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Vice President's Message:

Wow! What weather, too cold, too hot, too dry, too wet but there have been some glorious days in between. The heat this year reminds me of the 2006 Healey Rendezvous in Nelson BC, Canada. We left Salt Lake on July 21st, late in the afternoon in 100 degree temperature and almost immediately hit stop and go traffic (mostly stop) on northbound I-15. We finally got through the traffic jam and were on our way. Every day of the entire trip P.M. temps were over a hundred. It's amazing that the old Healey cars, notorious for overheating, hold up so well no matter what we throw at them. We learned the importance of having some tools and spare parts on board. That's really good advice for anyone driving an older car locally or beyond. Harbor Freight has several small tool kits available at excellent prices. Add a flashlight, a box of Band-Aids and you're good to go!

Miles of Smiles everyone,

Don



EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

I have had a real busy month. Didn't get the

Hundred finished yet, but it is only a matter of another 10 to 15 hours before its back on the road. I keep finding the little things that wear out or just need attention after 65,000 miles. When I compare that to modern cars I wish that when doing a restoration or even just something minor it could be done completely the modern way instead of how it used to be done.

This Saturday is the Classic Car Show in Park City, 10 to 2. In the evening the Bonneville Austin Healey Club will be holding our 30th Anniversary Banquet at the Grubsteak Restaurant. From what I have seen of the registrations for the Car Show and the signups for the Banquet it appears that less than 25% of the membership is attending either event.

I have talked to some members and one of the excuses that I have been given is that their car is not show quality. This is **not** Pebble Beach. Since the Hundred is not running I will be bringing the BJ-8, Collision damage, Interior Problems and all. An excuse for not attending the banquet is that they aren't going to the show. This is two different events, plus the Sunday back roads drive.

I sincerely hope that my rant will prod some of you to at least come by some part of the events this weekend.

Happy Healeying,

Dave



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Bonneville Austin-Healey Club

2013 Activities Schedule.

July 26-28: *Healey Days, Park City (TBA)*

Aug. 13, *General Meeting, Joe Morley's, 7720 S, 100 W. Center St., Midvale, 7:30 pm.*

Aug (?): *(TBA)*

Sept: 10, *General Meeting, Red Robin, 13th S and Foothill Dr, SLC, 7:30 pm.*

Sept. 22: *Pot luck/BBQ at Jon Hanson's place, SLC (TBA)*

Oct. 8, *General Meeting, Joe Morley's, 7720 S, 100 W. Center St., Midvale, 7:30 pm.*

Oct 12: *Fall Colour Tour, Logan Canyon (TBA)*

Nov. 12, *General Meeting, Red Robin, 13th S. and Foothill Dr., SLC, 7:30 pm, nominations meeting*

Dec. 4, *Christmas Party (TBA)*

Tech Sessions will be scheduled throughout the year as needed.

Sun Valley Trip

Apparently no one wrote anything about the club's Sun Valley trip for the events section of our website. I guess for future trips we should assign this task to someone. All in all it was a good trip. There were ten of us: Lewis's, Maxwell's, McAllister's, McEligot's, and the Thornton's. The first day, through the Craters of the Moon National Monument, was a killer. I swear it was 110° at least. Miserable heat in the Healey. We had a bit of a problem with what we thought was vapor locking.

We arrived in Ketchum at our hotel which was quite nice and cool. We had good food and drinks with fun conversations throughout the trip. Some day trips with beautiful scenery and wildlife filled our days; as well as gift store shopping, etc. Doug said

our Healey was having an intermittent problem which he thought was our fuel pump. He wanted to change the fuel pump the evening before we were to head home to Salt Lake. I talked him out of it (silly me).

We left Ketchum for Salt Lake in the very early morning to avoid the heat. Doug and I made it to as far as six miles out of Shoshone, where we all were to have breakfast. Our Healey went totally "dead." There were no emergency lanes or substantial shoulders on this highway. Fortunately we were able to coast the car to a construction truck turn-off and onto a flat "frontage road." After emptying the car out, getting Doug into his coveralls, jacking the car up and removing the tire he started in on replacing the fuel pump. We were able to reassemble everything and meet up with the others at the Shoshone café within the hour. Needless to say we took our breakfast "to go."

About 20 miles down the highway turning onto I84 at Twin Falls, our Healey went totally "dead." "@#%x!" There we were holding up everyone and we had no idea what it could be. Doug quickly raised the Bonnet and luckily found a "loose nut" on the distributor, tightened it and we were off. Smooth sailing all the way to Sandy, Utah.

We truly love our club members; we appreciate and respect your diversity; we do have a lot of fun on club events; but for the future we will never travel in the Healey during the month of July ever again.

Keep 'em rolling,

Ann

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has asked for some input regarding an alternate meeting place.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56.

30th Anniversary sweat shirts were distributed after the meeting.

Submitted by Don Colman

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MEMBER PROFILE

CRAIG and CAROL MOSSBERG

Being a car crazy kid in the early 60's, it wasn't easy when your parents had the worst possible taste in cars and looked on them as tools for work and to go from point "A" to point "B". I poured over copies of Sports Car Graphic and Sports Car Illustrated following the exploits of Stirling Moss, Jim Clark, Graham Hill and a generation of British racers as well as my American heroes, Dan Gurney, Masten Gregory, A. J. Foyt, Fearless Freddie Lorenzen and my local hero, Dick Hutcherson. I was in heaven when the local road racing track hosted the 1964 US Road Racing Championship races and I was able to see Carroll Shelby's Cobra team featuring Ken Miles, Bob Johnson and Ed Leslie race against the Chaparrals of Jim Hall and Hap Sharp. Unfortunately, my means of transportation was my mother's '54 Chevy 4 door sedan. A few of my friends had better rides. My favorites were a Bugeye Sprite and a Triumph Bonneville motorcycle. My friends were very generous and I spent a good deal of time behind the wheel of the Sprite and riding the Bonnie. Good times.

The threat of the draft and Viet Nam kept me in college until graduation in 1970. My first job was in Chicago and I promptly bought a new 1970 VW Karmann Ghia. Carol was still in college so most weekends were spent between Chicago and Des Moines. After Carol graduated, we were married in 1971 and shortly thereafter, we were transferred to New Jersey. It was there that I bought my first British car, a 1973 Triumph Spitfire. We enjoyed spending summer evenings driving the back roads of the Ramapo Mountains. Two years later, we were transferred back to Chicago. I managed to crash the Spitfire on a cold winter morning and soon it was replaced.

Minutes of BAHC Meeting July 9, 2013

Attendees: Doug/Ann Lewis, Dave/Sandy Maxwell, Jon Hanson, Joe Morley, Bob Jahnke, Don Colman, Dil Strasser, Jim Revel, Merlin Judkins, Brian Boucher, Paul Evans, and Jim Thornton.

Our 6:00 PM reservations for the meeting room at Red Robin were usurped by a band of unruly, noisy squatters that moved into the room at 4:30, staying until 7:20. Nevertheless, we moved into the room and the meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Membership reported that paid members remain at 49

Editor commented on member profiles, and requested that submissions be early, to allow plenty of time to arrange the article in the newsletter.

President Ann Lewis gave a brief synopsis of the recent trip to Sun Valley, stating that it was fun, fun, fun and hot, hot, hot! The Healey of Ann and Doug apparently suffered a mechanical glitch. Spare parts always are a good idea.

Activity chair reported that Healey Days, so far, has not the number of signups as we would have hoped. As always donated items for the traditional raffle and auction are sought and appreciated. Remaining activities for the balance of the year were discussed, including the probability of the video being shot on the August drive that Jon Hanson is setting up.

Jon Hanson, our webmaster, has done an excellent job of ensuring our meeting place at the Red Robin Restaurant. But after the fiasco of the evening Jon



The Mossberg Spitfire

We purchased our first home in the northern suburbs of Chicago which put us very close to Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin where we spent many weekends watching the races at Road America. At this point, I bought a Healey 3000 Mk III which I intended to restore. I joined the Austin Healey Club of America and started working on the Healey.



The 3000 Mk III

The whitewalls definitely show period

My company, however, had other ideas and I received a nice promotion into the International Division to a job that required much travel to Europe and Latin America. That plus the birth of our first son essentially halted the Healey project. I sold the Healey and signed papers to buy a new 1979 Spitfire. Unfortunately, the Triumph dealer wasn't the most honest person in the world and demanded an additional \$1,000 when I tried to pick up the car. Needless to say, I told him where he could put his Spitfire and promptly bought a 1976 BMW 2002 instead. This was replaced a little later with the new VW Rabbit GTI.

I soon tired of being away from home a lot (although seeing the 24 Hours of LeMans and visiting Jamaica in the winter did offer some consolation) and the birth of our second son, so I accepted a position in Salt Lake in 1983. What we thought would be a two or three year assignment, turned into a permanent home. The outdoor activities and the kids playing a number of sports turned our vehicle needs from sports cars to SUV's and Jeeps. This changed again as the kids grew older and went to work and college.

In 2005, we bought our Honda S2000, a car that the British cars should have been. A year or so later, we bought our 1960 Bugeye Sprite (1275cc with a Weber 40DCOE carb) and joined the Bonneville Austin Healey Club at Healey Days at Brighton.



The current Sprite

I have enjoyed the social activities and the tech sessions. I have fewer mechanical skills than many of the members and always manage to learn something new at each session. I'm getting my motor sports fix by working part-time at the Miller Motorsports Park, with the Utah Salt Flats Racing Association at the World of Speed and being on the organizing committee for British Field Day. I also bought a 2010 Triumph Bonneville motorcycle and participate in the Utah British Bike Club. There must be something "Freudian" at play but I now own the Bugeye and the Bonneville that I wanted in High School.

Craig and Carol

2013 Classic Sports Car Show & Tour

July 27th from 10 am to 2pm Cars in place by
9:30am
On lower Main Street North of 7th Street
Park City, UT
July 28th for the Tour

The BAHC Bonneville Austin Healey Club & WMJR, The Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register are sponsoring the show again this year. Also the British Motor Club of Utah members will be invited as well as anyone that wants to register their sports car @ \$15. each The maximum cars we can register this year will be 60 cars on a first come first serve basis, so get your reservations in now.

Meet at the Mountain America Credit Union Building at Kimball Junction South of Smiths at 8:45AM. We will be leaving at 9AM to drive on back roads up East Canyon to Morgan and I have made reservations for us to have breakfast at Larry's Spring Chicken Inn. After breakfast everyone can go home via their favorite route.

Please send me \$15 per car for each car's registration attached. Make your checks payable to BAHC and send them with the registration. If you plan to attend the banquet at the Grubsteak at 6pm after the car show also send me \$42.50 per person attending. See Menu attached but no need to give me your choices as we will order individually that night.

Also if you plan to spend one or both nights in Park City please let me know by email as I am researching the best deals and need to know how many rooms will be needed. No one was happy with the accommodations last year and I will advise you what I find

Also any things you could donate for the raffle after the show and for the auction after the Banquet would be appreciated.

The WMJR is going to help out financially and with volunteers this year. Also Susan and I will be hosting a BYOB social at our home at 2040 Mahre Drive, Park City, Utah, before dinner from 5pm to 6:30pm for any BAHC & WMJR members that will be staying in Park City on Friday July 26th.

Let me know if you plan to attend so we will know how many to plan for.

Jim Revel: jimrevel@aol.com

WELCOME TO THE GRUB STEAK RESTAURANT

ENTRÉE SELECTIONS:

Roasted Chicken
on a mound of red skinned mashed
potatoes

8 oz. Prime Rib of Slow Roasted Beef

Northwestern Salmon Filet

Baby Back Pork Ribs
slow cooked with soy, beer and garlic,
glazed with
Grub Steak barbecue sauce

The Grub Steak Tender Cut
fresh herb butter

All items include your choice of fountain
drinks, coffee or tea, a trip to the salad bar,
a classic caesar salad, or wild rice and
mushroom soup as well as a choice of
baked potato,
mashed potatoes, lemon rice, steak fries or
creamed spinach and a selection of dessert
from our tray.



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