



# BONNEVILLE BANTER

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## President's Message:



The one person in the world we should know better than any other is our mate. I thought I knew what Doug's reactions would be to most of life's actions.

After all, we have been married more than 50 years; I should know what to expect from him.

Doug's brother-in-law is retired and wanted to fill some time so he took a job as a school crossing guard with the Unified Police Department. The brother-in-law asked me if I thought Doug might be interested in doing the same. I laughed! Doug? The kids in the neighborhood have always steered clear of Doug, thinking he's a "Grumpy Old Man." He's definitely not that keen on children.

Well, to my surprise, he said "Sure, I'll give it a try". He filled out the application; then took the training; received all the badges, keys (for the crossing lights) and gear (hand held stop sign and orange traffic cones) and rain wear. He started as a substitute filling in for other guards when needed last school year. I thought this will never last.

But, this January he decided to be a permanent crossing guard, morning and afternoon every school day. He's stationed at Carnation Drive and Larkspur Drive in White City crossing children that attend Alta View Elementary. He loves it!

He comes home and tells me tales about these children that make us both laugh hysterically. There are also some sad tales as well. Doug is the first person the children see when they head home after school. They share their excitement about receiving

good grades on an exam they were surprised to have achieved. He cheers them on.

They approach him in the morning on their way to school for a special field trip they're excited about. He takes the time to ask them how the field trip was at the end of their school day. When a parent drives the child to school in the morning the children wave enthusiastically at their crossing guard. On Valentine's Day, they each gave him boxes of candy and suckers wishing him "Happy Day."

All in all, this has been very good for Doug. I suspect good for the children as well.

Yes, sometimes our mates do surprise us.

Keep 'em rolling,  
Ann

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

Are you ready to drive yet? The Bonneville Austin Healey Club has a lot of interesting



activities planned for the year. If your Healey just need some minor adjustments to be road worthy bring it to the Tech Session on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure that someone can help you with most of the little things that a car needs after a winter's rest. I will bring a can to put used oil in if you need to change your oil. You will have to furnish the oil and filter and gaskets that you may need. Spark plugs, pints and condensers are another simple fix that pays off big in the long run. Let's get our Healeys on the road.

The Member Profile section of the newsletter looks like it will be the best part of the newsletter. It's early in the year but, so far the contributions have been really good. Jim and Don have sent their articles in early in the cycle. Allowing me time to lay it out and work on the photos that are sent so it reads well. THANKS GUYS!

Happy Healeying, Dave

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10/14 Trip to Mirror Lake/Evanston Lead by Dave Maxwell

**November**

11/13 Nominations meeting@

Tech Session TBA

**December**

Christmas Party date & place TBD

**March Tech Session**

The tech session will be held at Sec-10 63 west Burton Ave. (Jim Thornton's business) at 11:00 A.M. on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Wear your emerald green coveralls and help repair the brakes on the Kristine Barneck's BJ8.

See you there.

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**Angie's List**

Looking back at a AHCA program that was initiated in 2010 with Angies List that would give our parent organization (AHCA) \$5.00 for each review submitted to Angle's List "Classic Car Vendor Review" section. Gary Feldman VP Public Relations for the AHCA sent the following:

We have all heard the saying, "if it's too good to be true, then it probably isn't". Well in this case, this promotion / opportunity is the REAL DEAL and we all need to run to our computers to take advantage. About two years ago Jim Frakes (VP / Conclave) worked with the folks at Angle's List and set-up a local Indianapolis AHC promotion that generated some charitable funds. This program was so successful that Jim introduced a National AHC program at our delegate's meeting well over a year ago.

At our last delegates meeting in November we had a very brief discussion about the status of this program, we had very little information at that time other than the fact there was very little activity. We later found out that AHCA generated \$60.00 for all of 2011, that's 12 reports from 3,000+ members! I volunteered take the lead to see if we could get this program jump started. If you recall from Jim's initial introduction, Angie's List will pay the AHCA \$5.00 for every time we go into their site and do a Classic Car Vendor Review. Sounds too good to be true, well it's real and we stand to generate lots of money.

**Bonneville Austin-Healey Club**

**2012 Activities Schedule**

**March**

3/13 Meeting @ Red Robin

3/17 Tech Session at Sec 10, 11:00A.M install Brake Booster, Flush Brake System.

**April**

4/10 Meeting @ Joe Morley's

4/28 Trip to Taggart's, float trip for some, lead by Myra Strauchen

**May**

5/8 Meeting @ Red Robin

Tech Session TBA

5/18-20 Trip to Jackson Hole lead by Jim Revel

**June**

**6/17-21 AHCA Conclave Louisville, KY**

6/12 Meeting @ Joe Morley's

6/16 British Field Day, possible trip to Heber Airport 6/9

**July**

7/10 Meeting @ Red Robin

**Healey Days in Park City 7/27-29** dates TB confirmed

Tech Session TBA

**August**

Utah Concours unknown date or interest in going

8/14 Meeting @ Joe Morley's

Tech Session TBA

Trip to Keith Mott's for a barbecue in Logan Canyon Jim Thornton to arrange with Keith and determine date & time.

**September**

9/11 Meeting @ Red Robin

Tech Session TBA

9/14-17 Trip to Torrey, Zion Lead by Jim Revel

**October**

10/9 Meeting @ Joe Morley's

Tech Session TBA

If every member in our club just did ONE review we would get a check for over \$15,000 and the sky's the limit.

I have been working with Angie's Classic Car Director, Sara Harding Lou the past several weeks to figure out a new game plan to get this program going and we are ready to go!

The program is very simple and we have added one new element:

- 1) \$5.00 per review is still in effect, payable to AHCA quarterly.
- 2) Every member that does at least one review will get a FREE subscription to the "Classic Car" section of Angie's list for 1 year.

Bottom line this program is a WIN / WIN:

- 1) AHCA could generate some serious cash, funds could be used for charities and/or club business - keeping our memberships as low as possible.
- 2) We benefit the shops / vendors we use, making sure they stay in business to help preserve the Austin-Healey marque.
- 3) Folks get a "free classic car membership" for their participation.

You will be able to submit a review of a provider by following the instructions here. I tried it and it is not necessary to join Angie's List to submit a review, but I can see where "membership has some privileges" Dave

How to participate in building the Classic Cars Listing at Angie's List.com:

Click on the following.

<https://www.angieslist.com/AngiesList/review/charitablereports.aspx>

Select Austin Healey Club of America where it says charitable organization and follow the instructions.

It is very simple to submit a report. I'm going to give you a lot of detail so that you can edit as you see fit. There are big buttons that say "continue" and lots of prompts if you leave anything out.

? When you click on the link above, you'll be prompted to set up a profile, including a password. We do not accept anonymous reports and we require a valid email address as part of the reporting process.

? Next, you'll be asked for a provider name. It is very likely that your providers are not on the List yet, so you can click "add" to add a provider

? When you add a provider, you'll be asked for their contact information. There are a few required fields here...like the kind of information you'd find on a business

Card you will be asked to choose some categories for the service provider (i.e. alternators, painting, etc.) You'll next be taken to the report page, where you're asked to give grades via radio buttons and you're able to write comments about your experience.

? Click submit. This will prompt an email to be sent to the email address you entered before. Your report will not be submitted until you verify your email address. Once you verify your address, the report will be submitted and you can leave another report. This may seem like a lot of steps, but it's pretty quick...and once you've submitted your first report, it's very easy to go back and do more!

Sara Harding Lou Director,  
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If this looks familiar it is. The how to instructions are a reprint from the Dec. 2010 Bonneville Banter.

Dave

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## Membership

Jim Thornton reports a new member has joined the Bonneville Austin Healey Club.

Byron and Judy Boucher, they live in Helper and are the owners of a 1958? Bugeye Sprite.

Welcome

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## Member Profile:

### Don Colman

I was born in SLC in 1933 & had my first driving lesson 10 months later in Grand Junction, Co. This was in my fathers' 1928 Reo tanker truck in which he distributed Shell oil products throughout western Colorado.



I attended the Seventh Day Adventist & public grade schools, onto high schools & Westminster College, all in SLC. I've held many jobs over the years including dept. & assistant store manager for Montgomery Ward in Salt Lake, Cheyenne, Casper & Sheridan Wyo. I worked at HAFB for 2 years doing time & motion studies involving aircraft maintenance & storage. I also worked for both Daynes & Summerhays music companies selling instruments, repairs & rentals for students in the public school music programs.

I was a ski instructor at the Brighton resort, belonged to the Wasatch Mountain club, past member of the Great Salt Lake Yacht club and past Commander of the Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla on the Great Salt Lake, teaching public education classes in sailing, seamanship, piloting, navigation and assisting with rescues on the lake when needed.

I love being on the water & have owned 3 kayaks, 3 sailing dinghies & 4 different cruising sailboats. I've had the opportunity to sail locally, coastwise from southern California, & the Pacific Northwest & an offshore passage from Florida, through the Keys, Dry Tortugas, then crossing the gulf of Mexico into Galveston.

I began my US POSTAL career in 1966, serving in many capacities including Employment Officer, Station Manager, Postmaster, General Manager of automated mail processing equipment and special assignments throughout the western states & Wash..D.C.

At the inception of Intermountain Vintage Racing, I was elected the first vice-president and in just a few weeks became the second president. It was a difficult chore to keep IVR going during the years when there was no viable venue for road racing. Most, if not all, of IVR has now passed into oblivion.

I've always had a passion for cars, not quite an obsession perhaps but a passion indeed. As of this date, I've owned 51 vehicles. A complete list may be viewed at (\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_).



This list includes Six Healeys: '54 Nash Healey, '74 Jensen Healey, a MKI, MKII, and a MKIV Sprites & a BN-6. A 120 Jaguar and four Triumphs: 2 Spitfires, a TR-7, a TR-2 with a Devin body & 283 Chev V-8. Two Porsches: a 912 & 914. Three MG's: 1 Midget, 1 A & 1 BGT. 1 Hillman Minx, A Royale Formula Ford, 2 Mercedes. Fords? Yes, a '39 coupe a '41 2 door, a '51 coupe, a '57 Crown Vic, a Mustang & 2 pickups. 5 old VW bugs and a bus. 2 Miatas, a 544 Volvo plus a mixed bag of everything else..At this time, I have 8 vehicles.



After this seemingly endless parade, I look back and reflect that I've actually made money on 2 or 3 them. My "buy high & sell low" strategy has worked well. I also collect musical instruments, mostly guitars, with about the same financial outcome as the cars have provided.



It was a lucky break for me to connect with the Bonneville club. I've gained much experience, assistance, and friendships as a result.

Blue Skies & Smooth Roads to you all!

Don Colman

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## SWEETHEARTS DINNER

The annual Valentine celebration for the Bonneville Austin Healey Club members was held on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Twenty members enjoyed the camaraderie and of course the food at the Cinegrill in downtown Salt Lake.

This event is one of the few that I hope continues the same every year. Sandy and I love the food that the Cinegrill prepares. We can be found there several times a year. BUT to share the experience with good friends is a real big plus.

At the dinner were Jim Revel, Allen Brown, Ann & Doug Lewis, Vicky & Ernie Reno, Marian & Don Colman, Peggy & Terry Hart, Sheryl & Jim Thornton, Lora & Joe Morley, Dixie & Bob Jahnke, Carol & Craig Mossberg, Pat & Bob Markmann, and Sandy & Dave Maxwell.

I'm sure that everyone enjoyed the evening as much as Sandy and I. Thanks to Jim Thornton for arranging the event.

See you all next Valentines.

Dave

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*Did Austin Healeys come any other color but red?*

*A stop on the 2008 fall color tour*



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