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## Happy New Year From the Bonneville Austin Healey Club

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As we come to the end of another year, we should all reflect on the many good things that we experienced during the past years. I can recall several great outings with the Bonneville Austin Healey Club. I hope to have many more in the coming years.

As it is the end of the year, I want to remind all of you that in order to have your information in the AHCA directory you need to have renewed your membership by January 15<sup>th</sup>. I received my renewal notice on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. I challenge all of you to do as I do and bring your dues check to the Planning Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's have a really large turnout for the January meeting; I am sure that Don and Dil would appreciate any input you have for activities. See you there.

I have been re-assembling the motor for the BJ and a so far it seems to be going OK. I decided to sand blast the rocker cover and found an oil leak. (Imagine that) Where the side baffle is spot welded on the inside one of the spot welds had a 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch hole through to the inside. A spot of silver solder

took care of it, now I just wish all the oil leaks would be that easy to repair.

Sandy and I wish you lots of good times for the coming year.

Happy Healeying,

Dave

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### EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Happy New Year from your intrepid newsletter editor. 2014 was a mixed year for the Bonneville



Austin Healey Club. We had great participation at some events like the Trapper's Loop Drive ,the Healey Days Car Show at Sam's Club and the pot luck dinner at the Colman's but sparse attendance at some of the other events. I've even heard some comments predicting the impending demise of the club. Everyone has lots of commitments and conflicts that make participation at all events very difficult but we all should make an extra effort to keep the club alive and viable in 2015. Dil Strasser and Don Hughes have stepped up to be the Activities Co-Chairmen for next year. They have the thankless job of trying to find activities that

members want to participate in. The January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will decide what we do for 2015. We need to decide how we handle the Classic Car Show in Park City. We all need to rethink what we do. Do we have too many (or not enough) meetings? What trips/drives do we take? Should they be overnight or short day trips? Should we change how we handle Tech Sessions? Does someone have a project that could be a regular Tech Session? Please give this some thought and come to the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting prepared to present your thoughts on how we proceed in 2015.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

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January 13: Monthly Meeting at Joe Morley's. **This is the planning meeting for 2015 activities so please attend.**

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### Membership Dues for 2015

Another year is almost gone. Soon you will receive a dues statement from AHCA or BAHC depending on your 2014 membership. Renewals are due Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

AHCA/BAHC member's 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 2015 AHCA is calling for dues payment by January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the cut-off date for being included in the 2015 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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### BAHC Holiday Party

In spite of a small turnout, our Annual BAHC Holiday Party at Faustinas on December 9<sup>th</sup> was quite a success. The food was excellent and the conversation lively. Those in attendance were Dave Maxwell, Jim and Sheryl Thornton, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, Jim and Susan Revel, Kevin and Marie Cowan, Ann and Tara Henderson, Grant Fairbanks and Page Tyler, and Craig and Carol Mossberg.



Thanks to Jim Revel for organizing the dinner again this year.

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**QUESTION:** Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when? For the answer, see page 4.

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### This One Is For the Guys

Woman: Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes.

Woman: How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about 3 beers.

Woman: How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip.

Woman: How long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose.



Woman: So a beer costs \$5 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5400 correct?

Man: Correct.

Woman: If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000, correct?

Man: Correct.

Woman: Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No

Man: Where's your Ferrari?

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**ANSWER:** Camden, NJ in 1933



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## Winter Storage

Many of you may be putting away your cars for the winter. Remember that modern fuel doesn't have a long shelf/tank life. Be sure to put a stabilizer in the fuel.

Here are some tips:

### Before storage

1. Select a dry, dark location for storage — preferably with limited access. Concrete flooring is best at keeping away moisture. If you must store your car on a dirt floor, place a plastic barrier under the vehicle, and place carpet pieces or plywood under the tires.
2. Give the vehicle a good wash/wax. Putting on and removing a vehicle cover will lead to unwanted scratches if the car is dirty.
3. Fill the fuel tank (preferably with premium) and add fuel stabilizer. Be sure to run the vehicle to move fuel stabilizer into the carburetor, fuel rails, injectors, etc. The fuller the tank, the less room there will be for air, which carries moisture that can lead to fuel contamination and possibly rust within the tank.
4. Change the oil and filter right before putting away the vehicle. The clean oil will reduce the risk of harmful contaminants working away at your engine during hibernation — and you'll be ready to go in spring.
5. Check the antifreeze.
6. Add air to the tires.
7. If you're storing your car offsite, some insurance companies require you to report the address of the offsite location. Check with your insurer to determine your policy's requirements.

### When storing

Place baking soda refrigerator packages in the interior and trunk areas.

To keep insects and vermin out of the car, put a plastic bag over the air cleaner/air inlet and exhaust pipe(s). You also can cover these with aluminum foil and tape securely. Place

mothballs in the tailpipe and around the outside of the car, or insert steel wool in the tailpipe.

Place the vehicle on jack stands. This step avoids tire flat spots and adds longevity to the suspension because it is not supporting the vehicle's weight during storage.

1. For your battery, take one of the following actions: Unhook the battery by removing the negative cable first and store it separately — never on a concrete floor and preferably where it will not freeze; or leave the battery in the car and put a battery tender on it, if there is power available. That way if you want to start it a few times in the winter you don't have to put the battery in and out.
2. Close all of the windows.
3. If the vehicle will be exposed to freezing temperatures, be certain no personal items that may freeze or burst are left in the vehicle.
4. There are varying theories about periodically starting the vehicle. This writer feels unless you get the engine up to operating temperature for a good 10-plus minutes to burn off the water vapors that initially develop at startup-cold operation, starting is not a good idea. Anything less will leave water in the combustion chamber and all exhaust components.

2. Once your car is uncovered, inspect it for any signs of insect or vermin damage.
3. Remove the baking soda units. If you forget them, they may spill during driving.
4. It's a good idea to check for floor leaks, check all fluid levels, and check the tire pressures.
5. Remove plastic bag (aluminum foil) from over air cleaner/air inlet and exhaust pipe(s).
6. Apply the brakes ensure they work and that you have a good pedal. The steel brake lines can rust out and leak, and vermin can chew through the rubber brake hoses.
7. Start the vehicle and check for any fluid leaks.
8. Give it some extra time to warm up, and check the lights, horn, etc., while the temperature begins to rise. Drive it slowly for a mile or so. Some components such as transmissions and rear-ends require movement for full/proper lubrication.
9. After driving a bit, check it again for leaks, etc.
10. Your car cover may have become dusty over the long winter months — give it a good cleaning according to the manufacturer's instructions.
11. Lastly, but most importantly, do a burnout for me! (Editor's Note: May not apply to Healeys)

**Bringing your baby back to life**

1. Charge the battery for a solid 24 hours. When returning the battery to the vehicle, attach the positive cable first.

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Thanks to Bob Markman for sending this great article. Although it was written with Morgan cars in mind, it is universal for all classic British cars.

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