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## President's Message:

My understanding is that the March Tech Session was a big success. Several members got their cars in running order. I don't know if Kristine Barneck's brakes were completed because my source left the tech session early, but I am assuming with all the wonderful mechanical help that her brakes are now in working order. And now everyone is ready for our first "run" of the year.



April 28, Saturday, is the drive to Taggart's on I-84 between Henefer and Morgan. I don't see UDOT opening East Canyon in April; it is normally opened sometime in May, but perhaps.

For those of you not familiar with Taggart's it is an interesting place. It originally opened in 1937 as a gas station. Then it operated as a gas station and "burger joint" until it burned down in the late 1960's. After that it became a small convenience store which closed in 1979.

Elaine Stoddard bought the property in 1996 in hopes of turning it into a tree nursery; but fisherman in the area kept asking for beer and sandwiches, so she decided to open a restaurant instead. She sold the restaurant in 2003 to the Tuttle family, Steve and wife Lori and their two children. She sold it along with her recipes.

The Tuttle family expanded the building with additional dining areas; a stone fireplace; patio seating; landscaping to include a Koi pond, a waterfall and two peacocks.

Their menu includes vegetarian items. And since every dish is prepared fresh to order, they can cater to special dietary needs. They are well known for their deserts made fresh daily by Lori Tuttle.

I failed to find out about the cabins immediately to the east of Taggart's, if it is a residence or weekly rental. Maybe one of you knows this information and can let us know at our April meeting. Also, we will be discussing the particulars on route, location, and time at our April meeting.

Also, it would be helpful if those planning on the Jackson, Wyoming, trip help Jim Revel with meal locations, and exact routes. To be discussed at the April meeting.

Keep 'em rolling,  
Ann

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

This Month in the Member Profile we are spotlighting Julie and Don McEligot and their



Healey. For those who are newer to the Bonneville Austin Healey Club, Julie is the original owner of the car. Her article fairly well sums up what it is like to keep a car for over 50 years. Congratulations to her and Don. The photo on the mailer page is a copy of the September 1996 *Chatter* magazine cover.

As Ann mentioned in her message, there was a good turnout for the Tech Session on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I wonder if the club should be more active in promoting tech sessions. I am sure there are many out there that could display their skills for the rest of us.

Jon Hanson has copied the Chatter article on the McEligot's Healey. The link to the article is: [http://www.bonnevillehealeyclub.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/mceligot\\_chatter.pdf](http://www.bonnevillehealeyclub.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/mceligot_chatter.pdf)

Jon has also put the link on the web site.  
Happy Healeying,  
Dave

## One owner, many drivers

Julie McEligot

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# Bonneville Austin-Healey Club

## 2012 Activities Schedule

### April

4/10 Meeting @ Joe Morley's  
4/28 Day trip to Taggart's

### 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.

### July

7/10 Meeting @ Red Robin  
**Healey Days in Park City 7/27-29**  
Tech Session TBA

### August

Utah Concours unknown date or interest in going  
8/14 Meeting @ Joe Morley's  
Tech Session TBA  
8/18 Trip to Keith Mott's for a barbecue. More information to follow.

### 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  
10/14 Trip to Mirror Lake/Evanston

### November

11/13 Nominations meeting @ Red Robin  
Tech Session TBA

### December

12/1 Christmas Party, place TBD

The Healey we have today is the only one we've ever had. When I met Don, he owned a 1951 MG-TD, which he sold along with his 1955 Chevrolet 6 sedan in order to purchase one car for us to start married life, a 1957 Ford convertible. I don't think Don's father ever forgave me for his choosing me over the MG! When we met, Don was gainfully employed, but he soon quit his job to go back to University in Seattle, Boston, and, finally, Palo Alto.

I think I've written this before in the *Banter*, but I'll repeat myself. I had a little bit of money saved from when I was working (Good, old fashioned Don thought his wife shouldn't work!), and I kept mentioning ways we could use it, poor students as we were. Don, of course, said no... if he couldn't support us on his meager income, he'd quit school and go back to the working world. Finally, Don announced one day that there was something we could use my money for, a sports car! The selection eventually narrowed to a Healey 3000 BT-7 Standard Class, since we then had two kids in tow; the third arriving about a year later. (Don first read of the new AH-100 in *R&T* while an NGLO= Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines in Korea but could not find a dealer to deliver one for some reason.) So, in June, 1961, the four of us picked up our car in Burlingame, Cal., and have owned it ever since. For a time, it was our only car!!!



Julie with her daughter Kyle and her new Austin Healey

The AH has traveled extensively. One summer we drove our LBC from Palo Alto to Denver, leaving it with a friend while we took the train to Chicago. It went with us to Tucson, where Don decided to work for 3-5

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years. (We left there 20 years later!) I'm not sure of trips west, though I do recall going through Joshua Tree Nat. Monument on a dirt road with Don banging on the fuel pump with a crescent wrench to keep us moving. The kids and I used it to get to Michigan for a summer, Don having had an air conditioner for a compact car installed (later removed), and another summer we all used it to get to Cleveland for a summer spent there and on to New Jersey to visit Don's parents. When we went on sabbatical leave in London we left it with Bill and Pam Swindell, Sprite owners. Daughter Kyle learned to drive by driving around our small back yard, finding driving backwards to be lots of fun. Our older son, Kim, took it to Pensacola for his flight training instruction, on to Whidbey Island near Seattle to learn to be an A-6 BN = Bombardier Navigator, and finally to his brother, Sean, in California when Kim was sent overseas with VA-115. Eventually it returned to Tucson.

Don took a job in Rhode Island, and his brother, Keith, drove the AH across the country for us. In Hays, Kansas, a blade left the fan; after a tow the fan was replaced with one from a Wills tractor and he was back on the road. In R. I. it was driven locally, of course; I do recall a New England Region Healey meet on Cape Cod where we met Donald Healey briefly. After we moved to Idaho, our son Sean flew from California to Massachusetts to drive it west for us. On this trip he had his first meeting his future wife Julia in Michigan. (an article on the trip is in *Chatter*, September 1996; later translated into German courtesy of Gert Schreiber, *Pigs'n'Frogs*, ~2006).



**Don in Julies Healey on a club trip**

From here in Idaho Falls it has gone on various BAHC and BMCU trips in Utah; to Jackson; Tahoe; Silver Star, B. C.; Ocean Shores, Wash.; Glacier National Park; and Cedaredge, Colo. In addition, we've driven around Idaho; in Montana, Nevada, and Wyoming; and to Minnesota. At the end of October 2005 we drove the BT-7 to Rochester, Minn., to leave with Sean and Julia while we would be away. Except for crossing Togwotee Pass in

the snow with a flat tire (smelled a bit like overheated rubber), the trip was uneventful. We drove it back to Idaho Falls via my brother John in Iowa City in November 2008 with only rain and some snowflakes at the beginning. We do not know the total miles it has been driven because our records are lost in some pile in the garage, but since Sean retrieved it from Leo in June 1995 it has wandered about 52 K miles.



**It does snow in Idaho**

**Readers ----The following paragraph is not related to our cute, little Austin Healey since it was in MN...it's simply personal experiences. Julie**

While Don was on "sabbatical leave" in Stuttgart during 2005-2008, I joined the Austin Healey Club – Germany ([www.ahcg.de](http://www.ahcg.de)). We participated in the great Austin-Healey Sauerlandtreffen by Werner Hennig [Allen Brown's BB, ~ 2006], the International Austin-Healey Pfingsttreffen in Heidelberg and in Reith, Austria, [brief article by Gary Anderson in AH Magazine, 2008?] and the ADAC Eifelrennen at the Nürburgring. Werner's Sauerlandtreffen is a wonderful driving (and eating) weekend. The Pfingsttreffen is a Friday-Monday gathering held alternately in Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Austria. Since our Healey was back with Sean, we generally drove what Don calls our BJ-9 (aka 2002 VW Golf) at these events with a BAHC On Tour sign supplied by the Bonneville Austin Healey Club on the back. The Eifelrennen is a September event of about three days with touring around the ~26 km hilly track featuring sport cars from 1930s Mercedes Benz SSKs to fairly recent ones; we were only spectators ourselves but AHC-G had a tent with dinners, socials, etc. and we could wander on the inner field so we enjoyed ourselves enormously.

Over the years our cute, little car has had ailments, which I tend to forget. The turn signals usually don't turn off automatically, for a time the odometer took a vacation, and we have occasionally had interactions with our exhaust pipe (such as having the entire exhaust system wiped out by an invisible "speed" bump in the hotel parking at Healey Days 2010). We did have the seats recovered in Mexico, engine work thanks to Ernie

Pesqueira, a rear end collision, and a front and rear collision, all in Tucson, as well as sometimes stalling the engine when the car was driven through the flooded low points after a rain. As we left Newport, R. I., headed to Idaho Falls, the engine decided it did not want to go over the bridge; it sputtered to the top and coasted down the other side then limped to the home of friends Jan and John Grant on Jamestown where we put it in their garage and continued west in our BJ-9 (1987 VW Golf GT). We called Leo and arranged to have the car somewhat restored, both engine work and body, It was there Leo "lost" our hard top (not original) and took forever to finish his work. Sean had a few problems driving it from there to us (see *Chatter* article). From time-to-time we have had the help of Dave Maxwell and Jim Thornton in handling problems, e.g., borrowing a generator from Jim when ours quit going to a BAHC technical session on a typical June day in Salt Lake City. Don't know what I've forgotten. But we feel, for the most part, that we have not had a big headache with the AH.

We have really enjoyed the Healey and have no intention of parting with it. Of course, even though it would have kept the car in our family, our overage teenagers talked of putting me in an old folks' home so they could have the car! Thank goodness that didn't work out!

Julie

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I will be taking orders for this style mail box soon

**Bonneville Austin Healey Club-March 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Ann Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.  
Meeting at Red Robin.

**In Attendance:** Dave and Sandy Maxwell, Ann and Doug Lewis, Jim Revel, Merlin Judkins, Don Colman, Joe and Lora Morley, Jon Hansen, Ernie Reno, Jim Thornton, Bob Markmann, Myra Strauchen, Craig Ward, Paul Evans, Keith Mott, Doug and Kristine Barneck and Craig Mossberg.

**Treasurer's Report:** current balance of \$5,566.40.

**Membership:** Currently have 44 paid members. 9 members have yet to pay 2012 dues. Newest member is Bryan Boucher from Helper, Utah.

**Editor's Report:** Dave has Don McEligot's "Member Profile" article for April. Articles are due as follows:

- May, Kevin Cowen
- June, Joe Morley
- July, Philip Hoopes
- Aug, Bob Jahnke
- Sept, Bob Markmann
- Oct, Allen Brown
- Nov, Terry Hartt
- Dec, Myron McAllister
- Jan, Bob Riemenschneider

**Activities:**

- Schedule was updated, Here are the changes:
- April: Float trip is cancelled and may be rescheduled as a summer activity. Jim Revel to organize day drive to Taggart's on 4/28
- May: Jackson Hole on 5/18 and 5/19. 8 couples currently have reservations. Plan is to meet at Jim Revel's room on Friday evening before dinner.
- Possible Saturday park trip to Jackson Lake Lodge for lunch. Routes for trips to and from Jackson Hole to be finalized at the next meeting.
- June: British Field Day, Liberty Park, Salt Lake City on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Event is listed in the March issue of Healey Marque.
- July: Healey Days in Park City on July 27-July 29. Park City confirmed Saturday, 7/28 for show.
- Aug.: Club Barbecue at Keith Mott's in Logan on August 18th. Club to pay for food.

Possible visit by New Zealand Healey Club Members for Speed Week. Jon Hanson and Dave Maxwell coordinating.

Sept.: Southern Utah trip based on Beehive Targa route on September 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Jim Revel to coordinate.

Oct.: Mirror Lake Highway day trip on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Dave Maxwell to lead.

Nov.: Nominations Meeting on 11/13/12.

Dec.: Christmas Party on December 1st. Jim Revel to establish place and time.

**Other Business:** BMCU tech session on SU carbs by Dave Maxwell on Saturday, 3/24 at 8:30 AM at 4325 Garden Drive in SLC.

Don Colman to provide a list of available Healey parts to Dave Maxwell and Jon Hanson for inclusion in newsletter and on BAHC website.

Don Colman and Jim Thornton to arrange transfer of club's engine hoist and stand to Jim's garage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Craig Mossberg

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Besides the minutes of the meeting Craig also submitted this medical alert.

The Center for Disease Control has issued a medical alert about a highly contagious, potentially dangerous virus that is transmitted orally, by hand, and even electronically. This virus is called **Weekly Overload Recreational Killer** (WORK). If you receive WORK from your boss, any of your colleagues or anyone else via any means whatsoever - DO NOT TOUCH IT!!! This virus will wipe out your private life entirely. If you should come into contact with WORK you should immediately leave the premises.

Take two good friends to the nearest liquor store and purchase one or both of the antidotes - **Work Isolating Neutralizer Extract** (WINE) and **Bothersome Employer Elimination Rebooter** (BEER). Take the antidote repeatedly until WORK has been completely eliminated from your system.

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