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President's Message

Doug and I spent last week in Alpine, Wyoming. The drive was outstanding with brilliant color on the hillsides and around the stream beds. We both noticed that this year's colors seem more



intense. I don't know the explanation for this; is it that we appreciate being alive to experience this when "close calls" have entered our lives?

We go to Alpine every year in the fall to spend time with two other couples we have been friends with for 51 years. When Doug and I were first married we moved into a duplex with a four-plex next to it. There we met two couples that were also newlyweds. We have maintained this friendship through thick and thin. We've experienced the trials of child rearing and day-to-day experiences (some difficult).

Our backgrounds are very different. One couple was raised with the "city-life," two couples were raised with the rural lifestyle. Our education level is different: some with college; some with vocational training; some with high school only; and some with high school drop-out. Two couples are very conservative in their lifestyle and their politics; the other couple is progressive liberal. This makes for some interesting conversations and discussions (arguments).

The one couple when they became "empty-nesters" built a beautiful home on the mountainside in Alpine, Wyoming. This home is surrounded by forest and wildlife, looking down on the rivers. For those of you that aren't familiar with Alpine this is where three rivers come together; the Greys, the Salt, and the Snake. They empty into the Palisades Reservoir. Of course the Snake continues on beyond the reservoir.

Maintaining this friendship at times has been difficult. You know as we age we get more set in our ways and are not likely to make changes. This trip we knew would be most difficult if we discussed the current politics of the world. All in all it was a very enjoyable time together

This is of course what we do with our Healey's. We try to maintain the friendship with these cars, but at times it can be trying. Doug is experiencing this now with our Healey. He says he would shoot it if he knew where his bullets were. We have replaced the king pins, bushings, and several "other things" but this has led to one problem after another. But still, we maintain this friendship. I am sure he will have it ready for the Southern Utah trip on October 5-8. I just hope the colors on the hillsides and stream beds are still brilliant.

Keep 'em rolling,
Ann

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FROM THE EDITOR:

I am back from the Bonneville Salt Flats and the World of Speed



event. I had a terrific time; I wish that I could say the same for Steve Pike and his Healey Streamliner. The car appeared to perform very well until a couple of items (head stud, and head casting) caused the attempt at 200 mph to end. I have no doubt that the car is capable of 200 and Steve plans on doing just

that on Lake Gardiner in January. I'll keep you posted.

Again the damned big "C" has taken another one. I'm sure that you all have heard of the passing of John Morrison. Fellow member Grant Fairbanks has written a memorial article about John. I felt that to edit it to fit in this newsletter would do more harm than good to his tribute, so the piece will be posted on the website. Check it out.

The club sponsored driving year is about to come to an end. We have the Torrey/Zion's trip coming up on the 5th and the Mirror Lake trip on the 14th. Maybe the club should think about a tech session or two in the coming months. We possibly could have more people participate in the Club Events IN their Healeys.

Remember that the November meeting is the nominations for next year's officers.

(And Editor)

How about we get some new blood going in the club?

Happy Healeyng,
Dave

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Bonneville Austin-Healey Club

2012 Activities Schedule

October

- 10/5 - 8 Trip to Torrey, Zion Lead by Jim Revel
- 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

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Torrey - Zion Trip 10/ 5, 6, 7

Anyone Else care go? So far we have Revel's, Maxwell's, Lewis', McEligot's, and McAllister's. We are in Torrey on the first night staying in the Howard Johnson's and Springdale the second night at various places. I have two motel reservations held for someone else at Zion in Springdale if anyone else cares to go. If so email me at jimrevel@aol.com or call me at [435-640-3347](tel:435-640-3347) if I don't hear that anyone wants them by the end of the month I am going to let them go.

We will be spending the Sunday night at the McAllister cabin on Fish Lake.

Thanks, Jim

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UTAH FOOD BANK

Food Collection and Distribution



Minutes of BAHC General Meeting Sept. 11th, 2012

August 29, 2012

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Attendees:

Jim Revel, Ann & Doug Lewis, Jon Hanson, Sandy Maxwell, Jim Thornton, Myra Strauchen, Dil Strasser & Don C.

On arrival at The Red Robin restaurant, we found our meeting room had been assigned to another group. We survived the inconvenience. Jon Hanson will address this issue with the Restaurant.

The meeting was brought to order by President Ann Lewis at 7:32 PM

Treasurer: reported the finances are adequate. BAHC has donated \$500.00 each to the Utah Food Bank and to Drive Away Cancer, the traveling Austin-Healey cancer fund raiser.

Membership status: 48 paid members currently.

Activities: Chair went through the balance of activities for the year, noting some changes that have been made.

The subject of Healey Days, 2013 was tabled for another meeting.

The passing of one of the founding members, John Morrison, was noted. Don Colman spoke to John's daughter, Ginger and expressed condolences on behalf of the club to her and her family. The family will appreciate attendance at his memorial [September 21st](#), 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Alta Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by Don Colman

Here is the Thank you letter from the Utah Food Bank

The scope of what they do is amazing. We should all be proud that we care enough about others less fortunate.

Dear Bonneville Austin-Healey Club,

Utah Food Bank is grateful for your donation of \$500.00 allowing us to fulfill our mission of "fighting hunger statewide." A recent hunger study conducted by Feeding America (Utah Food Bank's national affiliate) reveals that approximately 399,560 Utahns are food insecure. That means that 15% of Utah's population does not have regular access to enough food for living a healthy and productive life.

With your financial support we are helping to stop food insecurity by distributing to every county in the state by teaming up with 154 pantries and partner agencies. We are also able to provide *direct services* through the following programs:

Senior Food Box Program-Serves the at-risk seniors in our community by providing monthly food boxes. In 2010, volunteers delivered 26,472 food boxes directly to recipients' front door.

Kids Cafe & Backpack Programs- Provide hot meals at after-school sites to kids, often vulnerable to the effects of hunger. Also, to ensure these kids have access to food over weekends and school breaks, Utah Food Bank provides children with a backpack filled with healthy, kid-friendly food. A record 221,237 meals were served during 2010 and 17,864 backpacks were filled.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your investment in our agency and expression of compassion to those we serve.

With gratitude,

Ginette Bott
Chief Marketing Officer

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Member Profile

British Sports Cars, a Love Affair

Allen Brown

I first started to notice British Sports Cars when I was about 15 years old. At that time, MG's were the best known of the English imports. In 1953, the summer before my senior year in high school, a neighbor had a 1951 MG TD for sale. It was black with tan leather interior and I fell in love with it. My Dad loaned me the money to buy it and I became an official British car owner.



1951 MG TD

I kept the MG until the fall of 1956 when I went on an LDS mission. By coincidence I served in the British Mission where I traveled mostly on bicycles, but saw lots of great British cars. I was able to put the money from selling my MG in the bank and had planned on buying an MGA to ship home. About this time I became acquainted with Morgan cars and found that they were very reasonably priced for the performance and design they offered. I ended up buying a new 1958 Morgan Plus 4 with a TR3 engine. It was light gray with black leather upholstery and wire wheels.



1958 Morgan Plus 4

It was a great car and I drove it until shortly after Judy and I were married and we needed a more practical car, a 1961 VW sedan.

I went for about 18 years without a sports car and in 1978 I realized that I was missing something I liked very much. I started looking for another car. I found a 1967 Morgan Plus 4 in California.



1967 Morgan Plus 4

It is red with black fenders (wings) and is right hand drive with a TR4A engine. It felt good to be back in the British sports car mode. A short time later I ran into a good buy on a 1965 Austin-Healey. I had always admired Healeys, but for some reason had never pictured myself behind the wheel. I

bought the car and really enjoyed it; however I had the opportunity to sell it for a good price and was without a Healey for a while. I saw an ad in Road & Track for a 1967 BJ8 that was in Henderson, KY. After some negotiation by phone, my son and I got on a plane, bought the car and drove it home to Salt Lake.



The Browns 1967 BJ-8

A colored pencil rendition of the car by Allen and Judy's son Jamie Brown

One of the great things about having a British sports car is being in a car club. I belonged to the Utah SCCA Club in the late 50's and had some great times and activities. We had a small local Morgan Club (which included Grant Fairbanks) in the early 80's but several of the cars were sold and our group drifted apart.

My association with the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club has been and continues to be an opportunity to associate with people with who have the same interest in Healeys. I appreciate the friendships that I have made and the generosity of club members who help each other with technical problems. I enjoy my BAHC membership and look forward to continued involvement. Thanks to those who plan and work to make the club a success and for the friendship you have shown to me.

Editor's note: The picture of The Brown's car on the mailer page is from the 2007 British Field Day,

A couple of photos from the Bonneville Salt Flats



John Nikas and Grace of Drive Away Cancer on the Bonneville Salt Flats with the Streamliner



The Australian team got a great starting line flag.

A side note, Carlos, the Short Course Starter (on the right) is from England.



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