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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Well, here we are starting a new year with new opportunities; but before we start anew we do have a few things to acknowledge from last year:



The Christmas Dinner at Al Fornos was a big success. The food was good and the turnout was excellent with fun-loving conversations. Our table found the wait staff doing an outstanding job with drinks and food. Of course Dave's color coded "entrée papers" helped immensely. Sandy (Maxwell) did a great job of organizing this as well as getting so many of us to "show up" in spite of icy roads.

Sandy has done an excellent job as Activities Chairman this year. It can be a trying job. Thank you, Sandy, for a year well done.

Dave did a great job organizing and coordinating the "Healeys Return to Bonneville." That was no easy task! Plus the added bonus of the day at Miller Motorsports Park; we all will remember speeding down the raceway for a long time to come. Thanks!

Sandy and Dave did a good job with Healey Days in Park City, organizing location, registrations, raffle, accommodations, dinner, etc. And those of us who were fortunate enough to be in Park City on Friday night enjoyed the splendid cocktail party at Revel's beautiful home thanks to Jim and Susan.

This year Jim Revel will be heading up our events as Activities Chairman. We all should be up for the task of helping where needed.

We thank Bob Jahnke for his job as Treasurer, he's been on top (figuratively) of the bank statements, deposits, check writing and knowing precisely how much money our club has at any given time. Keep up the good work, Bob.

John Morrison is continuing as our Secretary/Historian. He does an exceptional job with the minutes of our meetings. It's always interesting to read his asides. I especially enjoyed his comment on

the 2009 Christmas (and Railroad) Party. Thank you for keeping us entertained.

Jim Thornton also is continuing in office as our Membership Chairman. He's done an excellent job keeping our member list current; who's paid, who hasn't, and all their information current. He coordinates with the national club. He has to keep prospective members informed on our club, and collect dues. His number is the one we give out to those that inquire about our club. Jim is the one doing the fielding for our club. Thanks, Jim, we all appreciate everything you do for the club.

Allen Brown is giving up the "job" of Newsletter Editor to Dave Maxwell. Allen has done a wonderful job as editor of our Bonneville Banter. He has had this job for "many" years. I don't know how many, but most of us would be totally burned out by now. He's always met the deadline with these newsletters, sometimes having to prod some of us to get our information to him. He's also been there with his camera for all events, including our meetings, catching some of us shoving food into our mouths (not always flattering). Allen says since he's had the job as editor his computer skills have greatly improved. Thanks again, Allen, we all appreciate your efforts.

Webmaster: What can we say? Jon Hanson has done a remarkable job with our website. It is attractive, informative, and kept current. He writes articles keeping us current on activities, including pictures. When anyone needs a message sent out to everyone, it's Jon we turn to for a "blast" to the members. Also, not everyone knows that Jon is the one we should thank for arranging and coordinating with the Red Robin Restaurant to set up a separate room for our every other month's meetings. Fortunately, Jon is staying on as our Webmaster. Thank you Jon, you have our gratitude.

We must also thank Joe Morley. We've used his restaurant for meetings every other month for several years now and he has given each of us a complimentary slice of Mud Pie each time. He's also been an excellent photographer for many of our events. He's helped

coordinate with some restaurants for our driving events. Thank you, Joe.

I'm sure there are others we should be thanking for individual actions, but all of you should be thanked for supporting your club and attending the events. Of course, there wouldn't be club without you!

Now, be thinking of what you would like this year to be for our club. Bring your ideas to the January meeting at the Red Robin on Foothill. We will set out a tentative schedule for the year using everyone's input.

Keep 'em rolling,  
Ann

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## FROM THE EDITOR



We are looking forward to another successful year in 2010 for the Bonneville Austin-Healey Club. We are planning more interesting and exciting activities, with your input of course. (See Page 5 Article from our new activities chairman, Jim Revel). The 2010 Planning Meeting will be a great time with good friends, food, and drinks at Red Robin on January 12.

In this issue we have a report on the Holiday Dinner at Al Fornos. Also, a belated finish to a project that I undertook last spring. And some commentary on one of my favorite Healey pictures.

Dave Maxwell

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## *Membership Dues for 2010*

### **2010 and still going - and at the same price.**

It is time to pay your membership dues for 2010. The Austin-Healey Club of America is still \$40.00 and we, The Bonneville Austin-Healey Club, are holding at \$15.00.

For those of you belonging to both clubs, you have probably received your notice from A.H.C.A. I will be sending a notice to the rest of you.

2009 has been one of the best years yet. We had the highest turnout ever for our yearend Christmas party. Please join us again and stay involved. We hope to have more driving events and socials.

Feel free to call me or email if you have any questions or concerns.

## Happy New Year and Happy Healeying

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## "Dawn-Bonneville Salt Flats-U.S.A.-1956"



Painting by Roy Nockolds

For having a real fun time last September, I was presented with a print of this painting by the *Return to Bonneville Team*. This painting has been on my want list since I first saw it at the West Coast Meet in 1991. The original was up for auction at the meet. Sandy had retired to the room when the painting came up for bid. I stayed in the bidding until it was WAY out of my affordability. Probably just as well that the bids went higher.

In 1956 Brian (Bic) Healey had some beautiful prints made of the photo to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 200 MPH run and Donald Healey's induction into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame. 200 of the prints were signed by six people who had been involved with Donald Healey Motor Company and had also written letters supporting DMH's induction.

I have coveted a copy for years. Now one resides very predominately on the wall of my dining room.

Dave Maxwell

## OIL FILTER PART 2

For the May newsletter I had written an article about Bob Jahnke's "forever dry" oil filter. Well after a very busy summer with Healey events here is part 2.

As mentioned before Bob had cleaned the components completely. Nothing seemed to be wrong with the filter housing. Since Bob had removed the oil pan to replace the gasket, we then checked both the pressure and return oil galleys in the block. No problems found there either. My last suggestion was to just re-assemble the filter and check it out after a few miles. Bob did, and now he has a filter like the rest of us, full of oil and???.

My guess at the problem was that the dirty filter bypass valve was stuck open allowing the oil to bypass the filter and go straight to the engine. Whatever the problem was it has now been corrected.

Some notes on oil filters and gaskets. I have had 'O' ring gaskets that failed after 500 miles. (economy filter) I have found two gaskets in the housing. Silicone or RTV are not a good idea to seal the can to the adaptor, but I do put a small amount of sealer around the washer head of the long bolt. (The rubber gasket is usually hard)

Happy Healeying, Dave

Tom Hanrahan and Tawnya, Craig and Carol Mossberg, Ron and Kathy Jensen.

Article by J. Hanson

## **BONNEVILLE MEMBERS AT THE 2009 HOLIDAY PARTY** Photos by Joe Morley



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## Dec. 5: Holiday Party

There was an excellent turnout for the BAHC Holiday Party at Al Forno's restaurant in downtown SLC. The social "half hour" started at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. I cannot speak for the other attendees but I thought both food and service were terrific.

Attendees included: John and Gloria Morrison, Don and Julie McEligot, Doug and Ann Lewis, Terry and Peggy Hart, Dave and Sandy Maxwell, Bob and Dixie Jahnke, Allen and Judy Brown, Bob and Fran Riemenschneider, Ernie and Vickie Reno, Jim and Sheryl Thornton, Jim and Susan Revel, Joe and Lora Morley, Kevin and Marie Cowan, Ann and Tara Henderson, Myra Strauchen and Jon Hanson.





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## COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 12, 2010. General Meeting

Red Robin  
1353 south Foothill Blvd 7:30 P.M.

**Very Important meeting.** The 2010 event schedule will be set up at this meeting

JUNE 28 – JULY 2 Rendezvous, (West Coast Meet)  
Eugene, Oregon

JULY 11-16 AHCA Conclave 2010  
Galena, Illinois

JULY 31-AUGUST 1 BAHC annual Healey Days  
Park City, Utah

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## Minutes of December Meeting

Al Fornos restaurant

Item 1. A vote was taken to elect the officers for 2010 as nominated. It passed.

Item 2. Have a great holiday season.  
Business adjourned.

A correction for the minutes of the November meeting.

**Some** clubs in the AHCA are down 30% in membership for 2009.

The AHCA membership is down 6%. Which is about the same as the Bonneville Club.

Dave Maxwell

## Activities Suggestions and Help

By Jim Revel, Chairman

As many of you know, I was nominated, elected, appointed or whatever (*railroaded*) in absentia at the last meeting and I am happy to participate. However, I need your help and suggestions on where to go in 2010 and for how many nights. I hope you will attend our planning meeting on January 12 at the Red Robin and bring with you lots of ideas and suggestions. The following are some places we have gone in the past. Please let me know if there are any events that you would like to repeat. I have a book of Scenic Drives in Utah which I will bring to the meeting. Please think about drives you would like to see us take and write them down for the meeting. Should we have a tech session when we have a trip? Or, is a trip and meeting enough? I would like to have some members volunteer to set up a trip or an event, please think about one that you would like to organize.

Past trips & events include: Four Corners, Mesa Verde, Colorado, Boulder, Utah, Panguitch, Utah, Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon, Monticello, Utah, Hill AFB, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Grantsville & Fire Fighters Museum, Lava Hot Springs, Jackson Hole, Wendover/Salt Flats, Miller Motor Sports Park, Golden Spike Museum, Flaming Gorge, Gateway Auto Museum, Gateway, CO, Mt. Nebo Loop, Alpine Loop, and West Coast Meets.

I will be sending out an email that will ask for help, support, and suggestions before the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please come to the meeting with your ideas and suggestions.

**Thank you**, and see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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