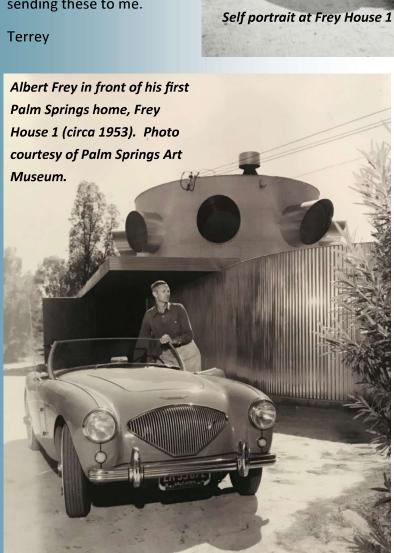
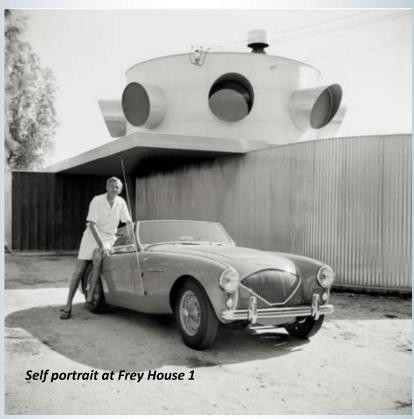
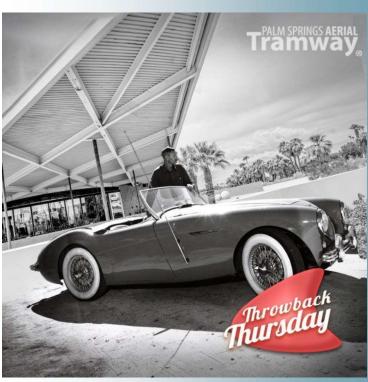
Healey History

Albert Frey

Albert Frey (pronounced Frei), October 18, 1903-November 14, 1998, was a Swiss born architect who established a style of modernist architecture centered on Palm Springs which came to be know as "Desert Modernism". He also happened to have an Austin Healey. These photos show him with the car in Palm Springs. Dates and times unknown, but interesting nonetheless. Thank you Lou Galper for sending these to me.





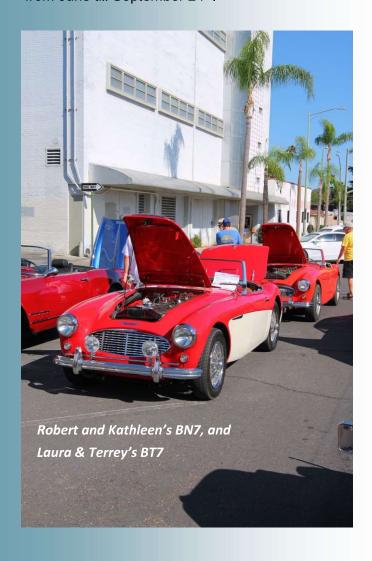


Above; Frey with his Healey in front of the "Tramway Gas Station", which he co-designed.

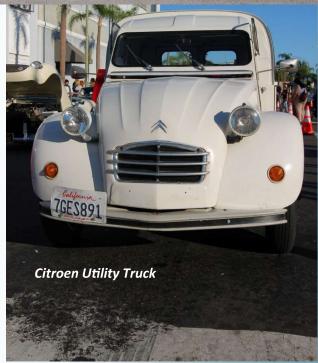
Cruisin' Grand August 11, 2023

Cruisin' Grand, held August 11th and it was a lovely Friday evening. We got lucky and it was not overly hot this year. It was very pleasant. There was a great showing of British cars, from Minis, Triumphs, MG's, and of course our very own Austin Healey's. Rounding out the European category was an old Citroen Utility Vehicle. It was very cool looking. Representing the club was Terrey & Laura Leyland in their '62 BT7, Robert & Kathleen Reid in their '60 BN7, John Lee with his '66 BJ8, Susana Davis in her '67 BJ8, and Ed Matheus in his '60 Sprite. There was another Sprite there but unfortunately, I did not catch his name. We had a great time talking to each other and walking around admiring all the other cars. This is a really cool event that takes place every Friday from June till September 24th.









British Car Day was held in Coronado this year at Tideland Parks, and wow what a beautiful place. Set right on the water right when you come over the bridge. There was a nice view of the San Diego skyline to the left and the Navy ships to the right. Weather was perfect. It was cloudy to begin with but the sun broke through around noon or so. Temperature wise it was very pleasant. The only drawback is once the sun did come out there was no shade. Note to self for next year, get a new pop up, that fits in the Healey if this event is held in the same location. Terrey and I made a nice weekend of it. Since Escondido is quite a haul so

we decided to come down Saturday and spend the night. Coronado has so much to offer and we thoroughly enjoyed a nice night on the water.







The event this year drew 240 British Cars, so there was a lot to look at. So many gorgeous cars. The car being showcased was the Aston Martin, celebrating 110 years. I personally had my eye on the brand new Aston Martin SUV but I better start playing the lottery to afford that bad boy or girl I should say. She was beautiful! Alas I am getting off track here. The Rolls with their jars of Grey Poupon are always a must see. This takes me back to a trip to France and visiting the Palace of Versailles and we had two golf carts to tour the property and my sister in the other one came up and asked if we had any Grey Poupon! I cannot see a jar and not think of that.

We had a great turnout from the club and spent the day talking and just hanging out. It was great to see Howard and Lynne, looking great as ever and Udo came to cheer us all on. Don, Lex, Sandy Leon, and Kathleen all volunteered to help guide the cars as they came in to their spots, thank you. I'm sure the British Council appreciates all their hard work. It was a very long day for these folks. Overall, the day was wonderful and it was nice to spend so much time with everyone. Next year I think we need to have a group picnic or better yet have happy hour afterward at the Marriot which is literally next door, Terrey and I snuck away for lunch there. It was great to see members that we don't see very often, hint hint. We would like to see more of you!





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In attendance we had Terrey & Laura Leyland in their '62 BT7, Howard & Lynne Stark with their '60 BT7, Dave Grundies in his '65 BJ8, John Lee in his '66 BJ8, Susana Davis in her '67 BJ8, Tom Linnard in his '66 BJ8, Don Benke in his '67 BJ8, Terry Cowan in his '65 BJ8, Lou Galper in his '55 100 BN1, Ed & Sandy Matheus in their '60 Sprite. Richard & Ada Stevens with their '68 Sprite, John Banales in his right hand drive '62 BT7, Robert & Kathleen Reid in their '60 BN7, and last but not least Alex & Sandy Watt with their '61 Aston Martin. We also had a couple join the club that day, John Howard & Jody Hays, they were there with their newly restored '62 3000 MKII BT7. There were several cars from the Southern California club in attendance as well.















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