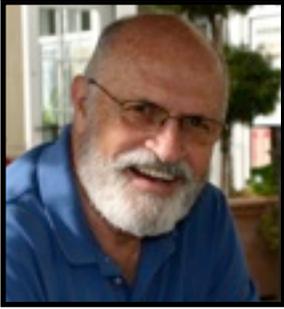


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It's my fault the Hearsay is going to be late this month. I would like to blame Terry (It would be easy and all previous editors would understand) but I can't. I am writing this in the Elios Hotel in downtown Ho Chi Min City. I have been in Viet Nam for the last week teaching. It has been a very successful trip wherein we accomplished all our goals and laid some strategy for future work. However, that has nothing to do with Austin Healeys. So, why write about my trip in the Hearsay.

Well, I have a couple of justifications. First, I am the editor and I get to choose what goes in and what doesn't. That doesn't sound very nice, so just forget I said that.

Anyway, I was sitting in the Red Carpet Lounge in Hong Kong awaiting my flight when I encountered 'Nigel' who hails from the Isle of Man. He and his wife were on their way to Singapore to take in the F1 race. That opened the

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October Meetings

CoCo's Bakery Restaurant
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Cover: Bob and Sue Farnsworth win 'Best of Class' for Big Healeys at the San Diego British Car Day.

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Hey all,

President's Message:



It's Healey Time again, well we said it would be late....Sam says this is just crazy !! Well I agree, its been just crazy the last few months and doesn't look to be slowing down any time soon !! We didn't make it to Cruise Nite so I have no input about that; however we did make the races @ Coronado Speedfest, finishing top ten all weekend

which beats the tow hook version of last year !! We pitted with Dewey De Butts and some new friends from Texas, Fred & Jennice Crowley, bringing a Triple Weber 3000 and 20 years of racing experience. I really had to work at keeping him behind me !! It was really a great weekend with all of Lisa's fixing's, and all of the friends who stopped by to hang out. They enjoyed the fact that I was able to finish all of the races even after a blown headgasket on Friday. Quick repair by my stalwart crew, a head gasket from Dewey, (a surprise after ordering two) and Scott Renner (Dewey's head Mech) going out of his way to bring them down from LA area and we never looked back. Thank you Scott.

Nice visits from my first mechanic ever and family friend Darrahl Walton (with me & Robin @ Monterey 1981) made the weekend even more special. John Nikas, good friend and racing buddy, who a few of you know, is in very poor health and made a difficult trip just to be there with us at the track. Thank you all who stopped by to hang out. Hope you had as much fun as we did !!

We will be installing my BJ-8 engine and gearbox in John's Sebring 3000 so he can compete and hopefully obtain another VARA racing championship at Las Vegas October 16 & 17. His alloy engine had blown up and he is waiting for some rare new bits. So, I offered my freshly rebuilt stuff until the new stuff gets here !!

But wait there's more....BCD. Trying to get Ricks car done for that day but, as usual, employee drama, the Army, and a day long bachelor party threw unexpected delays into the mix. The car does run and should be ready for pictures at Rick & Allies wedding on Sunday 10-10-10 !!!

What a great place to hold the BCD. I heard nothing but good things. I hope you all liked it, I'd like to hear what you all thought about it, so I can report back your input !!

Something that is coming up in November the 12th to the 14th is the Catalina trip with the Association Group. We had soooo much fun last year. I hope we get as many as we did last time !!

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Ok now for the fun stuff, CoCo's @ 6:30 October 13th for our monthly meeting !!!

Terry

**Minutes Last Meeting:****September 2010 Healey Meeting Minutes**

The September 8th meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego.

22 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Marty, Jeff & Sherry Bloom, Norm Brewer, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Bob Humphreys*, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Chuck Sharp, Rick Snover & Allie Casarda, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert*.

Meeting was called to order at 7.30 pm by president Terry Cowan.

Terry recognized the Blooms who don't get to meet with us very often, Jeff who now lives in Canada related quite a story about the families 1961 Healey which was stolen many years ago and which has now mysteriously surfaced again with its i.d numbers missing, some questionable documents and the hope that it may be recoverable.

Udo mentioned that He has DVDs of the Healeys "Return to Bonneville". See him to obtain copies. \$45.00

August minutes were approved.

Vice President/ Membership: Rick Snover reported that there is one new member. Exact count not available.

Secretary: No comments.

Treasurer: Lynne reported on the bank balance.

Newsletter: Sam has indicated he was running a little contest to see how closely people are reading the news letter. Last time it was questions about movies that had Healeys in them. Please pay attention to the rules-- as always there is the fine print.

He also indicated that he will be on travel from the 21st to the 30th and that makes the next newsletter timing a bit dicy. He made the suggestion that he publish after the Oct 3rd British Car Day event so as to include that coverage. That seemed to make the most sense however he will want material as soon as he returns.

Activities: The recognized Club Activity for September will be the Speed Fest event on Coronado. Car Corral passes are available at the meeting.

San Diego has no shortage of car events of all kinds. For other events that are upcoming, see the dedicated Activities page.

Regalia: Jan has cleared the decks of boxes etc. related to regalia so she can move through the house after her hip replacement. Regalia items are in various hands so ask around if you have a particular need.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

BCCC: Terry has been updating the club on the venue change from Admiral Baker Field to Liberty Station out on Point Loma. The site has a lot of promise and the time is Sunday Oct 3rd. Our clubs event task will be helping with pointing participants toward the area of the field where their Marque is parked. If desired Jan has the black and white check vests from conclave which make the parking attendants highly visible.

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door to talk about cars. I said I was the editor of the Healy Hearsay and he informed me he had a Lancia Fulvia, an Alpine, and a TR6. I said, "you have some pretty good cars but you missed out on the best one -- a Healey. That set him off. He, over his wife's nagging, "Now Nigel," "Be careful, Nigel," "Come on Nigel," let me know that all Healey owners were basically snobs. "They drive around," he said, "in their BJ8's with their noses in the air, thinking they own the world." I told him I drive a Bugeye Sprite. He allowed that was OK, and gave me permission to continue. "Now, Nigel, Let's go, Nigel. Stay away from San Diego, Nigel."

I had another interesting experience on this trip that reminded me of my Healey. We took a bus out of Da Nang up into the mountains to the town of Kontum. It took us four and a half hours to get there. The road was pretty nice and there was little traffic. Just the occasional motor bike and water buffalo. Our driver was a frustrated Baja 1000 driver wannabe. It did not seem to matter that he was throwing us all around in the back. He was diving into the curves and accelerating off the apex like a rally driver. That's when it dawned on me. This guy should be driving a Healey!

This is a perfect road. It has a bucket load of twisties and gentle inclines and declines. I would love to drive my Sprite here. I am declaring the road from Da Nang to Kontum the official *Healey Highway of Viet Nam*.

I see only one problem. The closest Healey to here is probably in Australia. So, I probably will not ever have a chance to drive 'Whooeee' here.

Oh well, a guy can dream, can't he.

Activities - what the future brings:

OCTOBER AND BEYOND

- October 10 - Rick & Allie's Wedding
- October 10 - Fifth Ave. Auto Showcase - Gaslamp
- October 10 - SoCal Custom & Collision Grand Opening Car Show - National City
- October 13 - Monthly Meeting
- October 16, 23, 30 - Cars & Coffee - Irvine, CA
- October 27 Cajon Classic Cruise - Main Street
- October 30 - Octoberfest - At the home of Bob & Sue Farnsworth
- November 10 - Monthly Meeting
- December 8 - Monthly Meeting
- December ? - Annual Christmas Party



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Old Business: None

New Business/info: Oktober Fest will be Oct 30th at the Farnsworths
Sept 15th is the Schermerhorns 54th Wedding Anniversary,
Oct 10th Rick and Allie will start upon their first.

Sam Talbert was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Gary Stalker won Allies drawing for some fresh eggs.

Meeting adjourned 8.10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary





Ice Cream Social

This year's Ice cream Social event was held last month on an absolutely breathtaking Southern California Sunday afternoon. This is a "National" event started several years ago in



an attempt to get as many Healeys out on the road as possible on the same weekend. Hopefully, all those beautiful cars would draw attention to the Marque and the Austin Healey Club of America. While participation from the San Diego club has waned over the past couple of years, this year's event was a return to the early days of many Healey drivers and ice cream lovers.

Udo & Gisela Putzke took the bull by the horns and had us all meet at the quaint Route



66 Café in Lakeside before setting off on a two hour tour of the East County and South Bay areas. Many of us commented that in all our years in San Diego, we actually got to experience some new sights on this fun drive. Of course the weather was just warm enough that everyone was craving a big scoop, or two or three, of Coldstone Creamery's delicious treats. Afterwards, instead of

taking the freeway, several members set off on a drive along the Silver Strand and through Coronado for a more scenic route home. Fun was had by all.



Those attending included Udo & Gisela Putzke, Klaus Kind, Lou Galper & Debbie Durham, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Howard Stark, Norm Brewer, Mike Williams & Delia Rodriguez, Gale & Martha Hess and David Grundies. Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandel drove their BJ9 and joined us at Coldstone.



San Diego British Car Day

Sunday morning started off cool and gray. The morning mist made a pleasant drive from Chula Vista to Liberty Station. A smiling Bob Humphreys in a checkered flag hat and vest directed us onto the grass among a growing number of Healeys.



It wasn't long before club members began to show and we formed a 'y'all come' circle of conversation and snacks. We were able to catch up on trips we had taken and happenings since we last were together.

As the morning wore on more and more 'queen blessed' machinery arrived. A slow pirouette revealed a patch of MGs, a gang of Morgans, a

collection of Jaguars, a bunch of Triumphs, a field of Minis, and a majesty of Rolls and Bentleys. Around the outside were Rovers, Lotuses, DeLoreans and a yard full of British cycles.



There was plenty of time to wander around, gawk, take photos and chat with proud owners. There is nothing more fun than to aim your camera at some of the sexiest sheet metal in the world. It is also interesting to see how innovative owners have solved problems of restoration

and to listen to their tales of how much it cost and how many hours they have poured into their 'baby.'

One of the unique features this year in this new venue was the availability of vendors. This has not been the case in the past year or so and it was certainly good to see them return. Also, another



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Our friends at SDSU racing have a new website.

<http://fsae.sdsu.edu/>

http://fsae.sdsu.edu/index.php/blog/show_post/6



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advantage over last year was the presence of local eateries. I had my grandson with me and he was hungry by 10:30 and he wanted to know what was happening in the NFL. So, we walked over to the sports bar, had an omelet and watched four different games on the screens around the room.



Then, in the

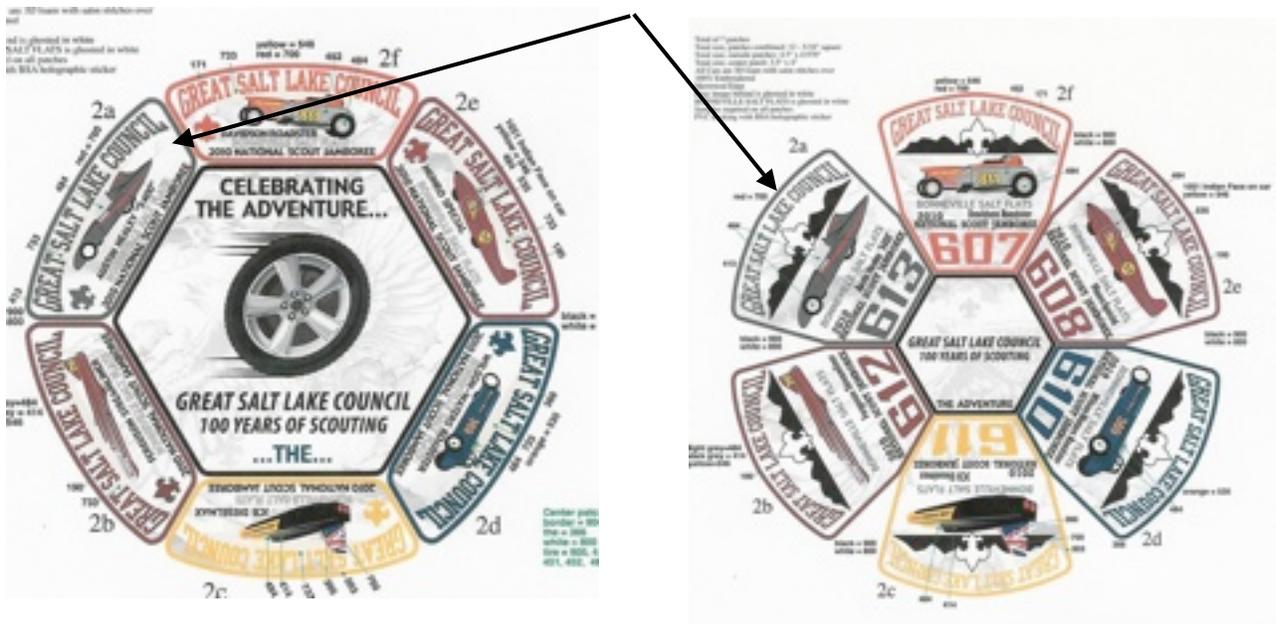


afternoon, came time for the awards. I am never disappointed at this time because I expect nothing and I get it. None-the-less, the San Diego Austin Healey Club was not overlooked, because the first place Healey trophy went to Bob and Sue Farnsworth. Congratulations!! You represented us well.

Streamliner Boyscouting

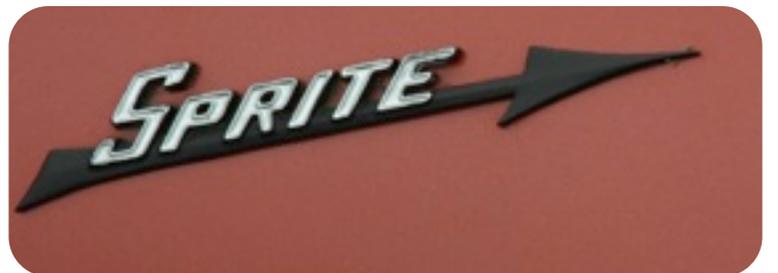
Dave Maxwell (Bonneville Austin-Healey Club) came with a very nice announcement : The Great Salt Lake Council of the Boy Scouts of America has chosen to use the Bonneville Salt Flats as their theme for this years National Jamboree. As you can see below the Austin-Healey Streamliner was selected as one of the cars to adorn a troops patch.

Note the Austin Healey 5400 Streamliner on the Boy Scout troop patches





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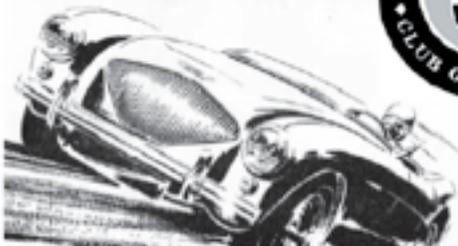
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I have updated the 2011 Registration form. There were a couple discrepancies on the former version. Please advise your membership that the new form is available and they can now register for Conclave if they have a Sprite.

http://austinhealeyconclave.com/2011_Registrationi.htm

Ron Mitchell
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Here are the answers to last month's quiz. Hollywood has an affection for Healeys and features them in movies and TV shows. Here are four:

1. Father of the Bride



2. Bullit



3. Home Improvement



4. Royal Tennenbaums





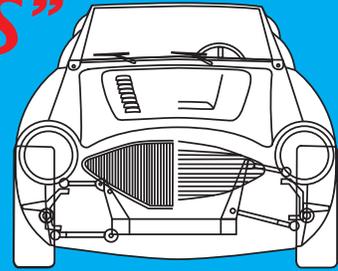
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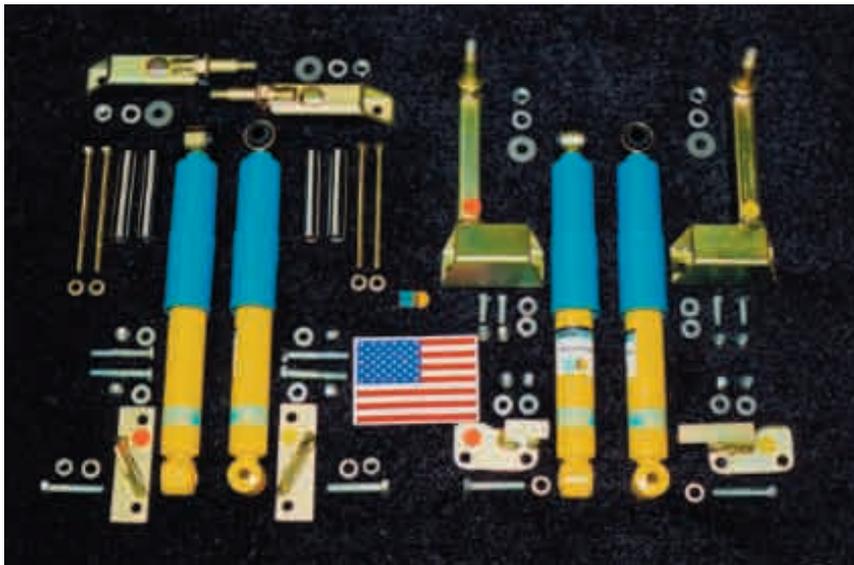


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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCS D driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling 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.

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Humphreys, B+B	BT7	70	Daab, G&J	?	16
Williams, Mike	BT7	68	Deringer, K&J	100	16
Talbert, Sam	AN5	62	Schermerhorn, J+M	AN7	12
Galper, Lou	100	58	Coyote, David	100	12
Farnsworth, B+S	BT7	52	DeButts, D.	AN5	12
Cowan, Terry	Sprite	42	Voth, Warren	BJ8	10
Newman, Don/Cathy	BJ8	32	Grundies, Dave	BJ8	10
Kirby, S+D	BT7	32	Sharp, Chuck	BJ8	10
Stark, H+Lynne	100-6	32	Quillo, Art	BT7	10
Newmeyer, E+A	BT7	28	Galper, Lou	Jag	8
Tabachki, N+N	100-6	28	Turner, Craig	Aston	8
Snover, Rick	AN8	28	Carberry Bob+Jo-A	BJ8	6
McHarris, Geo/Kathy	100	26	Pendleton, Jim	BJ8	6
Kind, Klaus	BJ8	24	Galper, Lou	MG	5
Humphreys, B+B	Jensen	24	Leon, Sandy&Lily	AN5	4
Turner, Craig	BT7	22	Williams, Mike	TR6	3
Hess, G&M	BJ8	22	Coyote, David	MGA	3
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Brewer, Norm	Jensen	18			
Shoemaker, K&K	100-6	16			

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Tabachki	10/01
Kathy Shoemaker	10/02
Cheryl Dolmage	10/04
George Keens	10/07
Dick Schmidt	10/09
Dave Nightingale	10/13
Abbe Neumeyer	10/15
Hank Kohlmann	10/20
Natalie Armstrong	10/27
Don Newman	10/27
Jim Leaverton	10/27
Sheila Seid	10/28
Morgan Wukadinovich	10/29
Robin Nelson	10/30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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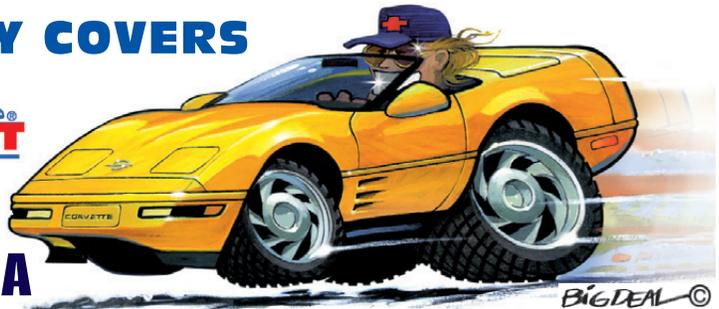
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Parts are from either my Austin Healey 3000 MK I (manufactured 12/60) or MK II (manufactured 11/61). I purchased the MK I in 1967 while on Guam and the other in 1978 in Espanola, NM. Both are BT7, everything OEM. Parts carefully protected and in dry storage out here in the El Paso desert since 1981. Consequently there's little rust or oxidation added to whatever existed in 1981.

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