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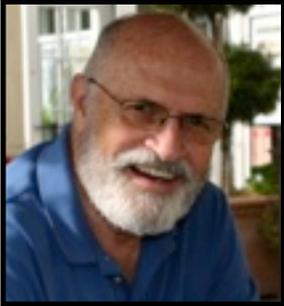
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**From The Editor:**



Whoeeee has his limits. I don't drive Whoeeee when it rains, because I don't have a soft top and the hard top is hanging in my garage and it is too much of a hassle to get it down and onto the car. By that time it has usually stopped raining. Also, I decided Whoeeee should avoid water. I have Evans coolant (which is far better than water) and I clean him with Griot's Speed Shine and clay. Whoeeee is drought conscious!

My next boundary is night driving. I do drive Whoeeee at night but



it has been dicey. Whoeeee is a small car and difficult to see especially at night.

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**May Meeting**

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### Hello From Down Under...

Right Mate we know your back...well your right...our quest for **Hobbits & Penguins** has come to an end and we have returned (**they were out of season !!**). Another amazing trip for most of the Scotland Crew.

**Ed & Abbe Neumeyer, Steve & Cyndi Kirby, Mike & Kathy Scroogie**, and the addition of some new folks (a couple of which you may know) **Bob Farnsworth & his sister Joanne**.

The other new people are from the Association, **LeRae Phillips** and her new husband Arthur (this was kinda like a Honeymoon) as well **Peter and Alexandra Rose's** who did not bring a Healey this time but chose to share a rental car with **Steve & Nancy Gerow**. That became our chase car, which we did need a couple of times!! So all together 16 of us from the US of A !!

Our initial start took us to **Sydney** where we spent two days with the **Kirbys** prior to flying into Auckland. This was a great intro into Australia and fun for us to spend time with our friends prior to being Kramed into the Healeys!!

Up and off to **Auckland**, fill out the questionnaire (have you been to Africa, are you bringing pests, Ebola, open food, etc., etc.). Then off to meet the rest of the group and get a bite to eat at our first British style pub of the trip, where Bob announced that he didn't have to admit one year older this year because he lost a day during transit and that was his Birthday. So, with that we had a toast with Bob and the rest of the crew and prepared for the next mornings load up!!

As what seems to be the norm, we are greeted by rain as we do the "**Stuff The Healey Trick**". First stop, fuel - **\$2.00+ per Liter** for the good stuff, which at times became difficult to find, or get if you didn't have the correct card (they have stand alone pumps in some towns, which will only take a gas card). Nice to find out when your gauge says **NaDa!!**

Now our travels take us first to Tauranga and a "meet & greet" with some of the local Healey Club members. We shared a great dinner and laughs with some Healey stories thrown in for good measure. The first day ended with a stay @ Hotel on Devonport.

**Day 2** -- Morning comes all too soon. It is "pack em up" and off to have a private tour of a native Maori village living in the middle of thermal volcanic action area. They were cooking using the heat from the ground. If you like sulfur this place is for you!! Natural heated mud pools are great for the skin (Yes, Lisa Bought Some Jars of Mud !!). Then it was back in the cars for a drive to Taupo, then on to Napier and our stay at the Masonic Art Deco Hotel, Napier. I could have stayed a while for sure. There is some really cool history there. I truly love the old style buildings & houses!!!

*That's all we have space for now. There will be more in another Hearsay.*

### President's Message:





### April 8 2015 Healey Meeting Minutes

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

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

Norm Brewer\*, Mike Dolphin, Rex Dunn, Deborah Durham, Lou Galper\*, Dave Grundies\*, Bob Humphreys\*, John McCoy, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Gary Stalker\*, Howard & Lynne Stark\*, Sam Talbert\*, Ed Valle\*, Sandy & Sandy Watt,

*Meeting was called to order at 6.57 p.m. by vice president Lynn Stark*

#### General Discussions:

It should be obvious from our board member count that the “Down Under” countries are getting a boost in activity while the rest of us are experiencing a dip. We can only hope there will be some good Videos to show us what we missed.

Throughout the meeting, various events were brought up, which will keep the activity interested person busy throughout the spring and summer.

***Last meeting Minutes were approved as written.***

#### Vice President/ Membership:

**Secretary:** No relevant comments.

**Treasurer:** Mike Dolphin reported on the current balance.

**Newsletter:** Sam

#### Activities:

Well it looks like Rolling British Car Day on April 19 is the default option. The news letter does a great job of providing the support information for other events held around the city.

***The question came up about an event of our own like Healeys on the Green.***

**Regalia:** Open position.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:**

Position open .

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

***Ed Valle was the lucky dinner entree winner.***

Meeting adjourned 7.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, secretary





It had all the makings of another fantastic San Diego day. A little morning fog only served to hold back the sun shine give the day a cooler start. Whooeee and I picked up Sam Peterson, my photographer for the day, and headed out to the Elephant Bar parking lot. We arrived early. So early that the parking lot was empty. However, by 9:30 they were parking two and three deep all over the place. The whole gamut was there from Rolls and Bentleys to Minis and Morgans. There were about 5 big Healeys and 4 Bugeyes out of the 150 or so of the Queen's finest.



After the drivers meeting the next task was getting all those cars out onto the street. We stayed bunched up until Highland Valley Road where we stretched out a bit. The drive lasted about an hour and a half and wound through the back roads of Ramona to Dudleys and on down to Lake Hinshaw. Whooeee got a lot of hoots and catcalls creeping through a wad of bikers all stopped for a beer near Hinshaw.

The drive was interesting with almost all back roads and some interesting and pretty

countryside. But I got a little bored looking at the tail lights of the Jaguar in front of me and the head lights of the MGTF behind me. The only time we saw more cars was at the jam trying to get across highway 67 in Ramona. A couple switchbacks would have been nice.

Pauma Valley Country Club is a beautiful place and they treated us well. I had no sooner parked than golf cart pulled up and offered me a chunk of cardboard to collect all my excess oil. There was plenty of shade and the hamburgers were huge and tasty. There



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So, I started working on remedying that. I added LED lights to the tail/brake lights and the turn signals which has brightened things up some. I wanted LED headlights but they cost more than I want to pay. So, I opted for Halogens. That necessitated some changes in



wiring. Moss Motors suggests the installation of headlight relays to accommodate the Halogens and preserve the light switch.

The installation of the relays was straight forward and an easy fix. Installing the headlights was also simple and provided an



opportunity to clean the rims and pick out the best ones I have stashed in my garage.

I still don't do a lot of driving at night but coming home from the last meeting I turned on my headlights and had to look at my watch to assure myself it was not noon. Those Halogens brighten up, as Disney says, "a whole new world!"

# Activities

*Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper*

Dateline 28 April 2015: Arrived back in Ramona from a trip of a lifetime a week ago today. In a word, it was fabulous! My sister Joan and I joined Terry, Lisa and six couples from the Austin Healey Association to attend the New Zealand Austin Healey Club's annual National Rally in Nelson NZ. After the Rally we joined a smaller group of New Zealanders of about thirty cars for an after rally party touring the South island. We were in New Zealand for two and a half weeks, not nearly long enough. Terry, Lisa, Ed & Abby Neumeyer, Joan & I met up with Udo & Gisela who had just arrived from San Diego, in Australia to attend the Australian National Austin Healey Rally. This was held in Lorne Victoria, a lovely small village located on Australia's southern coast. Return trip to LAX was over 16 hours and I am just finally getting over that. After a large bag of dirty laundry, over 2,500 emails (mostly junk), a large stack of bills that need attention and over 600 photos to sort through I should be getting back to a normal routine soon.

I am told that the Healey is on its' way home and expected to arrive in Long Beach about 16 May. Then a different set of chores, sorting, cleaning and delayed maintenance as we left the cars in a hurry at the shipper's facility in Auckland in order to catch planes home or to Australia.

I have to give a big thank you to Healey Association members (Steve Gerow / Nancy Fees, Steve & Cindy Kirby, Ed & Abby, Peter & Alexandra Roses, Mike & Kathleen Scroggie and LeRae Phillips & Arthur. for welcoming Joan and I

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was nothing to do after lunch but wander about and look at the array of cars. I enjoyed that part of the day showing off England's best to Sam Peterson who is new to the world of sports cars especially British cars.

Getting home was just a long, boring drive straight down the I 15. Why can't we do an event a little further south?





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on this most fantastic adventure and a special salute to Steve Kirby for his expert job of researching and organizing the trip, Ed Neumeyer for getting our cars to and from New Zealand and Mike Scroggie for keeping the folks at home up to date on our daily adventures. (See <https://thescrogblog.wordpress.com>). Of course the people we met in both New Zealand and Australia were outstanding. I plan to return!

June 22-26 -- **Healey Rendezvous at the Alderbrook Resort & Spa, Union, WA.**

September 19-20 -- **Coronado Speed Fest.**  
Registration; <http://www.coronadospeedfest.com/tickets.html>

September -- **English Motors at Fairbrook**

October -- **British Car day,**

October 24<sup>th</sup> -- **Oktoberfest, Bob Farnsworth's**

November 12-15 -- **California Healey Week:**  
La Quinta, CA (Palm Springs),

December -- **Annual Christmas Party**





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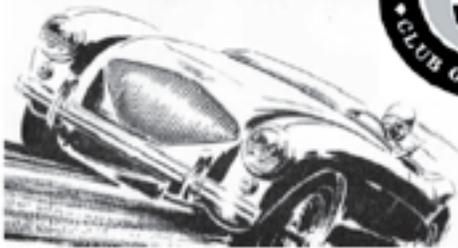
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## Birthdays in May

Bob Kitterer	1
Cathy Newman	10
Deborah Hoss	11
Andy Washburn	15
John McCoy	15
John Schermerhorn	16
Craig Turner	19
Lex Dunn	19
John Banales, Jr	23
Karen Blanchard	25
Sue Hart	27
Bibi Washburn	31

## Anniversaries in May

Gary and Cheryl Dolmage 5/16/70

Hi Everyone! The 2015 AHCS D Membership Roster is now available to view and print in the files section of the AHCS D Yahoo group. If there are any changes, additions or deletions or if you have trouble printing it please contact me at [redjag99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redjag99@sbcglobal.net) or call me at (619) 579-7551 or (619) 733-7785. Thanks, Lynne



Editor's Note: There is some pretty good reading on the Moss Motoring website: <http://www.mossmotoring.com/homepage/>. I found several interesting articles on Healeys, Triumphs and MGs.

**Enjoy!**

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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, Rick Snover (619-980-4194 or ricksnover@earthlink.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.

## 2015 CotY Standings

(as of 4/20/2015)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
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Stark, H&L	AH 3000 BT7	22	Watt, S&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	20	Galper, L	Jaguar 3.8S	5
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	18	Grundies, D&D	AH 3000 Mk III	4
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	AH 3000 Mk III			BJ8	4
Voth, W	BJ8	16	Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Benke, D	AH 3000 Mk III	14	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Stalker, G	AH 100	14	Valle, E	AH 3000 Mk III	4
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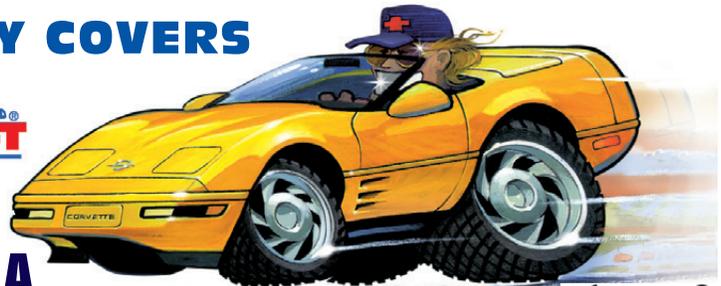
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