



# BONNEVILLE BANTER

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

With the fall season coming up, some of the best weather for driving is very near.

We are also very near to nominations for club officers for the coming year. Nearly all of these positions must be filled for 2014. I feel that this is a critical time for our organization. We need more enthusiasm & excitement to rejuvenate the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club. We certainly have sufficient members to accomplish bringing in new blood and a fresh approach to our meetings & events. Our current and past officers have done a magnificent job of advancing this club. We've been recognized & applauded by worldwide Healey & other British car groups for the contributions, we, the Bonneville club have made. Please help this club grow & prosper. Ask yourselves if you could find just a small bit of time to become involved with the management and direction of the Bonneville club for the coming year. Please volunteer your name for nomination! New officers for 2014 will have complete & total support of any former club office holders! Step up, we need you!

Miles of Smiles.

Don Colman

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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Where did it go? Just had the fall BBQ hosted by Jon



Hanson. One scheduled drive left. It should be a fun trip, PLUS, we can all be YouTube stars, or at least have You Tube cars. More information on the drive elsewhere in the newsletter.

This month's profile on Ernie Reno brings back a lot of memories for me. I remember when Ernie brought his car (white at the time) to a Tech Session at Conveyors to install a new wire harness. A couple of years later he brought it to the oversized garage at Harold Thornton's (Jim T's dad) where the chassis was repaired and the panels fit. Then came the finish paint, the upholstery, and the engine assembly. The photo on the mailer page shows what a gorgeous Healey that Ernie built. I only wonder why he chose to paint it red, not Healey Blue as his previous Healeys were.

If you missed the barbeque at Jon Hanson's on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, you missed a great time. Interestingly for an Austin Healey Club outing there were only 3 Healeys including Jon's BJ that was in his garage. We did get to see the right hand drive BJ of Bob and Heidi Franke

Happy Healeying, Dave

# Bonneville Austin-Healey Club

## 2013 Activities Schedule

**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, Location to be decided at the October meeting.**

**Dec. 4, Christmas Party (TBA)**

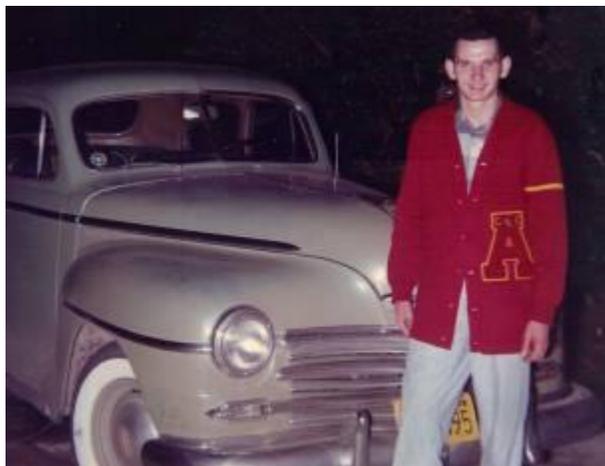
Tech Sessions will be scheduled throughout the year as needed.



## MEMBER PROFILE

### Ernie and Vickie Reno

The year was 1956. I lived in Southern California and had just graduated from Arcadia High School, and preparing to enter college in the fall.



***Ernie and his '48 Plymouth***

I had always been a "Car Nut"; I liked the 48 Ford coupes, '32 duece coupes, etc. That fall my best high school buddy's father bought him a 1956 MGA with an AM radio, wire wheels, and a factory hardtop. After he gave me a few rides in his MG, my whole life changed. I started looking for a sports car. I could not afford a new MG so I went looking for used MG-TD's and MG-TF's. After looking in a few used car lots, I found and fell in

love with a blue 1956 Austin-Healey 100. I traded my 1948 Plymouth Coupe in on the Healey and NEVER LOOKED back. My dad, of course, could not understand why I traded a perfectly good American car for a silly looking foreign car.



***Ernie's first Healey***

I made several trips to Las Vegas, Santa Barbara, and two trips to San Francisco. Also I made lots and lots of trips to the beach.

In 1959 I married my first wife. For some insane, stupid reason I thought that I should get a more practical car. I traded the Healey for a 1956 VW. Yes I know, STUPID!! I drove the VW for one year, including a trip to New York to meet my wife's mother, but that is another story.

Back in California in 1960, we were out for a drive and we passed a car lot and guess what. There on the lot was a 1959 Austin Healey. It was Healey Blue, and I just had to have it.



***Beats a VW anytime***

I traded the VW in and drove it home. Two years later our first daughter was born, and you know the rest. The kids come and the Healeys go.

In 1969 my job was transferred to Salt Lake City. Nine years later, in 1978, we got a divorce. I immediately started looking for another Healey. I couldn't find much in Salt Lake, so I had my brother look for a Healey in California. My brother found one, he said it was in great condition for only \$2500.00 A 1959 BN6, I sent him a check right away, unfortunately my brother does not know what a Healey in great condition is.

The car had steel wheels, non-overdrive transmission, missing door handles, etc. After towing it back to Salt Lake I decided to clean up the engine compartment. That was when I found some rust here and some rust there, and actually rust everywhere.

I saw an ad in the paper for Healey parts, at Conveyors and Equipment; I believe it was around 1983. That was when I joined the Bonneville Austin Healey Club.

In 1990 I married Vickie Lynn, the love of my life. After years and years and years and with the help of Dave Maxwell I finally finished my Healey.



*The editor finishing the bare chassis at Jim Thornton's fathers garage in the late 1980's*

Both Vickie and I have truly enjoyed the many road trips with the club.

Ernie Reno

## LOGAN CANYON FALL COLOR TOUR

Mark your calendars for October 12<sup>th</sup>. That is the date that has been set for the Fall Color (if it hasn't all burned up by then) tour. Along with the drive through some usually spectacular wooded areas Keith Mott has arraigned for His friend Jason to help with a video shoot of our Healeys. The drive should be a real good one and probably the last driving event for the club of the year.

We will leave from the Home Depot parking lot on 300 West and 2100 South at 8:45 A.M. We have invited the Porsche club to join us on this drive. We will stop at Moore's Café on Highway 89 in Willard around 10:00 A.M. for a late breakfast/early lunch. Our guide for the day, Keith Mott, will meet up with us there and lead us on our merry way

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## BONNEVILLE AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB-SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 MEETING

Ann Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.  
The meeting was held at Joe Morley's.

**In Attendance:** Ann and Doug Lewis, Sandy and Dave Maxwell, Don Colman, Jon Hanson, Ernie Reno, Bob Riemenschneider, Sheryl and Jim Thornton, Don Hughes, Merlin Judkins, Joe Morley, Dil Strasser and Craig Mossberg.

**Membership:** 49 paid members.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current balance is adequate for all club needs. We received the final \$400 billing from Park City for the Classic Car Show. Overall, the show ended up \$131.46 unfavorable due to the smaller turn out of cars than expected. This loss will be shared with the Jaguar Club. Jim Revel will resolve with the Jaguar Club.

**Editor's Report:** Some members have not been submitting Member Profiles as scheduled even after follow-up telephone calls. We need volunteers to provide profiles before schedule in case we do not receive the scheduled profile. Ernie Reno volunteered to write his profile for September. Don Hughes also agreed to provide a profile in the near future.

**Meeting Location:** This issue is still unresolved. C.J.'s had previously been suggested but some felt the food was lacking. The Thornton's suggested Robintino's on 39<sup>th</sup> South. They will report at the next meeting. The October meeting will be held at Joe Morley's.

**Activities:** Jon Hanson will host the Club Pot Luck at his house starting at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The club will provide burgers and brats and related condiments. All attendees are asked to bring a dish and provide their own drinks. Joe Morley will provide plates and napkins. Jon Hanson will send an e-mail blast to all members asking whether they will attend and if so, what dish they will bring.

The Fall Color Drive and filming will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Keith Mott will organize the Drive and video shoot through Logan Canyon. The route will be determined by filming needs so we will not continue through the Canyon to Bear Lake and beyond. The Porsche Club was invited to participate. Meet at Home Depot at 21<sup>st</sup> South and 300 West in Salt Lake and leave promptly at 8:45 AM. Breakfast will be at Moore's' Café on Highway 89 in

Willard at approximately 10:00 AM. Lunch will be on your own after the drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

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*Craig Mossberg forwarded this article from John Sprinzel for his new autobiography. If there is enough interest within the Bonneville club we could do the order of 4 books.*

"If anyone is flush enough to want a copy of "Lucky Years". it should be available in early October. 375 large pages or so and quite heavy with many excellent pictures collected by publisher Tom Coulthard. This very limited edition, numbered, signed and dedicated to your request and can be paid by Paypal to <[luckyjohn@Hawaii.rr.com](mailto:luckyjohn@Hawaii.rr.com)> or by check to PO Box 97 Kaunakakai, HI 96748. Please don't forget to add your address and what you would like me to write. USA is \$65.00 inclusive. Rest of the world is \$85.00 (The US postage is trying to make up all it's deficits by charges on my book) But four books ordered together to the same address are \$75.00 US each. Hope to make it to London first week in October to sign a few on Tuesday the 8th at the ACE café on the North Circular road where I hung out as a biker in the forties!  
Aloha. John"



A Sprinzel Spite in Action



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