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President's Message

Back in 1960 I bought my first car, an Austin-Healey 100-6 BN6. When I got my license to drive in 1956, I had to drive the family car which was a big, old Buick Roadmaster. I saved money from my jobs to buy my own car. Of course I wanted something small, fast, and "flashy." The Healey fit the bill.

Doug and I met while working for the same company. Needless to say, he wanted to drive my Healey. You can just imagine how well that went. A size 13 work-boot hitting the gas and brake at the same time; the clutch and brake being depressed together, it was a fiasco. Nowadays he doesn't drive the Healey in his work boots.

One warm July evening I met Doug and one of his buddies at Ruth's Diner in Emigration Canyon for a beer (or two). Now I loved driving the Healey up and down that canyon. I lived close to the canyon so I would drive up and I would drive down seeing how well I could drive the canyon using gears and seldom brakes. Doug's buddy wanted me to take him for a ride in my car that evening, so I did. Coming down the canyon I geared down as we approached the turn just past Ruth's, we started around the curve, the rear of the car started to slide; I tried to steer out of the slide, but I had no control over the car. It seems Pete (Doug's buddy) had pulled on the emergency brake "to save us."

My car was all but totaled, and I owed the State of Utah a great sum of money to replace the entire guard rail. Pete has since had back surgery to repair some disc problems that occurred when he hit the pavement and I'm favoring a "bum" hip joint.

Now Doug and I are driving a newer Healey. I get apprehensive when I hear the back tires "squeal" when cornering. But, all in all, I still love the Austin-Healey.

A reminder: The November meeting is when we nominate our new officers for the upcoming year. Please do some "soul searching" and find a position you are willing to take on.

Keep 'em rolling,
Ann



James R. M. Pearce
1940-2009

Doctor James R. Pearce passed away on October 24, 2009, of causes related to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Jim served as President of the Bonneville Austin Healey Club for 6 years (from January 1, 2001 through 2005 and again in 2008). During Jim' tenure he set new standards for the presidents that followed. Jim loved his Healey and treated it as if it were a patient, constantly working on a new ailment and learning how to diagnose and cure it. Some members were patients of Jim's and knew him more intimately than I did but he was a complex man with obsessive interests and a great capacity for sympathy and empathy. He will be missed by the writer and his many friends.

John Morrison

(Editor's note: Jim's funeral will be Fri. Oct. 30th, noon, 2350 So. 2100 East. See obituary for details)
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/deseretnews/obituary.aspx?n=james-pearce&pid=135048197>



Photo by Joe Morley

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Minutes for October 13, 2009

Meeting held at the Red Robin Restaurant
Called to order by President, Ann Lewis at 7:34 p.m.

Members Present:

Dave & Sandy Maxwell	Doug & Ann Lewis
John & Gloria Morrison	Joe Morley
Ron & Kathy Jensen	Ernie Reno
Jon Hanson	Ken Clifford
Don Colman	Jim Thornton
Jim Revel	Bob Jahnke

Jim Revel had a guest, Bill Kelley, '67 BJ8 owner from Park City.

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

Item 2. ACTIVITIES

The "Healeys Return to Bonneville" event was a prime topic of discussion. The event was a big hit for the SFRA as it brought nearly 200 participants and spectators to the "World of Speed" event. The Round Table event raised more than \$1,800 for SFRA and was a rousing success. It is an event on the salt that harks back to the early days of SCTA record runs in the 50's and 60's.

From the reception at the Colman's to the car corral at Miller Motor Sports Park to the gathering on the salt it was a rousing success. Plenty of it was made possible by Dave & Sandy Maxwell's hard work. Jon Hanson and Jim Revel contributed to the event with the BAHC web page updates and the HRB blog. Jim thanked all who participated for their help.

In the future the Lewis' vehicle will be referred to as a Chrysler Sebring, not a Dodge.

Don Colman and Ann Lewis reported on the Jackson, Wyoming Road Trip. Alpine is 42.4 miles from Jackson. Ann commented on the Gros Ventre River and said Alpine is a nice place to stay. Next year we expect fewer activities that will coincide and interfere with this event.

The October 3rd fall leaf drive was pleasant and pretty, but not as spectacular as some of the previous drives due to the early snowfall that stripped many of the trees of their color. The club met in the Hogle Zoo east parking lot and started the drive at a few minutes after scheduled meeting time.

The fact that one of the cars that intended to do the drive was left behind because of the communication that we would meet at the parking lot at nine was interpreted as MEET, not leave was discussed at length. It was

concluded that the word "meet" will change to "leave" in all future communications regarding any group activity. The club seeks forgiveness for the miscommunication.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Al Forno's Italian Restaurant. The address is 239 South 500 East in downtown Salt Lake. All reservations are payable in advance and payment must be received by December 1. Soup or salad will be included and was not mentioned in previous announcements.

Tech sessions were brought up and Bill Kelley indicated an interest in getting his car on the road. Saturday the 17th was scheduled and the place is 320 Snow's Lane in Park City at 12 noon.

The November meeting will be held at the Joe Morley's restaurant on November 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The primary business purpose for this meeting is to nominate new officers for the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

John Morrison

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club 2009 Activities Schedule

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

Sat., Dec 5th - Holiday Party at Al Fornos. See "Activities Update" on p. 3 for details.

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Happy Thanksgiving

Bonneville Austin Healey Club

Holiday Party

We have reserved a room at Al Fornos Restaurant for the annual Holiday party **Saturday, December 5th**. 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 PROSCUITTO; 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. To make it simple, just bring your check to the November 10th meeting at Joe Morley's

