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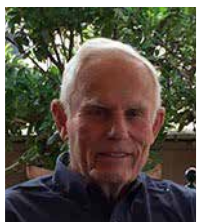


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March 2202

From The Editor:



February is hassle month for the editor. I appreciate everyone getting their copy and photos, etc. in, a little early...

Randy Zoller ordered my Stella Lux LED Conversion kit from Moss. The conversion looks like quality. And it comes with a nice set of instructions too. The installation seems pretty straight forward. (As I type this, I'm thinking, *Why did I say that? Little in life is really straight forward...including sports...* It will be a week or so before I will be able to install my new headlights. I am looking forward to them because Dehesa Road has no street lights and on coming casino traffic overpowers the H4's that I have... You may remember the September 2019 Healey Hearsay story by Udo Putzke on the installation of LED's on their car. I did call Udo to clarify the plug in as it has been ages since I had my headlights apart, only to change bulbs. By the way, LED tail lights, turn signal lights and parking lights are available, from another vendor on line for BJ8's too.

I want to thank Laura & Terrey Lealand for hosting the Super Bowl Party. It was close to a 90 mile round trip, from my place to the Leylands, but it was well worth it...

While I was at Heritage Motorsports ordering my LED headlight kit, Randy showed me a Lucas boxed six cylinder distributor cap with hairline cracks. The inside center post for the coil electrode is too high. The cap rocks on the distributor when you press up the spring clamps. **The caps come in a green Lucas box but say made in china on the box side.** The center post inside of the cap, as well as the spring carbon contact have to be shortened to work. One more piece of junk that's made it's way to America from The Peoples Republic...

Regards, Warren

March Meeting

Wed. March 9th, 6:30 PM
Marie Callendar's
6950 Alvarado Road
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On The Cover: *Healeys hanging out at the Lealands on Super Bowl Sunday.*

Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>



Hello Everyone

Fun meeting in north county last month. I was happy to see so many of our north county folks, roughly half of those attending. The room was spread out and I enjoyed the family style food. Thanks again to John Lee III for setting up our meeting place.



Our Superbowl party was great! Terrey and Laura's home was wonderful. Thank you for being such gracious hosts. Thank you to everyone for bringing all the food and desserts from waffles and cherries to specialty desserts and apple crisps. We had 7 chili's for our tasting and enjoyment. Best and most unusual/unique awards went to Curt Aarndt who prepared a special beanless pork chili that was very special and I received an award for the hottest, of course. It was a great day spent together with everyone and several new members Bryan and Ann Johnson from Minnesota who were vacationing in Palm Desert and Ed and Alexandra McWilliams who arrived in their gray BJ8. I spent little time watching the game, until half time, which I really could have missed. I always like to watch the Superbowl commercials, expecting some special advertisements, but only caught one about an electric vehicle and a cute robotic dog. After a quick count, I believe there were 25 people at the party and approximately 6 Healeys with one other British car driven by the Stevens.



Rolling British Car Day (RBCD) will be a large British car driving event on April 9th and will end at Bates Nut Farm. Driving routes from North and South are in the review and planning stages. I enjoy RBCD and look forward to a great drive. More details will follow. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

CHW will be fun in May. Please register and reserve your rooms before they sell out.

Lynne is working with Lou about a caravan to Palm Springs via Idewild.

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK
• MAY 9th THRU 13th •

Our next meeting will be at Marie Callenders on March 9th. Thanks to John Lee III for making our meeting arrangements. See you there.

AHCSD February 9, 2022 Meeting AHCSD February 9, 2022 Meeting

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

(H) = Drove Healey, (O) = Drove Other British

There were 25 members in attendance: Warren Voth, Louis Galper, Deborah Durham, Steve Suppa, Lex Dunn, Nancy Arndt, Curits Arndt, Udo Putzke (H), Gisela Putzke (H), Laura & Terry Leyland, Alex & Sandy Watt, Don Benke, Robert & Kathleen Reid (H), Howard & Lynne Stark, Erich & Mary Ann Wolf, John Lee III & Susanna Davis (H), John McCoy, and Richard & Ada Stevens

• **New Business:** Acting President Howard Stark reported and brought forth the following:

• **Welcomed members** to the meeting and recognized the members in attendance who live in the North County. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes from the January meeting.

• Lynne Stark reported that the club made \$370 from the Holiday Party silent auction and raffle. She made an informal presentation and survey regarding interest in ordering new AHCSD regalia. Showed and discussed items that had previously been ordered (hats, key chains, sweatshirts, t-shirts, button down shirts, name tags, etc.)

• Lynne & Warren Voth explained part of the process for publishing the Healey Hearsay. Request of members to send to Warren articles and pictures in a more time sensitive manner. Ideally, he'd like to receive them by the 20-22 day of the month. Lead time is required because the club publishes and mails out about 30 hard copies of the newsletter each month. For photos to be published, large format files are preferred over smaller sized files (no less than 8 mega pixels).

• **Activities:** Lou Galper encouraged members to submit ideas for AHCSD activities. He updated the club with the following plans:

• 2/2 Car Show in Rancho San Diego (flyer available); MG Club Valentines themed Cars & Coffee in Santee

• 2/13 Super Bowl Party – hosted by Laura & Terry Leyland. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Chili Cook-off. Arrive anytime after 1 pm. Game begins at 3:30 pm. Bring chili, side dish, \$1s to buy into the football pool.

• 2/20 Automotive Museum Cars & Coffee at 7:30 am

• 3/? Tentative drive to Borrego; Saturday morning – wildflower viewing; lunch; possible overnight trip?

• 5/9-14 California Healey Week – Palm Springs area (Cathedral City Hilton). Will be arranging a caravan for San Diego members who are attending this event.

• 5/29 Vintage Car Show – Bates Nut Farm

• **Membership:** VP Don Benke provided updates on this year's membership participation. Club membership is approximately 70 members, about the same number as last year. Club membership rosters are available to members who request it. It can be sent as an electronic file via email.

• **Treasurer's update** was summarized by Howard Stark in Sandy Leon's absence. Club funds remain stable over the past 4 years. Currently, invoices are being sent out to newsletter advertisers.

Howard Stark recognized and appreciated John Lee for his taking the lead on arranging club meeting places. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

• what the future brings •

• 2022 AHCSO ACTIVITIES • CALENDAR

March

- **5** MG Club Cars & Coffee, Charlies Best Bread, Pacific Beach, 9am
- **9** Monthly Meeting, Marie Callendars I-8 at 70th street, San Diego, 6:30pm
- **20** SD Auto Museum Cars & Coffee 7:30 to 9:30 am
- **26** Tour of Private Steam Train Collection, Ramona, with lunch afterwards

April

- **2** Good Guys Del Mar
- **9** Rolling British Car Day, starting at Carlsbad or El Cajon, Bates Nut Farm
- **13** Monthly Meeting
- **24** La Jolla Concours Tour and Car show

May

- **1** Coronado Motorcars on Main Street
- **7** Pt Loma Road Rally, SD Automotive Museum
- **9-13 California Healey Week**, Palm Springs (Cathedral City) register by April 15
- **29** Fallbrook car show at Bates Nut Farm, see flyer in news letter

October

- **8** British Car Day, Spanish Landing

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

Hi Everyone ! California Healey Week, Mon. May 9 - Fri May 13 will be here before we know it, so hopefully you are registered and have reserved your room. This year it will be in the Palm Springs area. It should be a fun filled week in the desert. The drive from San Diego is approx. 2 and 1/2 hours. Lou is planning a scenic drive using back roads where ever possible and going through Idyllwild to get there, which may take a little longer. We are planning to caravan and will probably have a central starting place and a north county stop to pick up those members before starting off. I will also be compiling a cell phone list of those going so we can stay in touch on the road and while at the event. Please let Lynne or Lou know if you interested in caravanning and or want the cell phone list. Lynne Stark

AHCSO MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Ada Stephens.....7	Nancy Arndt.....23
Randy Jones.....10	Arnold Ventura.....25
Gisela Putzke.....11	Bob Farnsworth.....28
Dave Grundies.....12	

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27th Annual Rolling British Car Day

Saturday, April 9th, 2022

\$20 per car

Two starting locations

Registration opens at 9 am, hit the road at 10 am

Ending at Bates Nut Farm

Bring your own picnic lunch

Please join us for our 27th Annual event, where over one hundred British car enthusiasts will delight in the back roads of San Diego county, following each other along pleasant routes to end up at Bates Nut Farm for a picnic lunch under the trees. Last time we ended at Bates was one of our most successful and praised events, and we hope that this one will be equally pleasant.

You may start at one of these locations:

The Northern start location is in Carlsbad at the Poinsettia Village shopping center, in front of the Starbucks at 7130 Avenida Encinas, we will be joining the small Cars and Coffee type event that happens every Saturday. There is a gas station in the parking lot as well.

The Southern start location is in El Cajon at the Parkway Plaza shopping center, in front of the old Sprint store on the outskirts of the parking lot. Address is 695 Fletcher Parkway. There is a Panera Bakery across the street, and there are gas stations nearby.

We will drive for about an hour and twenty minutes, and arrive at Bates Nut Farm for lunch. Please bring your own picnic, there will not be food vendors at Bates!

Online registration will open on March 8th at www.sandiegobritishcarday.com/events

You will receive another email to remind you when online registration opens, or you can register on the day of the event.



CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK REGISTRATION FORM

May 9-13, 2022

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ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

I/we are arriving on: Monday () Tuesday () Wednesday () Thursday () Other () _____

I/we plan to participate in the following events. See website and summary of events on page 3.

Monday Reception () Poker Run & Drive () Scenic Drive () TSD Rally ()

Rocker Cover Racing () Tech Session () Ladies Event ()

Car Show () Awards Banquet ()

Please indicate the Model and Year of each Healey you are entering in the Car Show:

() BN1, BN2, 100: _____ () BN6, BN7: _____ () BN4, BT7: _____ () BJ7 3000 _____
Year Year Year Year

() BJ8 3000: _____ () Modified: _____ () Sprite: _____ () Jensen _____
Year Mdl/Year Mdl/Year Mdl/Year

() Other: _____ () Not Bringing a Healey

REGISTRATION:	Car and Driver & Guest	Up until April 15, 2022	\$198 per couple x _____ = \$ _____
		After April 15, 2022	\$248 per couple x _____ = \$ _____
	Car and Driver (single)	Up until April 15, 2022	\$99 per person x _____ = \$ _____
		After April 15, 2022	\$124 per person x _____ = \$ _____
	Optional: Extra Guest		\$ 99 per person x _____ = \$ _____

REGISTRATION AND EVENTS TOTAL \$ _____

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Two Cocktail Parties (no host bar), with appetizers, Buffet Lunch after Car Show, Banquet Dinner, Two Drives, Tech Session, Ladies Event, Welcome Gift, Silent Auction, Rocker Cover Racing, Car Show, Car Show Photo, Car Show Trophies, Event Pin. . Optional Events and Regalia Extra.

Payment confirmation and registration number will be sent via Email. **NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 1, 2022**

May 9th Through 13th



CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2022

The Austin Healey Association of Southern California is pleased to host
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Payment confirmation and hotel registration code will be sent via Email.

We look forward to seeing you this Spring in the desert.



2202 Super Bowl Sunday

Kudos to Laura & Terrey Lealand for hosting the Super Bowl Party. I noted there were no broken windows, or knocked over furniture, so it looks like we all acted respectfully. The party suspects included Laura and Terrey Leyland (hosts) **H**, Ann & Bryan Johnson (visiting from Minnesota), Warren Voth, Lynne & Howard Stark – **H**, Lex Dunn, Sandy & Ed Matheus, Kathleen & Robert Reid – **H**, Gisela & Udo Putzke – **H**, Ada & Richard Stevens, Alexandra & Ed McWilliams (new members) – **H**, Sandy Leon, Deborah Durham & Lou Galper – **H**, and Nancy & Curt Arndt. As usual, my chili didn't win again, which gives me a long string of successful failures. Howards chili won the hottest, which is no surprise as he likes **Habaneros**. Curt Arndt won best tasting and most unusual, which I believe he has won before. Good job Curt! Laura & Terrey had two large screen TV's for the game, and an inviting patio for those who would like to spend part of the day visiting. A very nice party and SuperBowl game.



Kudos to Laura & Terrey Lealand for hosting The super bowl Party.

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Club Members were mesmerized by the game are Richard & Ada Stephens (Center) surrounded by Udo Putzke, Curt Arndt, and Howard Stark, New member, Ann Johnson, Terrey Lealand, Gisela Putzke, and Sandy Matheus .



Lynne Stark and Deborah enjoy a visit.



The Pre-Game National Anthem



It was great to hear the National Anthem saluting our servicemen and women, and the crowd standing in affirmation.



Udo Putzke, Ed McWilliams, Curt Arndt, and Sandy Leon finish off chili samples and commiserate on the Lealands patio.

Sandy Matheus, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, and Nancy Arndt visit and enjoy snacks while waiting for the game to start,



Lex Dunn samples chili on the patio.



Enjoying The Lealands Patio



Sandy Matheus, Deborah Durham, Nancy Arndt, Kathleen & Robert Reid, and Lynne Stark, get ready for the game to star.

Sandy Matheus and I visit on the patio.



Lynne Stark visits with new member Bryan Johnson on the patio. Ann & Bryan are visiting from Minnesota and recently joined our club.

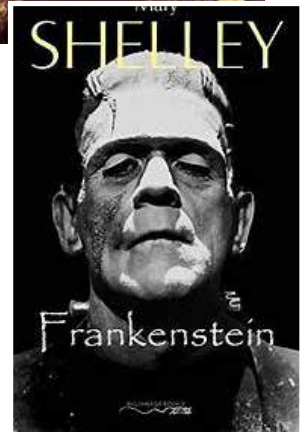


The Lealand's patio was a perfect spot for some quiet time to visit away from the game, and enjoy the day.

WHAT COLOUR IS THE GAS PUMP HANDLE?

The decision to write an article on the colour of gasoline pump handles is as a result of a situation I was in that almost caused a major problem with a rental car while in Britain. Now that more diesel trucks and cars are being sold in the US it is something we need to keep in mind.

I realize that this is going to sound like an introduction to a horror story, especially since this occurred less than 50 miles from where Mary Shelley got the idea for her famous novel "Frankenstein". It was not the best weather conditions and it was late in the evening, and to top things off I was in a hurry to get back to the house where I could settle in for the night. There were gale force winds coming from the north, directly off the



sea, the rain was being blown sideways and the temperature was in the mid thirties when I pulled into the filling station to fill up the car, and the only thing that prevented visions of the monster Frankenstein from appearing were the lights of Buckie in the distance. There was no shelter from the wind at the pumps, and the canopies were use-

less to keep the wind blown rain at bay. In my rush to get the car filled, and to get back into the warmth of the car, I jumped out of the car, grabbed the black pump handle out of habit, and proceeded to try and insert the nozzle into the petrol filler. The nozzle wouldn't fit, and it took a couple of minutes in the cold and wet trying to get the nozzle inserted before I realized the problem. The nozzle was too big to fit into the fuel restricter hole. But it had to be

the right hose as I always use the black nozzle at home, why wouldn't it fit. I had filled up at this station before and hadn't had any problems. Then I decided to doublecheck the pump, and to my surprise I noticed that in my rush to get the car filled and get out of the weather I had grabbed the wrong nozzle. I had grabbed the Diesel hose and was trying to fill the tank with the wrong fuel. Luckily I hadn't tripped the trigger, so no harm was done. The problem occurred due to the fact that the pump I was filling the car from had two hoses. One Green and the other black. This got me to thinking as to how easy it would be to get the wrong fuel if you just grab the hose without really looking to see what type of fuel that particular hose dispenses.

Gas pumps have different coloured handles that denote of the fuel dispensed from that particular nozzle.. In nozzles are usually black, and green nozzles are diesel. zles are for unleaded, and black for diesel, the opposite



the type and grade the US, multiple fuel In Britain, green noz- of the US.

If I had filled the rental car with diesel, it could have meant draining the fuel tank, purging the fuel lines, fuel injection system, a rather expensive proposition. If it had been the other way around and I had filled a diesel rental with gasoline and then started the engine, it would have meant a complete engine rebuild. The solution is to check before you pump and don't just grab a particular colour nozzle handle out of habit as gasoline nozzles will fit inside the diesel filler pipes.

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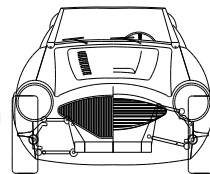
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The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the COTY Recorder, Rick Snover (619-980-4194 ricksnover@earthlink.net) within 30 days after the event. 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.

2022 CotY Standings (as of February 20)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	26	Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	22	Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	18	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	16	McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	16	Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1	6
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	12	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	12	Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6

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