



# BONNEVILLE BANTER



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## PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Brian "Bic" Healey on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. Bic had fallen and broken his hip. While in the hospital he contracted pneumonia and was not able to overcome it. I first met Bic at a West Coast Meet in Lake Tahoe, I believe it was 1991. He has always stood out as a real gentleman. Bic and Gerry Coker were the guests at the meet, and they put on a Question and Answer show that was really enjoyable. When Bic and Mary were guests at Healey International 97 I mentioned that my BJ-8 was delivered to a serviceman in Germany, and he said that he probably had driven the Healey to the buyer, as at that time his job with Healey Motor Company was facilitating sales to U.S. service personnel. I offer my condolences to his wife Mary and his children



Sandy and I enjoyed the trip to the aerospace museum at Hill Field. Like old cars, old planes hold a fascination to me. I can't even guess how many times that I have been to the museum, but it always is enjoyable. The staff continues to make changes to the exhibits and it is almost like a new experience each time. Sorry more club members did not attend.

How is your Healey running? I ask this because this month will be the Bonneville Austin Healey Club's second drive of the year. Jim Thornton

will be leading us on a drive over Trappers Loop. (Always a fun road) Hope to see you there

Plans for the Classic Car Show on July 26<sup>th</sup> are progressing nicely. The show will be more of a "Shine and Show", and definitely not a Concours. Since the Bonneville Club is the sole sponsor this year, we really could use help from all our members to pull it off. We need to place people at both ends of the street to direct traffic. We also could use some help with the raffle as well as the registration and car placement. Even if you are not showing your car, why not come on up to Park City and have great time.

Happy Healeying,  
Dave

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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

After five months in storage, my Sprite started quickly and ran great. It's nice to have it back on the road now that the weather is cooperating. Hopefully, the weather will stay decent although I'm certain we'll see more rain and cold. My plan is to use the car more this summer than I have in the past. I think that would be a good resolution for many of us.

Thanks to Jim Thornton for his article on the Hill Field Museum trip. I also want to thank Sheryl Thornton for volunteering (?) to lead the drive to the Rat Fink Reunion in Manti on June 7<sup>th</sup>. I was supposed to lead this event but we had a chance for a European cruise that we couldn't pass up. I would encourage you to attend this event. No Healey's but lots of cool hot rods.

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**From The Healey Driver's Club**

**Brian 'Bic' Healey**



28 July 1925 – 6 April 2014

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that our Club President, and one of the founder members, Brian 'Bic' Healey has passed away. He died peacefully on 6th April in St Austell Hospital with his family by his side.

Bic's funeral service will take place on Wednesday 16th April at 3.00pm at the Parish Church of St Piran, Perranzabuloe, Penhallow. The Church is situated on the A3075 between Goonhavern and Chiverton roundabout, and is a couple of miles outside the village of Perranporth.

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**EVENTS**

May 13- General Meeting- Joe Morley's.

May 17: Club drive to Morgan/Trapper's Loop-  
Leave Home Depot, 328 W. 21<sup>st</sup> S., Salt Lake City at

9:00 am. Lunch at Taggerts. Jim Thornton to lead drive.

June 7: Rat Fink Reunion in Manti- Meet at South Town Shopping Center at 9:00 am. Lunch at the Car Show and visit to the "Big Daddy" Ed Roth Museum.

June 10: General Meeting- Joe Morley's.

June 15-20: 2014 Conclave, the Homestead in Hot Springs, VA.

June 21: British Field Day, Liberty Park, SLC.

June 23-27: 2014 Rendezvous, Bend, Oregon.

July 8: General Meeting-Joe Morley's.

July 19: Tech session (TBA).

July 26: Classic Car Show, Park City.

Aug. 12- General Meeting- Joe Morley's.

Aug. 23: Healey Days/BBQ hosted by Bob and Carol Young.

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### Hill Field Museum Trip

Sat. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>, we had our first drive of the 2014 season. We met at Home Depot on 21<sup>st</sup> South and drove to the Hill Air Force Base Museum.

Five members made the trip including Dave and Sandy Maxwell, Ernie Reno, and myself. New member Glen Schimmelpfennig joined up with us in Farmington. After a stop at Starbucks we drove to Hill AFB. We have made this trip before but it still is interesting. The museum appeared refreshed somehow to me and was an enjoyable experience.



Since Glen lives up north and knows the hot spots we let him choose the restaurant for lunch. I remember the burger was very good but since that was a week ago I don't remember where it was at.

Note: More photos of the trip are on the BAHC website.

Submitted by Jim Thornton

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### April 8 Minutes

Dave Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. The meeting was held at Joe Morley's.

**Members in attendance:** Doug & Ann Lewis, Joe Morley, Jim & Sheryl Thornton, Craig Mossberg, Ernie Reno, Don Hughes, Allen Brown, Dil Strasser, Dave & Sandy Maxwell, & Bob Young.

**Membership:** Currently there are 47. We want to welcome new member Glen Schimmelpfennig. Glen has a Sprite that he is upgrading.

**Treasurer's Report:** The checking account balance is adequate for club's needs.

**Newsletter Editor:** Craig Mossberg would appreciate articles for the newsletter. Don & Kaylene Hughes will write their member profile for the May issue of the Bonneville Banter.

**Other Business:** Dave Maxwell is coordinating pricing window decals with several companies. Registrations for the Classic Car Show in Park City are beginning to arrive, please see information on

our web site and in the May Banter. **REGISTER EARLY!** 60 car maximum. We need members to HELP!

The Air Force Museum was interesting. We met our new member Glen Schimmelpfennig for the event. It was an enjoyable tour.

**New Business:** The Tech Session scheduled for April 19th has been CANCELLED.

The May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Joe Morley's.

**Updated Activities for 2014**

**May:** May 13<sup>th</sup> General meeting Joe Morley's.

May 17 Club Drive Morgan/Trappers Loop. Meet at Home Depot, 328 West 2100 South we will be leaving at 9:00 AM. Jim Thornton will coordinate, after the drive, lunch at Taggart's.

**June:** Rat Fink Reunion in Manti June 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at South Town Mall and will depart for Manti at 9:00 AM (**this is a time change**). Sheryl Thornton will coordinate the drive.

June 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, Joe Morley's.

June 15-20, Conclave: The Homestead in Virginia.

June 21: British Field Day at Liberty Park,

June 23-27 Rendezvous: Bend, Oregon.

**July:** 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at Joe Morley's.

July 19<sup>th</sup> Tech Session (TBA)

July 26<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Show, Park City, Utah. See information in May Bonneville Banter & on our Web Site. REGISTER EARLY!

**August:** August 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at Joe Morley's.

August 23<sup>th</sup> Bob & Carol Young will host a Barbecue at their cabin. The club decided that Healey Days will also be celebrated at the August 23<sup>th</sup> Barbecue. Events will begin at Sam's Club parking lot, 6525 South State Street Murray, for a Shine & Show Car Show 11:00-2:00. The Club will furnish steaks & chicken. An Auction was mentioned. We need members input on an Auction/Fund Raiser.

**September:** 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at Joe Morley's. September 13<sup>th</sup> Miller Sports Park pending. Craig Mossberg is looking into discount tickets. It looks like a fun event.

**October:** Drive to Torrey, cancelled for lack of interest.

**November:** Looking for an activity.

**December:** Holiday Party to be determined later.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted by Sandy Maxwell

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## MEMBER PROFILE-DON HUGHES

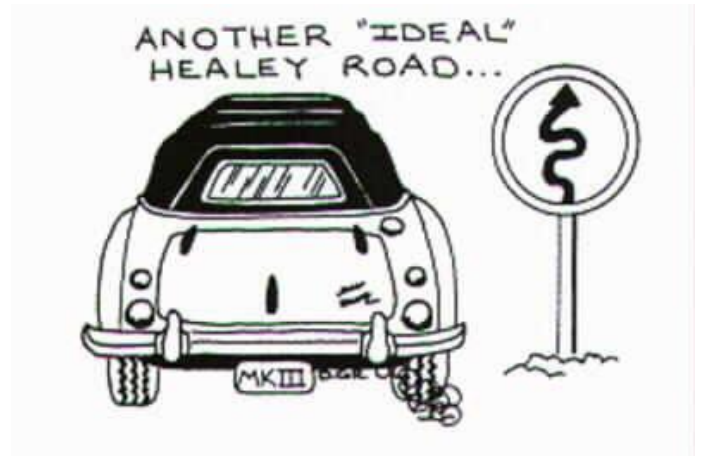
I bought my 1960 Austin Healey 3000 BT7 from my older brother when I was 14 years old. He found it in Midvale, UT, just up the street from Joe Morely's BBQ. My brother lost interest in the car so I bought it from him for 200 dollars. Being only 14 and not being able to legally drive I would have to sneak it out for a spin around the block. Then when I was 16 I bought a Ford Galaxy 500. This put the Healey in repair mode. However, I still drove it around. Having 2 cars at 16 was a lot of fun.

In 1977, I was called to serve a mission for the LDS church in Birmingham, England. Going to England I was excited, knowing that the Healey is a British car, I looked forward to seeing a bunch of them while I was serving. To my surprise I only saw one Austin Healey the whole 2 years I was serving there and it was in a body shop. While I was there I was able visit AH Spares, where I acquired a few parts that I was able to fit in my suitcase and bring home. While I was serving, my dad sent my Healey to my uncle's body shop to have a paint job done, where it sat for 4 years. When I went to pick up my car it was gone, the body shop had been moved to the old SLC Brewery Company. My car was found sitting in a corner covered in a half inch of dust and not much work had been done on it. So I drove it home and began the restoration process.

I disassembled it, sand blasted it, painted it, and am now in the process of reassembling it. My kids are looking forward to the day that dad finishes his car so that they can drive it.

Note: Photos of Don's car will be published when available.





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