



# BONNEVILLE BANTER



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## President's Message

### Diversity

In looking at our club, I'm surprised by the diversity of its members. Other organizations I've been acquainted with are more uniform in their membership. We have artists, teachers, businessmen, scientists, salesmen, doctors, restaurateurs, mechanics, contractors, real estate managers, investment managers, housewives and retirees. We have penny-pinchers, spend-thrifts, introverts, extroverts; people fighting depression, cancer, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and obesity. We have people with advanced academic degrees and those that just barely made it through high school.

When we get together for our "Happy Hours" during our travels our commonality comes forth; we seem to share a similar sense of humor. Our likes and dislikes are understood by the others. Sure, we get "miffed" now and then over something someone has said or done. But we are all intelligent enough to move on and forgive and forget. If this were only happening in our country! Of course, the one thing that brings us all together is the Austin-Healey and the memories it entails. We are all dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enjoyment of these cars (especially the enjoyment). See you all at the next gathering.

Keep 'em rolling,  
Ann



## Healeys Return to Bonneville

WOW. What an event. I may have been a bit closer to all that went on than most of you, but I am sure we will never see another world wide event like the Return to Bonneville team put on. With nearly 200 people from around the world on the Salt Flats to watch the team try to duplicate the feats of Donald Healey and his 1954 record team it was truly an amazing eight days.

From the Welcome Party at Don and Marian Colman's, then the event at Miller Motorsports Park, to the last run of the endurance car on Saturday, you could just feel the excitement. The team was at all times very gracious and VERY appreciative of all that the Bonneville Club did to help with the event. Several of my friends with the Utah Salt Flats Racing Association have commented how the Healey Team brought so many people to the salt flats. They have never seen such a turnout for their event before.

I hadn't been to Bonneville for many years and it was almost like a new experience for me. The sights and sounds are unbelievable. To be at the three mile mark and watch cars going near 300 MPH is a sight to see. To walk around the pits and look at the engineering that goes into the cars is another highlight.

The pit for the Healey team was a constant beehive of activity. With the regalia that the team brought, and all the people from everywhere, and the repairs and tuning of the cars, there was never a dull moment. I was reacquainted with people that I have met at Conclaves, West Coast Meets, and Rendezvous. Plus I met many more wonderful Healey People. The Healey group is truly a fraternity.

The Streamliner only had one good run, but it was perfect. David Pike was making his licensing run and was to go between 135 and 150 MPH, He went through the clocks at 149.5. Joe Jarick and Bruno Verstraete, the endurance car owner, made several runs in the 120-128 MPH range and had a blast doing so. I, as well as the Return to Bonneville Team, now know what a feat that Donald Healey and his record making crew performed in 1954.

The Roundtable event on Wednesday night was another memorable event. The speakers gave quite an insight to what happened in '54 and what the Return to Bonneville Team wanted to do. Mike Crawford, who helped set up the center for the event could not believe that 175 people could be so attentive for so long that the

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Healeys Return to Bonneville

Photo by Dave & Sandy Maxwell

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### Bonneville Austin Healey Club

Minutes for September 8, 2009

Meeting held at Joe Morley's Restaurant

Called to order by President, Ann Lewis at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Dave & Sandy Maxwell	Craig & Carol Mossberg
Doug & Ann Lewis	John & Gloria Morrison
Joe Morley	Bob & Fran Riemenschneider
Ernie Reno	Jon Hanson
Don & Marian Colman	Jim Thornton
Dil Strasser	

Refer to the August Banter for minutes of the previous meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 1.** Reports: The reports were foregone to get to the rest of the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Item 1.** Healey days was discussed. The event made enough money for the club that the club will sponsor the "Healeys Return to Bonneville" reception at Don & Marian Colman's house on September 11.

**ACTIVITIES** Sandy Maxwell: The club is sponsoring the reception at the Colman's house and the Show & Shine Classic Sports Car Corral at Miller Motorsports Park on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Admission is \$5.00. That will include a parade lap on the track. Arrangements have been made for an optional cost barbecue. Cost is \$10.

-National Auto Sports Association will have an event in progress at MMP on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

-September 16-19 are the days scheduled for the Healey cars to make their runs on the Salt

Flats during the "World of Speed" event.

**-Jackson, Wyoming Road Trip:** September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The club will be staying in Alpine. The Alpen Haus Resort is the place to stay. Rate is \$70. Only two cars are planning to go because the World of Speed is taking precedence for most members.

-October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the day for the **Fall Leaf Drive** this year. More details are available elsewhere in the newsletter.

**-The Christmas Party** will be held on Saturday, December 5, at Al Forno's Italian Restaurant.

Stay tuned for more information.

**-October meeting** will be held at the Red Robin restaurant on October 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

John Morrison

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team would give autographs for as long as they did. The auction at the event raised money for the DMH Memorial and the USFRA Club Car.

The Return to Bonneville Team and I would like to give special thanks to Don and Marian Colman for the Welcome Party. To Jim and Susan Revel, John and Barbara Progress, John and Gloria Morrison, and Bob and Fran Riemenschneider for hosting the Healey Hiltons. To Jim Thornton for providing "Maxi's Taxi". To Jim Revel for the blog, and all the unnamed others who helped and supported the event.

Keep your eyes on the Bonneville Club website, [www.bonnevillehealeyclub.org](http://www.bonnevillehealeyclub.org) the Return to Bonneville Blog, <http://healeysreturntobonneville.blogspot.com/> and [www.saltflats.com](http://www.saltflats.com) for more results from this once in a lifetime happening.

Happy Healeying,  
Dave Maxwell

### Bonneville Austin-Healey Club 2009 Activities Schedule

**Tue., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., at Red Robin, 1313 Foothill Drive, (Old Marie Callender Location)

**Tue., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Joe Morley's, 100 West Center St., (7720 South), Midvale

**Sat., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fall foliage tour** to Hanna Utah for lunch. See "Activities Update" on p. 3 for details

**Sat., Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Party at Al Fornos.** See "Activities Update" on p. 3 for details.

### Jackson Trip

The Jackson trip was marvelous! The weather was friendly. The Pseudo Healey (Don Colman's Miata) caught a typical Healey "infection" %overheating. One other problem occurred: Doug Lewis's "trafficator" dropped out (not to be outdone by Colman).

We (the Lewis's and the Colman's) met the McEligot's in Montpelier for lunch; a good lunch at Butch Cassidy's Restaurant & Saloon. The drive from Montpelier to Alpine through the back country and through Tin Cup was pleasant. Later we were joined by Jim Sailer from Idaho Falls in his beautiful red-over-black Healey.

The colors and, of course, the scenery were glorious. The Snake River was rimmed with reds, oranges and rusty golds against the dark green pines. Our drive on Saturday through the Grand Teton National Park was invigorating. We saw areas that were new to our Healey Club. We came upon a small herd of bison mothers with their young crossing our path and one "huge" father bison bringing up the rear (your typical polygamist bison). We ran out of time before we ran out of sights.

The camaraderie during our "Happy Hours" at the Alpen Haus Resort" was excellent. All in all it was a "stupendous" trip.

(written by the Colmans, Lewis's, and McEligots)

## **ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Fall foliage tour to Hanna Utah for lunch. Meet at Hogle Zoo Parking Lot at 9:00 A.M. We will drive over Wolf Creek Pass to Hanna for lunch. Returning home by way of Provo Canyon. Word has it that the best (only?) place to eat in Hanna is the Hanna Bar and Grill.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** - We have reserved a room at Al Fornos Restaurant for the annual Holiday party. Social hour begins at 6:30. Dinner at 7:00 Al Fornos is located at 239 South 500 East.

### **The Menu:**

MISTA SALAD with/ Italian dressing

### **CHOICE OF:**

POLLO PROSCIUTTO; Chicken breast with prosciutto, cheese, basil & garlic in a marsala wine sauce.

LASAGNA AL FORNO; Layered pasta with beef & four kinds of cheese in a tomato sauce.

SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS; House made meatballs in a red wine marinara sauce.

MUD PIE for dessert

Cost is \$28.00 per person INCLUDING TAX AND GRATUITY

**RSVP** with your choice of entrée, and send check payable to Bonneville Austin-Healey Club attn: Sandy Maxwell, 1752 Paulista Way, Sandy UT 84093, **BY DECEMBER 1.**

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## **HEALEYS RETURN TO BONNEVILLE**



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