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# From The Editor:



I am a child of the fifties. My dad was a Chrysler man and we had Dodges and Plymouths during my teen years. Briggs

Cunningham was a personal hero right up there with Ted Williams. I could tell you the subtle differences between '49 and '50 Chevys, all the changes in Fords for every year in the 50's.

I saw a car parked in front of my house and I couldn't tell if it was a Camry, an Accord, or an Elantra. I had to go out and look. It wasn't any of them, it was a Volkswagen. A VOLKSWAGEN!! for heaven's sake!



I feel sorry for the kids now. I used to sit on a bus stop bench and call *Continued on Page 5* 

## **September Meeting:**

September 12 -- The Sept meeting will be at the El Cajon British Invasion. If you arrive early, park on Orange St. and meet us there. Around 5:30 we'll congregate at the patio of the Downtown Cafe on Main St. **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

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Rick Snover Drove his Tri Carb Healey into Little Italy in San Diego and parked in front of a British Pub.

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# STUD HEALED

Hey there Healey folks ...

As discussed at the last meeting we will be meeting @ the British Invasion in El Cajon Sept 12th...from what I can gather the car show starts fairly early around 3:30 or 4 PM and last till

approximately 7PM...Lynne Stark says she is willing to go down early and rope off some spots on Orange Street which starts right on Main Street on the south side (1 block West Of Magnolia).

Not all of us can get there that early so Lisa and I hope to be there around 5:30...we will have just arrived back from Bonneville along with the Putzkis...after checking the cars the plan is to meet up @ The Downtown Cafe which is right on Main Street so we can hold our meeting as well as possible on their patio.

We do need to have a vote on the deposit for the Holiday Party caterers, they have kept the same price for us as the last couple of years so that shouldn't be an issue.



I hope to have the corral passes for Coronado Speedfest for those who wish to attend and we will also discuss the November Brunch so we can make reservations for that as well.

PMO is starting to come back into shape so she should be ready to give a good showing of herself...she needed a compete de-oiling from last years fiasco...plus after taking a mold from body new paint was required...so a complete respray of the main body shell...re-new the machine grey...a new set of CP / Carrillo High compression pistons 14.75 to 1...( the last ones did not take to running with no oil )

align bore the main caps to match the new rear scroll / seal...it didn't like the lack of oil either...new clutch...the old one "couldn't handle the truth"...BTW this is the not so fun part of Vintage Racing...anyhow enough about that !!

Hope to see you all @ the British Invasion and we hope to regale you with fun stories from the Salt Flats !!

Cheers, Terry



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#### August 2012 Healey Meeting Minutes

#### The August 8th meeting was held at Jimmies Family Restaurant, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd. Santee

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

Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Mike Dolphin, Deborah Durham\*, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Bob Humphreys\*, Ed Matheus, Bill Mayer\*, Ed Neumeyer\*, Udo & Gisela Putzke\*, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick & Allie Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark\*, Sam Talbert\*, Warren Voth\*, Sandy & Sandy Watt, Mike & Delia Williams.

Meeting was called to order at 7.10 p.m. by president Terry Cowan. Terry introduced Craig McLaughlin (sp?) who is currently the president of the British Car Club Council who took a few moments to fill us in on the changes that have been made for this years gathering. For starters, this year will be a two day event beginning with a Saturday (6th) BBQ of hamburgers and hotdogs at the Marriott and your final chance to preregister. Sunday the 7th will of course be the car show at Liberty Station where some changes have been made for expanded vendor participation and also the participants options in voting for class winners.

**General Discussions:** As before, various events were brought up, which will keep people busy throughout the summer. Please check this and all others out on the Dedicated Activities Page.

Vice President/ Membership: Sec– If there was a report on this my note taking missed it. Mike Williams was present.



**Secretary:** Deeming Julys' minutes are approved as written. Dick gave a quick comment on his physical condition and again thanks for the stand in help. Probably will not be on hand for the September meeting also.

Treasurer: Mike Dolphin reported on our current balance – we're still solvent..

- **Newsletter:** Sam again put out the plea for articles, Sandy Watt and Udo do have some to submit which certainly will be used, needing to be interspersed with some by others. Sharpen those pencils.
- Activities: Ricks reports always cover a lot of ground. The important one for our September meeting is that it will be held on Orange st. in downtown El Cajon during part of their Cruise Nights "British Invasion". If you don't normally drive your Healey to meetings, here is your chance to warm up the oil and get some COTY points.

For a full coverage of how to get there as well as other coming attractions, see the dedicated activity page(s). **Regalia:** Open position.

Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council: Gerry Kwiat not in attendance.

Old Business: None.

**New Business:** Bob Farnsworth indicated that he has the connection for name tags. If you have misplaced yours, never had one, or would like a spare, he can get them for you for \$10.00

Mike Williams was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Dick Schmidt, secretary



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out '57 Chevy,' '54 Mercury', '59 Ford,' '53 Oldsmobile,' etc. It was easy bck then.

Have you tried to name the cars that pass by on the freeway? It's nigh on impossible. They all look alike

This all leads me to two conclusions. First, I think there is really only one car maker who makes all the cars and ships them to car companies for trim and badges. Second, back then there was a great diversity among cars. There were some really beautiful ones and some real weird concoctions. Be sure to read the article from Lou Galper about the car show he attended in Monterey, and my article about the car show on Ocean Ave. in Carmel.





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by Lou Galper

This year, the Concours de Lemons, returned to a closer-in venue to Monterey. The event bills itself as "The eyesore of Pebble Beach Automobile Week," but actually it is an event "Celebrating the Oddball, Mundane and truly awful of the Automotive World." The tour started with 70 cars Saturday morning with a tour along 17-mile drive, and scheduled to end back at the park in an hour. I'm not sure how many made it under their own power.

While our main interest is in the Rueful Brittania class, there are also classes for Rustbelt American Junk, Needlessly Complex Italian and Warsaw Pact, and also Shag Wagons, Oil Burners (2-strokes) and awards for Most Dangerous.

The

two Bugeyes were in pretty good shape, but there was also the three-wheel Reliant



Robin which tied for Most Dangerous with the Crosley.

The Poster Car was a Subaru 360 painted as a



taxi cab. We also saw the Rambler Rebel, a heavily rusted GMC Scout, the Daf Daffodil from the Netherlands,

an AMC Pacer, TR3, a Sunbeam Tiger, a Corvair Van, an Econoline Van, a roughed up MGB, a pink THING, a Renault Caravelle, a Trabant (18hp), and an excellent AutoUnion DKW.



# BACK TO THE 50'S LA MESA CAR SHOW

### By Susan Kwiat

The City of La Mesa is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has a Back To The 50's Crusin' Classic Car Show every Thursday evening (5-8pm) in the summer. It is sponsored by the La Mesa Merchants Association and many of the shops and restaurants are open for business. It is a very easy-going, fun, drive n' show your classic car weekly event. All pre-1973



Cruisin' car badge trophy.

We enjoy showing our "Furr-In" car (and we don't mean the white Samoyed dog hair "hehe") at La Mesa events, and continually get many oooh's & aaah's including the universal statement of "My\_\_\_\_\_(fill in the blank – Uncle, father, roommate in college) had one of those."



makes and models are welcome. Mostly the show consists of the American "muscle" cars or antique vehicles and all of the bragging that goes with it.

However, a "Furr-In" car (like the good ol' boys call them) got its own recognition last Thursday night when the Jumpin-Jack-Flash DJ announcer announced that Gerry & Susan Kwiat's light blue over white, 1957 Austin-Healey 100-6 BN4 was picked as a winner by the City's Miss La Mesa. Gerry got to show off the car in a drive-by and then accepting a very nice Back To The 50's



# ACTIVITIES

# Rick Snover, Chairman, AHCSD Activities Committee

I'm still trying to catch up from our vacation (a 7-night cruise in the Gulf of Alaska in mid-August, *highly* recommended!), so I'm a bit out of touch with Club happenings and this month's column will be brief.

Our **Ice Cream Social** on the 25<sup>th</sup> was pretty well attended – seven (7) Healeys showed up at Foster's Freeze, including a new Sprite owner who may be joining the Club. Thanks to Deb Durham for suggesting the location.

It's still **Cruise Night** season, and many local communities are holding weekly or monthly events. September is the last month for a lot of these fun events. See <u>http://www.socalcarculture.com/</u> <u>cruise\_nights.html</u> for a *big* list of SoCal cruises.



We're still thinking of doing *something* in conjunction with the Austin Healey Association for the **English Motors at Fairbrook** weekend in mid-September, but nothing's been decided yet. The following weekend is the **Fleet Week Speed Festival** – "The Race At The Base". If I remember right, President Terry will be getting some Car Club Corral passes for us.

Two weeks later is the **San Diego British Car Day & Picnic** at Liberty Station in Point Loma on Sunday, October 7. This year's featured marque is MG, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pre-registration is open on the SD British Car Club Council website: <u>http://sandiegobritishcarday.org/portal/</u>. Don't forget to pre-register your Healey by the 20<sup>th</sup>! The more cars we have pre-registered in out classes (usually Big Healey and Sprite), the more trophies per class.

Terry is also arranging our next **Anniversary Brunch** at Belle Fleur in November, and should be setting the date very soon. He and Lynne Stark have also reserved the loft at the San Diego Automotive Museum and booked the caterer for our annual **Christmas Party & Gift Exchange** on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll need to approve some deposits at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details on both events.

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

Saturday, September 8, 10AM-2PM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual North Park Historical Society Car Show Open to all makes, models & years (pre-1990 encouraged) – Balboa Tennis Club Parking Lot, 2221 Morley Field Drive, San Diego – Presented by: North Park Historical Society. <u>http://www.northparkhistory.org/documents/Car Show Documents/Car Show Registration flyer</u> <u>4-22-12.pdf</u>

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# **DRIVING DISTRACTIONS**

Driving is actually a full time job while you are behind the wheel. We forget that we are actually in control of what could at times be called massive projectiles. A car traveling at even relatively slow speeds takes time to stop and the kinetic energy stored up as a result of the weight and speed can result in serious damage to whatever gets in the way.

Luckily, the State of California has passed laws prohibiting the use of hand held cell phones and the practice of texting, but passing the law doesn't mean that all drivers will follow the law.

All of us can be distracted and we need to recognize what tends to distract us while we are driving. For Sandy and me, our "distraction buttons" are when we start to talk about buying another car, although my greatest period of distraction was when we were talking about buying a house, and I shot through more than one red light... Luckily there was no cross traffic, or Police Officers so we got away with it, although it did tend to bring me back to reality when I realized what I had done.

I know that we are all expert drivers and are completely comfortable driving our modern cars at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour while we observe the other drivers around us as they drink their morning coffee, talk on the cell phone, apply make-up, shave, and read a map or the newspaper, at the same time as they are adjusting the radio to get the traffic report. These are prime examples of the daily distractions that occur without anyone realizing that they are not in control of their car. I have even seen a driver playing a guitar on Interstate 5. Just think of the craziest thing you have seen a driver doing while driving and remember how uncomfortable you felt traveling at speed next to them.

We are all guilty of trying to "multitask" while driving our old cars, and this is where it gets real interesting as we try to cope with the hand throttle, signal the next turn, and change gears as we balance a cup of coffee in our lap, while trying not do drip any of the special sauce from the hamburger that we are eating, and also read the tour directions to make sure that the route we are on does actually agree with the route sign we just passed. Unfortunately we only have two hands at the most, and both are needed to properly control the car.

Trying to perform all these various balancing acts would make a circus juggler proud, but unfortunately leaves us in a very vulnerable situation. We need to pay complete attention to controlling our cars as even the slightest change in road conditions can change the handling of our cars, and we don't have the benefit of fully independent suspension, rack and pinion steering and anti-lock brakes. I am not saying that you should pull over and stop when you need to quickly check a map, but be aware of the traffic and road conditions before you do anything that would distract you from your most important job of controlling your car and driving safely.

One thing that we need to remember is that when we are driving our old cars, we ARE the distraction for numerous other drivers. They will drive up close behind us or pull up next to us as we are driving and start yelling questions to us, such as what year is it?, what kind of car is that?, how much did you pay for that car? and how fast will your car go? It is best not to get into a conversation with the car next to you at 35 miles per hour, that next red traffic light will give enough time to respond. Remember pay attention to the road, and traffic conditions and stop for that cup of coffee, or for that phone call. Neither of them will take long, and it will help you get safely to your destination.

Sandy Watt



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Sunday, September 9, 9AM-2PM – Greatest Show On Turf 2012 – Annual Auto Museum & Car Club Council Car Show ¤¤ Honoring Our First Responders 9/11/01 ¤¤ at Liberty Station in Point Loma – Limited to first 400 cars registered Registration (\$30, \$46.50 w/ T-shirt): On-line: http://www.sdautomuseum.org/events/greatest-show-

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- Wednesday September 12, 5PM-8PM Cajon Classic "British Invasion" Cruise Night, downtown El Cajon.
- Wednesday September 12, 6:30PM AHCSD Monthly Meeting at the Cajon Classic "British Invasion" Cruise Night. We'll gather near the Healeys and hold our monthly meeting. See Terry's President's column for details.
- Saturday, September 15 English Motors At Fairbrook (Tour) Carlsbad-to-Harrah's Rincon Casino. <u>http://www.englishmotorsatfairbrook.org/</u>
- Sunday, September 16 English Motors At Fairbrook (Show) at Fairbrook Farm, 4949 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. <u>http://www.englishmotorsatfairbrook.org/</u>
- Sunday, September 16, 9:00AM Golden Cove All British Cars Coffee Meet Join other British car enthusiasts for Starbucks and conversation – Starbucks Coffee at Golden Cove Shopping Center, 31202 Hawthorne Boulevard in Rancho Palos Verde. Recommended by: Austin Healey Association of Southern California.

http://www.sdhealey.org/calendar/flyers/GoldenCove2%20%20Every%20Month.pdf

September 22 & 23 – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fleet Week Coronado Speed Festival, "The Race at the Base" Vintage Auto Races, plus Navy Open House, Car Club Corral, Car Show, Garage Tour, Test Drives, Vendor Village

at NAS North Island, Coronado. Produced by: San Diego Fleet Week Foundation. <u>http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/events/speed-fest.html</u>

- Saturday, October 6, 2012, 5:00PM S.D. British Car Day BBQ You can receive your registration packet early and skip the lines on the day of the show! Plus Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Condiments, Potato and Macaroni Salad, Pickles, Chips, Drinks. Courtyard SD Airport/Liberty Station, 2592 Laning Rd, San Diego Buy tickets (\$20 each) with your British Car Day pre-registration, below. Presented by: San Diego British Car Club Council. <u>http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/</u>
- Sunday, October 7–33<sup>rd</sup> Annual San Diego British Car Day & Picnic Celebrating 50 Years of MGB

Ingraham Plaza at Liberty Station, 2640 Decatur Road, in Point Loma.

- Information Line: (760) 746-1458.
- Pre-Registration by September 20th: \$20/car (\$10/motorcycle): <u>http://sandiegobritishcarday.org/</u>portal/index.php/event-registration
- "British Car Day" group rate at Courtyard SD Airport/Liberty Station: Presented by: San Diego British Car Club Council. <u>http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/</u>
- Saturday, October 20, 1PM Annual AHCSD "Oktoberfest" Bob & Sue Farnsworth's house in Ramona

Stay tuned for details.



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# HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

Vacations for us usually involves visiting family. That is what happened this year. However, the anchor for this year's vacation was a car show on Ocean Ave, in Carmel. the visits to family were an accommodation for my wife. So we traipsed all over California for a week.

Monterey was our first stop and the car shows of the Monterey Historics was the target. I made the Carmel by the Sea Concourse on Tuesday thinking it was the



Porches, Jags, Healeys, Lamborghinis, Astons and Ferraris. There was even a Bugeye. Finally, someone recognizes a great car!

My friend and I cruised around Monterey and Pebble Beach to see all the preparations for the shows scheduled for later in the week. We even went by the RM auction site and were reminded that collecting cars is a



same as I witnessed last year. But too late I

found that I had made a giant scheduling mistake. There was no parade of automotive icons and the street was not lined with Minervas, Stutzes, Rolls, Pierce Arrows, Packards, or other exotics. That all took place on Thursday. None-the-less, Ocean Ave was filled with plenty of interesting cars although most of them were from the 50s and 60s rather than the 20s and 30s. There were plenty of



rich man's game.

After Monterey we went to Visalia. Was it hot? Is the Pope Catholic? Try 105!! Aside from family the neat part of this area is *Exeter*, where every wall in town is covered with a mural. Then it was off to baptize my granddaughter and meet my grandson coming home from Zimbabwe.

I think the best part of a vacation trip like this is getting home. Yeah, San Diego!!

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after the event. AHCSD events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For members with multiple eligible vehicles, be sure to indicate which one(s) you drove.

CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSD Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSD Healeys on the Green 8pts; California Healey Week, Healey Rendezvous and Austin Healey Conclave 16pts; S.D. British Car Day and Rolling B.C.D. 10pts; other multi-day British-themed events 8pts; other multi-day events 4pts; other one-day British-themed events 4pts; other one-day events 2pts. Other non-Healey British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award.

All points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCSD regalia during the subsequent year. The total point leader at the end of the year will receive the coveted CAR OF THE YEAR badge for display on their Healey for the following year.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	Members	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
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Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	62	Cacciatore, C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Galper, L.	AH 100 BN2	58	Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH Sprite AN5 Spdwell Rdstr	8
Farnsworth, B&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	54	Humphreys, B&B	Jensen Healey	8
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	54	Matheus, E	AH Sprite AN5	8
Talbert, S	AH Sprite AN5	54	McGee, J.	AH 100 BN2	8
Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	52	Pleasant, M	AH Sprite (Modified)	8
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	38	Snover, A&R	Mini Cooper	8
Newman, D&C	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	34	Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	8
Tabachki, N&N	AH 100-6 BN6	34	Kirby, S&D	MG	7
McVeety, J&K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	28	Leon, S&L	AH Sprite AN5	6
Williams, M&D	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	28	Sharp, C&D	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	26	Galper, L	Jaguar Mk II	4
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	24	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	4
Durham, D	Hot Wheels Healey	24	Hess, G&M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
Linde, C.	AH 100 BN2	24	Kind, K	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
McHarris, G	AH 100 BN2	24	Mayer, B	AH Sprite AN5	4
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	16	Schmidt, D&J	AH 100-6 BN6	4
Davies, R&S	AH 100 BN2 (Modified)	16	Turner, C&S	Jaguar XJ	4
Davies, R&S	AH 100 BN2	16	Watt, S&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Kwiat, G&S	AH 100-6 BN4	16	Turner, C&S	Aston-Martin	3
Dolphin, M	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	14	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	2
Abel, P	AH Sprite AN5	12	Pendleton, J&L	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	2
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# Automobile Heritage Day

By Rick Snover

This year the National City Chamber of Commerce's Automobile Heritage Day Parade & Car Show fell on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>, my birthday. Both of my Sprites had taken awards at this show in the past, so after ensuring there were no other plans in the works for the day, I entered my Tr-carb in the car show.



The morning dawned clear and warm, and the car started right up and ran down the 805 like a top, so I arrived at Kimball Park a little before 9am and parked under the large shade tree in the corner of the park set aside for the "Sports Cars, Foreign" class. There were already three other cars in place: a neat Sabra GT (Israel), a nice MG A (two-tone, off-white over red, had to look twice to make sure it wasn't a Healey), and a very original red MG TC. Eyeing the competition, I thought I had a good chance of bringing home a trophy from this judged show.

There were a ton of gorgeous and

interesting cars on the field: hot rods, classics, muscle, low-riders, pick-ups, etc., plus a large class of motorcycles.

The featured make this year was Volkswagen, mostly represented by a lot of old Beetles and vans, with a few odd-balls thrown in for good measure. Vendor and food booths, live music, great weather, and friendly folks added up to make the morning fly by.

A very nice white Jaguar Mk II parked with us a bit later, but I wasn't worried because it had too many doors (four) to be classified as a "Sports Car". There were two other Jags on the field, but one was ineligible as last year's class winner, and the stunning red E-Type was entered in the "Performance Modified" class. It turned out that the Sabra's owner had requested to not



have his car judged, so that thinned the competition even more. The judges were very complimentary in their evaluation of my car, but that seemed to be their M.O. with all the cars. I still thought the two MGs and I would share the three trophies, being the only "Sports Cars" judged.

Terry Cowan stopped by for a while, and Allie arrived around lunchtime. Sam Talbert also stopped by, but missed us while we were out and about away from the car. One of the judges came back by and told me to "stick around", so I knew I'd won something. They didn't come get me to line up for the winners' parade though, so I knew it'd be second or third. They did come and get that four-door Jag though! The MG A took second, and my Healey settled for third in class. Again!

The show was well attended and well run, the judges knew their stuff, and the awards ceremony went very smoothly. All in all, a good time was had by all. I highly recommend this event to any car enthusiast, even if you don't enter a car, it's worth a visit.







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### **MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**

September 12 -- The Sept meeting will be at the El Cajon British Invasion. If you arrive early, park on Orange St. and meet us there. Around 5:30 we'll congregate at the patio of the Downtown Cafe on Main St.