

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## Club of San Diego

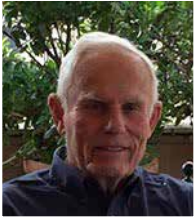


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March 2021

## From The Editor:



**M**y favrote contemporary author, Canadian clinical psychologist and NYT best selling author, Jordan Peterson's book *"Twelve Rules For Life- An Antidote To Chaos."* would

say...(rule 2) "Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping"....*and then do it*...And I did. I got the second of my Pfizer Vaccine ten days ago. I think of it as "Get out of jail FREE" card. So I consider myself good to go. As a significant number of Club members are in my age group, I hope the Club is well vaccinated for Conclave...

And I'm reminded of a quote from James Madison 1815..."*No people ought to feel greater obligations to celebrate the goodness of the Great Disposer of events and of the destiny of nations than the people of the United States*". America has produced three of the best vaccines for it's citizens and others. At least we can be thankful for that...As an aside, the UK approved Pfizer before it was approved for use in this country...even as some of our vaccine trials were still in progress. While there may have been some risk, the UK must have had enough faith in America to do that...

Conclave is getting closer and I'm looking forward to the drive to Big Bear. I'm currently thinking of driving up Sunday. How about you? I believe my last trip to Big Bear CHW was in '06.

As I am doing the third episode, the ride home from 2000 Conclave through Loreen Wilhelmy's eyes, I think how she civilized the trip. If it would have been all guys, it might have been a three day drive or less...and a lot more stressful, and less memorable. Loreen took note of events that were a blur to Roland and I, with our eyes on the road. The case in point is our meet-up with the elk...As I said, Loreen was a great tour guide, doing the things Roland and I were only too glad to cede to her, because she had more experience and was better at it.. The three of us complimented each other, and we each did what we did best...And that's what made our trip a great experience, even me loosing them on the San Jose freeway, on the way to Nepenthe...

Keep the faith...Warren



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**On The Cover:** Lou Galper & Deborah Durban at the Secret Car Show.

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Looks like the world is getting vaccinated, slowly but surely. It's time to get out

Don has published the latest roster. Please save the link Rick sent to access it or save it to your computer. This is the most current and up to date roster. Please notify Don of any needed changes or updates

The antique Automobile Club of American contacted us about a get together at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon in February. Many of our members attended. There was a great turn out of cars, approximately 120. It was a wonderful time, until the event coordinator was advised there were too many cars taking up parking in front of Macy's (going out of business sale) and we needed to disperse. They may have had some of us as customers, but we were asked politely to vacate. It was a perfect day and a fun time. I spoke with John Banales and a couple other members I hadn't seen in a while. There is another multi club gathering March 20th that will be fun so pencil that date into your calendars-Location to be announced. We'll tell you more as we find out. The trip to Campo that Lynne and Lou planned will be a nice driving event with a fun train ride and great railroad museum experience. We may see members from the Antique Automobile Club as they were also invited to attend. Rolling British Car day is set for May 2nd. There will be more info in our newsletter. Looks like more folks are getting out and driving their classics. Yeah!!

I had a challenge fixing my brake problems. Brakes are now ok, so my Healey is almost ready to go. Why is it when you fix one Healey thing 3 other Healey challenges present themselves. Guess it's just the way it is. Are you getting your cars ready for spring and summer? I think we're all ready to "Get your motor runnin, Head out on the highway, Looking for adventure "....I know you know the words. I'm just ready to move forward. Lockdown has been interesting and difficult : and I'll leave it at that, well, after 43 years of marriage, we came across a sign and had a really good laugh. It said:

Marriage is like a deck of cards  
In the beginning all you need  
Is two hearts and a diamond.  
By the end, you wish you had  
A Club and a Spade

Hope to see everyone soon. Be well and stay safe  
Next Zoom Meeting Wednesday March 10th @ 6:30 PM

Maybe we can talk about up coming activities, tech sessions and getting cars road ready.  
Maybe even discuss holding a future meeting out doors.

Happy Motoring  
Howard Stark

**Wed. March 10th 6:30 PM  
ZOOM CLUB MEETING  
Info to T/C from Webmaster Rick.**

## February Meeting Minutes

### Minutes: Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Wednesday, Feb 10, 2021 - Online via Zoom

**President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:44pm**

**There were 19 members in attendance:** Don Benke, Howard & Lynne Stark, Alex Watt, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Sandy Leon, Louis Galper, & Deborah Durham, Ed Matheus, Warren Voth, Rick and Allie Snover, Eric Graves, Richard Thrift, Bob & Barbara Humphries, Will Rogers, and Anthony de la Fuentes

**New Business: President Howard Stark** reported and brought forward the following:

- **Thank you from president Stark**

Thanks to everyone sending articles to Warren for the newsletter.

- **Newsletter Software Costs**

Discussion in support of assisting Warren with his software costs as editor of the newsletter.

- **Jan Activities Feedback**

Positive feedback received from Club Members who attended the MG Club Drive and the first annual Cruise for Peace. Cruise for Peace was a heavily attended community event in support of reducing gang violence on the streets and was sponsored by the San Diego Police. Activities: Louis Galper shared the following activities information:

- **Cars and Coffee** – Feb 20th. El Cajon / Fletcher Parkway from 10am – 12 Noon.
- **Drive to Campo** – March 6th. Additional information to follow.
- **Tech Sessions** – To be scheduled. Location: Terry Cowan's Santee shop
- **Additional 2021 Activities** - Current events are primarily drives given the current county health restrictions for COVID.

**Membership: Vice President Don Benke** reported Club Membership Renewals are currently at 65 and 12 members are not renewing membership for 2021

**Treasurer: Sandy Leon** reported the treasury is stable and the club is solvent.

**Terry Cowan:** Terry is interested in starting a Tech Talk column for the newsletter. First column will be focused on Fuel Senders.

**Conclave News:**

- **Drive to Conclave:** Member discussion regarding potentially several groups driving up to Big Bear together over Sat, Sun, and Mon May 15, 16 and 17th. Additional information to follow
- **Theme Nights at Conclave:**
  - Mon BBQ Night - California Cowboy (Western Cowboy / Cowgirl, Spanish Vaquero, etc.)
  - Tues Cocktail Party - 50's and 60's (James Dean, Janis Joplin, Hippie, Flower Child, etc.)
  - Wed Cocktail Party - Wearable Art (Wearable art refers to individual pieces of clothing or jewelry assembled to create wearable expressive art)
  - Thurs Banquet - California Beach Party (Hawaiian shirts, sun dresses, casual resort wear, etc.)
- **Ladies Event at Conclave:**  
Paint and Sip Wine Event - Thurs May 20th. Pre-Event Reservations Required. Reserve your seat by emailing Lisa at [lisa.mandell14@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.mandell14@gmail.com). Payment will be collected at registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.



### • what the future brings •

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 13 TH DRIVE...To The PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RAILROAD MUSEUM**

Please join us for a scenic drive to Campo and the Pacific Southwest Railway and Museum.

Meet at 8:30 am at the Regal Edwards Rancho San Diego Theaters 2951 Jamacha Road, El Cajon

We will leave at 8:45 am for a scenic drive to Campo and the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum 750 Depot Street, Campo.

Arrive at the Depot at 10:00 am to buy tickets for the 10:30 am train ride. This is a 45 minute ride on the vintage Golden State train through the rugged back country of east county San Diego

After the train ride explore the Museum and vintage railway cars, exhibits and history of the Pacific Southwest Railway.

Bring a lunch which can be eaten on the train or afterwards in a picnic area on the grounds.

Or join us for just for the ride to Campo or enjoy the train ride and museum as well.

This is always a popular and fun ride/event. The weather should be mild and perfect for this time of year, but please bring a sweater or jacket just in case.

Ticket Prices (includes Museum)

Adult (13+) \$18.00

Senior (65+) \$15.00

Child (3-12) \$ 9.00

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during Conclave  
Registration Age 21+

*Let's Paint your Party!*

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## I Used To Own An Austin Healey

**PART THREE... Heading Home...**Friday morning, six cars in caravan departed the Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores, Washington, in light rain. The clouds lingered but the air became drier we drove into Oregon. A few of the scenic towns in Northern Oregon that we passed on our southward jour-

ney, along HWY 101 were Hoquium, an old mill town with cute houses, Raymond- on the willapa, and South Bend with lots of seafood processing plants. All before we reached Astoria! South of Astoria we saw, but did not stop at, Outlet stores, and a live butterfly Garden at Seaside, Eco-la State Beach Park , Nehalem, Nehalem River and Neath

Nehalem Bay Winery, Wheeler with a population of 300, Rockaway Beach, population 1000, with a Cyber Cafe and Garibaldi, a cute town that was having some sort of festival. Bazzio's Restaurant was supposed to be a good place to eat in Garibaldi, according to the gas station attendant. And their parking lot was friendly to Healey mufflers. But in light of it being Friday, and the beginning of the town fair, it wasn't available to us. Lunch would be at Tillamook.

Tillamook has the most relaxed cows we've ever seen. It also has the Locomotion Restaurant filled with "class of 58" memorabilia. We



Above and right- My car and the Putzke's are lined for an area tour. It was always overcast in Ocean Shores and today was a drive through local areas in some serious rain, for Californians. Later on that day we returned to the Shilo Inn for a barbeque...

Below- A Tri-Carb displayed in the buff for the popular choice car show.



were served huge platters of hamburgers, fries, salads, etc. Our leisurely lunch was followed with a not-so- leisurely WAIT to get out of their parking lot.

Photopps were everywhere on this trip. For example, the viewpoint at Twin Rocks between Barview and Garibaldi, Oregon, heading south, the north-facing hill's topography and foliage spectacular in July. The lighthouse between Agate Beach and Yaquina Head would be quite picturesque on a clear day. The beach between Cummins Creek and Cape Perpetua is typically spectacular with the morning sun on it. Some



The popular Choice car show under an overcast, if not bleak, Ocean Shores sky.



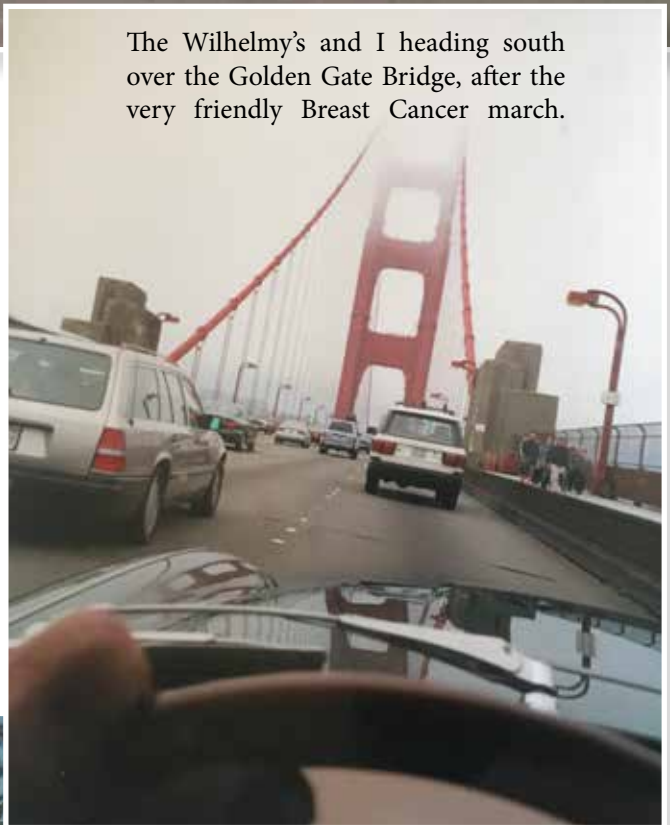
photos - warning of CONGESTION were everywhere....an oxymoron? I think they were trying to warn us of merging traffic, but was not a problem. The unique names of shops, such as "Hail Mary's Espresso".

Our overnight stop, southward, as well as northward, was the Shilo Inn Newport, Oregon. As we learned on our northbound, stay, the service was friendly, but early morning beginnings were a bit ragged at the Shilo Newport. We were standing at the door of the restaurant or cafe for ten minutes after "opening time", when the first employees arrived rushing in with their coffee mug or apron in hand. Then, it took several minutes to set up the coffee and wake up the kitchen equipment. Needless to say, we left Newport a little later than planned.

Steve Cloyes arrived at Gold Beach ahead of us. So while we were filling our gas tanks, and visiting the restrooms, he drove through town and looked like part of a parade in his "Primrose" yellow Healey. Because the Curry County Fair was in progress, we decided against having lunch in Gold Beach at the same restaurant we visited on our trip northward, The Chowderhead. We were sad to miss their "house dressing" made with smoked salmon with a distinctly smokey flavor. Instead, we had lunch at a little coffee shop called the flying Gull adjoining a Best Western in Brookings. It was better than fast food.

At 2:40 p.m. we crossed the border back into California. If you missed the border sign, you could tell by looking at the price of fuel: every grade was at least \$0.15/gallon higher.

The Wilhelmy's and I heading south over the Golden Gate Bridge, after the very friendly Breast Cancer march.



The Wilhelmy's and I heading into California for expensive gas, & traffic.



## Car Show & Gymkhana

(Nothing changed here...ed)

The drive to Eureka was scenic and pleasant. The deer were out of the forests and standing in the middle of the road at one point. Roger honked at them and one of the deer (*elk-editor*) bolted right toward our car. We were driving behind



Roger If it had not been for Roland's excellent reflexes and our good brakes, we and the deer would have been all over the road! Warren was driving behind us, could see the situation, and had already slowed down. The second deer then ran across the road in front of his car and made it safely to the other side of the road. Whew! We were all very grateful for the split second decision-making and reliable brakes and tires, if not a little shook up. Later that morning, we passed several herds of elk while driving through northern California forests.

This was our last day as a five car caravan. Jan and Steve Lehman had left the group earlier to visit friends in Washington. So we celebrated having dinner together in the Red Lion's dining room.

Sunday morning, July 30, we and Warren left Eureka at 7:30. The weather in Ukiah was perfect driving temperature! We wanted to drive down Hwy. 1 from Santa Cruz. We knew southbound traffic toward San Francisco on a Monday morning would take more time, patience, and fuel than we wanted to spend. Our plan was to drive straight through San Fran-

cisco on Sunday, instead of stopping at Petaluma, as we did northbound. I looked at the Auto Club Tour Book and found a motel in Palo Alto (not one of my prouder moments as a travel consultant!) We figured by the time we were that far south, we would miss the early morning rush hour commuter traffic in Silicon Valley.

Driving across the Golden Gate Bridge on a Sunday afternoon, while a Walk for Breast Cancer Research was under way, made for REAL congestion. But everyone was friendly and we got to honk at groups of marchers/walkers and wave. It was rather festive and fun for me, if a bit hard on Roland, the driver.

While driving through Palo Alto trying to locate our motel, we saw the Fish Market Restaurant. There are several around California and



Udo Putzke readies for Gymkhana.

Arizona- one about 3 miles from our house, so we would have an excellent, if noisy, dinner even if we had a restless night. And we were right.

The Sky Ranch Inn looked O.K. from the street, and even from the parking lot. But the rooms did not rate 2 diamonds from the Auto Club! We lived through the night, but we were not well rested or very happy.. At 6:30 Monday morning, we drove out of the motel parking lot to a Denny's about one block away. Now, that was unique too! There was a statue of the virgin Mary standing in the flower bed at Denny's. Overall, our visit to Palo Alto was too memorable.

[Next month: The Last Leg...]



## **Rolling British Car Day is Sunday, May 2nd, 2021**

We'll be hitting the road again, on a quest to enjoy the winding ways and superb scenery of San Diego. How better to view it, than through the windshield of your British automobile (or motorcycle, for that matter!)

The route will take us hither and yon, ending at Menghini Winery. Menghini was our final destination a few years ago, and everyone praised the routes and the lovely old apple orchard which was exclusively ours for the day. Menghini started out as an apple cider producer, and their old facility now houses their winery. They will be holding tasting sessions, in accordance with current requirements.

Since Menghini doesn't have food, you are encouraged to bring your own picnic, to enjoy in the delightful orchard among your fellow British car enthusiasts. Alternately, you could brave the crowds in nearby Julian, though do be warned that the tourists take over Julian on these lovely days, and wait times may be long.

We will continue to require masks unless you are sitting and eating. Bring your own chairs, and have a day of it!

When the starting location(s) are confirmed, you will receive an email, and afterward, registration will open on APRIL 2nd. That gives you a full month to register for the event. Cost is \$20 per CAR, and you will receive a window sticker to commemorate the event. Rolling British Car Day is a fundraiser for British Car Day, our show in October, which is expected to be held on the first Saturday in October.

More information will follow, as we confirm that the starting location(s) are adequate for our current needs.





## The Event Scheduled at Parkway Plaza On March 20th has been **MOVED** To Clairemont Square

The Event Scheduled at Parkway Plaza has been **MOVED**.  
The new location is in the Clairemont Square behind Burlington  
coat factory, in front of the temporarily closed theaters, They are  
very excited to have us there and this time they **WANT** us to park  
close to them near DINOS GREEK CAFÉ and 5 other food places.  
**START time has also changed to 11 to 3**

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#### BIRTHDAYS

Ada Stevens.....7  
Gisela Putzke.....11  
Dave Grundies.....12  
Nancy Arndt.....23  
Arnold Ventura.....25  
Bob Farnsworth.....28  
Abraham Polger.....31

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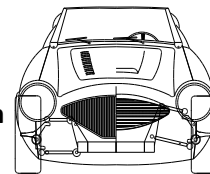
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## CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) AWARD



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, etc.) where you participate with your Healey. Events need not be listed in the Club's newsletter to earn points.

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 [ricksnover@earthlink.net](mailto: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 members with multiple eligible vehicles, be sure to indicate which one(s) you drove.

COTY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSO Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSO Healeys on the Green 8pts; California Healey Week, Healey Rendezvous and Austin Healey Conclave 16pts; S.D. British Car Day and Rolling B.C.D. 10pts; other multi-day British-themed events 8pts; other multi-day events 4pts; other one-day British-themed events 4pts; other one-day events 2pts. Other non-Healey British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award.

All points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCSO regalia during the subsequent year. The total point leader at the end of the year will receive the coveted CAR OF THE YEAR badge for display on their Healey for the following year.

### 2021 CotY Standings (as of February 20)

Member	Car	Pts
*Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	28
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Reid, R. & K.	1959 100-6 BN4	4
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	4
Galper, L.	1964 MGB	3
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	2
Humphreys, B. & B.	1960 3000 BT7	2
Polger, L. & A.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	2
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	2
Ventura, A. & Y.	1960 Sprite AN5	2
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	2
Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4 1	

\*2020 Car of the Year, not eligible to win in 2021



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