



# BONNEVILLE BANTER

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## President's Message

It looks as though the club will keep the same officers in place for another year. I really don't think experience in this case is very helpful. It seems you will have to put up with these "inane messages" for another year.



We all have just given thanks for all that we have and appreciate; now we move into the "giving season." Of course you all give throughout the year, but a little extra this time of year is vastly needed. Please give to the charities of your choice this month. And it is helpful on your income taxes!

I drive a 1996 Chrysler Sebring. It has been a great car for me. Last May the odometer had 77,000 miles on it and it seems water pumps only last about 75-80,000 miles. My car's pump went out at 77,000. I took it to my favorite mechanic (actually my second favorite mechanic) at Big O Tires in Sandy. While they replaced the water pump, they also replaced the Timing Belt. This was not an inexpensive procedure.

It seems the second water pump only lasted six months, not the 17 years the original pump lasted. I found my car parked in a puddle of water and anti-freeze when I left our daughter's house on Thanksgiving. Now Big O has my car again to replace the water pump and the coolant-covered Timing Belt. Perhaps I should seriously consider replacing the car.

Doug and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! See you the 8th of January at our planning meeting. Come prepared with great ideas for events.

Keep 'em rolling,  
Ann

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## Editor's remarks:



I am rather disappointed at the turnout for the November meeting. I am thinking that it is about time

that the club starts appointing officers so that more people will participate in how and what the club does. About 25 year ago the club did that, and the people that were appointed stood up to the challenge and did a great job. How about some feedback on doing that?

Jim Revel reports that there is still time to make your reservations for the Holiday Party. The menu is in this edition if you missed it before. Sure would like to see all of you there.

This month's member profile is on Myron and Carolyn McAllister. I hope you enjoy these profiles as much as I do. At the January meeting, besides setting some activities for 2013 we will also be drawing names for the Member Profile's for the coming year.

At the delegates meeting and the November Bonneville Club's meeting the decision was made to make January 15<sup>th</sup> the last day to remain current on dues. Club dues have always been due January 1 of each year, but for some reason people ignored that date and just paid after a reminder or two. If you belong to the AHCA, you may miss a Healey Marque if you are past due on your dues.

Happy Healeying, Dave

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Our condolences go out to the Thornton family. Sheryl's mother, Afton Bromley Miller, passed away Friday November 23. You can read her obituary at: [www.legacy.com/obituaries/saltlaketribune](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/saltlaketribune)

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## Bonneville Austin-Healey Club 2012 Activities Schedule

**December**  
12/1 Christmas Party: Faustina, 454 E. 300 So. Salt Lake City, UT.

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## Holiday Party

**Saturday**  
December 1, 2012, 6:00 PM Social Hour  
7:00 PM Dinner  
Faustina  
454 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City

### Menu

**House Salad**  
butter lettuce • mixed greens • sherry vinaigrette • beet chips

**Choice of one of four entrees**  
**\$37 or \$45 per person including tax & gratuity**

**\$37**  
**Salmon**  
whipped potatoes • vegetable medley • smoked shallot sauce

### **Chicken Breast**

Spinach \* bell pepper \* feta cheese \* soft polenta\*  
Asparagus \* chorizo broth

### **Lasagna**

Italian sausage • salami • grilled zucchini • roasted onion  
• spinach • asiago • ricotta • cheddar • bell pepper puree •  
balsamic reduction

### **\$45**

### **Stuffed Beef Tenderloin Medallions**

Asparagus \* creamy peppercorn sauce \* roasted fingerling  
potatoes \* cipollini onions \* shiitake chips

### **Dessert**

Molten Chocolate Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream

**Cost \$37 or \$45 per person including tax & gratuity**  
**No Corkage charge for wine**  
**Parking on the street and in their parking lot, enter on the East Side**

**Make your reservation by November 10th by sending your check to:**

**Jim Revel**  
**2040 Mahre Drive**  
**Park City, UT 84098**

**Please make your check payable to BAHC and no need to select your meal choice as we will place our orders that evening**

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## MEMBER PROFILE

### Myron and Carolyn McAllister

I received an email a short time ago indicating it was my turn to prepare a member profile for the December issue of the Banter, so here goes:

My first car purchase was a 1931 Model A coupe for \$50.00 back in 1952. I drove it home and parked it in the driveway only to discover that I lost about a half quart of oil out of the rear main when I turned it off. My father suggested (very firmly) that I park it in the field across the street from that day

on. At the time I was enrolled as a sophomore in the high school auto shop program and was able to do a complete overhaul with poured bearing etc. I went from the Model A to a '39 Ford 2-door sedan with a V/8 and that was a real step up. The '39 was totaled when someone ran a stop sign and with the settlement cash I quickly acquired a near perfect '40 Ford coupe. This was the beginning of my Hot Rod years. The V/8 was bored, ported and relined, cam, chopped flywheel, headers, Edelbrock components, ignition, and all the other little tweaks I could afford. I upholstered the car in tuck and roll Naugahyde, added a 3" dropped front axle etc.



In 1955 I was driving this car when I arrived in Provo, Utah beginning my freshman year at B.Y.U. Carolyn and I were married my junior year and the Ford was traded with a little boat to a friend for a 1955 Chevrolet, more of a family type auto.



After graduation it was back to California to teach 9 years of high school woodworking and a year at Cal-Poly Technical College at San Luis Obispo. During these years I was always working on a project (in my spare time) like making a camper out of an old Volkswagen Combe bus,



or putting a 16' Dorset cabin Cruiser back together after bringing it home in a bunch of cardboard boxes.



Moving back to Utah and operating a small metal manufacturing business, my two boys grew old enough to drive and car projects were begun with my oldest wanting a Volkswagen Baja (not a good choice for Utah winters) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> boy choosing a 2-door Chevelle.

In 1973 I was approached by my cousin (he drove a wrecker and worked for the Whiting Chevrolet dealership in Salina, UT) to purchase a project car for \$350.00. Turns out it was a 1966 Austin Healey that had rolled over on I-70 (Salina canyon) during a snow storm. I told him I probably was not very interested, but my wife heard about the offer and she couldn't pass up acquiring a possible antique so she bought it. I started dismantling everything and gutting the interior, but was soon side tracked operating my business and raising a family.



number of occasions when serious problems arose, and he would always encourage me to be diligent and keep trying. Needless to say after many more winters and thousands of hours had passed I finally completed the job just in time for Healey Days at Park City in 2010.



By now you are aware that we acquired the Healey quite by accident, however since getting on the road Carolyn and I have had a lot of fun attending club activities and even went to the National Conclave in Colorado Springs in 2011.

Time went by and I would occasionally jack up a rear wheel and rotate the motor. I promised to have it complete and running by our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (1982) but that went by the wayside with no progress.

In 2002 I retired and we immediately left on an LDS mission to Iceland for 18 months. After completing that assignment and returning home I told Carolyn I was either going to complete the Healey project or dispose of it. It had now been sitting in the corner of the shop for 30 years. By this time I was a little more knowledgeable, and by using the Moss catalog exploded views and the Austin Healey Restoration Guide by Gary Anderson and Roger Moment I began the project in earnest. I also joined BAHC sometime earlier (can't remember exactly when) thinking I could get some support from other club members, even though I lived 160 miles south of SLC. I contacted Dave Maxwell on a



Most of all we've met so many wonderful people and made some lasting friendships that are dear to our hearts as we share the Healey experience.

Myron and Carolyn McAllister

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### BONNEVILLE AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB-NOVEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Ann Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.  
The meeting was held at the Red Robin Restaurant.

**In Attendance:** Ann and Doug Lewis, Dave and Sandy Maxwell, Dill and Diane Strasser, Don Colman, Jim Revel, Jim Thornton, Don Hughes, Allen Brown and Craig and Carol Mossberg.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current balance is adequate for the club's needs.

**Membership:** There are currently 50 paid members. New members are David George and Ed Blais. Membership dues for 2013 are \$60.00 and can be submitted to Jim Thornton.

**Activities:** The Christmas Party and Club Officer Elections will be held Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Faustina's. The festivities start at 6:00 PM. Currently 20 members have signed up to attend. Total capacity for this dinner is 40 so please get your payment to Jim Revel as quickly as possible.

**Other Business:** Margot Healey telephoned Gary Brierton, AHCA Club President, to express her concern and sympathy for East Coast members affected by Hurricane Sandy.

**Delegate's Meeting:** Dave Maxwell represented BAHC at the Annual Delegate's Meeting held in Indianapolis on 11/9 through 11/11/12. The following are highlights:

Gary Brierton indicates that discussions are ongoing regarding possible merger of AHCA and AHCUSA.

The Indiana Chapter had a progressive Ice Cream Social that could be an idea for a BAHC activity in 2013.

Rick Chrysler passed away. Bob Gilleland retired as Advertising Manager and will be replaced by Robbie Cook.

The 2013 Conclave will be held in Quebec, Canada on June 23 through 28, 2013.

The AHCA website is up and running. Members Only section will require sign in.

AHCA liability insurance is \$4,000,000. This is secondary liability coverage that covers officers and auto for club activities. Since it also covers individuals that are local members only (not AHCA members), a surcharge of \$5.00/year will be charged to the clubs for non AHCA members. Many chapters have a high percentage of non AHCA members. In order to address this issue, a motion

was made and passed that Bonneville Austin Healey Club associate only membership costs for 2013 will be \$15.00/year. Normal BAHC membership dues will remain at \$60.00/year.

The Oregon Region has now officially affiliated with the AHCA.

**Nominations:** Many officers expressed their desire to be replaced for 2013 but there were no members that expressed interest in assuming their responsibilities for 2013. All existing officers agreed to continue in their current positions for another year and this slate will be voted on at the Christmas Party/December Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by Craig Mossberg

## Membership Dues for 2013

Another year is almost gone. Soon you will receive a dues statement from AHCA or BAHC depending on your 2012 membership. Renewals are due Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

AHCA/BAHC members dues will remain 60.00 and you will continue to receive A.H.C.A.'s Magazine as well as all the benefits associated with the B.A.H.C.

BAHC only member's dues will increase to 15.00. According to AHCA, by January 15 of each year, a payment of \$5.00 is required to cover the insurance premiums for the year. This is a like amount that is paid by AHCA members through their national dues.

For 2013 AHCA is calling for dues payment by January 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the cutoff date for being included in the 2013 AHCA National Members Directory. So, don't be left out. (*It may also affect your Healey Marque delivery.* Editor.)

We hope you will continue to maintain the level of membership that works best for you. Any questions please call or email me.

Thank you for your continuing support of B.A.H.C.

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The Museum at Miller motorsports Park has added (for the auction price of \$11,000,000.00) The Gull Oil, GT40/Mirage.



Possibly the Bonneville Club could schedule an activity to visit the Miller Motorsports Park Museum. It is an impressive array of all things Carroll Shelby.

## Speaking of museums

The Healey Museum opened November 24, 2012 in the Netherlands.



Finally a museum for the Healey Marque is a reality. Not quite in our neighborhood but at least there is a museum.

The website is [www.healeymuseum.nl](http://www.healeymuseum.nl)



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