

#### From The Editor:



t's October and Time for a scary dark story. Even better yet, a scary dark Healey story. So, I will try to rise, like the creature from the black lagoon with a cryptic tale...

A few years ago, I was returning home from a Temecula drive ending one of Randy Zollers' famous fall wine tours. I consider Randy a premier wino in the best sense of the word as his wino drives were to my taste, easy on the palate and fun.

I am driving south on CA15, ready for the cut off to CA52 south and El Cajon. It's about 4:30 in the evening and I've just turned on to 52 and I noticed my gas gauge is hovering on empty. Not to worry... Costco is only a few miles ahead and I have plenty of petrol to get me there and more...

I have just turned on my headlights, enjoying the drive home ending a fun drive with mostly TR club members and reaching the highest part of the 52 pass before dropping into Santee and El Cajon valley. The evening lights from the valley were beckoning me to home and hearth and the end of a lovely day as the British say...

Then I heard the dread sound of the engine coughing and telling me that I am about to enter my twilight zone on a dark friendly road that instantly becomes a trail of terror. Off to my left is Lucas, the dark night on his coal black steed, sorting the fire that had just left my silent dead engine...

I looked off to my right to find there is no shoulder to pull off on...This part of 52 is under construction to be widened and concrete barriers edge the right hand lane...In front of me was Lucas, who had dismounted his horse and was sitting on the concrete K-rail, laughing and waiting to see what I was going to do next...

Luckily, I remembered my three cell Maglight in the trunk...er...boot, fetched it and was madly waiving its beam at the oncoming traffic approaching me at speed...

My dead Healey was in their right hand lane...and cars were approaching in the distance, no doubt seeing my tail lights and me waiving my light... and thinking I was off on the shoulder and they would simply drive past me and continue their journey... continued on PG 8

#### **October Meeting**

Wed. October. 13th, 6:30 PM Filippi's Pizza Parlor 5353 Kerney Villa Road, S.D.



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**On The Cover:** Tom Linnard and the crew heading to Coronado on on the Otay Lakes Park drive to Coronado.

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September 2021

Hello everybody.

We are out and about enjoying our Healey's. Yeah! It's a perfect time of year for nice rides. We had a good turnout and really great drive last weekend to Otay Lakes Park, a great place to reserve for future gatherings. It was an interesting and an easy drive. Last year I had taken this ride along with the Antique Auto club during a Covid escape and wanted us all to experience this fun ride. Everyone one enjoyed the rolling hills, rambling and twisty roads and lake scenery with perfect overcast weather. I was hoping we would see more action and people parachuting out of planes at Skydive along the way, but that didn't happen. After enjoying the park overlooking Otay Lakes, we continued onward to Coronado via the Silver Stand ending our drive for lunch at Peohe's restaurant. The water front table provided a great view of our city and bay. Food was good, but don't go for the service, although a lot of other restaurants are short handed these days. Lou added the Coronado ride extension and it was an extra bonus for us. Thanks to Lou and all everyone attending making this a memorable occasion. There were many events that weekend including the Parrot head Club fundraiser at Campland on the Bay. Ed and Sandy Matheus and Ron and Carolyn Richtmyer invited us all to come for music, dancing, food, spirits and fun. Plan on this next year. They told me they had a great time.

There are several large events coming up. British Car Day is around the corner on October 3rd, as well as a couple Jag events in Idyllwild that day. Many of us are planning to attend British car day indicated during our September meeting and we will see you there. We have a tech session October 9th and other drives Lou is planning for October and November along with board member elections at our meeting in November. Planning is underway for a holiday party, but time is short and we'll keep you posted. Keep your eyes on our calendar for more club event information.

This year Oktoberfest got away from us, but we hope you are able to enjoy Oktoberfest celebrations wherever they may be around the county.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy restaurant week adding new restaurants to your dining pleasure. Let me know if you have some dining recommendations at our next meeting.

Just a note: AHCA is moving to a new system and asked we hold off renewing membership until January 2022. If you are interested in their membership, send both AHCSD and AHCA membership dues to Don Benke and he will do the rest by January. Please make checks payable to our AHCSD club helping to keep our accounting straight. We will be having a discussion at our next meeting regarding potential future expenses.

Well it's time to remind members to provide their articles to Warren for the Healey Hearsay by the 20th of the month for our publication. I understand there have been some suggestions already provided to Lou for driving activities and he is working on them, so keep them coming. We all appreciate your continued support.

October 13th meeting- Filippi's @ 5353 Kearny Villa Rd. S.D. See You There!

F.Y.I. The Club is now looking for a secretary to take the meeting minutes...

#### Oct. 17th At Bates Nut Farm



#### Hi Everyone!

We have come up with a great fall drive for October. On Sunday October 17 we will meet at Mira Mesa park and ride at 9:00am leaving at 9:30am for a scenic back roads drive around North County and Lake Wohlford ending at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center. The ride will take us approx. an hour or so. Parking at Bates will be paid by the club.

You can bring a picnic lunch, or you can buy food there. Bates Nut Farm has lots to see and do. There are many places to picnic and stretch your legs. Wander through their large pumpkin patch( they grow many varieties) as well as squash and gourds. At the farm zoo you can feed animals such as mini-donkeys, goats, alpacas, emus, ducks and more. Pony rides, too. You can buy nuts from all over the world, candy, fudge, and other goodies as well.

Those wanting to caravan back to Mira Mesa not using the freeway should contact Lou or Lynne at the event. Weather forecasts predict a clear day with temps, around 70. Hope you can join us!

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# 2021 AHCSD ACTIVTIES • CALENDAR

#### October

- 3 British Car Day, Spanish Landing
- 9 Tentative Tech Session, Sprite Carburetor install & adjust
- 13 Meeting, Location To be arranged
- 17 Sunday Fall Drive to Bates Nut Farm leaving from Mira Mesa Park and Ride 9:30 AM.

#### **November**

• 10 Monthly Meeting and Board Elections at Marie Callendars in La Mesa

#### December

• ? Holiday Party, To be arranged

#### Weekly:

La Mesa, Cruise Thursdays 5-8 pm Cruisin'Grand, Escondido, Fridays 4-9 pm El Cajon Cruise, El Cajon, Wednesdays 5-8 pm

Participation at club events, tech sessions, drives and gatherings are understood to be voluntary and at your own risk. AHCSD Board members, AHCA and affiliate clubs representatives or members are not liable for outcomes resulting from your participation at any club activity or event.

## We're All Members of the Activities Committee

- Do you enjoy the club's events and drives?
- Do you know of a great place that SDAHC Members might enjoy?
- Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
- Do you have a favorite luncheon or dinner place that would make a good venue for a SDAHC gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact me to find out what's involved or just to talk about it.

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# AHCSD OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

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### A NOTE FROM DON BENKE REGARDING OUR CLUB ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

At the club meeting in September, I spoke a bit about the process for determining who will be our club officers in 2022. As the Vice President, in addition to handling membership renewals and the club roster each year, it falls upon the VP to run the election of officers during the regular November club meeting. October is nomination month although it may be that some positions may go without a nomination until the night of the election.

During my association with the club, about eight years, we have had Presidents who came forward asking for the job or asking to be re-elected, until this year. With Howard Stark having stated that he will not serve for a fourth term as president, we now are looking for nominations for this important position, as well as Secretary, Activities, Vice President (although I know the current VP will serve another year if no other member is nominated and is willing to run). Our Treasurer, Sandy Leon, is willing to return, and Warren Voth has agreed to continue as editor of the Healey Hearsay. Cant imagine activities without Lou Galper!

Having stated this, I now am asking each of our more than 70 plus members to considering self-nominating for a position. Or consider who you think might be a worthy candidate, and then take the time to talk with that person as a friend or someone you simply admire and try to motivate them to accept a nomination. We can have more than one person for some jobs. Perhaps a couple could be elected to cover secretary duties, and activities could certainly be a committee of two. Even a co-presidency is possible and might be a lot of Fun. Think of who can roll up their sleeves and do the dirty work, and who might be a thoughtful executive to lead this club.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN! CLICK and CLACK for president!

Don

#### From The Editor

Don mentioned that I would be editor for 2022. I will commit to that with this caveat...At some point in time the Club should have a different editor. It is unfair to the current board to expect that it continue in their positions indefinitely for the benefit of the club without wider participation from the membership. To be direct, most members have never served on the board. This is simply not a healthy position for the club. Think about it...



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#### Club Members Market Place

.... only to discover, at the last moment, they must hard swerve around me to avoid a rear end collision with me and my Healey....

My life was truly passing before my eyes as I waited for the vehicle with an inattentive driver who would crush me between their car and my beloved Healey....I knew I could not cowardly jump to the other side of the K-rail for my protection as there wasn't any. I would still be held responsible in a court of law. I envisioned myself in court loosing everything, to say nothing of my life...

As I'm writing this, I am thinking of the Attorney King bill-boards in El Cajon... you know the ones with the picture of Attorney King with teeth that are too white, like a shark, waiting to take a bite of losers, like me, before him in court...

Back to my twilight terror...Cars thinking, just as I thought, that I was on the shoulder...only to discover, at the last moment that I was stalled...in *their* lane. Some would figure out the true situation and dodge around me...others would slam on their brakes in an instant of bewilderment and lamely-duck around me...

An unpleasant thing, true to human nature... most would make eye contact and recognize my desperate situation and realize no consequence of their non involvement, break eye contact and speed away...

This etearnal time, or so it seemed of at least fifteen minutes or more of abject terror that I could do absolutely nothing about but except my fate, what ever that would be...

Then, in the west bound lane a CHP appeared from nowhere saw my situation, made a U-turn with emergency lights flashing, pulled up behind me, got out of his patrol car and asked what happened... He said his car had a wide wooden front bumper, obviously for pushing cars with drivers such as me. About this time a second CHP appeared to slow down traffic while he gingerly pushed me to the wide dirt centre island and safety...

He was about to call for road side service and a gallon of gas to get me to Costco when a sedan pulled up behind us. The driver was a young marine passing by, asking if he could help. I said yes and gave him a twenty dollar bill to pick up a gallon of gas at a gas station in Santee.

About twenty minutes or so later he returned with a gallon of gas, apologising that he had to pay for the can too. I gratefully said no problem, gave him a twenty dollar tip, thanked him profusely and he was on his way...

I recall upon getting home, fixing a pot of coffee, and reflecting that I had experienced the best and worst of human nature. To be honest, I was not sure where I would have placed myself in this scale of events...

This is not a story, but my real trial of terror, and adventure of fear, responsibility and honour...

Happy Halloween...Warren







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#### Drive to Otay Lakes & Coronado

Saturday, September 25th Drive to Otay Lakes and Coronado was delightful, especially as a native, I've never been to Otay Lakes. For those who didn't attend, we met at the Vons parking lot in La Mesa on University, leaving at 9:30 AM, heading for Spring Street and on to CA 94 East. On 94 East, we turned right, after crossing the bridge and on to Otay Lakes Road.

Otay Lakes Road has a rural country road feeling. Strange as it may seem, Otay Lakes Road was what CA94 was like when I was a kid in the 1940s. I could see myself and my brother, standing up in the back seat of my folks 1935 Ford sedan, driving into San Diego to the San Diego Livestock CO-OP, to pick up a trailer full of chicken feed for our 2,000 chickens...

We turned on Wueste Road, following it to the end and arriving at Otay Lakes County Park. There is a three dollar

entry fee which guarantees a clean park and decent rest rooms. There are plenty of picnic tables on nice sites overlooking the lakes. It would be an almost bucolic venue for a club kick-back-picnic in the future. And there is fishing allowed, with a license, I'm sure.

Leaving Otay Lakes, we headed west and up the Silver Strand for about eight miles. Much of the Strand, was and is government property, and is still similar to what I remembered as a kid it during WWII...

...As the War was progressing, many of the dads, who were not in the service but employed by the government, were frozen at their jobs for the duration of the war. My dad was frozen at his job on North Island in the Navy Overhall and Repair facility.







Above top- Howard, Lou, Deborah, Dave, and John Lee kabitizing while the rest of the crew arrives.

Above- Cars lined up for tickets for Otay Lakes County Park.

Left- The gang stretching their legs and having a snack and water at Otay Lakes Cpounty Park.

#### On The Way To San Diego Bay

In addition to being a family farmer, my dad was a skilled plaster pattern maker. At the opening of the WWII, he went to work at North Island for the Navy as San Diego is a major Navy town. The aircraft carriers would bring their shot up planes to North Island to be repaired and returned to the Pacific Theater. His job was to take plaster casts off of the planes which became patterns for kirksite dies that were used to form replacement sections of the plane skins...

The "Strand" is one of the beach spots our mom's would take us kids, while the dads had gone to war or were at their war jobs. We kids would treasure hunt for stuff that was thrown overboard by the ships before they returned to San Diego. We would find cans of malt, chocolate, k-rations, a complete M1 carbine stock, anything that would float ashore was a treasure...

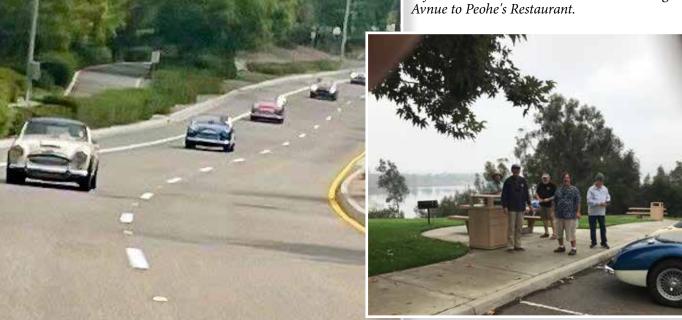
...We headed to Coronado and reservations at Peohe's Restaurant, with a view of San Diego in the distance. The bay view was the main draw as the service was slow, but the fare pretty good. I thoroughly enjoyed the day with the club. Hopefully more will be able to attend the leisurely back country drive to Bates Nut Farm on the 17th....



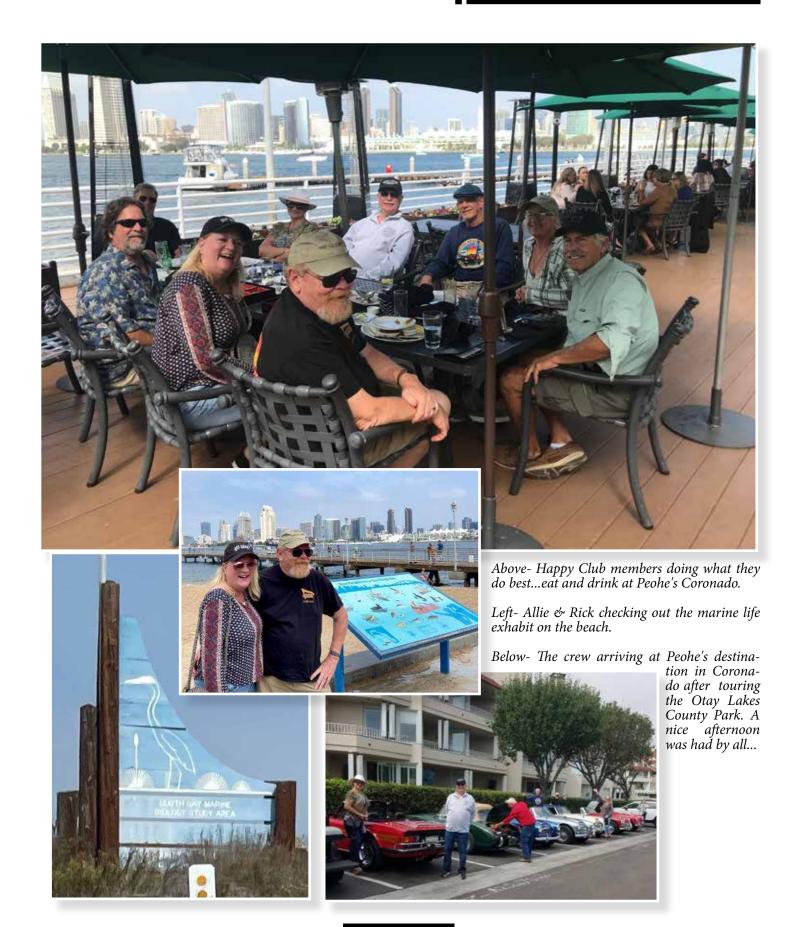
Above- The crew taking a break before heading out for the Strand and lunch.

Below- Picking up our snack and departing Otay Lakes County Park.

Left- On the road to Coronado on Orange



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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) within 30 days after the event. AHCSD 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: AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSD Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSD 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 AHCSD 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 September 20)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	90	Jones, S. & T.S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8	10
*Matheus, E. & S.	960 Sprite AN5	74	Stevens, R. & A.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	10
Reid, R. & K.	000 BN7	52	De la Fuente, Anthony	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	44	Galper, L.	1964 MGB	6
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	44	Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 MkII BT7	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	42	Rogers, W. & S.	964 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	40	Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1 6	
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	38	Lee, J. & Susana D.	1971 Triumph TR6	5
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	34	Galper, L.	1997 Jaguar XJ6	4
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	32	Jones, R. & C.	1963 3000 MkII BJ7	4
Leon, S. & L.	1959 Sprite AN5	24	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	4
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	22	Jones, S. & T.S.	2009 Jag XJ Super 8	3
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	20	Pleasant, M.	Morris Minor	3
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	18	Snover, R. & A.	2009 MINI Cooper	3
Burton, R. &S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8 (4WD)	16	Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	3
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1960 Sprite AN5 (Sprinzel Coupé)	6	Humphreys, B. & B.	1960 3000 BT7	2
Farnsworth, B. & C.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	16	Polger, L. & A.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ	2
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	10	Ventura, A. & Y.	1960 Sprite AN5	2

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