



# BONNEVILLE BANTER



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## Presidents Message :

I heard somewhere that the "third time's a charm". If I remember right, this will be my third attempt to lead the Bonneville Austin Healey Club. Hopefully I get it right because there is no provision in the by-laws for impeachment.



The January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at Joe Morley's is the annual planning meeting. Bring your ideas for some activities for 2014. There has been some talk of separating the car show in Park City and Healey Days. I think that would be worth some discussion. We could possibly hold Healey Days to coincide with the National Collector Car Day on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

I also think that the Park City show should be sponsored by the Bonneville Club only and other Marque clubs being invited. Trophies for particular makes would be based on number of entries by a particular brand. It would be nice to use all of the 60 parking spaces that we pay for.

Another activity that we as a club should address is Tech Sessions. From the number of Healeys I see on the road and at club functions, leave me to believe that we don't think our cars are reliable. Many problems are created by lack of maintenance. A few simple tech sessions on the basics would show how little it takes to keep our Healeys on the road.

Happy Healeying,  
Dave

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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Here it is folks, my last editorial. I am using this column to introduce you



to Craig Mossberg, the new editor. Craig and I are working this edition together to make the change as seamlessly as possible. Not that anyone ever reads this part; I just thought you might happen across it. I have enjoyed doing the Banter for the last few years, but as with all projects, sometimes it is time to let someone else give it a go. I will be a little redundant here but I want to remind you that your dues are DUE by January 15<sup>th</sup>. AHCA cannot guarantee that you will receive any Marque issues during the cutoff date and when they do receive your renewal.

In this issue is an article I lifted from the Austin Healey Club of San Diego's newsletter. It is interesting how things stay the same.

Again, Happy Healeying  
Dave

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## New Editor's Comments

After the  
monthly  
meetings, the

Bonneville Banter and the BAHC website are

probably the most important communication tools we have as a club. Both tell us what has happened, what will happen and let us know about the wide diversity of members and their interests.

I always look forward to the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month when I know a new issue of the Bonneville Banter will be available on-line. Since I've been a member, Allen Brown and Dave Maxwell have done a terrific job publishing an interesting and informative issue each month. I'd like to thank them both for their outstanding efforts.

Since volunteering (?) to become the new editor, I realize it won't be easy to maintain the quality of their efforts. Hopefully, I can count on your help with both comments and suggestions and also, in providing articles for the newsletter. The Member Profiles have been an excellent means of getting to know our members a little better. I know we all have interests that may be different from each other. Some of us like classic car shows and auctions, some like racing and performance driving activities, some prefer restoration and mechanical efforts, some prefer the club road trips, and some have a Healey for nostalgic and historic reasons. Why not write an article on what interests you?

The newsletter is only as good as its content. Please help me continue to produce a useful and informative issue each month. I know I have big shoes to fill but I'll do my best. Thanks for your support.

Craig

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## Membership Dues for 2014

Another year is almost gone. By now you should have received a dues statement or two from AHCA or BAHC depending on your 2013 membership. Renewals are due Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

AHCA/BAHC members dues will remain 60.00 and you will continue to receive A.H.C.A.'s Magazine as well as all the benefits associated with the B.A.H.C.

BAHC only member's dues will be 15.00 since a payment of \$5.00 is required to cover the insurance premiums for the year. This is a like amount that is paid by AHCA members through their national dues.

For 2014 AHCA is calling for dues payment by January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the cutoff date for being included in the 2014 AHCA National Members Directory. So, don't be left out.

We hope you will continue to maintain the level of membership that works best for you. Any questions please call or email me.

Thank you for your continuing support of B.A.H.C.

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## Member Profile

### Doug and Kristine Barneck

My history of Austin Healeys started when I was dating a girl who would later become my wife. I had always liked old cars and I met this girl that had this old blue car in their carport. It was a bit ratty but it had a nice look. As I later found out, it was her dad's pride and joy. It was a British car and I didn't even know anyone who owned a British car before now. Apparently, this girl was versed in all things British and had even spent a semester of college on that little island.

In spite of my lack of knowledge of all things British, we were engaged and were later married. I later found out that my now father-in-law's pride and joy had been promised to my now wife because she was the only child that would help him work on the thing.

In the mean time, we purchased a little red 1959 100-6 out of Kaysville. We got it running with the help of the Club and drove it around for a while until my wife decided it was silly to have two of the cars. We later sold the BN6 to a guy in Australia.

My father-in-law really enjoyed his Healey and drove it all the time to his job at Boeing on Hill Air Force Base. A few years later, I told my father-in-law that I would restore the car for him. In this time frame, he started to be a little forgetful. I worked on restoring the car and he progressed to getting more forgetful. I was just finishing up his car and I remember asking him to help me bleed the brakes and he got inside and asked which pedal was the brake pedal. I realized at this point that he wasn't going to be able to ever drive his restored car.

In 1998 I drove him to the Convention in Park City in his Healey and he was the happiest person alive. Unfortunately, we had lost most of the oil pressure on the way there but we made it. Years later, we found a chunk of silicone in one of the oil galleys on the crankshaft and tore the engine apart for a rebuild.

Now the Car is my wife, Kristine's pride and joy. Unfortunately, life has kept us from fully enjoying the car to its fullest but now with a new place in the new garage, we hope to have that British thing out on the road.

Doug and Kristine Barneck  
Now of Taylor Utah

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Here is the article from the San Diego Club

### CAUSES OF BREAKDOWNS

Most of us are members of the AAA, and as such we depend on them to get us home safely if we have problems with our cars while out on the road.

This is also the case in Britain, where there were 3 motoring organizations that have been looking after the motorist for over 100 years. The Automobile Association is the youngest of the three and was founded in London in 1906. The Royal Scottish Automobile Club was founded in Glasgow in 1899, and the oldest of the 3 is the Royal Automobile Club founded in 1897.

One of the things that the RAC has done is to maintain records since 1926 concerning their "Get-You-Home" service. In their records they have

tracked the causes of breakdowns on a yearly basis. The 1926 record gives us a good idea which parts of our cars are most liable to give us problems and by addressing these areas hopefully it will ensure that we can avoid being broken down on the road. Over 80 percent of the problem areas are mechanical, with another 14 percent of the problems being attributed to human error, namely accidents. The main categories are:

- Ignition - 22.5%
- Engine -21.5%
- Rear axle shaft - 12.6%
- Transmission & clutch -11.8%
- Road Wheels & suspension - 5.9%
- Front axle & steering - 4.3%
- Carburetor - 2.5%
- Accident- 14.1%

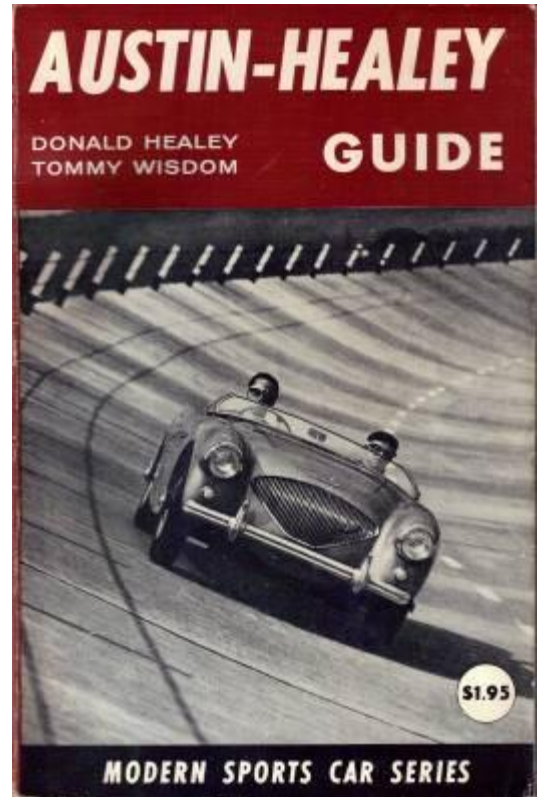
This list does not include things such as electrical or lighting failure, running out of gas, or leaking radiators, and these are most likely to be the other 5-6 percent of the problem areas.

We can't solve all the potential problems with our cars, but with proper preventative maintenance we can reduce the possibility to an acceptable level, and if needed, we can always call on AAA for help. A word of advice if you do have to call, please be patient with them as they have a whole bunch of questions that they will ask in order to make sure that they get the right car. You might know that your car is the only 1909 Buick, 1914 Model T, or 1963 Healey at your location, but the operator on the other end of the phone line needs to make sure that the tow truck driver can find you, so they need to know all the necessary information including the colour of your car...

Sandy Watt  
San Diego Austin Healey Club

A friend of mine found this book at a garage/estate sale a few weeks ago.

First published in 1959, this copy is a third printing from 1962. It has the usual photos that you find in period publications and a couple that we haven't seen before.



One chapter covers the beginnings of the Austin Motor Company. It is a very good read.  
Dave



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