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A Healey Club Christmas in Sausalito

Loren Parks

The Golden Gate Austin Healey Club held its annual Christmas luncheon and meeting at The Spinnaker restaurant in Sausalito on December 7. More than 60 Club members attended after accounting for a few no-shows due to illness or bad weather in the sierras. Rich and Lynn Kahn anticipated the weather onslaught at Lake Tahoe and drove down the mountain the preceding day.

Diana and I encountered dense fog in the Sacramento Valley enroute from YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Chico early in the morning, but later in the day it cleared and visibility in the valley as well as the San Francisco Bay Area was spectacular.

> The Board of Directors met prior to the event to discuss ongoing issues, and welcomed Dennis Gilroy who volunteered to take over the position of VP Events for Y2014. Jim and Ida Morton plan to move to Austin, Texas in the Spring, so Jim cannot continue the duties associated with that job. During his subsequent presentation to all of the members at the luncheon Marty Allen expressed our gratitude for Jim and Ida's contribution to the Club over the years.

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Marty Allen converses with David and Jerri Nock

Todd Troutman plays keyboard before lunch. The Sausalito Marina is in the background.



Event planning for 2014 Saturday January 11 All GGAHC members are

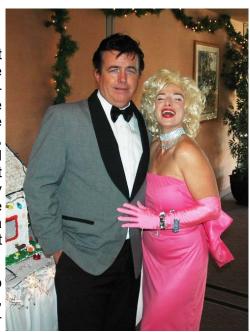
encouraged to attend! See page 10



Christmas in Sausalito (continued)

Socializing was in high gear throughout the event, encouraged in part by plenty of champagne. Keyboardist Todd Troutman played some fine Christmas music as we waited for lunch to be served. Much to our surprise Marilyn Monroe showed up and poised for photographs with those who wanted. With about an hour remaining in the afternoon—just as we were finishing lunch—Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra showed up. Well, at least their imitators showed up. They comprise part of a group named the Dean-O-Holics—a tribute band that performs imitations of the Rat Pack of the 1960's which included Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Joey Bishop, Sammy Davis Jr. and Peter Lawford. (Dean-O-Holics.com) The entire group consists of ten performers, and performs about 50 gigs a year. The star of the show this day was Bob Caudle, who does a great imitation of Dean Martin. Incidentally, Bob is from Grass Valley.

To conclude the event Marty Allen summarized the status of the Club including activities held in 2013, feedback from Rendezvous, finances, and other issues that will carry over into 2014. The eight current members of the Board were acknowledged for their work in 2013, and Dennis Gilroy was introduced as the prospective VP of Events to replace Jim Morton. All of the proposed Directors were elected. Marty stated



Dean Martin (Bob Caudle) and Marilyn Monroe

that 2014 will be his last year as President, so the Board will be looking for candidates during the year. He also encouraged everyone to attend the event planning session for 2014 that will be held January 11. The Club is enjoying the greatest number of members in its history (177), the best financial situation ever (thanks to Rendezvous), and respectable rates of participation in events. We hope to get even more members to participate in 2014.

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Thanks to Marty Allen who organized this fine event, to Dan Sekella for handling registrations, and to Diana Parks for table decorations.

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Christmas in Sausalito (continued)













Attendees

Marty Allen & Cathy Smith Bob & Sharon Altieri Cully & Julie Anderson Gary & Harriet Anderson Lee Bardellini Rich & Carol Buckley Alex & Barbara Cannara **Greg Cory** David & Cindy Cross Steve & Patty Darfler Robert Devlin Ken & Marsha Freese Dennis & Ruth Gilroy Len & Kip Hartnett Roger & Donna Hawk George Henke Rich & Lynn Kahn John & Terry Kent Nick & Sandy Klein Steve & Kim Korbay Tim & Cathy Marshall Jim & Ida Morton Tim & Vivian Murphy Ken & Faith Nerlove Ted & Lynn Noble David & Jerri Nock John Northwood & Laurie Plautz Loren & Diana Parks Terry & Linda Parsons Jorge Quintero Robert & Marie Louise Sardeman

Dan Sekella John Soderling Michael Sonneman Glenn Stephenson John & Cathy Turney







It's Frank Sinatra & Marilyn Monroe!











Meet the GGAHC Board of Directors for 2014



Marty Allen President

Marty wanted an Austin Healey from the time he saw one as a teenager. Twenty-four years ago he found his Healey in a barn near Minneapolis. He moved to CA in 1991 and joined the Club in 1999. He became active by helping with the 2002 Tahoe event. By career, Marty was a turn-around guy and successfully built four companies. He

was most recently CEO of Party America, a retail chain that he grew from 24 to 300 million in sales and sold in 2007. Since then he has been trying to retire, but finds himself engaged in many different consulting and speaking engagements and currently sits on several boards of directors. Besides spending money on his Healey, he enjoys sailing, woodworking, and photography. Marty will soon move from the Oakland Hills to Sausalito where he has purchased a home.



Dan Sekella VP Treasurer

Dan bought his BT7 in 1967 and drove it from Seattle to San Francisco after graduating from the University of Washington with a degree in mathematics. Infortechnology (long mation before that term was known) has paid the bills since 1967—first at the Southern Pacific Railroad and for the last 11 years in the maritime Industry. He retired December 1, 2009.

Dan married Linda in 1971 and a year later they moved to Concord. The Healey wasn't driven much while he lived in San Francisco, but in the mid 1990's he started a "rolling restoration." He has been involved with the Club since 1998, including organizing some of the holiday dinners since 2001, and serving as Treasurer since 2008.



Lee Bardellini VP Secretary & Legal Counsel

It's all Loren Cross' fault, savs Lee Bardellini. Loren was displaying his car with the then "Pacific Centre" and convinced Lee the only way to get his scrap metal running was to join up. There followed a long association with the Club and a Healey that actually runs. Lee is an attorney, and other interests include photography, flying and radio (SWL). He has enjoyed many outings with the GGAHC and de-

veloped many new friends. "The annual meets are great, but it is the camaraderie and friendships that are shared on the club outings that really make the Club experience worthwhile" says Lee. He resides in Castro Valley and has an adult son who enjoyed the Healey experience while growing up. He had the back seat all to himself.



Dennis Gilroy VP Events

Dennis was always interested in Austin Healeys, and in 1967 looked for a dealer to buy a new Healey 3000. On the way he was unfortunately convinced to buy a new Datsun 2000 convertible instead. Fast forward to 2006 when he started looking again, and found a 1967 British Racing Green 3000 that had been garaged in Marin since 1973.

Isn't fate wonderful! Dennis retired in 2010 from a 30-year career as a Chief Financial Officer for various electronics firms in the Silicon Valley. He retired recently and began serving as a volunteer for non-profit organizations. Dennis and Ruth have been married for 40 years and have two grown daughters and one wonderful grandson to spoil.

Meet the GGAHC Board of Directors for 2014



Nick Klein VP Membership

Nick is the proud owner of a 1966 BJ8. Fascinated with British car styling since he was 12 years old in Germany, he bought his car in 1982 in the Bay Area and for 10 years following has been doing most of the restoration work himself. He now tinkers on the car whether it needs it or not.

Nick retired from Hewlett Packard in 2002. Before that he worked for GE Nuclear as a product de-

signer and mechanical engineer. He and Sandy have been married 49 years; she calls Nick her "original." They joined the Club in 1992. Nick and Sandy live in San Jose, and have two married children and five grandchildren. Thinking that they should start giving back to the Club, they started by handling the registration for the Jackson Rancheria Rendezvous. Their success at that venture inspired Nick to volunteer for maintaining Club membership records.



David Cross Webmaster

David has long been associated with Austin Healeys through Dad, Loren Cross, but didn't ioin the GGAHC until the "family Healey" came live with to him. However, he spent much time in and around Healeys, helping Dad with the car and participating in numerous meets and tours. David pre-

viously owned a Bugeye Sprite which never made it out of the garage, and now he has the BJ8. His wife, Cindy, has been along for the ride for 33 years. David retired from the Navy in 1996 and has been teaching ever since. He currently teaches Junior High and has been creating and maintaining web pages for the past 12 years. David and Cindy live in Gilroy near two of their children. One of their sons is married with one child, and a second is on the way.



Loren Parks Newsletter Editor

Loren's affinity for sports cars began with a Bugeye Sprite at the age of 17, which he sold at 21 to buy a wedding ring for Diana. Fifty years later Diana is still wearing the "Sprite ring" and they have a 1961 BT7. He has served as newsletter editor since 2008.

By profession Loren is an economist. He spent approximately half of his career as a university professor with stints at Oklahoma

State University, UC Davis, and CSU Chico. The other half of his career was devoted to consulting in a wide range of issues including economic and fiscal impact analysis, water resources, ISO 9000, and international agricultural development. His interests during retirement include RV travel, serving as a volunteer in international agricultural development, and playing saxophone in various bands.



David Nock Delegate-at-Large

David has been around British cars ever since he could walk. He would ride into the shop in San Francisco sitting under the tonneau cover of his father Norman's first Healey—a 1957 BN4. In 1971 shop the was moved to its current location in Stockton. Dave started helping the mechanics and cleaning the shop. After high school and college he worked full -time as a mechanic, at-

tending the numerous factory training classes. Since that time he has been repairing and restoring British Cars. David and his sister Sheila are now running the family business—British Car Specialists—after Norman's retirement in 1995. Dave married Jerri in 1979 and they have two children—Jennifer, who had their first grandson, and Andrew who is now working in the shop after a stint in the Marine Corps.

Roaring Camp Event a Roaring Success!

Bill Meade



A British Car Meet was held on Sunday, October 13th at Roaring Camp Railroads in Felton, CA. Classic British cars numbered 45. The morning car show was followed by a big outdoor cookout provided by Roaring Camp and then a one-hour ride on original steam logging trains to the top of the redwood mountains. A Fall Harvest Festival was also taking place in the park with displays of small steam engines, antiques, arts and crafts. The event was free of any registration charges. Only the purchase of the picnic lunch was required by Roaring Camp for the use of their lawn.

The Santa Cruz British Motorcar Club invited the GGAHC to join them along with the Triumph, Jag and MG Clubs for this fun Fall event in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Santa Cruz Club extended this invitation because the GGAHC has often invited the Santa Cruz Club to participate in their events. The club leaders think these joint club events will help to promote the British Sports Car hobby in the future by as-

suring bigger turnouts at joint events. Participants seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to meet new people and learn about other British marques. Special thanks go to Bob & Judy Petrokas, newly appointed Santa Cruz Club leaders, for all of the planning that went into this special event.







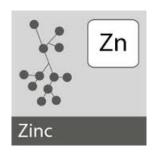


GGAHC Attendees

Bill Meade
David & Cindy Cross
Nick & Sandy Klein
Denny & Danni Paul
John Batterton
Bill Putnam
Suzanne Patrick
Brian & Naomi Bliven



SHOW ME THE ZINC



Len Thomas

During a conversation with Bob Wagner, owner Wagner Motor Sports in Atlanta, the question about zinc level in oils came up. I told him that I have been using Valvoline 20W-50 VR1 (racing oil) in five of my seven British cars for the past 15 or more years with no problems. Then I said "on the last Healey engine rebuild I added a zinc additive to the VR1 just for GP" (general purposes).

He said he has been using racing break-in oil with high levels of zinc on all of his race engine rebuilds and a mix of racing break-in oil and conventional oil on street engines with great success. He also said he was by his race oil supplier about the problem that was found by using the additive. The additives are not working because the new detergent oils do not allow foreign matter to stick to engine parts. Zinc being a foreign matter is held in suspension and is not allowed to stick to surfaces such as the lifters and cam lobs. Bob and I agreed that this sounded reasonable but was it true? We didn't know.

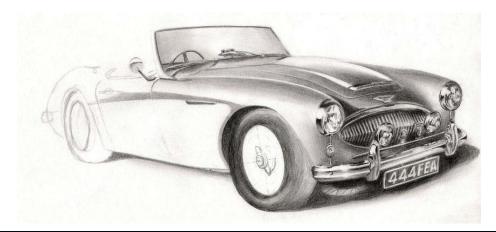
Since then I have talked with members of the Ford flathead club, a hot rod buddy, a representative of Joe Gibbs Oil and, just recently, Brad Penn Oil and they all confirmed what Bob Wagner said. From what I have been told the above oil companies have run tests that show zinc additives added to conventional oils offer little to no protection.

In my opinion, I would suggest that engines with 10K miles or more should use either Valvoline racing oil or oil from one of the above manufacturers, or check with Summit racing for other choices. New engines need the protection of break-in oil with high levels of zinc....period. An excellent choice is Brad Penn, Joe Gibbs or one of the oils offered at Summit Racing.

Valvoline Racing Oil can be bought at most auto parts stores. [Len continues this paragraph about vendors in Georgia].

If you are not a believer in the need for zinc, let me tell you a little story. I tore down a Healey engine with less than 10K miles on the engine that had only been run on Mobile One 15W-50. I found that the lifters had started to deteriorate (pit)...no zinc. I also found other problems that could fill a book about Machine Shop Nightmares.

Len Thomas is a member of the Atlanta Austin Healey Club. This article appeared in their newsletter—The Flash—in March, 2012.





Our Dunebuggy Misadventure

Loren Parks

Among our RV trips in 2013 Diana and I spent a week at Coos Bay, Oregon. We were intrigued by the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area north of Coos Bay and rented an ATV to see what dune buggy riding is like. The crude map we were given turned out to be useless; once we got out in the vast dunes there were no trail signs, no obvious landmarks, and nobody around on a Monday morning. Trails go everywhere and everywhere looks the same—sand and trees. After 25 minutes we got worried about getting lost at \$90/hour, so we turned around and managed to retrace our path back. That was the ignominious end of our one-hour dune buggy misadventure. There must be a lesson to be learned. I'm still working on it.

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Austin Healey Fall Market Update

Prepared for the Austin Healey Club of America newsletter

Brian Rabold, Editor of Hagerty Price Guide

Only a few major North American classic car auctions remain for 2013, and those events typically don't draw more than a handful of British marques. As such, now is an opportune time to glance back at the year's market performance for Austin-Healeys. And by nearly all measures, the year was quite good for owners.

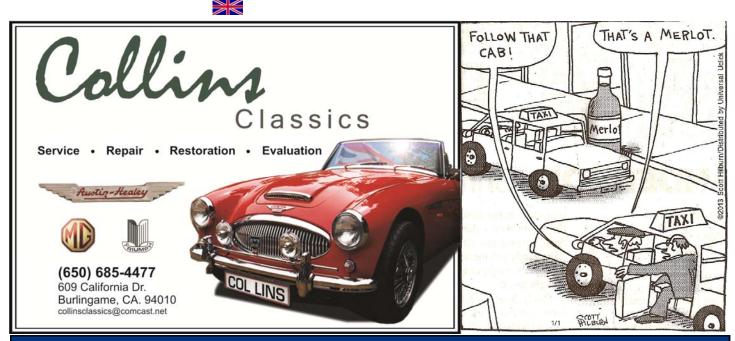


The latter half of 2013 saw the ex-Works BJ7 campaigned by Paddy Hopkirk in a number of significant races score a \$352,000 sale price at Bonham's Quail Lodge auction in August to become the second most expensive Austin-Healey sold on American soil and the fourth most expensive Healey sale ever. RM also sold an excellent 100M Le Mans car in Monterey for \$198,000. Three other Healeys topped six-figure sale prices since June, with two of those occurring during Pebble Beach festivities, and six of this year's top 10 Healey sales happened in the second half of 2013.

High sales weren't the only measure of a growing market. Compared to 2012, 2013 saw the average and the median sale prices from both the public auctions and the private sales that Hagerty tracks climb significantly. For all market activity, the average sale price for an Austin-Healey in North America was \$57,499 (up 33% over 2012) and the median sale price was \$50,000 (up 30%). Despite 28% fewer cars coming to market thus far in 2013, 16 eclipsed the \$90,000 mark, whereas 11 did so in 2012.

Unlike other areas of the collector car market, price increases for Austin-Healeys weren't limited to the most expensive cars. In fact, all models benefitted, with the median price paid for a 3000 going up nearly 9%, a Healey 100's median price increasing by 13%, and the Sprite jumping 45%.

All the same, even though 2013 reported much stronger statistics than 2012, and despite the fact that the previously mentioned high-profile sales from Pebble Beach week boosted average sale prices well above levels seen during the first half of the year, the median price paid at auction for an Austin-Healey from July through October in North America was actually 3% lower than it was from January through June. Does this portend falling values for 2014? Is market exuberance shifting to hesitation? It's too early to make either claim, especially since the same phenomenon didn't surface in the private sector, but it certainly does give reason to keep enthusiasm in check.



Editor's Column

Loren Parks Chico. CA



Four of the five elected Directors of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club were re-elected at the Annual Meeting on December 7, plus Dennis Gilroy was elected new VP of Events. Dennis replaces Jim Morton who is moving to Austin, Texas. The three appointed positions will remain staffed by David Nock (Delegate-at-Large), David Cross (Webmaster), and Loren Parks (Newsletter Editor).

Membership renewal is underway. If you have not renewed by now you received a reminder along with this newsletter. Dues remain at \$25.

I would like to get some more local advertisers for the newsletter. Large companies tend to focus on the two national Healey magazines, so our best market is local. There are many appropriate products to advertise other than automotive. For example, our Club member Ken Nerlove advertises his wines, and Jorge Quintero has an ad for his pet supply store in this issue. Please let me know if you have a lead on an advertiser and I will contact the business owner.

I would like to thank Club members who contributed to the newsletter in 2013.

Gary Anderson

Feature article about Harriet Anderson

David Cross

Feature article about Loren Cross

John Soderling

Tech Session at British Car Specialists

Kip Hartnett

Feature article about Len Hartnett

Marty Allen

On Austin Healey Clubs and Insurance

Brian Schumacher

Harley Farms Goat Dairy

Robert Blair

Hillsborough Concours

BJ8 Instrument Modifications

Len Hartnett

Ice Cream Social

Steve Darfler

Marin-Sonoma Wine & Cheese Tour

Rich & Lynn Kahn

The British Fall Classic in Morgan Hill

Cully Anderson

Danville Concours

George Henke

Feature article about George Henke



Calendar of Events

Contact Dennis Gilroy to list an event:

Gilroy.crew@gmail.com. For a more complete list see www.GoldenGateHealeys.com

January 9—12. Silicon Valley International Auto Show at the San Jose McEnery Center.

www.motortrendautoshows.com/sanjose/

Saturday, January 11, 2014, 10:00am. GGAHC Board Meeting and event planning for 2014. Meet at 2010 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon, CA, 94583, which is the building adjacent to the office of Lee Bardellini. The entrance is via the courtyard between the buildings. The door will be locked, so Lee will either be there at start times to greet attendees and let them in or the door will be blocked open. Park behind the buildings.

Meeting schedule

10:00am—11:30am Board Meeting

11:30am—1:00pm Event planning for 2014

Club members are encouraged to attend all or part of these meetings. Lunch will be provided. Please notify Marty Allen of your attendance so that we can order sufficient quantity. Martyallen@aol.com.

February 14—16. Sacramento Autorama at Cal Expo. The focus is customized American cars.

http://www.rodshows.com/sa/

February 28--March 2. Classic Sports Racing Group vintage races at Thunderhill. www.csrgracing.org

March 15. GGAHC Annual Tech Session hosted by British Car Specialists in Stockton. See page 11.

May 2-3. The Paradise British Car Club presents the biyearly event North Meets South at Pismo Beach. Page 11.

May 28—June 1. California Healey Week at Morro Bay, sponsored by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. See page 11.

June 23-27. Rendezvous 2014 at Bend, Oregon.





GGAHC Events



Has your car been undriveable too long?

Get advice! Attend the annual Tech Session at British Car Specialists

Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am

British Car Specialists, 2060 North Wilson Way, Stockton CA, 95205. Let Dave Nock know if you will attend. (209) 824-1562 Healeydoc@sbcglobal.net

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NORTH MEETS SOUTH



Since the 1970's British car enthusiasts have met on the California Central Coast every other year to enjoy a special "North Meets South" weekend. The Paradise British Car Club invites you to join us for our "British Invasion" themed event, May 2-3, 2014, in beautiful Pismo Beach, California.

Join us for the registration and hospitality party on Friday night, held on the open air roof-top patio at the SeaCrest Hotel. Saturday there will be a car show and outdoor catered lunch at a nearby park featuring music from the British invasion of the 1960's, such as the Beatles, Herman's Hermits, Rolling Stones, Kinks, and more. After the car show enjoy our car rally on the scenic rural roads of San Luis Obispo County. Our Awards Banquet will take place at the beautiful and historic Madonna Inn.

www.paradisecarclubhome.com

California Healey Week 2014

California Healey Week at Morro Bay

To celebrate the Austin Healey Association of Southern California's 40th Anniversary, we will return to Morro Bay where one of the early club events was held in 1975. The event will be held from **May 28th through June 1st** at the Inn at Morro Bay. In addition to the planned activities outlined on the website (see www.austin-healey.org), there are many things to do in this beautiful beach city, including biking, kayaking, hiking, golfing, bird watching and wine tasting. Be sure

to save the dates, and stay tuned to the website for additional announcements.



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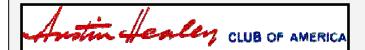
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Healeymarket

GGAHC members may submit Healey-related items either wanted or for sale without paying a fee.



For sale: 1958 Austin Healey 100-6

Ted Noble: ted@wavecable.com or (916) 543-2982



Due to physical limitations I must sell my 1958 100-6 which I purchased new. The mileage is approximately 162,000; the engine was 38,000 miles ago & brought to AH 3000 specs. Receipts available for all major work, including removal

of all body dings and repainting Healey Blue. Please make an offer for this one-owner beauty.

For sale: Original fenders for BJ8

Front right and left rear. Need some work but they

fit. Photos available, \$50 each. Don Newman: denewman2@charter.net

(530) 542-3641

For sale: 60-Spoke Wire Wheels for AH

I replaced a set of painted wheels with chrome wheels. This set of four painted wheels is in excellent condition. \$300 for the set. Loren Parks (530) 893-8643 Lorparks@gmail.com

Wanted: Austin Healey BN6

Randall Chapman (415) 457-8337

Wanted: Tecalmit 2788 Grease Gun adapter for BN2 tool kit

Bob Devlin: Robtdev@pacbell.net (415) 563-0393

Swap Meet / Boneyard Sale

Second Saturday of the month from 10am-2pm starting January 11, 2014. New and used parts. Union Jack 13555 Depot St. San Martin, CA 95046. Call Marcello or John at (408) 686-1101 with guestions.