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*Austin-Healey*

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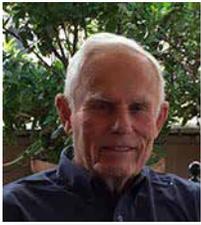


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- Feb 24th Hawk Watch 2018

March 2018

## From The Editor:



**P**roof that Charles Darwin's Origan works for Healey's too...Remember, the Healey family continues to smile down on us all...

**From the Austin-Healey Experience Car Forum - 3000 Forum...**

### **Pilgrim's problem:**

Restoring a BN7 and reached impasse with engine. Crank needs +0.50 main bearings. I've been told I should consider a new crankshaft and bearings, but they're too expensive. So I am locating a manufacturer or supplier for the + 0.50 main bearings. (*Pilgrim wonders, whats Darwin?-ED*) Any advice welcome.

Regards, Pilgrim

### **Richard answers:**

Bite the bullet, buy the crank. There's a reason bearings only go to 40 over. (*Richard may have read Darwin-ED*)

### **Pilgrim retorts:**

Yes, you're probably right. But this is a hobby and another unexpected 2000 bucks is not pleasant. 40 over, 50 over, is a small difference. I can't imagine everyone goes down the new crankshaft route. (*Pilgrim obviously hasn't a clue about Darwin-ED*)

Thanks for responding,  
Cheers, Pilgrim

### **Paul suggests:**

\$2000 is a bit over priced. You can buy a good used one for a lot less. I found one on e-bay for \$820... (*I'll bet 30 under, grind 'em to fit cranks are even cheaper than that because there's so many of them around, ha,ha,-ED.*)

Not to make fun of a fellow Healey guy's plight, but we've all been there in spirit, if not in fact. I recall when my engine was being rebuilt, Randy and I were surprised that the main bearings were too thick. The white metal was fine, but the steel backing was .002 over. Hmm... what to do? Another Healey professional restorer said it was *probably* OK. Still, the match was .002 out of spec. What did we do? Could we have squeezed them in? Button it up? Yes...Nope. The block and main caps went back to the machine shop, with the bearings to make a match. Hopefully, my engine continues to prove Darwin...

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## **March Meeting...**

**March 14th, 6:30**

**at Bully's in Mission Valley**



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**On The Cover:** Bob and Carol Farnsworth and their '62 BT7, out in the weeds at Hawk Watch 2018.

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Hey there Healey Peeps....

Well life has been very busy with very good news and some sad as well....So first with the Very Good News...Lisa and I are now Grandparents to beautiful little girl Arabel McKinna so we will be working up our frequent flyer miles to the bay area, and a great excuse to check in on the restoration progress of my Mom's house !!

Other good news is the new building has made easier to take in new work, two of which are crash damaged Healey's caused by people on their phones or simply not paying attention to the task of actually driving. I was almost crashed out in the Healey bringing it home to take to the Super Bowl Party by a teenager driving an SUV who didn't look, didn't signal, I was next to her, luckily I was able to brake move to drivers right where she had been, there was no reason for her to move over in the first place.

It would be nice if people would take driving 3500 + Lbs vehicles as seriously as they do texting, now they leave giant gaps in the lanes so they have room to text, I wish the texting feature went off as soon as you got into a car, any car !!

The sad news is anyone who has been to the shop in the last 30 years has met Adam my lead tech...his Mom passed away on the 2th of January and his brother in-law on the 30th thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends...I must say it has been a tough year all around for everybody !!

The new building shuffle is coming along and we are hoping we can host a Healey club function, open house, or a tech session of some sort by March or April at the latest.

Also I received a note from Desirae Jandt who owns The Bridge On Third in Old Town Temecula has invited the club to park in front of her English Pub during Rod Run on March 2nd and 3rd !!

I understand from her she had to get approval from the event organizers to allow us to participate, I brought this up at the Super Bowl Party / Meeting but most thought it was to far a drive, but might be fun for someone who want to make that run !!

I have also included a list of the Vintage Races we hope to participate this coming season and help celebrate the 60th Anniversary of The Sprite !!

Lisa and I had planned to make the Hawk Watch but when I went to pick the Healey up in Santee all of its 7 plus quarts of oil were all over the floor and had spread far and wide so I spent most of my Saturday cleaning up Dinosaur goo... it looks like I hit rock or something with the leading edge of the pan, so I will put that brand new alloy pan I have been saving in a box for years on it...doesn't that sound like a fun thing to do !!

Also, I got a call from Mary Schermerhorn John fell and broke his hip and was taken the hospital where he had surgery right away and within a few hours after that they had him standing up with a bit of help of coarse wish is good news !! He is currently at Kearny Mesa Convalescence while he recovers, she says he is in good sprits if you wish to visit...maybe give Mary a call 858-279-3388 !!

This month's meeting will be at Bully's March 14th @ 6:30 and I am hoping for a drive and lunch for our April meeting, I will also bring the Go Pro for anyone else Plus don't forget to bring something for the GREEN TABLE if you have something you want to give away !!

Hope to see you all there !!

Cheers, Terry

\* Meeting was held at the Benke's during our Super Bowl, Men's Chili Cook-Off. See Super Bowl story for details....

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Super Bowl Party...



*Claire Coombs- Clowning with Howard Stark, at the Super Bowl Party, should know better than to make faces at a guy holding a camera.*

**We're All Members  
of the Activities Committee**

- Do you enjoy the club's events and drives?
- Do you know of a great place that SDAH Members might enjoy?
- Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
- Do you have a favorite luncheon or dinner place that would make a good venue for a SDAH gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact me to find out what's involved or just to talk about it.

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• **March 2nd and 3rd-The Bridge on Third- English Pub** in Old Town Temecula Rod Run. Personal invitation from Desirae Jandt to park our Austin Healey's in front of her pub during Rod Run.

• **March 14 AHCS D Club Meeting**-This month's meeting will be at Bully's, Mission Valley at 6:30.

• **July 15 - 20 Conclave 2018** French Lick IN Conclave 2018 Back Home Again in Indiana Hosted by the Central Indiana AHC

• **Sep 16 - 21: Healey Rendezvous** Place: Madras, Oregon. Inn at Cross Keys Station, innatcrosskeysstation.com. Early arrivals Sunday, September 16 (recommended arrival day). "Official" first day with evening welcome reception, Monday the 17th. The event wraps up Thursday evening, September 20, with awards dinner. Friday, September 21 is a drive-home day that begins at the Inn. **For all the details check [www.HealeyRendezvous.org](http://www.HealeyRendezvous.org)**

• **October 4 -7 Charleston SC Southeastern Classic XXII**, Patriots Point, Hosted by the Carolinas Austin-Healey Club, SEClassic2018@gmail.com • **Oct 17 - 21**

• **AHCS D Octoberfest** Date and location to be arranged

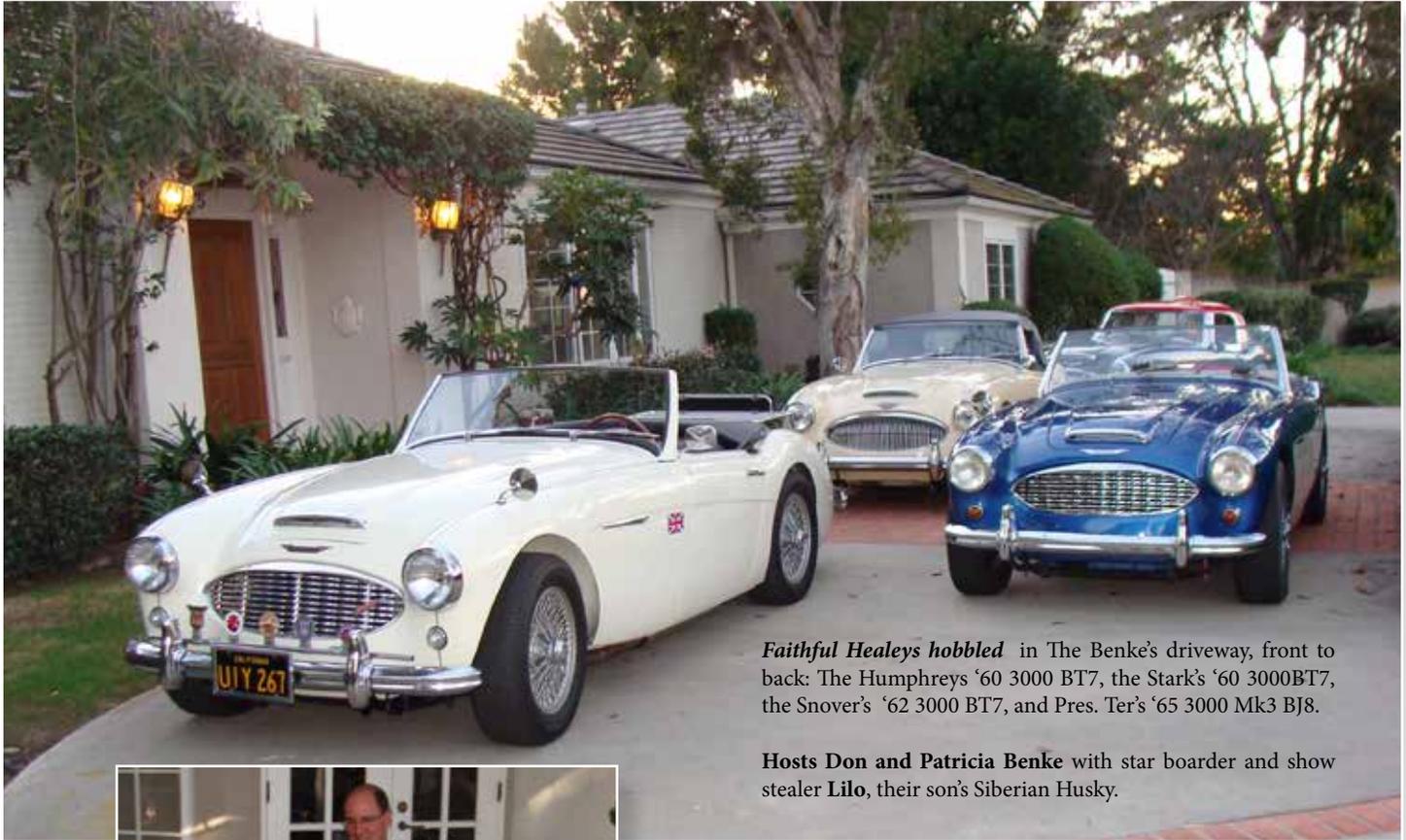
• **Oct.17 -21 California Healey Week 2018** will be held in Solvang, CA. Registrations are now open... **register online at [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org)** by clicking on the event logo and following the instructions. Once you register with us, you will get a confirmation email with your Registration Number and instructions for making your room reservations at the Hotel Corque. Stay tuned to our website for periodic updates and announcements. Hope to see you in Solvang this October!



**CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES PAST DUE?...**

Members with outstanding dues have been passed on to *Vito's Protection & Collections*. Avoid this sweet guy... Get your dues to Don Benke *quickly*...

## Super Bowl Party...



*Faithful Healeys hobbled* in The Benke's driveway, front to back: The Humphreys '60 3000 BT7, the Stark's '60 3000BT7, the Snover's '62 3000 BT7, and Pres. Ter's '65 3000 Mk3 BJ8.

Hosts Don and Patricia Benke with star boarder and show stealer Lilo, their son's Siberian Husky.



Minutes – Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Sunday, February 4, 2018 – Super Bowl Party at The Benkes' House

There were 18 members in attendance: Don & Pat Benke(H), Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell(H), Deb Durham, Bob & Barbara Humphreys (H), Ed & Sandy Matheus, Udo & Gisela Putzke (H), Chuck Sharp, Rick & Allie SnoverH, Howard StarkH, Warren Voth (H), Mike & Delia Williams.

(H)=Drove Healey

Former member **Claire Coombs** was in the neighborhood and stopped in for a while, too.

**Membership:** VP Don Benke reported that 4 more renewals have come in, leaving about 10 unrenewed.

### Super Bowl Scoring Pool Results:

1st Quarter: Rick Snover (3-9)

2nd Quarter: Rick Snover (2-2)

3rd Quarter: Bob Humphreys (9-6)

4th Quarter: Warren Voth (1-3)

### Chili Cook-off Results (6 Chilis Entered):

Mildest: BarbaraHumphreys

Hottest/Spiciest: Chuck Sharp

Most Unusual / Strangest: Tie – Barbara Humphreys & Warren Voth

Best Tasting Overall: Warren Voth

President Terry Cowan's birthday was celebrated with a cake.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Snover, AHCS D Secretary.

**...Men's Chili Cook--Off**



*Lisa Mandell and Pres. Ter share Terry's German chocolate Birthday cake with Super Bowl party.*



*Transfixed- Mike Williams, Pres. Ter, Delia Williams, and Debra Durham under Super Bowl hypnosis.*



*Some of the usual suspects- Kicking back and munching on the Benke's patio.*



*Lilo- shares his couch with Chuck Sharp and Allie Snover during a Super Bowl break. Mike and Delia Williams look on.*

## 2018 Hawk Watch in Ramona

Saturday, the 24th, the temperature by my garage was almost at freezing. Starting my Healey, under those conditions, only frustrates me and irritates the battery. So, I drove the BMW. I arrived at Hawk Watch to see the Farnsworth's pull up next to me. We later saw Lou Galper and Deborah Durham, down in the front row, viewing the birds.. I heard Bob Humphrey was about, but didn't see him. Hawk Watch 2018 had at least 250 followers...or hawkers?

Many, if not most hawks, falcons, and owls on display at Hawk Watch were bred in captivity, and are banded with a special band, as well as being registered. Generally, they seldom or will never be released in the wild. They become someone's companion, usually for life. *The heads of the folks*

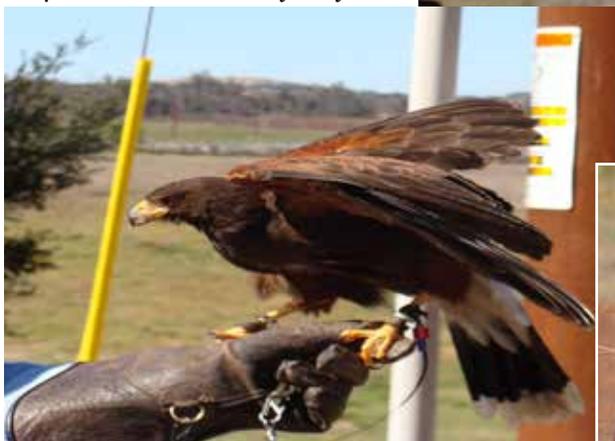
*trying to close down Sea World may now explode...*

Actually captive animals in professional zoos, aquariums, and aviaries, and in rescue agencies care, live the life of luxury. Think of them as members of Congress...They have great healthcare, retirement, wonderful food, all the exercise they need, because they don't have to spend most of their lives hunting. They have a full life expectancy of fifteen to thirty years, depending on breed.

Birds of prey have incredibly sharp sight, much sharper than a humans. Wing shape is also a factor. A falcon's wings, as opposed to hawks and owls, are long and narrow. Their wing tips actually row through the air, much as an oar does in water. They can even reach Healey speeds of up to 125 miles per hour. Falconry is a ancient sport of nobility that is still practiced by some. Birds have two stomachs. They collect small pebbles in their second stomach or "crop" which act in a way similar to teeth, to grind their food. Birds in captivity (chickens, turkeys, etc.) are provided with ground sea shell for pebbles. All in all, birds of prey are elegant creatures that were fascinating for me to watch and understand a little, how they live.

*Left and above-Red-tailed hawks on my pool deck are the most common raptor in San Diego County. With adults sporting the beautiful red tails, they are easily spotted from the coastal lagoons to the open expanses of eastern desert.*

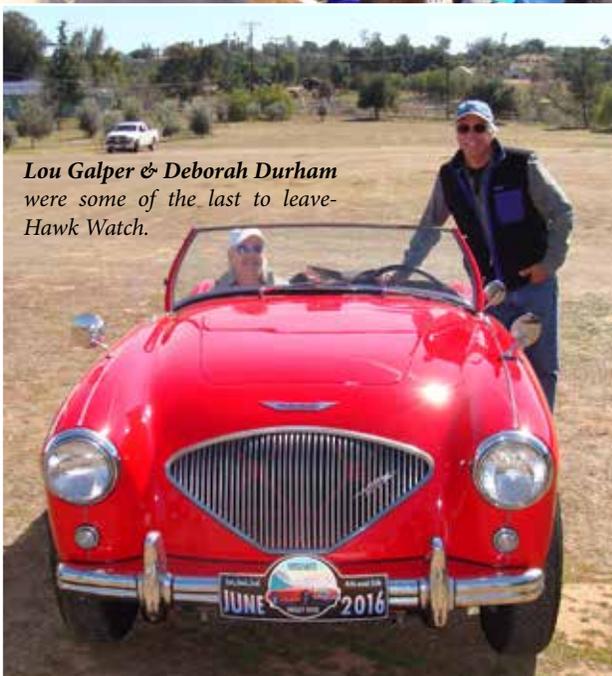
*The gentleman below is a retired physician involved in Hawk Watch as a hobby and avocation. Harris hawks will live up to 32 years. They are exercised and trained several times a week, eat special food. He exhibits his hawks at events such as Hawk Week and similar nature shows.*



*Over 250 people showed up for the last weekend of Hawk Watch 2018. It was a brisk morning for hot dogs coffee cookies and soft drinks.*



*The falcon below gets a treat for catching a bird decoy in mid air. The falcon would fly out to a large boulder in the field and wait for the decoy to be "in flight" catch it and return for a treat.*



*Lou Galper & Deborah Durham were some of the last to leave-Hawk Watch.*



Seeing the hawks brought back memories. As a quite young lad, I was raised on a family chicken and citrus ranch in El Cajon, off Chase Avenue. (Howard and Lynn Stark's home might have been on the lower end of my parents property which was the lemon grove.) Hungry hawks with very sharp eyes, flew above our ranch. They made their living off lame or slow chickens, when out of the chicken houses, and in the yard, While we didn't loose a lot of chickens to them, hawks could give my dad fits. I have included a neighborhood Red Tailed hawk or two, who occasionally visit my pool deck, looking for lunch.

The people involved in Hawk Watch make a life long commitment when they raise or adopt a bird. They are very serious about it too. And like our pets, these birds get used to it, count on it, and expect it. They also receive constant training to be what they are, and they like it. These birds never realize what a comfy life providance has delt them. They are safe from predators and big birds, which is where "pecking order" comes from. In the wild, a majority of chicks never reach their first birthday. Survival is problematic in the Animal Kingdom. Remember...Darwin does bird work, when he runs out of Healeys...

*Barn Owls like to live in lofts or special owl houses, eat rodents, and are noisy at night.*

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Several years ago, While returning from a Triumph Cork Inspection Event, I noticed my gas gauge showed about one and one half gallons as I entered S52 East from 163. I certainly had enough petrol to reach Costco Santee...

About one mile before the S52 summit, my trusty companion sputtered several times as I reined it over to the shoulder, which to my surprise, there wasn't... This section of S52 was under widening and there was no shoulder. My car was out of gas and I was stalled in the outside lane against the concrete barrier. And It was getting dark...

I looked across the concrete barrier, and much to my surprise, Darwin was standing safely on the other side, with an interested look on his face, waiting to see what I was going to do...

Fortunately, I had converted my turn signels (*opps trafficators*) to switch to emergency flashers. And I had a fresh flashlight handy. This was small comfort because from a distance, oncoming traffic assumed I was on the shoulder. Much to their surprise, I was blocking their lane as they swerved around me, their eyes averting mine.

My life began to pass before my eyes, waiting for the car that would not see or swerve. I couldn't leave the back of my car as I was wildly swinging my flashlight to attract attention. The possibility of me being hit was real and constant. Was I going to die with my car?...

About ten very long minutes or so, a CHP passed me going west, on the other side, made a U-turn in the dirt center divide and pulled up behind me with red and blue lights flashing. With his lights flashing traffic slowed down, while he nudged me over into the wide center divide. Shortly thereafter a good Sameratian stopped with a gallon of petrol.

As I pulled back in traffic, I looked in my rear view mirror to see Darwin smiling and waiving as he vanished like a ghost, from my sight...

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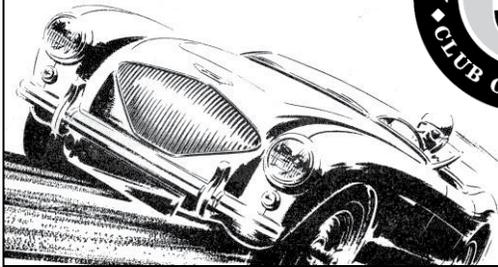
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**Darwin at a train crossing in San Francisco...** Terrifying moments for a driver in Atherton in San Francisco Bay area when an Austin Healey stalls on the tracks. Luckily no one was injured claims media spokes person... It's easy to wonder, "How could this possibly happen?..*What-do-you-mean*-That Healey is, or was, hopefully still is, a person to someone...Looks like at least some of it is left. It seems like the train just pushed the Healey out of the way. Did the Healey driver realize Darwin was the subbing for the train engineer?...Hope it can be saved. Our thoughts and best wishes on the restoration...

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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 [ricksnover@earthlink.net](mailto: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 members with multiple eligible vehicles, be sure to indicate which one(s) you drove.

COTY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCS D Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCS D 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 AHCS D 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.

### 2018 CotY Standings (as of February 20)

Member	Car	Pts
Stark, H & L	AH 3000	16
Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	12
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	12
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	6
Farnsworth, B & C	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Galper, L	AH 100	6
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000	6
Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Schumacher, K & A	AH 100	6
Snover, R & A	AH 3000 Mk II	6
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