



BONNEVILLEBANTER



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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

August is coming to a close and it has been a really great month for the Bonneville Austin Healey Club.



Going back to the end of July and the Classic Sports Car Show in Park City. I think that the show was a great success. We had a diverse selection of Cars on the street, and as far as I know everyone who attended had a good time. The problem with sponsoring the show is that to run it decently we need to have a minimum of 23 volunteers to handle the required positions for 1 hour each during the show. And that doesn't count the hours required for registration, producing ballots etc., and purchasing the awards and dash plaques.

I want to thank Bob Riemenschneider and DilStrasser for the extra time they put in to help with the show. What I wonder is where were the club members who didn't show their cars for whatever reason and why they didn't volunteer to help?

As discussed in the August meeting, the club needs to decide if they want to continue sponsoring the show. We have found that having co-sponsors limits the amount of cars that we attract, and having too many co-sponsors would probably make the awards even more difficult. Let's get your feelings on the show to the September 9th meeting.

Healey Day on August 23 was a great success. Thanks to Don Hughes for arranging the car show at Sam's Club. I was skeptical about the location, but it turned out GREAT.

Then a big thanks to Don and Marian Colman for hosting the BBQ. I am sure that everyone who attended enjoyed the event. While thanking people for the success I really need to thank all of you who participated. That is what makes for a great club.

I will be attending the World of Speed to ease my salt fever on September 6th to the 9th. I plan to be back in time for the meeting. As of the 24th I haven't heard back from Park City about the available dates that we could host a car show. Hope to have the information by the September meeting.

Happy Healeying,

Dave

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EDITOR'S

COMMENTS: It's been a busy month for the Bonneville Austin Healey Club. The Park City Classic Car Show on July 26th was very successful with over 50 cars on display. Thanks to Dave and Sandy Maxwell for organizing this event and to all the other members that volunteered. The Healey Days events held on August 23rd were also a



lot of fun. The Car Show held at Sam’s Club in Murray had 11 Big Healeys and 2 Bugeyes on display. The weather cooperated after the deluge the night before and gave us a mostly sunny and cool day. It was perfect Healey weather. Thanks to Don Hughes for arranging the venue. Don and Marian Colman hosted the Healey Day Barbecue at their home in Cottonwood Heights. Twenty-eight members were treated to steak and chicken as well as great salads, delicious breads and desserts furnished by the attendees. The food and conversation was excellent. Thanks to the Colmans for their hospitality.

You may remember the photo of the Healey trying to outrun a twin funnel tornado in Indiana in last month’s issue. David George provided this amazing photo. After the Banter was published, we were contacted by the Kansas City chapter of the AHCA who asked for permission to reprint the photo in their newsletter. The tornado experience is much more common in Kansas than it is to us. It was also nice to see that someone actually does read the newsletter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9: General Meeting-Joe Morley’s.

September 13: World Challenge/NASCAR races at Miller Motorsports Park. See article in this issue for discount ticket information.

October 7: General Meeting- Joe Morley’s.

Nov. 11: General Meeting- Joe Morley’s.

December 9: Christmas Party- Faustina’s. Jim Revel is organizing.

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**UTAH GRAND PRIX- September 13th at
Miller Motorsports Park**

On Saturday, September 13th the Utah Grand Prix is held at Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele. The Grand Prix consists of the NASCAR K&N West Pro Series race and the Pirelli World Challenge sports car race. The World Challenge will feature Aston Martins, Audis, Lamborghinis, McLarens, Ferraris and Porsches competing against Mustangs and Camaros. This is a fun event with lots of fender rubbing in both series. We need a leader to

coordinate the group drive. If you want to volunteer to lead the drive, please do so at the next BAHC meeting.

Discount tickets are available to BAHC members on-line at www.millermotorsportspark.com/discount. Use code MMP 522 when ordering tickets. Normal ticket price is \$25.00 per person with kids under 12 free. Parking is \$5.00 per car.

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August 12th Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Dave Maxwell conducting. The meeting was held at Joe Morley's.

Members in attendance: Joe Morley, Don Hughes, DilStrasser, Dave & Sandy Maxwell, Ann & Doug Lewis, Jim & Sheryl Thornton, Craig Mossberg, Allen Brown, Jon Hanson.

Membership: Currently there are 47.

Treasurer's Report: The checking account balance is adequate for club's needs.

Newsletter Editor: Craig Mossberg would appreciate any Austin Healey or British Car related articles. Craig also thanked the members who have submitted items to him.

Other Business: Members in attendance at the Park City Car Show on July 26th discussed the great turnout of diverse cars shown. Members agreed we didn't have the adequate help from our membership. Question: How do we get Members/Spouse /Partners willing to lend the club help. (No Response from members in attendance) Members were asked if we want to continue sponsoring this show. President Dave Maxwell asked to please make a decision by September 9th meeting.

August 23rd Healey Day's Car Show at Sam's Club & Barbecue at Don & Marian Colman's.

September 13th Miller Sports Park discount tickets for \$20.00 are available on-line at www.millermotorsportspark.com/discount.

Use discount code MMP522.

New Business:

The September 9th meeting will be at Joe Morley's.

Updated Activities for 2014:

August:

August 23th Car Show & Barbecue. Events will begin at Sam's Club parking lot, 6525 South State Street Murray, for a Shine & Show Car Show 11:00-2:00.

Don & Marian Colman have volunteered to host the barbecue at their home 4:00PM, 6866 Pine Rock Dr. Please RSVP by August 22nd (801-942-5259) The Club will pay for steaks & chicken, please call the Colman's and tell them your choice of entrée and side dish option you will bring.

September:

September 9th: General Meeting at Joe Morley's.

September 13th: Miller Motorsports Park discount tickets on-line.

October:

No events scheduled, Have any ideas?

October 14th General Meeting at Joe Morley's.

November:

November 11th General Meeting at Joe Morley's.

Nominations for 2015 club officers will be held.

December:

On Tuesday December 9th the club's Christmas Party will be held at Faustina's, 454 East 300 So., SLC. Jim Revel volunteered to help set up. THANK YOU JIM!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Submitted by Sandy Maxwell

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QUESTION: What was the inspiration for MG's famed octagon shaped badge? For the answer, see page 5.

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BAHC CLASSIC CAR SHOW

The Classic Car Show sponsored by the Bonneville Austin Healey Club was held on lower Main Street in Park City on Saturday, July 26th. The show had well over 50 entrants and included almost every marque of classic sports cars. BAHC was well represented with a large number of Austin Healeys as well as Jim Revel's beautiful XKE, Craig Ward's amazing Porsche 356 hot rod, DilStrasser's Jaguar and Bob Riemenschneider's Morris "woodie" van, which was not "officially" entered but drew raves from many attendees.



Other entries included a large number of classic Jaguars, a sprinkling of Vespa scooters, several Porsches, a Fiat Spyder, a turquoise 57 T-Bird, a number of MG's, some Corvettes and many other classic cars. Raffle Drawings were held every 15 minutes and judging was done for a number of classes. The event was well organized and by all accounts, a great success.



Best of Show: Ames, MG-TD.

People's Choice: Parker, Jag.

Austin Healey

1st Place: Ward, BJ-8.

Class Award: Mortensen, 100-6.

Class Award: Cowan, 100-M.

Jaguar:

1st Place: Lindstrom, XK140.

Class Award: Klekas, XKE roadster.

Class Award: XKE Coupe.

MG

1st Place: Mortensen, Midget

Class Award: Sorenson, Midget.

Class Award: Green, Midget.



The Club now needs to decide the future of the Park City Classic Sports Car Show. If you are interested in organizing the event for 2015, please contact Dave Maxwell immediately.





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Denis Welch-Denis Welch Motorsports

Most of us know of Denis Welch Motorsports, an English Healey performance parts supplier through catalogs, etc. Jim Thornton provided the following announcement regarding Mr. Welch’s untimely death at age 69.

“ I am sad to let you know (if you haven’t heard already) that yesterday (July 27th) at the Silverstone Classic in the afternoon, Denis Welch succumbed to his injuries following a crash during the Jack Brabham Memorial Trophy Race for HGPCA pre’66 Grand Prix cars in a Lotus 18. I am afraid that I don’t have any more details at this time. Denis will be greatly missed by all in the “Healey Family”... a loss of a Healey icon, and I’m sure all our thoughts are with his family at this time.” Signed, Charles Matthews.

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ANSWER:The shape of founder Cecil Kimber’s dining room table. MG stands for Morris Garages.

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WORLD OF SPEED

Although it’s not a Healey event, don’t forget the Utah Salt Flats Racing Association is holding the World of Speed from September 6th through the 9th at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Wendover, Utah. Since the SCTA Bonneville Speed Week was rained out in August, there should even more cars and bikes shooting for land speed records. Dave Maxwell will be back in the USFRA club roadster trying to improve on his 148 mph time.

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HEALEY DAYS

The weather didn’t look very promising for this year’s Healey Days. The night before, it rained “cats and dogs” and the weather forecast was for rain all day. The “Healey gods”, however, smiled on us and provided a slightly cool and partly cloudy day for our activities. Absolutely perfect weather for our Healeys.



We had 13 cars and lots of spectators for our car show at Sam’s Club in Murray. This was a low-key event with no judges or awards. It was just a good opportunity to dust off our cars and spend a few hours with fellow club members and talking to spectators. It’s always fun to hear the positive

comments and reminisces of people that had British cars “back in the day”.



Don and Marian Colman opened their house to 28 members for a wonderful dinner of grilled steak and chicken. Members contributed a wide variety of salads, breads and desserts. I'm certain that no one

went home hungry. It is always interesting to see Don Colman's latest acquisition or project.



Back Cover: Healey Duncan Drone. Healey chassis and mechanicals produced with minimal body work for custom bodies by Duncan in 1947.



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