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President's Message

I was greatly impressed with the turnout we had for the January meeting at Marie Callender's. I hope we get that kind of response for our events. Sandy has planned events for each month through October and it would certainly be nice to see more of us participating rather than just the "usual."

The topic of engine oils keeps popping up at the meetings and since I can't figure out how to get this info to Jon Hanson for the website I'm quoting some of the information here: This is from a Valvoline Bulletin #2008-003a.

"The level of "zinc" in today's engine oil is a hot topic. . . The anti-wear additive simply referred to as "zinc" by most car enthusiasts, is actually short for Zinc DialkylDithiophosphates or ZDP. As an anti-wear additive, its primary role is to prevent metal-to-metal contact between engine parts by forming a protective film. Despite being referred to as "zinc," this additive actually contains zinc and phosphorus, with phosphorus performing the anti-wear function.

"The zinc/phosphorus molecules react in the oil and release phosphorus-containing compounds that make a wear-resisting phosphate glass film on the critical surfaces of contacting engine parts. With most brands, this process also results in phosphorus being released with engine emissions into the catalytic converter, where it can poison the emissions system over time.

"With ever increasing limits on emissions, automobile manufacturers have tightened emission control systems on newer vehicles. This is one of several factors considered when the American Petroleum Institute (API) sets standards for engine oil. The current API standard is "SM," which replaced the previous "SL" classification. Because phosphorus can poison a vehicle's emission system, the level of zinc is lower for current engine oil.

"Many hands-on car enthusiasts and engine experts believe the lower levels of zinc in "SM" engine oil is causing excessive wear in older style push-rod and flat tappet engines. This is despite the fact that all new engine oil classifications are intended to be backward compatible. This has resulted in the widely



accepted belief that modern engine oil is not adequate to protect older engines.

"There are high-zinc engine oils available to meet this need. It is important to note, however, that the entire additive package still needs to be balanced for best performance. For example, engine oil with a high zinc level but low detergent may not perform over a drain interval of 3,000 miles or longer.

"Two solutions to the zinc issue: Valvoline Racing VR 1: 75% higher zinc than SM engine oil with a balanced additive package designed to work in both racing and street-legal applications. This product will protect older style push-rod and flat tappet engines. Valvoline provides this product in both multi and mono viscosity grades.

"Longer-Lasting Zinc/Phosphorus: Valvoline uses an advanced zinc/phosphorus additive that keeps higher levels of phosphorus in the engine oil where it protects the engine, instead of poisoning the catalytic converter. Valvoline is the only brand offering this unique additive across its entire line of passenger car engine oils, including SynPower which is the only synthetic offering this additive."

I guess to be really fair we should consult other engine oil manufacturers to get balanced information to make our "educated" purchases.

See you all at the Cinnegrill for our "Sweetheart Dinner" on February 10, at 7 pm.

Ann Lewis



Bonneville Austin Healey Club

Minutes for January 13, 2009

Meeting held at Marie Callender's Restaurant
Called to order by President Ann Lewis at 7:40 p.m.

Members Present:

Dave & Sandy Maxwell	Doug & Ann Lewis
Bob & Fran Riemenschneider	Ernie Reno
Bob Jahnke	Joe Morley
Jim Pearce	Don Colman
Craig Mossberg	Jim Thornton
Ken Clifford	Jon Hanson
Dil Strasser	Allen Brown

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Bob Jahnke: A \$500 Contribution will be made to Make-a-Wish to tie in with the AHCA commitment to support this charity.

Membership – Jim Thornton: 30 out of 53 BAHC members have renewed their membership for 2009.

Webmaster – Jon Hanson: Our website provider was sold to another company. Jon expects the yearly website charge to stay around \$110.

Newsletter – Allen Brown: No changes in distribution with 6 copies being sent by mail each month.

Activities – The proposed BAHC activities schedule for 2009 was discussed by Activities Chairperson, Sandy Maxwell, and the other members present at the meeting. They are as follows:

February – Sweetheart Dinner, 02/10 at the Cinegrill.

March – Drive to Wendover, 03/21, visit Air Museum.

April – Tech Session, 04/18. Placed to be determined.
-- Drive to Eureka, UT, 04/25.

May – Tech Session, 05/16, place to be determined.
-- Drive to Lava Hot Springs, ID, 05/23.

June – West Coast Healey Meet, Jackson, CA, 06/14-18
-- Glenwood Springs, CO Rally, check with Bob Jahnke for details.
-- British Field Day, Liberty Park, 06/20.

July – Barbeque at Jon Hanson's home, 07/18.

August – BAHC Healey Days, Park City

September – Jackson, WY Trip, 09/18-20

October – Monte Cristo/Bear Lake Drive, 10/03

December – Christmas Dinner, 12/05

Discussions – Jim Pearce asked about motor oil additives such as zinc and phosphorous. An article will be in the Feb. Banter.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Allen Brown

Upcoming Club Activities

VALENTINE SWEETHEART DINNER

Jim Thornton has made arrangements for our annual Valentine dinner at Cinegrill Restaurant, Tuesday, February 10th, 344 South 300 East, Salt Lake City, 7:00 PM. Please come and enjoy our first activity of 2009. No need to RSVP.

This activity will replace our general meeting.

MARCH WENDOVER DRIVE

Our March activity will be a drive to Wendover on March 21. We will meet at The Home Depot, 328 West 2100 South, at 9:00 AM. Plans have been made to visit the Wendover Air Museum. You can either drive home in the afternoon or spend the night.

I have checked with Wendover Nugget Hotel and found that you can make a reservation by calling 1-800-848-7300. Rooms are normally \$80.00, however you can get a 10% senior discount, which will bring the room price to \$72.00 + Tax.

If weather or other circumstances make not driving your Healey feasible please bring another vehicle. We would like to see many members attend this year's activities. Please let me know if you will be coming, so that we do not leave you behind.

Thanks, Sandy Maxwell, 801-943-4803

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club 2009 Activities Schedule

Tue., Feb. 10th – Sweetheart Dinner, Cinegrill, 344 South 300 East, at 7 pm. in lieu of regular general meeting. (See article above)

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

Tue., Apr. 14th General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Marie Callender's, 1109 E. 3900 South, Salt Lake City

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