

BONNEVILLE BANTER

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President's Message:

As most of you know, we are no longer holding our meetings at the Red Robin



Restaurant on Foothill Drive, due to poor management. It seems the manager was too weak of a personality to inform the group ahead of us that they could be in the room until 6:30 pm at which time it was reserved for another group. So you all have been tasked with coming up with a new meeting place in the north part of the valley. Don Hughes checked out a place called CJ's on Ninth East and 33rd South. It has a separate room, plenty of parking, and they would be delighted to have us. If you are in the area, check out the food and see what you all think. I am pushing for club meetings to be held fewer times in the year rather than monthly.

The drive to Brighton and on to Silver Fork Lodge for "lunch" was a great success. As you know by reading Jon Hanson's article on the Website under Events we met up with the IRPCA (Porsche Club). It was an entertaining event and quite enjoyable. Be sure to look on the Website's photo album, lots of good pictures.

We have the club's annual Barbeque on September 22. If you are planning on attending please let me or Jon Hanson know; and also what you would prefer bringing for a "pot luck" item. The choices would fall under the headings of Appetizers; Salads and Side Dishes; and Desserts. The meats and condiments will be furnished by the club. We'll narrow this down more at the upcoming meeting on 9/10/13 at Joe Morley's.

In November we have club nominations for the "Officers" of the club. Most of us holding these positions WILL NOT continue on in these positions. So please step up and help the club by volunteering to take on some of these positions. None of the positions require a lot of your time. As an Activity Chairman, after the club has picked the events, you can delegate them out.

Keep 'em rolling, Ann

EDITOR'S **COMMENTS:**

I was a little slower than I anticipated, but I fired up the Hundred on



September 3rd. I was hoping to have the engine ready to take to Healey Days, I must be getting



slower as I put on the years. Here is what caused the knocking sound. The largest missing piece probably occurred when we were driving down from Kings Peak on the Mirror Lake trip. It only

knocked about 5 to 10 seconds. The break in the lower part of the top groove probably occurred at the coffee stop in Park City. The shining one would have happened at the tech session. Then I began the dismantling and subsequent rebuild. At a little bit over 200 miles the engine is not totally broke in yet, but seems to run very good.

This Month's profile is on Ted and Judy Hardy. They are long time members of the Bonneville Club, but since they reside in Lake Havasu, Arizona, we don't see them enough. Last time I saw their car it was still in pieces, but as the photos show, Ted has done a terrific job bringing their car to life. But then, how many of us have a picture of their car with The London Bridge in the background?

Happy Healeying, Dave

Bonneville Austin-Healey Club

2013 Activities Schedule.

Sept: 10, General Meeting, Joe Morley's, 7720 S, 100 W. Center St., Midvale, 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, Location to be determined 7:30 pm, nominations meeting

Dec. 4, Christmas Party (TBA)

Tech Sessions will be scheduled throughout the year as needed.

BONNEVILLE AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB-AUGUST 13, 2013 MEETING

Ann Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM. The meeting was held at Joe Morley's.

In Attendance: Ann and Doug Lewis, Sandy and Dave Maxwell, Don Colman, Jim Thornton, Don Hughes, Ernie Reno, Joe Morley, Allen Brown, Bob Riemenschneider and Craig Mossberg.

Membership: We have 49 paid members.

Editor's Report: Don Colman asked if we could include "For Sale" items in the newsletter in addition to the website. If you have an item to sell or trade, contact Dave Maxwell with all details and it will be included in the next newsletter. **Treasurer's Report:** The current balance is adequate for all club needs. We have not received the final bill for the Park City Main Street for the Healey Day's Classic Car Show. The auction yielded \$501.50 which was respectable considering the small attendance at the Healey Club Dinner. The club subsidized the 30th Anniversary Sweatshirts \$6.22/sweatshirt based on final order quantity.

Meeting Location: The September 10th meeting will be held at Joe Morley's not Red Robin as originally scheduled. We will not meet at Red Robin due to continual problems with the meeting room. Members are asked to suggest options for future meeting locations preferably in the northern part of the valley. Don Hughes talked to C.J.'s at 9th and 39th and they would make a meeting room available. Don says C.J.'s has a broad menu selection. Members should come to the September meeting prepared to discuss options.

Activities: Jim Revel has indicated that he will not serve as Activities Chair in 2014. If you are interested in this position, please let us know as soon as possible.

The Club pot luck is scheduled for September 22nd at Jon Hanson's house. The club will provide meat, bread and condiments. Details regarding what to bring, etc. need to be resolved at the September meeting.

The Fall Color Drive is tentatively scheduled for October 12th through Logan Canyon. Keith Mott is organizing filming of this drive. We need a volunteer to organize the drive details.

November is the Club Officer's Nomination Meeting. The current slate of officers have indicated they would prefer to have some "new blood" assume their office for 2014. Please consider putting your name in consideration for an office for next year.

Other Business: We need to decide how to proceed with Healey Days for 2014. The Classic Car Show could easily be separated from Healey Days and become a separate event. Don Hughes indicated he might be able to obtain permission to use a portion of the parking lot at Sam's Club on State and 6200 South for a smaller car show. Members are asked to give the Healey Day approach some thought and come prepared to discuss at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55. Submitted by Craig Mossberg

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MEMBER PROFILE Ted and Judy Hardy



My experience with Austin-Healeys began in 1960 when I bought a 1957 BN-4 for \$1000. It was slate gray and was missing the passenger door handle, but I didn't care about the missing hardware because I could always fix that shortfall. I use the word

"I" when indeed my wife Judy was part of the plan. Anyhow we both drove that car for about 3 years while I was going to school (including a trip to Yellowstone Park with the top up and a 11 year old kid in the back seat). It was also at this time I found out about 4-wheel drift up in City Creek canyon and explored the use of it as a regular driving technique.

In 1962 we were involved in a major collision with the biggest 1957 Desoto station wagon I had ever seen, and the Healey was sadly never the same so we sold it. We went through a Buick Century, four VWs, and a Chevy Citation; but I always remembered the past, especially at night when I drove that Healey in my sleep. Then one day in 1980, I think, in the parking lot of Torkelson's engineering I met John Morrison driving a green Healey and the British bug bit me again. John told me of a fellow who might sell his Healey, but the price was too high. I kept on looking and in 1986 my dream was realized when I found a Healey for sale from a guy who wanted an MG roadster. The price was \$3500 and I drove it home.

It came as a surprise that even though the car was drivable, the years and usage had taken their toll. Now was the time to begin disassembly which continued for some weeks. It was after many visits by the Bonneville Club members, and especially the magic of Dave Maxwell and his welding apparatus, the Healey was ready for work to begin. But that would have to wait until I got the car port enclosed, and then had a stroke. After recuperation, getting kids through school and the military, we decided to retire and relocate to Lake Havasu City, Arizona. We boxed up the Healey, cinched it down on a U-haul trailer, and hit the road.

It has been nearly14 years since

February 2000, and the automobile is now in a state of drive me/fix me. There have been some fun things and some setbacks since arriving at this



juncture, as I'm sure all of you can attest. But like I said " I don't have to drive it in my sleep" any longer, and the looks by the older people around town (we're the only Austin-Healey in Lake Havasu) as well as their glazed look of yesteryear as they remember "I once had a car like that".



The club we belong to in Havasu is very active and we have been in several car shows, albeit we haven't taken any prizes. We have nonetheless, won a medal for driving skills, took Mrs. Santa Claus for a ride to see some children of Havasu, among other things. We do however; miss you all in the Bonneville Club.

Ted and Judy Hardy

LOGAN CANYON FALL COLOR TOUR

Mark your calendars for October 12th. 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. There will be more discussed on the trip at the September Meeting at Joe Morley's. And the final word will be printed in the October Bonneville Banter. The drive should be a real good one and probably the last driving event for the club of the year.



The Healeys at Brighton on the August Drive Notice that I featured the Hundred, It was good to have it back for Bonneville Austin Healey Club events. Dave

This was forwarded to me by Craig Mossberg, who besides owning a Healey owns a British bike.

Club members might get a chuckle out of a comment that appeared in the August Utah British Bike Club Newsletter. Greg Fullmer, the newsletter editor was talking about events during the year. The following is an excerpt from his column.

"Also up was this year's British Field Day held at Liberty Park on June 15th. Another great weather day. Plenty of British bikes to look at and as a bonus, lots of interesting British cars as well. I especially enjoy seeing the Austin Healeys. The people that work on and restore these cars have a sickness (earlier in the article he referred to owning British bikes as a sickness) even worse than us UBBC folk."

Thanks Craig.



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