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From The Editor:



I have had my Sprite about 30 years. That is a pretty long time to own one car. Of course I have had many other cars

during that time. They usually last around 3-4 years. How long have you had yours?

Here is what may be the champion of one-owner cars. Yes, I know it is not a Healey (Donald wouldn't invade Earls Court until 1951). But it is British and a dandy at that!



Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, MA.) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Picadilly P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928. He drove it up until his death last year.....at the age of 102 !!! He was the oldest living owner of a car from new. Just thought you'd like to see it. *Continued on p 5*

April Meetings

Monthly Club Meeting

March 9, 2011
Jimmies Restaurant
9635 Mission Gorge Rd
Santee, CA
6:30 PM



HEALEY HEARSAY is the official monthly publication of the **AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO**. Monthly member's 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 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 Mike Williams healeymike@earthlink.com for details and an application.

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| Business card | \$30.00 per year |

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Cover: Sam Talbert's 1959 Austin Healey Sprite at the Wildlife Research Institute Grassland Headquarters in Ramona, CA

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



President's Message:

Hey there Healey Crew

Well for those of you who made the Super Bowl/B-Day party we hope you had a good time, I did, it was a great excuse to work on the house as they say, whoever they are, if you want to get something done around the house just have a party.



Thanks to everyone for the nice birthday wishes, the cake was great, it was good to see some old & new faces. Cooley Museum is going on as I

write so probably won't make that, Lisa

has to travel

today to NC so I will be helping her get ready, but I'm going to try & drop in for a moment.

Well, just back in time to add...the Museum visit a was great cool collection of old Americana. What's scary is that a lot of what he still has we had around the house when we were growing up...nice memories of how the world once was !!!



Also I forgot to note that I had a chance to go to VARA's inaugural race @ the new Chuckwalla Valley Raceway and got a chance to take a

beautiful XK-120 owned by my friend Bill Rooklidge out in practice Sunday morning. I have included a picture the car at speed.

Thank You, Bill !!



Meeting will again be @ Jimmy's March 9th 6:30 PM with the usual suspects, hope to see you all there !!

Cheers, Terry



Minutes Last Meeting:

The February 9th meeting was held at Jimmies Restaurant 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., Santee, Ca. 28 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys*, other British~.

Norm Brewer*, Terry Cowan , Mike Dolphin, Bob Humphreys*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper*& Deborah Durham, Sandy & Lilly, Mark, James Leon, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark*, Gary Stalker, Sam Talbert*, Merja Tarakjian, Craig & Sue Turner, Heikkil Vainio.

Meeting was called to order at 7.20 pm by president Terry Cowan.

There were some opening comments concerning this year's Feb 6th Superbowl game/chili cook off. **For the record we have the following chili winners. Hottest (edible) HOWARD STARK. Best Tasting CHUCK SHARP. Mildest as well as Most Unusual DICK SCHMIDT.** A bit of some kind of grape stuff to the winners.

Terry stated that the tech session on John Schermerhorn's Sprite scheduled for **March 12th** will be moved to the **19th** at his house.

Udo indicated that he has received no response from people wanting to drive their Healey to this year's Conclave in Colorado. Most potential attendees have chosen to trailer their cars and if there are not 5 people who wish to drive he will make different plans for getting to the event.

January minutes were approved.

Vice President/ Membership: Mike Williams was out of town so there is no official member count. The guesstimate from other members is approximately 80.

Secretary: No comments

Treasurer: Lynne indicated the membership renewals are mostly in and gave an approximate number for where the bank balance should be. We are solvent.

Newsletter: Sam asked any members with Hawk Talk or Superbowl/Chile cookoff pictures to send him copies of those files for the newsletter.

Activities: The activity for the month is the Sunday Feb. 27th visit to the Cooley Museum at 4233 Park Blvd. We will meet at the museum at 10.00 a.m.

As mentioned above, the Schermerhorn's Sprite tech session(s) will be moved to Terrys' house/shop to ease the problems of missing miscellaneous parts. Tech Session date chosen March 19th at 10.00 a.m.

Also on tech sessions, we have Gary Stalker penciled in for Saturday April 2nd 9.00 a.m till 2.00 or -- . Sam mentioned the April 17 Rolling British Car Day is also the same day as the Coronado Motor Cars on Main Street event. Never a shortage of things to do..

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

Regalia: No discussion or comment on this item.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Open position.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Lynne Stark was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary





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He donated it to a Springfield museum after his death. It has 170,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition (82 years). That's approximately 2000 miles per year...

Let's see now, I have had my car 30 years. If I want to best Mr. Swift's record, I'd have to drive Whoeeee! 53 more years. Hmmm, I'm 74 now. Add on another 53 years and I'll be 127. I'm not sure I could pass the eye test at the DMV. What the hey, I think I'll go for it!



Racing Videos

The below link will take you to a site with a number of vintage racing clips. Part way down the first page is some footage from the 1956 [Torrey Pines](#) races. Notice the 100S that shows up in several places as well as a young [Phil Hill](#).

Enter Sprite in the SEARCH box and the first item is an ad for disk brakes for the bug-eye Sprite. Further down the page is the BMC film "first" releasing the Sprite to the public.

<http://thechicaneblog.com/>

Bob Kitterer

Activities - what the future brings:

MARCH AND BEYOND

- Feb 27 - 10:00 a.m. Cooley Museum Drive - 4233 Park Blvd (619) 296-3112
- Mar 4 - 6 - Yuma 'Midnight at the Oasis' Car Show
- Mar 13 - Annual Wildflower Run, Meet at Bilstien in Poway at 9:00. Lunch at the Red Ocotillo in Borrego Springs
- Mar 19 - 10:00 a.m. Tech Session, Terry Cowan's home, 4028 Bardaquera Pl Bonita, CA 91902
- Apr 2 - Tech Session, Gary Stalker's 2085 Roberts Place in Escondido, CA 92029, 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 17 - San Diego Rolling British Car Day
- May 18 - 22 - California Healey Week at Ventura, CA
- June 27 - July 1 - Healey Rendezvous at Vancouver, WA
- June 29 - Conclave Drive to Colorado Springs
- July 3-8 - Colorado Conclave at Colorado Springs
- Aug 18-21 - Historical Races at Laguna Seca
- Sept 24 - 25 - Coronado Speed Festival
- Oct 2 - San Diego British Car Day
- Oct 22 - Oktoberfest
- Dec 10 - Annual Christmas Party





Hawk Watch

Usually when you hear someone say something "is for the birds" one tends to shy away from it. Somehow

that didn't apply on our 2nd visit to the Rangeland Hawk Talk as we had 19 people turn out. Chic and Pat Linde get the long distance award and at lunch were overheard discussing the successful test of their fuel low warning light. The rest of the contingent consisted of Farnsworths, Humphreys, Putzkes, Schmidts, Schemerhorns, Starks, Galpers, Klaus, Sam and Warren.



work. After 2 hours of information the eyes were getting glassy and we regathered at Farnsworths to call



Fernandos' Hideaway for lunch but not before saying hi to a bunch of Canada Geese strutting around getting away from the North -*roger that*-.
A couple attendees headed on home but for the rest, Highland Valley Road gave the



This of course was a repeat performance as we met most of the cast of characters last year. The audience

supplied some people willing to play bird and we got to see how some 'no damage' traps

Healey drivers a fun little go while we thought fondly of the future when our Healey will be reassembled. Fernandos had the usual good fare and after eating, talking and goodbye's we were off to review that reassembly task.





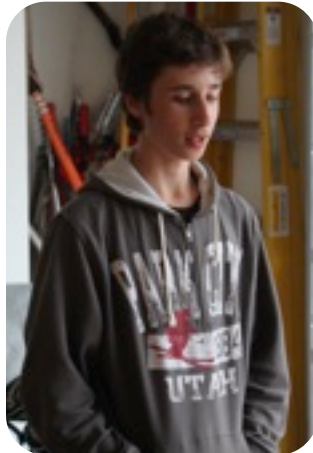
Garage Talk

I watched Wayne Carini get all excited about a 'barn find' on TV. We have a similar story



right here in SDAHHC. Eric Tarakjian was cruising E-Bay looking for his first car and he came across this 1966 Sprite. Eric is a

Sophomore at La Jolla High School. He, just this month, got his driver's license. The car was a part of a collection of cars owned by an elderly man in Palm Springs. When he died his collection was sold as a consignment to a broker. The Sprite had not been running for a long while and was not desirable to the broker, so on to E-Bay it went. The broker obtained a quote from a junk dealer to buy the car and strip it down and sell it off in parts. *In sweeps*



our hero!

Eric matched the junk dealer's offer and brought home an 'electronic barn find.'



Now the real work begins. The radiator was dust. A blown head gasket spelled disaster for the pistons and it all had to be rebuilt. **TaDaaa . . .** in sweeps our other hero, *uncle Heikki!*

What uncle Heikki doesn't know about fixing cars hasn't been discovered yet. So now the MKIII comes apart and goes back together as it once was on the



showroom floor. We are gonna be sad to see uncle Heikki go home to Finland.

The car is not finished yet but it is running (I even got a ride). Eric is looking forward



to showing up for class in his bright red chariot.





AHCS D Drive to Colorado Springs for Conclave

Were planning to do a 4 day drive with 3 overnight stays on our adventure to the 2011 Conclave in Colorado Springs. We will start @ Bilstein in Poway on the June/29/2011 @ 8:00 AM and drive via country roads only. We drive every day 280-340 miles and need an early start, road worthy cars and a flexible group.

Potty stops are on your own during the 2 gas stops and if needed. There will be some sightseeing stops if time allows.

Get your Car sound and safe with all liquids, air, brakes serviced before we take off. The tour will go over some Mountain passes like: Coalbank Pass 10,910ft, Red Mountain Pass 11,018ft and some more. Our cars will run rich in the mountains, but we will not adjust the carburetors on each hill, we just go slower in 3rd gear and keep the ventilator spinning.

Each person needs to get a "Western States Provinces" map from the AAA. Or, you can get maps of California, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado and have the route highlighted. GPS will help you but, the tour will not be loaded into your GPS.

If you are interested in this drive please confirm your intentions to Udo Putzke by March 15

A Note from Mike Williams Re: The La Jolla Festival of the Arts

Hello All,

I'm sending out an early "heads up" notice about this year's La Jolla Festival of the Arts car display. Many of you participated in last year's event and I heard nothing but positive feedback from you. The organizers also received positive feedback from the festival spectators, so they have asked us back (<http://www.lajollaartfestival.org/>). This year's event will be held on the grass at UCSD's Warren Field on June 18 & 19. The entire area will be secured and guarded throughout the Festival. The Jaguar club has also been asked to participate, so it should be a fabulous display of "rolling art".

If you think you'd be interested in participating this year, please send me an acknowledgement ASAP.

I'm sure we'll all enjoy the festival !!!

Mike Williams

AHCS D Delegate
858-761-3356 cell





MARCH 2011

California Healey Week, 2011, will be held between May 18-22 in the beach city of Ventura, CA

The event will be headquartered at the Crown Plaza Hotel (see www.cpventura.com). Nearby are clean, uncrowded beaches, numerous restaurants and shopping opportunities and not far from the Santa Barbara area wineries.

Planned CHW events include a tour of Moss Motors, drives in the local area, Kart Racing, Car Show, Rocker Cover Racing, Silent Auction and Banquet dinner. Each day, there will be a complimentary breakfast and happy hour provided by the Crown Plaza. Registration and Regalia sales will occur each day.

Join us for an extended weekend of fun, good friends and appreciation of fine motor cars. A schedule of events follows. Go to www.austin-healey.org for latest updates as they develop.

Wednesday, May 18th

Afternoon arrival & registration
Dinner at local restaurant (Open)

Thursday, May 19th

Drive to Ojai
Kart Racing
Dinner at local restaurant (Open)

Friday, May 20th

Drive to and tour of Moss Motors in Goleta
Road Trip to Santa Barbara for wine tasting & shopping
Dinner at local restaurant (Open)

Saturday, May 21st

Car Show & lunch
Rocker Cover Racing
Banquet & Awards

Sunday, May 22nd

Breakfast & farewell gathering

Registration forms are available at the AHCA Website:

<http://www.austin-healey.org/>





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- Please visit our website:
www.healeyclub.org



Ramona Adult Day Health Care Center, coupled with its Relay for Life team – the Cancer Avengers,

is excited to announce the first ever

“Rock and Roll-a-thon!”

April 2nd, 2011

~ One event, benefitting 2 great causes ~

Open to all motorcycles, cars, clubs and friends - we will be hosting a Scenic Poker Run, beginning in Ramona and winding through the hills and valleys toward Escondido, around Lake Wohlford, up to Palomar Mountain and around Lake Henshaw, then back down to Ramona through Santa Ysabel. Enjoy a beautiful spring tour of some of southern California's most spectacular terrain, with several stops and fun ways to earn that poker hand along the way! Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 poker hands!

But all the fun is not just for the guys and gals on the poker run...! While our teams are out “rollin” through the countryside, several of our adult day health care clients will be “rockin” away at the center, reviving the historical tradition of the RADHC rocking chair Rock-a-thon! There will also be games and activities throughout the day as we await the return of our “rollers” and the awards ceremony.

All proceeds from the Poker Run will be donated to the Cancer Avengers Relay for Life team, benefitting the American Cancer Society, while proceeds from the Rock-a-thon will be dedicated to the adult day health care center (a non-profit day program serving disabled adults throughout northern San Diego Co.)



Super Bowl / Men's Chili Cook-off

By Mike Williams

One of our club's most well attended, annual events is the Super Bowl Party and Men's Chili Cook-off, hosted this year by Club Prez Terry Cowan and Lisa Mandel at their home in Bonita. Of course, the weatherman again cooperated

and gave us an absolutely beautiful, warm, sunny day which brought out all the Healeys, which were displayed in Terry's



driveway. We even got to see Rick Snover's BT7 drive up from the shop and join all the red



cars out front. Did they make Healeys in another other color?

We gathered several hours before kick-off to start our glutinous afternoon. Ten huge crock pots of chili were brought for the crowd of fanatic football fans, as well as many delicious side

dishes, including appetizers, chips and specialty



dips, salads and many sweet treat desserts. It seemed to me that while most of our group was rooting for Green Bay, it was a toss-up as to who would win the chili contest. We all gathered in the kitchen to taste and vote on the usual categories.

Once again, Howard Stark was the hands-down winner for the "Hottest Chili" and unlike last



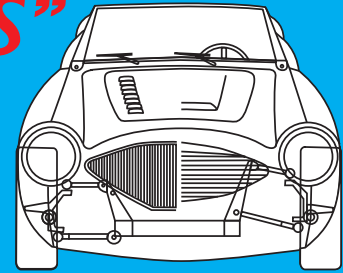
year's offering, people could actually use their taste buds after eating it. It was one of my favorites! Dick Schmidt was the winner of two categories, the "Mildest" and "Most Unique" and the grand prize, "Best Overall", went to Chuck Sharp who worked very hard on a delicious blend of flavors and just the right amount of heat. Each year the chili cook-off gets more competitive and the football game is almost lost in all of the eating frenzy, socializing and excitement.

This year's attendees were: Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandel (hosts), Terry's childhood friends Pete & Colleen, Dewey DeButts, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper & Debbie Dunham, Bob & Barbara Humphreys, Jose Mondragon, Klaus Kind, Sandy, Mark and James Leon, Chic & Pat Linde, John McVeedy (Healey owner visiting from Michigan), Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Eric Schermerhorn and friend Laurel, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Chuck & Debbie Sharp, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert, Warren Voth and Mike Williams & Delia Rodriguez.

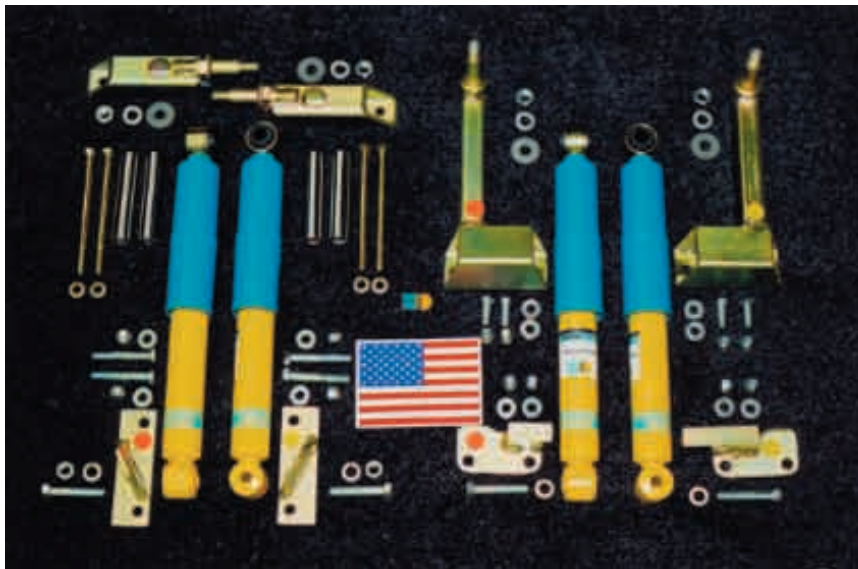


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commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members 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 multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

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| Voth, Warren | BJ8 | 22 | Cowan, Terry | Sprite | 6 |
| Talbert, Sam | AN5 | 20 | Kirby, S+D | BT7 | 0 |
| Williams, Mike | BT7 | 16 | Tabachki, N+N | 100-6 | 0 |
| Putzke, U+G | BT7 | 16 | Snover, Rick | AN8 | 0 |
| Galper, Lou | 100 | 16 | McHarris, Geo/Kathy | 100 | 0 |
| Newmeyer, E+A | BJ-gr8 | 12 | Hess, G&M | BJ8 | 0 |
| Snover, Rick & Allie | BT7 | 12 | Shoemaker, K&K | 100-6 | 0 |
| Kind, Klaus | BJ8 | 12 | Davies, R&S | 100 | 0 |
| Humphreys, B+B | BT7 | 10 | Daab, G&J | ? | 0 |
| Humphreys, B+B | Jensen | 10 | Deringer, K&J | 100 | 0 |
| Stark, H+Lynne | 100-6 | 10 | Galper, Lou | Jag | 0 |
| Galper, Lou | Jag | 8 | Schermerhorn, J+M | AN7 | 0 |
| Brewer, Norm | Jensen | 8 | Coyote, David | 100 | 0 |
| Snover, Rick | AN8 | 6 | DeButts, D. | AN5 | 0 |
| Turner, Candice | AN5 | 6 | Newman, Don/Cathy | BJ8 | 0 |
| Turner, Craig | BT7 | 6 | | | |
| Farnsworth, B+S | BT7 | 6 | | | |

NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays:

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Gary Schwartz | 3/02 |
| Daron Nightingale | 3/04 |
| Gisela Putzke | 3/11 |
| David Grubbies | 3/12 |
| Natalie Kind | 3/13 |
| Jose Mondragon | 3/17 |
| Klaus Kind | 3/20 |
| Pat Linde | 3/22 |
| Nancy Arndt | 3/23 |
| Jessica Sharp | 3/23 |
| Richard Roberts | 3/24 |
| Arnulfo Ventura | 3/25 |
| Bob Farnsworth | 3/28 |

March Anniversaries:

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Jim & Jill Leaverton | 3/11/90 |
| Mickey & Marsha Pleasant | 3/12/75 |
| Mark & Angela Armstrong | 3/28/86 |

Here's the 64 dollar question: Who celebrated his birthday at the Superbowl Party?





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16th Annual Rolling British Car Day **Presented by the San Diego British Car Club Council**

Date: Sunday, April 17, 2011
Get There: 8:30 – 9:00 am
Drivers Meeting: 9:45 am
Start: 10:00 am
Where: Liberty Station
2640 Historic Decatur Rd
(Parking Lot @ 2750 Dewey Rd.)
San Diego, CA 92106

On Sunday, April 17, 2011, we will be meeting at Liberty Station, the site of last year's hugely successful British Car Day. Our specific meeting place is the parking lot at Ace Hardware, 2750 Dewey Rd., San Diego, CA 92106. Just walk to the next corner and you will find Ingram Plaza, the home of our big October show. You will also find there a little something for breakfast. **Con Pane**, an amazing bakery for coffee and cinnamon rolls, and **Chi Chocolat** for the most decadent Mocha. Should be a superb starting location!

One of the favorite aspects of Rolling British Car Day is the socializing and tyre-kickin' in the parking lot beforehand. So, get there **at least** by 9am. We will have a short Driver's Meeting at 9:45, and put our collective pedals to the medal at 10. Specific directions will follow.

There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 per car. When you make your donation, you will receive a package containing the route directions, a decal commemorating the event, a British Car Club Council logo decal, and we are working on special deals for breakfast at nearby establishments. The donation will also cover the reservation and admission fees at our final destination, San Dieguito Park.





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