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# HEALEY HEARSAY

Official Publication of the

*Austin-Healey*

## Club of San Diego



**From The Editor:****HEALEYS ON THE GREEN**

Conclave  
is a national  
event and moves  
around the  
states,  
California

Healey Week is a California thing and moves around the state, British Car Day is a San Diego thing and moves around the city. Healeys on the Green is our event and doesn't move at all.

Furthermore all those other events are loaded with Healeys from all over and in the case of British Car Day all the 'kissing cousins' of the Healey are invited. Healeys on the Green is all Healeys and most of the cars belong to our club.

This is good and bad. If you are striving for a trophy, it'll be more difficult in all those other events competing with cars from all over. You know, the principle of the 'little fish in the big pond vs the little fish in the little pond.' So, it stands to reason that my chances of winning a trophy would be greater at Healeys on the Green (the smaller pond). On the other hand going to California Healey Week or Conclave

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**July Meeting**

The July club meeting will be held on July 9 at 6:30 PM at:  
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Hey There Healey Folks...

Well we are half way thru another year...boy they weren't kidding when they ( Whomever They Be ) said time really fly's as you get older !!

Most of who **read** my message here, heard the outcome of our travels north to

Sonoma...for those who didn't I managed to get into my truck using the key from the RV both are Fords, one 1996 the other 2004...makes you wonder how many different sets they really make ??

OK so now we call AAA after waiting 3 hrs and cancel the **"open my truck deal"**...I was not impressed just sayin'...that was my first bad experience with the Auto Club ever...mean time back at the ranch I can't find my wallet, which had evidently fallen out of my pants under the edge of bed while I changed into my driving suit...I hate when that happens...its not like the old days when I could remember everything maybe its still at my friends house.... where were you last, you got gas...you went to dinner...OK back track...receipts where are they...go on line where did I use my CC's last...freaking out now I have no way to get home...no ID...no credit cards can't buy gas...back to track...check my driving suit, and the Ding Ding Ding...where did ya change George...there it is right by the bed on the floor nice and safe where ya left it George...you bonehead...

So having found Mr Wallet nothing bothered me much even when PMO decided for the second race in a row did she "Not Want To Come Out And Play" !!! Left me dead in the water on the parade lap when the wires came off the safety switch..."Shouda Checked Um, George" and that was that. Having said that it's time for Healey's on the Green....so far about seventeen cars...should be fun as usual...if you have stuff you want to donate for the raffle please bring it...and if you have an idea as what that might be let Lou or Lynne know !!

For those didn't or couldn't make it CHW was held on our beautiful California Coast @ The Inn at Morro Bay you missed a really nice event !!

Changing up again we will meet @ the Putzke's choice at 6:30 p.m. July 9th hope to see you all there !!

Cheers, Yr Prez

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### President's Message:





## June 2014 Healey Meeting Minutes

The June 11th meeting was held at the Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy St. San Diego

24 Members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys\*, other British~.

Norm Brewer\*, Terry Cowan, Mike Dolphin jr\*. Mike Dolphin sr, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Bob Humphreys\*, Ed Matheus, Doc McAllister, Mike McCrae & Karen Selsor, Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Sam Talbert\*, Ed Valle, Warren Voth, Sandy & Sandy Watt, Lee White\*, Erich Wolf.

Meeting was called to order at 6.55 p.m. by president Terry Cowan.

**General Discussions:** Terry began by inquiring if there were any people that planned to attend either Conclave or Rendezvous. The subject of just too many events to cope with had apparently come up at Morro Bays' California Healey Week. with the possible solution of holding some bigger events every other year. This doubtless will be a discussion topic.

**Vice President/ Membership:** Lynne not in attendance, no other information on membership updates offered.

**Secretary:** Dick Schmidt: No comments pertaining to club business.

**Treasurer:** Mike Dolphin indicated that the bank balance is still fine.

**Newsletter:** Essentially, keep those cards and letters coming.

**Activities:** Bob brought us up to date on his findings and progress with the Deere Park Healeys on the Green. and Fourth of July Celebration scheduled for July 5 th. So far the park personal seem to be good with what we plan to do. The current membership need is to get your registrations in to Bob by June 20th so he can get an accurate T Shirt count, and Terry can get the appropriate class trophies. Also donations in auction or raffle form need to get to Lou Galper .

Club supplied items will include soft drinks, briquettes for Deere Park grills and BBQ utensils. Don't remember if side dish to share was mentioned but couldn't hurt.

Deere Park will have beer and wine at the store also museum tickets.

Please refer to the dedicated activities page for correct dates and times of other upcoming events.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Position vacant

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Ed Matheus was the lucky dinner entrée winner.

Meeting adjourned 7.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Dick Schmidt, secretary





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July 2014 **ACTIVITIES:**  
*By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper*



- July 5 (Saturday)      **Healeys on the Green and Fourth of July Celebration at Deer Park Winery and Auto Museum, Escondido.** Info and registration forms on Club web site, [www.sdhealey.org](http://www.sdhealey.org)
- August 9 (Saturday)      **National City Automobile Heritage Day Festival & Car Show**  
Registration forms at [www.AutomobileHeritageDay.com](http://www.AutomobileHeritageDay.com). Registration deadline is July 31, 2014.
- September 13 (Saturday)      **Warriors United Car Show** 16945 Camino San Bernardo, San Diego  
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- September 20-21 (Sat, Sun) **Coronado Speed Fest**
- September 28      **English Motors at Fairbrook**
- October 12 (Sunday)      **Oktoberfest, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm, Bob & Sue Farnsworth's**
- October      **British Car day**
- December      **Annual Christmas Party**



## THE SHORT VERSION OF CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK

When Sam asked me to write about my experiences at California Healey Week I had no idea the it would be so short. So here goes the short version.

My wife Sandy and I left Vista Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> in our motor home. I rented a u-haul trailer and loaded the Sprite on without a problem (or at least I thought). We north up the I 5 then 405 and 101. Light traffic and no problems. We stopped in Buellton for the night at Flying Flags RV Park. A very nice campground if you are in the area. Went to Anderson's Split Pea for dinner. The restaurant could use a serious update it.

The next morning we headed to Solvang . We had not been there in about 25 years. Solvang has held on to its quaint Danish style. This one of my finer moments because I planned our visit so that we were so early that most of the shops were closed. This saved me a lot of money.

Off to Morro Bay with a stop at Costco in San Luis Obispo for gas. We checked in at Morro

dunes Campground set up and took the Sprite out of the trailer. Checked out the Sprite and found out that when I put her on the trailer I had scratched the left side of the car (paint jobs don't cost too much do they?).

Off to The Inn at Morro Bay for check in. When we got there the Healey's were arriving. Check in was easy. Hosted cocktail hour nice. We met some wonderful people that night. Sandy and I went down to the wharf to have a quiet dinner.

Thursday morning I went for my run thru Downtown. I was crossing a street when I felt myself going down. All of this happens in slow motion. I remember reading that you should not put your hands out to break your fall,

you should roll. I found out you should also not roll. After hitting the ground I knew I had hurt my right shoulder. Now I have to find a way to get back to the motor home. A Cal Fire fireman was at an ATM so I ask if he could take me back to the motor home. After getting back we now had to figure out how to get to a hospital. Sandy does not drive the Sprite or motor home, so she called the police and they sent an ambulance. Arrived at the emergency room at the hospital in San Luis Obispo. After all was said and done they figured out that I had broken my Clavicle. Nurse presented me a sling and sent us home.



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## **CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK - MORROW BAY 2014**

Prior to heading north for a fun week, it looked like about 6 or 7 Healeys were going to take part in the festivities. At least 5 were going to trailer their cars, some leaving San Diego on Tuesday others on Wednesday. Tuesday morning we were down to four with one Wednesday. The plan for Tuesday, Sue and I would meet Lisa and Terry and two others with trailers at the Marriott in Ventura where we would overnight. We arrived about 3:00 pm and checked in and were getting settled in our room when two Healeys pulled into the parking lot – no trailers. Lisa and Terry had left the trailer in Bonita and met up with Cindy and Steve Kirby in Irvine. Two tops down BJ8s and BT7 in a trailer made up our convoy. Time to relax after a fun drive through L.A. with a nice dinner in Old Ventura and a few rounds in the hotel lounge.

Off to Morrow Bay Wednesday at the crack of dawn (10am). At Santa Barbara, left on to 154 over Cold Springs Grade, down to Lake Cachuma and lunch at Los Olivos where we met several other Healeys. Weather was great, a little warm. In fact the girls, Cindi and Lisa decided to let the Healey boys, Steve and



Terry, toast their buns on a spirited ride up Foxen Canyon while they joined Sue and I and the Denali's AC. Arrived at the Inn at Morrow Bay about 3:00pm concluding a very nice drive.



The Inn at Morrow Bay proved to be picturesque venue. Situated on the bay just inside the Morrow Bay State Park it provided a quiet scenic atmosphere away from the hustle and bustle of the Embarcadero just a few blocks north. Due to construction delays renovations were not fully completed which was a little inconvenient, but the staff more made up with their cheerful support. Weather was mostly sunny with morning overcast. Healeys loved it.

The car show on Saturday at a small city park and marina just a few blocks north of the Inn turned out to be great venue. Thanks to the ingenuity of Ed Neumeyer, a small space was transformed into a first class show spot. About 65 cars were all categorized and lined up with just enough room for a late showing Nash Healey. AHCSA had three entries in the popular car show, Und & Gisela Putzke's BT7, Bob & Sue Farnsworth's BT7, and Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell's 3000 BJ7. Bob & Sue, Terry & Lisa both took Second Place in their class.

As usual, the Austin Healey Association of Southern California put on an outstanding California Healey Week in commemoration of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Job well done.



# Scottish Festival



Memorial Day weekend means 2 days at the Orange County fairgrounds for the Scottish Festival. Two days of bagpipes, haggis, whisky tasting, Scottish goods for sale, and some great people watching.

For the past several years I have organized the Vintage Car display, and this year the turnout of cars was a good mix of both sports cars and luxury cars. On Saturday we had a total of 34 cars on display, with 13 MGs, 11 Triumphs, 4 Minis, 1 Rolls Royce, 1 Bentley, 1 Austin Healey, 1 English Ford, 1 Morris Minor, and 1 Aston Martin. On Sunday there were only 12 cars on display, 3 Minis, 2 Jaguars, 2 MGs, 1 Bentley, 1 Triumph, 1 Aston Martin, 1 Morris Minor, and 1 English Ford.

Most of the cars were from the Orange County area, but there were also cars from as far away as Ventura and San Diego.

On Saturday, the San Diego Healey Club was represented by May Jane Schmidt with her Sprite, and Sandy and I with our 61 Aston Martin DB4 (Our Healey is currently not on the road)

## NOTES FROM CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK

◆ Before the awards were presented, the club historian, Bill Wilkman, assisted by Charter Member, Bruce Erfer, made a humorous presentation of the club's 40 year history with a narrated slideshow.

◆ The official awards were presented beginning with the car show awards, Marty Hovivian and Kim Gaydich won Best of Show for the second time for his beautiful 100 BN1. San Diego Healey Club Members **Bob & Sue Farnsworth** won 2nd place BT-7s & **Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell** won 2nd place early BJ-8

◆ The Rocker Cover Racing faster car award was presented to Steve Gerow and the best presentation RCR award was won by Mike Scroggie.

◆ Special awards were announced, including Raymond Hick and Fay Bryante of Australia for Furthest Travelled, Bruce Erfer of Maui, Hawaii for Furthest Travelled in the US and the three groups from the state of Washington for the "HardAss" award for the Furthest Driven.

◆ CHW traditionally has "Hard Luck" award, which is presented to the attendee who had the most severe car breakdown during the week. This year's award went to Alex & Elida Athie, whose 100 broke down on the way to Morro Bay and had to be towed home.



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# MCRD CAR SHOW

*By Bob Humphreys*



The show was held at the MCRD Bayview Club on the Bay. Breakfast and lunch were available at very good prices. There were various booths



supporting the base and wounded warriors projects.

This year there were over 400 cars as compared to 64 last year. They ranged from the early 1900s to 2014. There were 2 Healeys from the AHCSO along with the Sandy Watts' Aston Martin and Model T Ford. The BJ8 took first in the Antique Class, while the older BT7 was in the Import Class. There were



other strange mixes in class. Since this a new show, the class mix should improve

in the future with better definitions of the classes.



Conversations were interrupted frequently as planes took off from the airport located right next door. Barbara and I were used to it as we once lived directly under the Philadelphia Airport.

The day was cool with a nice breeze all day. The venue was great and the event was well organized. It would be nice to see more Healeys in future years.



## BUGEYES AT A BIRTHDAY PARTY

It was Lynne on the phone asking if I was doing anything on Saturday. I said no and she directed me to Mission Bay where Dayse Macias of Giftofus was coordinating a birthday party for Ronald Marcikic. Ronald is perhaps best known for his love of swimming. A varsity swimmer, he founded the UCSD Masters swimming program in 1983. The program has become a hot-bed for triathletes and open-water swimmers, and San



Diegans who want h to have fun staying in shape.

He is also a bona-fide “car guy” having owned 48 cars in his lifetime. His favorite was/is the Bugeye Sprite. Hence the call to San Diego Austin Healey Club. “We want to surprise him with a display of his favorite car.” So around 2:00 PM In drove John Felt, John Steepey, Sam Talbert and Bill Mayer all in Bugeyes. Happy Birthday Ron!





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### July Birthdays

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Bob Humphreys   | 1  |
| Silvia Torres   | 6  |
| Edwin Neumeyer  | 8  |
| John Banales    | 13 |
| Jo-Ann Carberry | 14 |
| Allie Snover    | 16 |
| John Farkash    | 17 |
| Alice Hurley    | 17 |
| Andy Nelson     | 24 |
| Neil Tabachki   | 28 |
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puts my car in with some pretty awesome company, and more Healey folks means more friends, more conversations and more ideas.

I would like to say I'm better off at Healeys on the Green but Ed Matheus' car always wins over Whooooe every time. Therefore, I might enjoy the bigger events since there is no real hope of winning a trophy anyway. On the other hand, I really enjoy hanging out with the best club in the nation. Plus, it is always held at the Deer Park Winery and I know how to get there, and it doesn't cost me an arm and a leg for gas, truck and trailer rental, and lodging. Oh, and by the way, the grounds of Deer Park are strewn with the largest collection of rag tops anywhere in the US.

This year things are even better. Since Healeys on the Green falls on July 5 we are combining it with our annual "Fourth of July" party. Healeys on the green and burgers on the grill. You can't get any better than that. "Fire 'em up and roll on in, we're gonna have a party!!"

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Next it was trying to find a way to get home. We called a very good friend in Vista and Ron and his wife Carolyn who drove 6 hr on Thursday. They helped us load the Sprite and Friday morning we all headed back to Vista. It's nice to have good friends.

Other than the Wednesday registration we missed all the events. Sandy and I are going to again next year.

I have a Doctor's appointment on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> to find out what they will do.

A special thanks to Udo who stopped by on Friday morning to see how I was and if there was anything he could do.

So you can now see why I call this the short version.

Ed Matheus



# Car of the Year Award

In an effort to recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards Car of the Year (COTY) points for various activities. Opportunities to collect CotY points include any car-related events (shows, drives, rallies, etc.) sponsored by an official organization (other car clubs, auto museum, city chambers of commerce, charities) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the CotY recorder, Rick Snover (619-980-4194 or ricksnover@earthlink.net), within 30 days after the event. AHCSO events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For multi-Healey families, be sure to indicate which car(s) you drove.

CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSO one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSO multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

## 2014 CotY Standings

(as of 6/20/2014)

| <u>Members</u>    | <u>Car</u>          | <u>Pts</u> | <u>Members</u> | <u>Car</u>             | <u>Pts</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------|------------|
| Humphreys, B&B    | AH 3000 BT7         | 44         | Cowan, T       | AH Sprite AN5 Sprinzel | 8          |
| Cowan, T & Lisa M | AH 3000 Mk III BJ8  | 40         | Hoss, D&D      | Sebring 5000           | 8          |
| Farnsworth, B&S   | AH 3000 Mk II BT7   | 36         | Snover, A&R    | Mini Cooper            | 8          |
| Galper, L         | AH 100 BN1          | 32         | Cacciatore, C  | AH 3000 Mk III BJ8     | 6          |
| Talbert, S        | AH Sprite AN5       | 32         | Kind, K        | AH 3000 Mk III BJ8     | 6          |
| Putzke, U&G       | AH 3000 Mk II BT7   | 30         | Pendleton, J&L | AH 3000 Mk III BJ8     | 6          |
| Matheus, E        | AH Sprite AN5       | 26         | Snover, R&A    | AH 3000 Mk II BT7      | 6          |
| White, L&J        | AH 3000 Mk III BJ8  | 22         | Stark, H&L     | AH 3000 BT7            | 6          |
| Brewer, N         | Jensen Healey       | 20         | Tabachki, N&N  | AH 100-6 BN6           | 6          |
| Mayer, B          | AH Sprite AN5       | 20         | Turner, C&S    | AH 3000 Mk II BT7      | 6          |
| Schmidt, MJ       | AH Sprite Mk IV AN9 | 18         | Humphreys, B&B | Jensen Interceptor     | 4          |
| Voth, W           | AH 3000 Mk III BJ8  | 12         | DeBoer, A&V    | Jensen Healey          | 2          |
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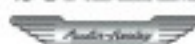
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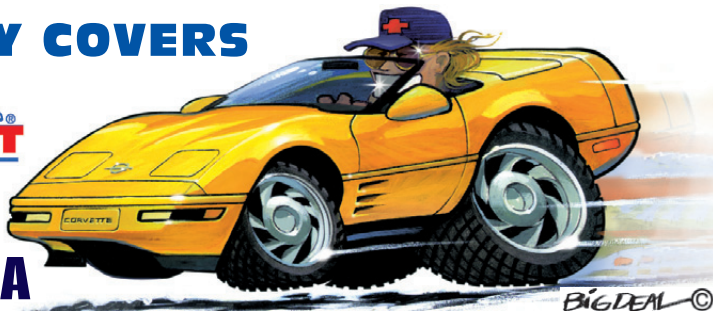
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*May 2nd-5th -- VARA British Extravaganza @ Buttonwillow Raceway ( Tentative )*

*May 15th-18th -- General Racing Wine Country Classic @ Sonoma Raceway ( Sears Point )*

*July 11th-13th -- HMSA Portland International Raceway ( Tentative )*

**Pete Smith's Bugeye, PMO and perhaps Dewey de Butt's Bugeye will be racing @ Laguna Seca. We have been included in the 550 spots out of many thousands of applicants. It is quite a privilege. So, if you can sneak away and join us we would love to see you !!**

*August 8th-10th -- HMSA Rolex Monterey Pre-Reunion*

*August 13th-17th -- HMSA Rolex Monterey Reunion*

*September 19th-21st -- HMSA Coronado Speedfest*



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