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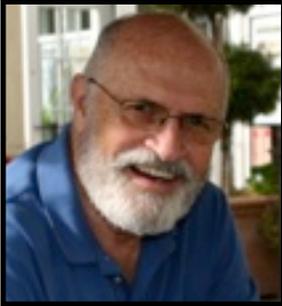


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From The Editor:



Monterey. Even the name sounds expensive. I have many times heard about all the car stuff that happens on the

peninsula in August. To attend the historic races or any of the shows has been a dream for a long time with no real hope of it ever happening. I read an article in the August Healey Marque about a trip to Monterey and as I read the dollar signs grew bigger and bigger. There is no way, I thought, I could ever do that.

Different folks approached the week in different ways. Terry Cowan brought his motor home and parked it in the paddock, Udo and Gisela camped out in their camper, Lou and Debbie rented a hotel room. All good solutions but definitely out of my reach. So, under normal circumstances Monterey is beyond my reach. In fact, sometimes I wonder how I ever got into this exotic car culture. I'm in over my head.

None-the-less, I still want to take in the Monterey experience. So, here is how I got it done. Last June I

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October Meeting

Monthly Club Meeting

October 12, 2011
Jimmies Restaurant
9635 Mission Gorge Rd
Santee, CA
6:30 PM



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Cover: Moving Eric's Sprite out of the way at the Tech Session held at Udo's garage in Poway.

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Hey there my fellow followers of the great and powerful Healey Gods...

President's Message:



Ok, here's what I know today...sometimes what you think is fixed isn't, some things you think need fixing don't, sometimes you follow the directions and it works, sometimes you follow the directions and it doesn't. So here is my current lesson learned, I mentioned this to a few at the meeting but not to all so here goes.

It is my understanding that when you store a vehicle for any length of time it is best to fill the gas tank with fresh fuel, use a fuel stabilizer to prevent rust and damage to the fuel system. Our lesson is either we went way past the due date on the stabilizer or perhaps we had bad fuel or water in the system when we parked it. Now we did know enough to empty the tank prior running the car and filling it with high octane and carb cleaner to remove any varnish that perhaps had built up during its slumber. Perhaps not my best idea, mistake number one, emptying the tank by pumping the system out the front with an extra long hose and letting the NEW electric pump do the work.

Ok so hear goes, we try to start the big 3 liter but the bowls kept overflowing and just would not stop, even with the customary tapping on the bowl covers, fine...off come the covers just to find that the new floats were now a dull green color and glued to the bottoms of the float bowls. Off come the carbs, clean, reinstall, all is good right, not!!! Well this goes on for a while, running but won't rev, ahhh lets take the front cover off and check the cam timing, remember now everything is new right? engine? distributor? Etc? Etc?

Wrong...everything except the gas tank. But...I had followed the directions...right? Well to make a very long story short, if it has been sitting for ANY extent of time, check the tank. Drain the tank from the drain in the bottom of the tank, pull the sender out and inspect the arm and sender for rust. At the same time you can take a look around for any signs of rust. It turns out that the entire inside of the tank had turned to rust, and most likely when we poured the carb/system cleaner into the tank whatever was holding the rust in place had been completely cleaned out and bags, literally bags of rust were now floating around in large flakes and covering the pickup and starving the pump. But always waiting until you are on the road.

I am happy to report that the tank I bought from Moss fit with no problems, the fitting in front of the tank was correct and the right height threads on the sender holes were correct both of which had been a problem in the past!!

Hope you made it to the races and if not, we will see you @ BCD on the 2nd of October, at Liberty Station. And don't forget . . .

Octoberfest at the Farnsworth's.

Cheers!

Terry, Your Prez



September 2011 Healey Meeting Minutes

The September 14th meeting was held at Jimmies Family Restaurant 9635 Mission Gorge Rd. Santee
30 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys, other British~.*

Norm Brewer*, Terry Cowan , Mike Dolphin, Deborah Durham, Bob Humphreys*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper~, Ed Mathew, Bob & Delores McComas, Susan Kwiat, Sandy & Lilly, Mark & James Leon, Udo & Gisela Putzke*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snaver, Gary Stalker, Howard & Lynne Stark*, Sam Talbert*, Mike & Delia Williams,

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

General Discussions: *This will be a compendium of comments made through out the meeting on various subjects.*

Terry began with comments on the Coronado Speed Festival. They will have their race Sprte there, drop by and see them, and Mike Williams indicated he has some number of Car Coral Passes to help with parking.

Terry mentioned the John Nikas cross country cancer fund drive and the car problems he encountered. There were mixed feelings about a club funding of help with the costs of that trip.

Mike Williams mentioned he had come across a box of Healey Club business cards (older ones without the website information) and did we want to use them or get new ones? New ones won the day and Mike will look into that.

Mike also brought up AHCA delegates and other related items prompting spirited discussions.

Minutes were approved as written.

Vice President/ Membership: Mike Williams indicated the membership count, which is a count of households, stands at 63 in hand with approximately 4 more in the mail.

He reminded us that elections will be the order of business in two more months. ALL elective offices are open.

Secretary: No comments.

Treasurer: Nothing to report beyond the bank balance.

Newsletter: Sam indicated he will be out of the country shortly and asked that if possible could we get our newsletter material to him by Saturday 17th. He had some comments on the "Year Book" he is working on in connection with pictures.

Activities: The alternate activity, (*secretary insert- borrowing words from last months minutes*) Eric Tarakjian needs a Sprite hand and Howard Stark has some electrical issues with their BT-7. This was shoehorned in on Sept 11th at Udo and Gisela's for those not going to the Point Loma event and in all 14 people showed up to view, kibitz, or work on the cars. Progress of sorts was made on both with Eric's needing a new, not available on 9/11, head gasket.

The September 11th scheduled activity was the Greatest Show on Turf at Liberty Station. Susi Kwiat has a report on that below.

October has British Car Day on the 2nd and our annual Oktoberfest again hosted through the hospitality of the Farnsworths on the 22nd.

Regalia: Open position.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry Kwiat was out of town, however Susi gave us a report on the Greatest Show on Turf which was held at Liberty Station Point Loma. Farnsworth, Humphreys, and the Kwiat represented our club. The class was won by a TR4 Triumph.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Bob Humphreys was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Dick Schmidt, secretary





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called my friend and fellow missionary, Paul to ask if I could visit him during Monterey week. He said, "Sure, come stay with my mom. She lives about 10 minutes from Laguna Seca." "We'll have dinner at my house, do you like pork ribs?"

I visited Terry at the race track on the day before the races



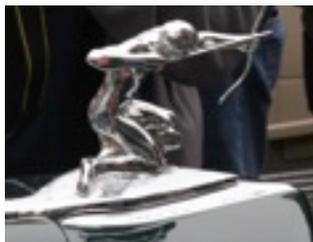
began. On Thursday morning I fumbled through the fog and found the Mazda race track at Laguna Seca and found free parking and free entrance to the paddock. Wow! I roamed through all the racers and the jaguar



display and found a couple of photo spots.

At noon I visited Paul and found the Pebble Beach Tour drove past his back fence and parked for 3 hours down Ocean blvd.

about a block from his house. I didn't get on the golf course (Paul said he could arrange it if I wanted) but I got to see a street filled



Activities - what the future brings:

October 2 -- San Diego British Car Day

October 8 -- Santee Car Show

October 22 -- Oktoberfest at the Farnsworth's

November 4-6 -- Julian Weekend

Registration can be made at the Pine Hill Lodge near Julian. You need to make your own reservations, two nights minimum. This place is not very big; act now! Make sure you mention the Austin Healey Club San Diego. The room rate is \$ 138.72 per night, including tax. There is a 72 hour cancellation policy. For more information about the lodge, please check www.pinehilllodge.com.

To make your reservation, please call Hanna @ (760) 765-1100.

December 10 -- Christmas party --Auto Museum, Balboa Park -- 11:00 AM

For future events, please check our monthly Healey Hearsay or the club web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>

with Jaguars, Aston Martins, Stutz, Minervas, Lincolns, Packards, Rolls, Bentlys, Super Sonics, even a Plymouth XNR, and a Daimler-Knight.

The bottom line? All those mission trips have led to a great friendship. Also, sometimes God sends blessings out of left field.





Tech Session

It didn't sound right and it didn't feel right and then it did the unpardonable. It stranded Eric on the road. So, the little red '66 Sprite precipitated a call to Udo who loaded on his trailer and hauled it to his garage for a tech session.

When I arrived it looked like a normal tech session; Udo and a couple of guys with



heads under the bonnet, more guys standing around the coffee pot and the ladies in



conversation on the patio.

Digging into the engine we found a blown head gasket. This was, no doubt, caused by the carburetor imbalance and poor tune. What this car needs is a new set of SU's. But

driving home will have to wait for a new head gasket.

The unique and interesting part of this tech session was watching Udo teaching Eric how to work on a Healey. It was a beautiful picture of a mentor and disciple. One day soon a bright red Sprite will pull into the school parking lot and a proud and confident owner will stroll into class.





Saturday in the Parking Lot!

by Rick Snover

On Saturday, September 10, we took our Tri-Carb a few blocks Northwest to show it in the North Park Car Show. The North Park Historical Society organized this second annual show in the parking lot behind the old North



Park Theatre. It was limited to 50 cars, so I left the driveway thinking I might have a pretty good chance to win a prize - then I got there and saw the other cars! What a collection - a 1930 Plymouth Sedan with wood spoke wheels, a 50's



limo, classic Chevy muscle, up through late model Shelby and Saleen Mustangs, with a batch from Majestics car club, an oddball electric car, a beautiful Hudson Hornet, and

several other Brits thrown in for good measure. With so few cars, it was purely popular choice



voting, with trophies for first, second and third places. I'm not sure which cars won what, but I remember that the Hudson took a prize, as did a 50's Chevy with matching camp trailer. I don't recall the other winner.

I chatted with several folks with the typical "I (or my Dad/brother/buddy) used to have one of these" stories, and the car got lots of compliments. The owner of the green 2005 Morgan said he'd be at British Car Day. I didn't get a chance to talk with the owners of the two MGs, but the A had a SDMG Club grille badge, so I expect they'll be there, too. There was also a MGTD Replica, but I'm not sure that counts. Oh yeah, I almost forgot there was a Rolls Royce, too.

Allie joined me at the show later in the morning, and we walked around looking at all the cars and chatting with neighbors and friends until the awards were presented. After that, we strolled over to True North Tavern for lunch (great Tater Tots!), then came back to find that our Healey and the limo next to it were the last stragglers remaining in the lot. It was a fun, low-stress day, with fine weather and a great bunch of cars and people. I really hope the NPHS keeps it going in future years.



Garage Talk

Normally when I do a garage talk it centers around a garage. However, this month things are different.



Last year, when Rick and Allie got married they were faced with the question -- where are we going to live, your house or

mine? North Park and the North Park Chicks won the day. However, that meant a small garage that is more like a 'carriage house.' Rick's stable of three Healeys has to be creatively housed.

Currently, his Bugeye racer resides at Terry's, his gray Spridgit is



on the block for sale, and His Tri-carb is all



wrapped up and sitting in the driveway awaiting a berth in the 'carriage house.'

Rick landed in San Diego by way of the Navy as many did. He was raised in upstate New York and came to Santa Maria when his

dad was transferred there. When his dad died the family moved back to New York where he completed high school and three years of college before he joined the Navy. During his stint in the Navy he was stationed in Wales. It was there he saw his first Healey. When he got around to buying his first Healey it came to him in a basket without instructions for assembly. He has progressed quite a bit from that first car.

Rick met Terry while playing softball, which, by the way, he still plays.

Rick and Terry have been involved in many races around southern California until last

year when Rick became distracted by a flaming red head. You'll remember the social event of last summer when Rick and Allie joined their lives in marriage on the beach in Coronado.

Rick and Allie are an unusual couple. Most couples would choose puppies or kittens as pets. Not these folks. Noooo they are into chickens, CHICKS!!

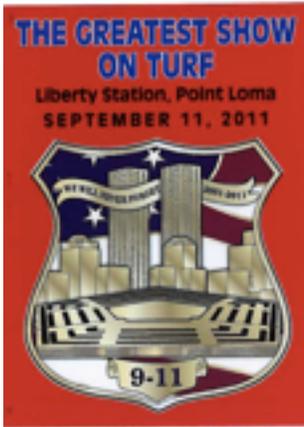




THE GREATEST SHOW ON TURF

by Gerry & Susi Kwiat

It was a beautiful “blue sky” day and the San Diego Automotive Museum and the Car Club Council of Greater San Diego had their annual **Greatest Show on Turf** at Liberty Station (formerly Naval Training Center), Point Loma, on Sept 11, 2011.



The San Diego Automotive Museum had all years, makes,

and models of cars, motorcycles and trucks represented from throughout San Diego County. There were 220 vehicles present at the Show including (but not limited to): Chevy’s, Fords, Cadillac, Packard, VWs, Rambler, Austin Healey, Triumph, etc. The Austin-Healeys were parked



together in the Sports Car Group with Triumphs, Corvettes, & Miatas. The Austin-Healey Club of San Diego was represented by three (3) of its big Healeys: Bob & Barbara

Humphreys’ white 1960 3000 BT7; Gerry & Susi Kwiat’s blue & white 1957



1957 100/6 BN4; and Bob & Sue Farnsworth’s black & red 1962 3000 BT7. There was also a green & white 1966 3000 owned by Mike Benbrook (non-member) and a 1973 red Jensen Healey Roadster 302 “Nasty Boy” in the group.

At 10am a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony was held to commemorate the 9/11 anniversary, with SDPD Color Guards, singing of the National



Anthem and lowering the U.S. flag flying over the event to half mast.

There were also a number of vendor booths selling all

types of car related items, snow cone & ice cream booths, and raffle drawings throughout the day.

Trophy presentations were given at the end of the Show. A Triumph sports car won from the Sports



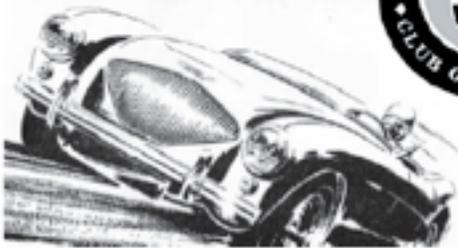
Car Group. All in all, it was a great, fun day under the sun showing our cars, swapping stories, answering questions from spectators, and hearing almost everyone say how “they or someone they knew had a Healey once”!!



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The World's Ugliest Car (In my opinion)

This huge monster showed up in La Mesa. It looks like a V16. But, in fact is a 350 Chevy. The heads are made out of wood, the headers attach to nothing, the dual coils are modified paint spray cans, and if you can get the right angle, you can see the Chevy hidden underneath. It is a huge ugly joke.



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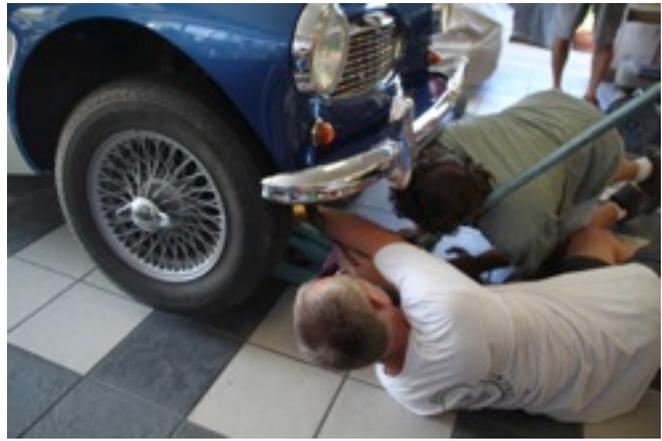



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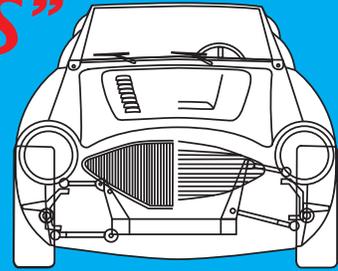
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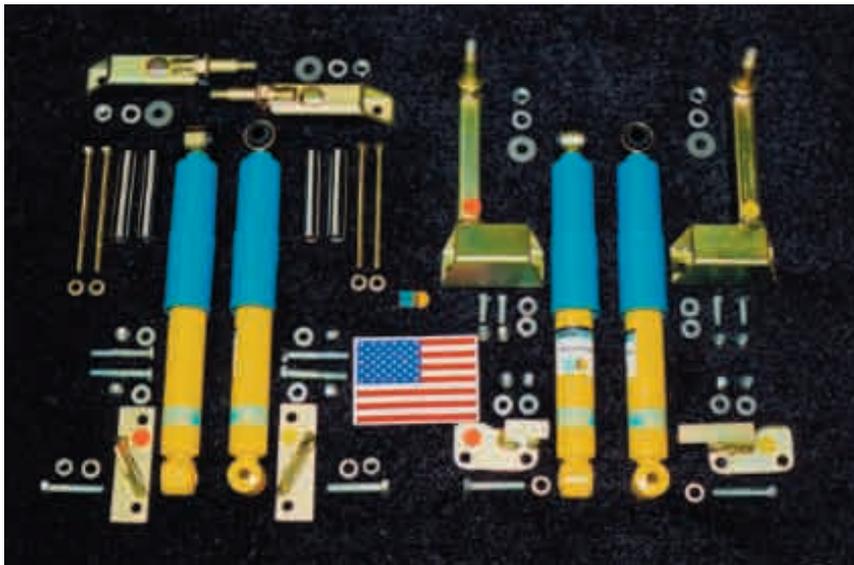


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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCS D driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling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

October Birthdays

Table with 2 columns: Name, Date. Lists members and their birthdays in October.

October Anniversaries

Table with 2 columns: Name, Date. Lists members and their anniversaries in October.



This happy little car is sad today. It is sentenced to be locked away in a dark garage while all of his British buddies will be enjoying the sunshine of Liberty Station at the British Car Day. Why? His owner is in Argentina telling people about Jesus. Oh well, I guess that is a small price to pay to bring the good news to people who need it.



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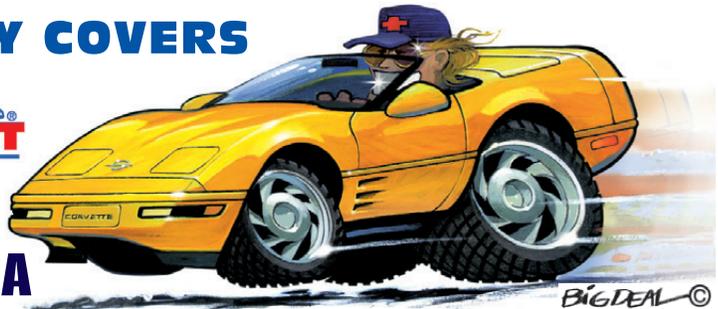
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