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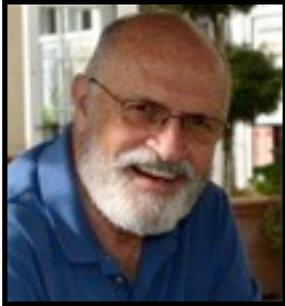


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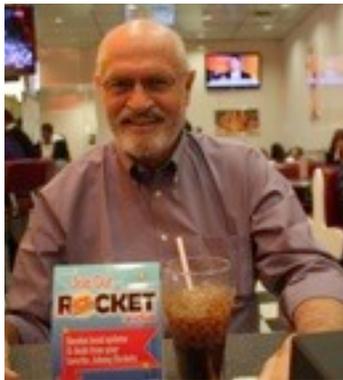
**From The Editor:**



I had a birthday. I mention that because it gives me the opportunity to be selfish and do what I want. So, I informed

my wife I wanted to go to the Peterson Auto Museum in Los Angeles. She is not a 'car person', but because it was my birthday she sighed, rolled her eyes and said OK.

Getting there was a grind. Two hours wrestling with LA traffic was daunting, but we soldiered on. Once we got safely parked in their structure and signed in, we sat down to lunch at Johnny Rocket's on the first floor. Then we wandered the rest of the afternoon through three floors of automotive eye candy.



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**December Meeting**

Christmas Social  
San Diego Auto Museum  
Balboa Park  
December 10, 2011



**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](http://www.sdhealey.org)

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**Cover:** 2011 Car of the Year -- Sam Talbert's 1959

**AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE** *Whoeeee!!*

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



Hey there all you Healey folks....  
Well now, we are well into the Holiday mode  
and hope everyone is having a good time so far.  
Unfortunately, I do have some sad news to  
report. Bill Barnett, long time Healey owner and friend to quite a few of  
us, passed away Thanksgiving Day unexpectedly. I just got this news  
today, so I don't know more than services and such are in the works, and I will pass on the  
information as I get it.

On a lighter note Randy Zoller's Cork Inspection Tour is coming right up on the 4th of  
December and our own Holiday party is right after that on the 10th.

Hope to see you at both, hope you all had a great Thanksgiving !!!

Cheers, Terry

**QUESTION: WHERE CAN  
I GET A DECK  
ORNAMENT LIKE THIS  
FOR MY SPRITE?**





## NOVEMBER 2011 HEALEY MEETING MINUTES

*The November 9th meeting was held at Jimmies Brick Pit BBQ 14034 Poway Rd., Poway*

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

Norm Brewer\*, Terry Cowan, Mike Dolphin, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Bob Kitterer & Delores McComas, "Doc" McAllister, Udo & Gisela Putzke\*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark\*, Sam Talbert\*, Craig & Sue Turner, Sandy & Sandy Watt. Roland Wilhelmy, Mike Williams

**Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by president Terry Cowan.**

**General Discussions:** Terry indicated that his outside storage of vehicles and 'stuff' has been moved to Campo to satisfy some county zoning rules. Also mentioned that a set of club bylaws were on hand to support any election protocol questions.

**Minutes were approved as written.**

**Vice President/ Membership:** As it is new board member elections night Mike deferred conducting that 'till later in the meeting. He did comment on AHCA and their and our dues structure. He also noted that our family membership count is down some 25% from years back.

**Secretary:** No comments.

**Treasurer:** Lynne reported the amount of the current bank balance. As we have several close long time friends and club members who are going through some trying times, she brought some cards for us to sign to lend support toward their various situations.

She mentioned that Debbie Durham had asked her to bring a message to the club. Debbie is working with the children's 'Head Start' program and there is an obvious donation need at Christmas time. **Udo made a motion to provide \$300 to their cause and Jan S supplied the 2nd.**

**Motion passed.** Further action to help this cause being to bring an unwrapped toy to the Christmas Party for collection.

On the Christmas Party issue, p.o. box visits indicate that checks are in fact going to Lynne directly and that at meeting time there were 48 people responding.

**Newsletter:** We are getting close to winding up the year and Sam talked a bit about his work on the COTY Point Year Book. Get pictures to him and save your loose change. Books will be priced at \$50.00

**Activities:** The December activity is the **Christmas Party Dec. 10th**. See Nov. newsletter page 10. Party setup helpers please arrive at the Auto Museum at 9.30 a.m.

The **Cork Inspection Tour** needs a attendance head count. Please RSVP to Randy Zoller

January tech session possibility; Jan Schmidt wants to have a "help Dick install a 100-6 camshaft" on the 7th. This is an "engine is in the car" disorganized task.

**Elections:** There were no volunteers for club offices where the current incumbents indicated they would continue to serve.

This left the offices of treasurer and activities open and ultimately Mike Dolphin said he would be treasurer and Rick Snover indicated he would do activities.

**Your slate of 2012 officers is President Terry Cowan, Vice President Mike Williams, Secretary Dick Schmidt, Treasurer Mike Dolphin, Activities Rick Snover, Newsletter Sam Talbert**

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** No formal report.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Sue Turner was the lucky dinner entree winner.**

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, secretary





**Activities - what the future brings:**

*Continued from page 2*

The first floor was dedicated to street scenes featuring fine historic autos from a different era. Up stairs we encountered a room full of super cars. There were Jaguars, Bugattis, Ferraris, Etc. Around the corner was a tribute to Phil Hill, a room full of scooters and in the parking structure was a preparation for the Bonham auction.

Upstairs was a play area for kids and families. I poked my head in there and decided I didn't need to wrestle with 4 year olds to sit in the Mercer Race Car.

I came away with a couple of insights. First, we rounded a corner and my wife said, "Oh my goodness, I have never seen a car this long." I

turned to see a bright red 1959 Cadillac



convertible. You remember, the one with the major fins. She was amazed and had to go over and take a closer look. Now I remember that 1959 was the pinnacle of the "finn era," and cars were larger then. Cadillac was certainly one of the largest, but it did not evoke the "wow" back then that I saw on my wife's face. We are just so used to the smaller, 'look-alike' cars of today. Can you tell the make of that black car whizzing by at 65 mph? You could in 1959!

Second, getting there makes a visit to the Peterson a questionable excursion. It is not close to any thoroughfare and even if it were I hold out no hope that getting there would be any better. In my opinion Los Angeles is a traffic black hole that is best avoided at all costs.

**DECEMBER AND BEYOND**

**Dec. 10 -- Annual Christmas Social**



**Jan 7 -- Tech Session at Dick and Jan Schmidt's**  
**Feb. 4 -- Ball Bearing Breaker Rally**  
**April 22 - San Diego Rolling British Car Day**

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**Thank You**

I would like to thank all of the members of the club for your cards, calls and support during my recovery. It is always great to know that you have such wonderful friends.

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***Fun Stuff***

Here is something that may be of interest for you. At the website below you will find an old video from races at Torrey Pines. How many of the cars do you remember?

<http://thechicaneblog.com/2011/01/27/unseen-racing-footage-torrey-pines-last-hurrah/>



# BUGEYE BAR-B-Q

Vista?! Don't we ever have any activities in the southern part of the county? None-the-less, I roll Whooeee out early Sunday morning for the one and a quarter hour drive to Vista for the "Bugeye Bar-B-Q. John Felt had a tough time getting this event to come off. It was first scheduled earlier but it landed on another club activity and had to be moved to a later date. Then the weather got in the way. The planned Saturday turned out to be a deluge and we delayed again. However, Sunday broke bright and clear making for a cool drive to Vista.

Not only is Vista 50 miles north of Chula Vista, John's new house is situated in the hills on the north side of the city. I looked up his address on Mapquest but John's instructions led me in what seemed to be a round about way. What I found out later was that there is a gate that Mapquest doesn't show. Without John's instructions you can't get there from here.

There were not as many Bugeyes this time as before, but that is probably due to the scheduling difficulties. None-the-less, it was a



good time of sharing and tire kicking. The cross flow head with twin Webers attracted a lot of attention. This time there were other 'non Bugeyes' present. Udo and Gisela brought their

big Healey, Lou Galper brought his BN1 and there was also an MG, a Morgan, and a Nash Metropolitan.

Food was once again a winner but the dyno



didn't work as well as it could have. However, John's lawn was festooned with some of the



queen's best and knots of guys moved from bonnet to bonnet talking about innovations and problems solved by proud owners.





## “GET THOSE OLDER CARS OFF THE ROAD”

This has to do with a meeting of the California Inspection and Maintenance Review Committee, a committee of the California EPA that will take place in Sacramento on Dec. 7. Item number 5 on the Dec. 7 agenda is "Get Those Older Cars Off the Road" that will be presented by Dr. Jeffrey Williams IMRC.

The ACCC (Association of California Car Clubs) will be on hand to provide a counterpoint to this short sighted lecture. I encourage any of you who have the time or inclination to attend and lend your voice to others of the automotive enthusiast population to counter such bone headed ideas, legislation or bureaucratic rules. Now get out there and do some good!

The ACCC is a non-profit 501C (4) group who will be celebrating their 40th anniversary in March of 2012 and for those past 40 years they have been the only group/voice of all-volunteer Californians to speak for you in the Capital. They participate in various legislative and governmental activities in Sacramento and around the state that might affect how we or our kids enjoy our cars in the future. We "Thank You" for your continued "SUPPORT!!!"

As you can see, anyone is invited to these public meetings but I personally would bet that very few of you have never heard of one being held.

For more info on the ACCC and this subject please check out [www.acccdefender.org](http://www.acccdefender.org) or contact a member or Director.

You can also call the 2012 Pres. Rex Roden @ (530) 622.6608 -- He along with other ACCC reps will be at this meeting "Protecting Your Cars!"

Krooze Safe -- Butch Gardner/ACCC Director  
THUNDERBOLTS Car Club





# Garage Talk

Cass Cacciatore. That sounds like an Italian name, doesn't it. It does to me. But, it's not! Cass is Albanian. His family hales from an Albanian village in Sicily not far from Palermo. Cass was born here but he still speaks both the Italian and Albanian languages.

Cass worked for Sears for many years and when a downsize came about he began working for a company selling hearing aids in Sears stores. He tells the story of how he 'lost his job.' His wife was suffering with cancer and he arranged to delegate as much of his department as he could prudently in order to spend time caring for her. He was getting his job done being in the store about 4 hours per day. A manager from Sears (who, by the way, was not really his boss) came to him and said, "This working only 4 hours per day is unacceptable." Cass' response was classic. He said, "You are absolutely right, it is unacceptable, it is way too much, I quit." From then on he spent all his time caring for his wife until she passed away.



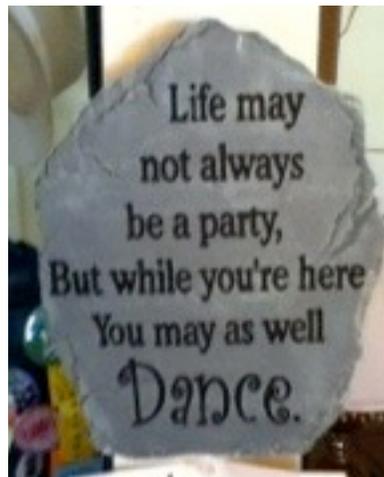
Cass has had about 7 different Healeys (He has two now). When he met his wife he was driving a Healey and she later told him that she wasn't sure whether she was initially attracted to him or the car.

Cass drives a deep blue BJ8 that sounds sweet and he has a BN2 sitting on a trailer. The BN2 is being restored and one day it too will snarl like the beast it is.



The one thing you can't miss about Cass is his love of dancing and jazz music. There is not a jazz festival anywhere that he isn't in attendance. He has even sponsored festivals and supported jazz groups.

Hanging on a rack in his hallway is a vest covered with buttons from the myriad festivals he has attended. He didn't put it on for me. He said it was too heavy!!



His other passion is dancing. He is out three or four nights a week dancing somewhere. When he misses a night at Laurence

Welk they call him up and want to know why.

Marty Schwartz is his regular dancing partner. He met her at a dance when her friends invited her to come with them. She reluctantly went with the idea she would go to please them and leave as soon as she could. She met Cass and has been dancing ever since.

Two other observations. I left Cass' place with a big bag of persimmons. mmmmm yum! And I noticed you cannot get from his place into civilization without driving one of the funnest road in Southern California. From Bandy Canyon Rd. to I15 on Highland Valley Rd. is six miles of driving delight, but if you turn east it is 9 miles of heavenly highway to Hwy 67. Whooeee!!!



## Don't Blow Away Your Responsibilities:

### *How a new device is reducing repeat drunk driving offenses*

During the holiday season, the California Highway Patrol sets up DUI checkpoints which have led to hundreds of citations for driving under the influence across California. These checkpoints are great way to prevent drunk drivers from staying on the road. Driving impaired can cause serious injury or death to you, passengers in your vehicle or other people on the road. The Department of Motor Vehicles cannot stress enough the importance of a designated sober driver, especially during the holiday season. The consequences of a DUI are severe, expensive and can follow you for the rest of your life. An ignition interlock device (IID) is one countermeasure that is designed to reduce the number of drunk drivers on the road.

An IID is wired to the vehicle's ignition. The device is slightly larger than a cell phone, easily installed and requires a breath sample before the engine will start. If the IID detects alcohol on your breath, the engine will not start. As you drive, you are periodically required to provide breath samples to ensure the continued absence of alcohol in your system. The International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety maintains that IIDs, when combined with a comprehensive monitoring and service program, lead to a 40-95 percent reduction in the rate of repeat drunk driving offenses among offenders as long as the IID remains in the vehicle.

If you are cited for a DUI in Alameda, Los Angeles, Sacramento, or Tulare counties, as part of a mandatory pilot program you will

be required to install an IID in all vehicles that you operate or own. The requirement for participation in the pilot program is determined by the county in which the violation occurred, not the residence of the driver.

During this holiday season, the CHP and DMV would advise that you always assign a designated sober driver when attending an event where alcohol is being served and consumed by you or your friends. The consequences of a DUI have a long term impact and not worth even one evening of irresponsibility. For more information on the consequences of a DUI, the IID and tips on assigning a designated driver, please visit [www.DMV.ca.gov](http://www.DMV.ca.gov).



## Here's an Idea

Next month there is a fun, end of year event called "My Other Car Autocross." Here's the deal - I use your car. You ride along. We can do as many as 16 laps or as few as 1 (it's up to you). I drive the car as tamey (I will literally just putt around the course if that's what you want) or as hard as you'd like. You get to see what your car is capable of. I can give you professional feedback on its handling characteristics. You can take pictures at the venue. You get to hang around with a bunch of enthusiasts.

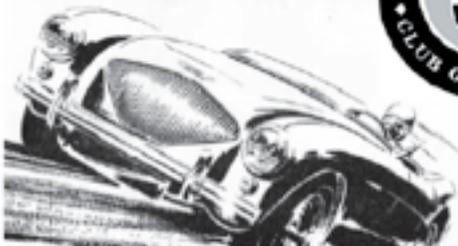
You get to tell your friends that your car was on a race course. I pay your entry fee. I buy you lunch. We all have beers afterwards. It's a lot of fun. There will be over 100 cars and enthusiasts at this event. I'm open to anything... A Big Healey, a bugeye, an MG, a TR4, a Tiger, you name it. Let me know. [larrybevins@yahoo.com](mailto:larrybevins@yahoo.com)



## AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF AMERICA

invites you to become one of our nearly 4,000 members and begin receiving the benefits of membership in the world's largest club for Austin-Healey enthusiasts:

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- 47 local chapters across the continent.
- Annual dues are still just \$40.
- Please visit our website: [www.healeyclub.org](http://www.healeyclub.org)



## EXHAUST SYSTEM GIVEAWAY

Up for grabs is an all-new Tourist Trophy exhaust system for these Austin-Healey models: 100-6 BN4, BN6 and 3000 BN7, BT7, BJ7

It is also true that there is a teeny little catch ... If you win, we would really like you to share with us what you think of the exhaust system. Yep, that's it.

We love this exhaust. We (that is, the tech guys who spent gobs of time on it) could speak for hours on the details that make it special.

Sometimes, though, it's really nice to be able to say, "Don't take our word for it ..." But that can't happen until there are a few bolted

onto cars. It's fun to be the guy to get the ball rolling by giving one away!

This message is being sent only to the Healey clubs that I have contact names for. I'm also placing a note in a forum or two. I don't imagine that there are all that many people within the clubs who feel they need a new exhaust. (If they read up on the new system, however, they may quickly reconsider keeping their current setup.) So, if there's just a handful of Healey owners this email affects ... they should feel pretty darn good about their odds of winning.

As long as this article doesn't somehow infringe on a club policy, I'm pleased to invite your members to enter to win by clicking on the following link:

[www.mossmotors.com/WinHealeyExhaust](http://www.mossmotors.com/WinHealeyExhaust) On this webpage you'll find more information about the exhaust and the giveaway.

Since the holidays are fast approaching, it was suggested that I draw the name of the winner on Christmas day. That means the last day to enter is going to be Christmas Eve. If you enter and win, Santa will be calling! (Or emailing, perhaps.)

Ho! Ho! Ho!

David "Santa" Stuursma  
Moss Motors





## UP-COMING SDBCCC EVENTS...



### BALL BEARING BREAKER CHALLENGE RALLYE

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

Grossmont Center,

*Staging On Perimeter of Lot, Facing Starbucks*

**Meet At 9AM, Pedal-To-Metal at 10 AM**

## 2012 ROLLING BRITISH CAR DAY



### APRIL 22ND, 2012

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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](mailto: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.

Talbert, Sam	AN5	158	Schermerhorn, J+M	AN7	14
Putzke, U+G	BT7	118	Carberry, Bob&Jo-A	BJ8	12
Galper, Lou	100	72	Stark, H & Lynne	Jag	12
Stark, H+Lynne	100-6	70	Tabachki, N+N	100-6	10
Farnsworth, B+S	BT7	66	Kirby, S+D	BT7	10
Humphreys, B+B	BT7	66	Cowan, Terry	BJ8	10
Neumeyer, E+A	BJ-gr8	58	Hart, Steven	BJ8	10
Snover, Rick & Allie	BT7	52	Stalker, Gary	100	8
Kwiat, Gerry	100-6	48	Turner, Candice	AN5	6
Humphreys, B+B	Jensen	46	Sharp, Chuck	BJ8	6
Turner, Craig	BT7	40	Dolphin, Mike	BJ8	6
Voth, Warren	BJ8	32	Felt, John	Bugeye	6
Brewer, Norm	Jensen	32	Arndt, Kurt	Bugeye	6
Williams, Mike	BT7	28	Seid, Colin	Jag,	5
Leon, Sandy & Lilly	AN5	28	Kirby, S & D	MGBGT	5
Cowan, Terry	Sprite	24	Turner C & S	Jag	5
Galper, Lou	Jag	22	Pendleton, Jim	BJ8	2
DeButts, D	AN5	22	Hess, G&M	BJ8	2
Tarakjian, Eric	Sprite	20	Davies, R&S	100	0
Newman, Don/Cathy	BJ8	16	Deringer, K&J	100	0
Mcharris, Geo.&Kath	100	16	Coyote, David	100	0
Snover, Rick	AN8	16			

### NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Humphreys	12/01
Lilah Felt	12/05
Christine Brown	12/07
Susan Virden-Kwiat	12/10
John McGee	12/12
Kathleen Quillo	12/14
George Hurley	12/16
Sue Farnsworth	12/22
Carroll Goldsworth	12/25
Colin Seid	12/28
Nancy Stalker	12/30
Lynne Stark	12/30
Aeint de Boer	12/31

#### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Craig & Sue Turner	12/01/79
Carroll & Karen Goldsworth	12/17/61
Kenny & Jeanne Deringer	12/18/77
Curt & Nancy Arndt	12/21/84
Aeint & Virginia de Boer	12/27/94
Gale & Martha Hess	12/30/56
Steven & Sue Hart	12/30/80
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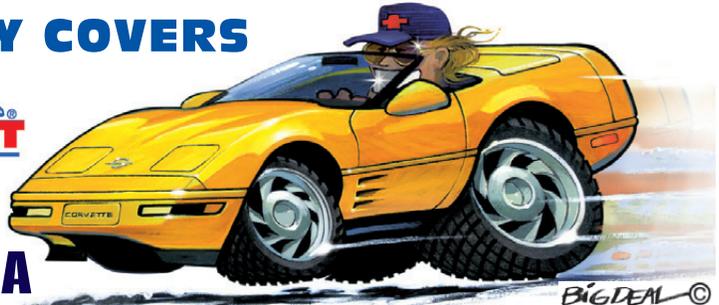
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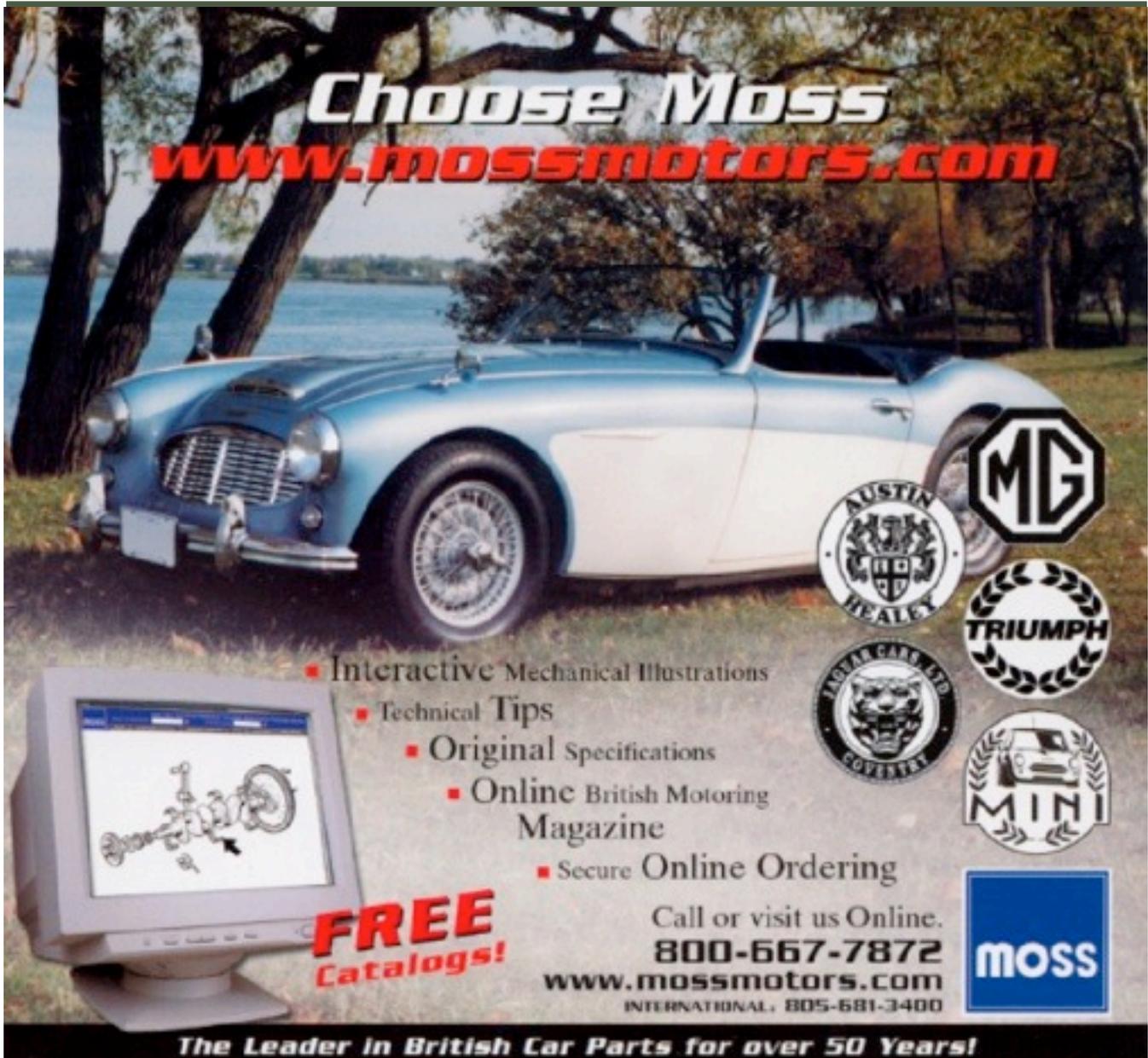
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