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President's Message

Get Ready to Roll



I came away from the January 9th planning meeting with great expectations for a super year of activities. The members set a real good mix of activities for the coming year. One that seems to be always on the list is the Valentines meeting / social / dinner. Jim Thornton volunteered to help set it up. Put February 13th on your calendar and plan on joining us.

As usual we left a lot of the months without a firm agenda so that members can get involved with the activity. Be sure and contact Ann Lewis if you can help in any way with some of the activities. I'm sure that you will have fun putting on an activity, or even a portion of an event at one of the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club's functions.

I was in Phoenix on other business during the week of the Barrett-Jackson Auction. Sandy and I went over to Westworld on Monday and checked out most of the cars that would go over the block later that week. Naturally we looked harder at the Austin-Healeys than most of the other vehicles. Of the 13 big Healeys, most sold slightly higher than I expected. The high water mark for a Healey this year was \$112,000.00. I did not get a chance to preview that car, but you can check it and all the others on the web, (barrett-jackson.com).

Being a full-fledged gear-head, I also enjoyed many of the other cars that were there. Can you believe a price of \$660,000.00 for serial #0001 2007 Shelby GT500 Mustang? (The proceeds go to the Carroll Shelby Children's Foundation) There also was a 232 actual mile Cosworth Vega, it looked like it went straight from a dealer to a garage and never washed.

Typical of Barrett-Jackson there was a large number of muscle cars. As it seems the testosterone level had most good examples selling for more than \$150,000.00, with many in the \$250,000.00 range. Sure wish I had kept some of my youthful transportation for my retirement fund.

Happy Healeying,

Dave

P.S. Yes, I did drive the Hundred on my annual Christmas Drive.

Make a New Year's Resolution to attend your BAHC Meetings

The Bonneville Austin-Healey Club needs more members to take an active part in attending club meetings and activities for the following reasons:

1. The club needs your input and participation.
2. Increased activity will not only helps the club, since each person has something to contribute to the group, but the club has much to offer to you in good social contacts and more enjoyable use and ownership of your Austin-Healey.
3. Technical help to assist you in maintaining and repairing your car to make it a more user friendly and pleasant experience.



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Bonneville Austin Healey Club Minutes for January 13, 2007

Meeting held at Marie Callender's
Called to order by President Dave Maxwell at
7:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Bob Jahnke	Dave & Sandy Maxwell
Jim Pearce	Doug & Ann Lewis
John Morrison	Bob & Fran Riemenschneider
Don Colman	Myra Strauchen
Dill Strasser	Jim Thornton
Allen Brown	Jim Revel
Ken Clifford	Jon Hanson
Craig Mossberg	Ernie Reno

The December Meeting was held at Buca di Beppo. No Minutes were recorded for this meeting. The only business conducted was the collection of the ballots for officers for the coming year. See the ballot story elsewhere in the Banter.

Dave Maxwell is seeking suggestions to get more of the membership involved in the club.

New Business:

Reports

Item 1. Treasurer's Report - Bob Jahnke reported that the current status of the bank account is positive with a balance of approximately \$3,540.

Item 2. Editor's Report – Allen Brown reported that we are now only mailing 6 copies of the Banter with the rest of the members using the web site. This saves the club about \$30 a month.

Activities

Item 1. There will be no Tech Session in January.

Item 2. January 20th is the date for the BMCU to go to the Millstream Museum in Ogden.

Item 3. Ann Lewis has made tentative plans for the coming year's activities:

Feb. – The first activity of the year will be the "Sweetheart Dinner", Tue., Feb. 13th at 6:45 p.m. at the Cinegrill, 344 So. 300 East, Salt Lake City,

Mar. – Drive to the Golden Spike Museum, Sat., Mar. 24th

Apr. – For anyone who might be interested, the Copper State 100 will go through Kanab on Apr. 16th.

May. – Overnight tour to Vernal, Flaming Gorge and Manila, May 19-20

Jun. – British Field Day

Jul. – Potluck Pool Party, probably on Tech Session Sat. Jul. 21st

Aug. – Healey Days at Brighton, Aug. 11-12

Sep. – Alpine Loop with lunch at the Homestead Sep. 15th or a drive to Wendover for Speed Week

Oct. – To be announced

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

John Morrison

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club Proposed 2007 Activities Schedule

Feb. 13 - General meeting, "Sweetheart Dinner", 6:45 p.m. at the Cinegrill, 344 So. 300 East, Salt Lake City

Feb. 17 – Tech Session, noon, place TBA

Mar 13 – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Marie Callender's 1109 East 3900 South, Salt Lake City

Mar. 17 – Tech Session, noon, place TBA

Mar. 24 – Drive to golden Spike Museum

Apr. 10 – General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

Apr. 21 – Tech Session, noon, place TBA

See Jan. Minutes on this page for other activities for 2007.

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British Sports Cars, A Love Affair

I first started to notice British Sports Cars when I was about 15 years old. At that time, MG's were the best known of the English imports. In 1953, the summer before my senior year in high school, a neighbor had a 1951 MG TD for sale. It was black with tan leather interior and I fell in love with it. My Dad loaned me the money to buy it and I became an official British car owner. I kept the MG until the fall of 1956 when I went on an LDS mission. By coincidence I served in the British Mission where I traveled mostly on bicycles, but saw lots of great British cars. I was able to put the money from selling my MG in the bank and had planned on buying an MGA to ship home. About this time I became acquainted with Morgan cars and found that they were very reasonably priced for the performance and design they offered. I ended up buying a new 1958 Morgan Plus 4 with a TR3 engine. It was light gray with black leather upholstery and wire wheels. It was a great car and I drove it until shortly after Judy and I were married and we needed a more practical car, a 1961 VW sedan. I went for about 18 years without a sports car and in 1978 I realized that I was missing something I liked very much. I started looking for another car. I found a 1967 Morgan Plus 4 in California. It is red with black fenders (wings) and is right hand drive with a TR4A engine. It felt good to be back in the British sports car mode. A short time later I ran into a good buy on a 1965 Austin-Healey. I had always admired Healeys, but for some reason had never pictured myself behind the wheel. I bought the car and really enjoyed it, however I had the opportunity sell it for a good price and was without a Healey for a while. I saw an ad in Road & Track for a 1967 BJ8 that was in Henderson, KY. After some negotiation by phone, my son and I got on a plane, bought the car and drove it home to Salt Lake.

One of the great things about having a British sports car is being in a car club. I belonged to the Utah SCCA Club in the late 50's and had some great times and activities. We had a small local Morgan Club (which included Grant Fairbanks) in the early 80's but several of the cars were sold and our group drifted apart.

My association with the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club has been and continues to be an opportunity to enjoy fun activities with people with who have the same interest in Healeys. I appreciate the friendships that I have made and the generosity of club members who help each other with technical problems. I value my BAHC membership very highly and look forward to many years of involvement. Thanks to those who plan and work to make the club a success and for the friendship you have shown to me.

Allen Brown



1951 MG TD



1958 Morgan Plus Four



1967 Morgan Plus Four



1967 Austin-Healey 3000 Mk III

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**BAHC Valentine
“Sweet heart Dinner”
Tue., February 13th
6:45 p.m. @ Cinegrill
344 So. 300 East.SLC**

**Come have a delicious meal
and a fun evening!**