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President's Message:

Here's wishing you all a Happy New Year!



A lot of you know that Doug has had some serious surgery lately, but so far so good. Doug went in for a routine colonoscopy on November 14. They found a large tumor that after a biopsy was determined to be colorectal cancer. They sent him to the LDS Hospital's Gastroenterology center for an ultra-sound exam. Apparently this determines the extent of the cancer prior to surgery.

On December 1, at the Intermountain Medical Center, he was operated on for the removal of the tumor and surrounding tissue. Therefore, I attended the BAHC's Christmas Dinner alone and Doug was at home recuperating. We both appreciate the cards, calls and concern we've received from those of you that were privy to this.

Unfortunately, we are still unaware of what additional procedures will follow. Are you aware of the "Tumor Board?" This Board consists of Surgeons, Oncologists, Radiologists, Pathologists, etc.; they meet once a week and discuss five or six cases and give recommendations for follow-up. Their next meeting will be the week of January 3. Doug will then meet with his surgeon the following week to discuss his options which include radiation or chemotherapy; radical surgery that would leave him with a permanent ostomy; or do nothing and have close observation in the hopes (gamble) that there is not a recurrence.

There are others in our club who have had to face much more difficult situations. When illness

overwhelms them, they have had the courage and strength to address it. We keep those in our thoughts and are very sorry for their pain. It gives us pause to evaluate our lives, to look at our successes, be thankful for what all we have experienced and achieved and hope that it gives us pleasure in remembering.

And now, let's all create memorable events for the coming year at our January club meeting at Joe Morley's.

Keep 'em rolling,
Ann

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FROM THE EDITOR:

I would like to wish all of you a very happy New Year. I hope that all of you can attend the planning meeting



on the 10th. The club needs ***your*** input. I personally would like to see some activities planned that would have every member of the Bonneville Austin Healey Club attend.

This year I am going to put a member profile in each edition of the *Bonneville Banter*. For this issue I have put the Maxwell's profile. The format is not what you may want for your profile, but is one of many that you may want to use. As you can see photos can tell a lot of history, and make the article interesting.

See you on the 10th.
Dave

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2012 Activities Schedule

January

January 10, Planning meeting, Joe Morley's 7:70 P.M.

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Member Profile

Our Life with Healeys

Dave and Sandy Maxwell

We have been members of the Bonneville Austin Healey Club since its inception in 1982/83. We have owned Austin Healeys since 1974. Currently in our garage are the 1956 Hundred and a 1965 3000 Mk III.

I have been a "gear head" as long as I could reach the pedals. My first car was a Model "A", 2 Door Sedan that I began to restore. When I couldn't get new bearings poured locally I decided to make a Hot Rod of it. I chopped the top, channeled it over the frame, and shortened the back of it to be a 5 window pickup. I set it up for and Oldsmobile V8, but traded it for a 1939 Ford coupe before it was finished. Over the next 6 or 7 years I played with many cars of all makes and models.

When Sandy and I got married my car life was shortened, but our family grew. In the early 1970's we tried our hand at selling Kentucky Fried Chicken in Petaluma, and San Rafael, California. Keeping my hands busy in my spare time rebuilding my brothers MG TC, and a Model "A" panel truck that belonged to Kentucky Fried Chicken. One of my cooks bought an Austin Healey that had been in an accident and ask me if I would repair it for him. He and I found a chassis that had the needed parts for his car a few miles away. After finishing his Healey I looked at the remainder of the parts car and thought WHY NOT.

Searching papers for several weeks I located a prospect car in Mill Valley. Price was right, bought it, and drove it home. Sandy's' reaction upon seeing my new pride and joy was: "you expect me to ride in that?" Several months and many hours later we did all ride in "that".



1978 The car is coming together

Upon moving back to Utah my brother talked me into entering the car in the Senior Citizens Car Show at the University of Utah. Imagine my surprise when I came away with a trophy. I entered the car show the next year and again placed. I met many people who had a Healey hidden away that they were going to fix soon. When people answered an ad for Healey parts we got together and formed the Bonneville Austin Healey Club.



1981 at the Senior Citizens Car Show

Around that time I decided that I wanted a Hundred to go with the 3000, so I bought a bunch of boxes and buckets of bolts that were to become the 1956 Hundred that we still own. With a growing family we decided that to finance the rebuild of the hundred that we would sell the 3000.

After a couple of years of attending club functions in our BJ-9 I just had to have a Healey to drive. Into our life came the 1965 BJ-8. Needed work (still does) but it was a driver. Drove it year around for a few years, and continued to work on the Hundred. Have done some "chalk mark" repairs, but not yet done the major restoration that I plan to do "some day".



1987 Participating in a funkahna

I finished the restoration on the Hundred in 1992. Just in time to drive it to the International meet in Breckenridge, Colorado. I entered the car in the Concours and placed a silver level, 11 points below Gold, with a 16 point deduct on the tool kit. Sandy and I have driven the car to many national events. Since finishing the restoration and subsequent needed repairs we have travelled over 60,000 miles in the car.

A few years back we purchased another pile of boxes that became a 1961 Sprite. After finishing it to a respectable level, we decided that we really didn't need 2 Healeys, let alone 3. We then parted with the Sprite.

(Here's where you can bid on either of the cars in our garage)



1991 Break-in drive to Wendover

People always ask me: Why Austin Healeys? The cars, big Healeys anyway, can travel safely at modern highway speeds, are a blast to drive, I think that the passenger doesn't always feel that way, they are simple to maintain. And relative to costs to repair modern cars, they are still a bargain to repair.

Our ownership of Healeys has allowed us to meet many people from around the world. Still the friendship of the local club members is the real highlight of owning a Healey.



1995 In Ohio coming home from Quebec, Canada

HAPPY HEALEYING

Dave and Sandy

Editors Note:

As discussed at the November meeting the Member Profile will be an ongoing section of the *Bonneville Banter*. At the January Meeting we will be drawing names for the authors of the next 11 months. Attendance at the meeting is not required to have your name drawn, so you might as well come and plan the year's events.

Dave

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's Time To Renew - Membership Dues for 2012

As you know by now, the combined total for both clubs for the year is \$60.00. A.H.C.A. Dues are \$50.00 and Bonneville Club's are \$10.00.

Whichever level you choose we hope to hear from you soon. For the majority of you that have already paid we thank you very much.

The renewal form you received is not clear. It would be helpful if you would please address your check to B.A.H.C.

Again we thank you for your continuing support of B.A.H.C.

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