

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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*Austin-Healey*

Club of San Diego



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April 2023



## Note from the Editor

Hello, and welcome to my first appearance as interim editor of the Healey Hearsay, newsletter of the Austin Healey Club of San Diego. Let me tell you straight out, I have never edited much more than an ill worded email message before hitting send. And sometimes I should have edited those better. That aside, I welcome the challenge, or better, the opportunity to keep this publication moving.

First of all, I, along with all of the AHCS D board want to express our gratitude to Warren Voth, who for several years has served this club as the editor of Healey Hearsay. Warren has not left the club or the editor role, he is just taking some time to relax and slow down a bit. Well deserved Warren. Warren’s plan is to take some time away and resume his role sometime this summer.

*Terrey Leyland*

### April Meeting

**Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 PM**

**Chicken Charlies Rancho  
Bernardo**

**12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd  
San Diego, CA 92128**

Welcome to the April edition of **Healey Hearsay**; the monthly publication of the **Austin-Healey Club of San Diego**. Monthly AHCS D members’ meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The location varies and is listed in this newsletter, on the [AHCS D website](#), and by e-mail to all club members.

### Membership Information

Membership in the Austin Healey Club of San Diego is open to all owners of an Austin Healey, Jensen Healey, or any other Healey vehicles, and to anyone else who has an interest in the Healey marque. Annual dues for the Austin Healey Club of San Diego are \$35.00 per household. [Visit our website](#), [www.sdhealey.org](http://www.sdhealey.org), or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, [leebsmba@hotmail.com](mailto:leebsmba@hotmail.com)

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### Advertising Information

Classified Ads (Market Place) are free to AHCS D members. Classified ads for items wanted or small items for sale are free to members and non-members. Ads may be placed at any time. Submit artwork and payment to the Treasurer. Annual display and monthly non-member “Car For Sale” classified ads pricing:

Full page 8"x 10.5".....	\$ 150.00 per year
Half page 5"x 8".....	\$ 100.00 per year
Quarter page .....	\$ 75.00 per year
Business card.....	\$ 50.00 per year
Non mem.- 1/4 pg. up to 3 mos.	\$50.00- 3 mos.

All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of the month for publication in the next month’s issue.

## From The President

Folks, last month it seemed like the wheels were falling off. Trouble with Austin Healey Club of America and our member's renewals. Our beloved Healey Hearsay under new (no) management. Well, our Hearsay Lite edition by committee was printed and distributed with quite satisfactory results. And with a bit of pleading and whining we managed to find the right person to show us the way to complete our members AHCA renewals. So, no more about THAT club.

Now it seems we are proceeding in much more normal ways. We have a clearer picture of what it takes to cobble together (AKA Concatenate) a quick, lite, but informational and appropriate newsletter Hearsay. That's good because we also have a clearer understanding from Warren Voth as to when he is going to resume his role as Editor of The Healey Hearsay.

He will start work on June 20, 2023 to deliver the July Hearsay. So, we know the exact number of Editions our Hearsay Committee must deliver – April, May, and June. Warren has offered help with some pages, but really, Terrey Leyland and Rick Snover seem to have a process for accepting the usual pages – minutes, activities, brief stories, advertisements, Coty standings and Birthdays and Anniversaries, and this note.

Activities continue to be the best reason to have this club, and our drive to Borrego Springs was a prime example. What a beautiful day to see a truly great natural wildflower show. What could possibly go wrong with that? Despite brilliant planning and leadership from Laura and Terrey, a Healey broke down! And had to be Towed! Sadly, it was Laura and Terrey's Healey. Unfortunately, this led to a rocky beginning for the Rancho Bernardo start group, but somehow Laura and Terrey still made it to Lunch at the Borrego Springs Resort via their trusty SUV.

But thanks to them for making this event happen. I personally thought I was going to miss this drive due to a planned ski trip to Mammoth. Well, too much snow and iffy road conditions kept my group of friends and I from making that trip. Borrego Springs was a nice 2<sup>nd</sup> option.

On the subject of wheels no longer falling off, it was great seeing Lynne and Howard on the drive in their Blue and White Healey with those long-awaited chrome wire wheels and new splines, etc., and new tires. Happy drivers!

We are working on updating our contacts for officers and the various Special Staff, and I would like to remind everyone that if you have a question about memberships, or want to update information in the Club Roster, please contact John Lee as he, as VP, is now in charge. Of course, if you call or email me, I am still completely happy to help you out. Now, one more time, if you haven't sent your 2023 AHCSA renewal payment -- \$35, you are running the risk of the dread call from me, John, or Lynne "threatening" to remove you from the roster or the automatic emails that tell you everything that is happening, did happen, might happen, or hopefully will happen next. And, when IS the next club meeting and where is it? So, send it, or call us to verify your status. If you are an Outstanding member, that is a misnomer! So, hope to see you at the April 12 meeting. And hope to see you in a Healey.

Don

# March Meeting Minutes

## AHCS D March 8, 2023 Meeting

President Don Benke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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

There were 21 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid (H), John Lee (H), Ed & Sandy Matheus, Lex Dunn, Richard & Ada Stevens, Steve Suppa (H), John McCoy, Chuck Sharp, Laura & Terrey Leyland, Don Benke (H), Howard & Lynne Stark, Terry Cowan, Alex & Sandy Watt, and Sandy & Lily Leon.

Don Benke reported and brought forth the following:

He welcomed the members in attendance. A motion was made and passed to approve the meeting minutes from February's meeting. Don updated the members regarding the AHCS D Newsletter situation in regards to the latest (brief) Healey Hearsay. Warren Voth had offered his resignation as editor unexpectedly. Don thanked Laura & Terrey Leyland and Rick Snover for their assistance in putting together a replacement on the fly. Don updated the membership with an update from Warren Voth. Warren expressed that he needed a break, regretted his abruptness and might be willing to take on the editor role again in the future. Don will continue to check in with Warren and keep the club up to date.

Laura and Terry Leyland: Activity report – Provided a printed list of suggested activities for the AHCS D for the year. The Leylands are planning to host a Club Meet & Greet at their neighborhood's Community Pool and Club House in July. The activity is to encourage all members to participate and get to know one another better. This is a daytime event and it was suggested to include an AHCS D member meeting at the same time, allowing members who don't usually drive to evening meetings an opportunity to participate.

Don Benke/John Lee: Membership report -- Don has spent a few days updating and fixing issues for our members in regards to the Austin Healey Club of America's Club Express system. He believes he has made necessary corrections and is ready to pass along membership duties to Vice President John Lee.

Sandy Leon: Treasure's report – The AHCS D remains solvent with a fund in the bank.

Don Benke: Other business – Terry Cowan is currently restoring a Pre-Production car for the Golden Gate Club. The club will be making plans to sell the restoration to raise money for their club. Club member Eric Wolf has passed away. A motion was made and passed to send an acknowledgment and condolences on the part of AHCS D. John Lee's contact was unable to assist with club website re-design. The club will continue to explore options to update and renew the AHCS D website.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

## Important Info/Announcements

Sadly we have learned of the passing of long time member Erich Wolf after a long illness.

A celebration of his life with a reception to follow will be on:

April 20, 2023 at 11:00 am

Church of Nativity

6309 El Apajo Road

Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

You are invited to attend and share memories

### **ATTENTION!!**

Could this be your LAST Newsletter!!?? If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2023 it might.

So don't delay, send your check for \$35.00 for our club dues, OR \$105.00 for our club dues AND

Club of America dues to Don Benke ASAP.

## **CLUB COFFEE MUGS**

Mugs are now available! They are white outside with cobalt blue inside, hold up to sixteen ounces and have a large handle. The club color logo is printed on both sides with the name in script in between. They come in a white cardboard box ready for gift giving. Cost to club members is \$12.00 each. Reserve yours today, by calling Lynne 619-759-7551.

**Please note: Lynne's new number is 619-579-7551.**



## **AHCS D APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ron Darland 6  
Lou Galper 10  
Patricia Benke 15  
Ed McWilliams 25  
Claire Coombs 27  
Ed Matheus 29

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Arnold & Yolanda Ventura April 30, 1976

# Rolling British Car Day 2023



## and Picnic!



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**THE SAN DIEGO BRITISH CAR CLUB COUNCIL**

**Starting Points:**  
**Northern / Southern**  
San Diego / El Cajon

**Picnic Location:**  
**Menghini Winery**  
Julian, CA

Saturday  
April 29, 2023  
9:00 am Meet  
9:30 am Depart

[sandiegobritishcarday.com](http://sandiegobritishcarday.com)

- Come and enjoy driving your British car on some of San Diego's best back roads to **Menghini Winery** in Julian
- Bring your own lunch and enjoy an informal car show and **PICNIC** in the meadow
- Driving Tours will start from two locations gathering at 9:00 am

Choose either:

**The Northern Route** starting from the Home Depot parking lot on Carmel Mountain Rd, CA 92128

OR

**The Southern Route** starting from the NW corner of Parkway Plaza parking lot El Cajon, CA 92020

- Reserve your spot - register online ahead of time, or meet at one of the starting points at 9:00 - Tours start at 9:30
- Cost is \$20 per car - payable at start of driving tour
- Event registration opens on Sun March 12th

All British automobiles are welcome

# 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 [smokey.snover@gmail.com](mailto:smokey.snover@gmail.com) 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.

## 2023 CotY Standings (as of March 20)

Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	30
Suppa, S.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	24
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	18
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	18
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	8
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	8
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Stark, H. & L.	1959 3000 BT7	6
Tabachki, N. & N.	1958 100-6 BN4	6
Galper, L.	1997 Jaguar XJ6	3

# Activities

• what the future brings •

## • 2023 AHCS D ACTIVITIES •

### • April

Wednesday 4/12 - Club Meeting

Saturday 4/29 - Rolling British Car Day (see details page x)

### • May

Wednesday 5/10—Club Meeting

Cruising Grand, Escondido, British Car Night

Temecula Winery Drive

### • June

Wednesday 6/14—Club Meeting

Ice Cream Social

Campo Train Ride & Museum

### • July

Wednesday 7/12—Club Meeting

Independence Day Party—Volunteer Host? Day?

### • August

Wednesday 8/9—Club Meeting

Sunday 8/13—British Car Day at Tidelands Park, Coronado

Breakfast on the Bay—Weekend of the 19th or 26th?

### • September

Wednesday 9/13—Club Meeting

9/18—9/21—California Healey Week, Lake Tahoe

Drive to Julian

### • October

Wednesday 10/11—Club Meeting

### • November

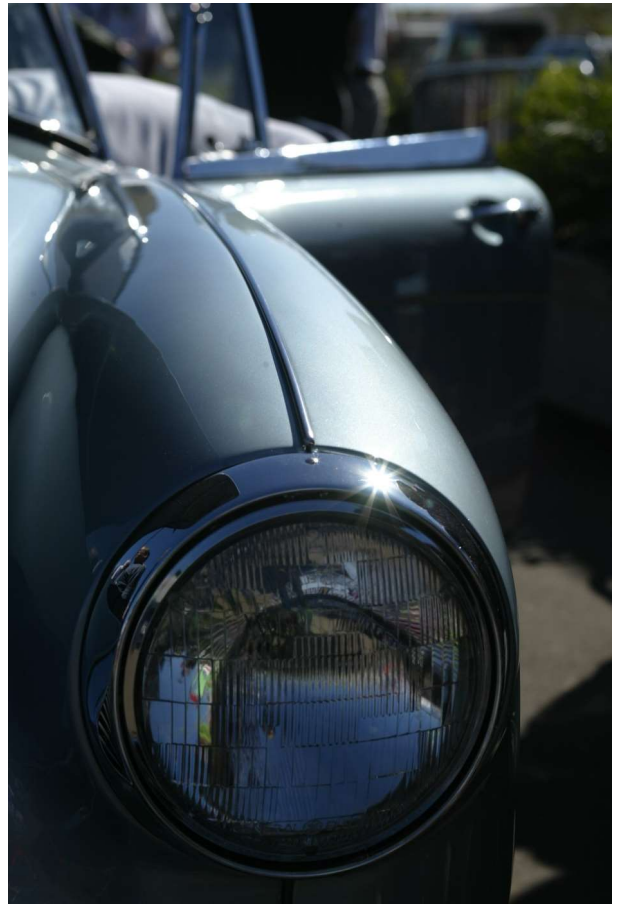
Wednesday 11/8—Club Meeting

### • December

Holiday Party

### • Monthly Events

San Diego Auto Museum—Cars and Coffee, for dates and times go to [SD Auto Museum](#)



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

### *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 AHCS D 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 AHCS D gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact us to find out what's involved or just to talk about it.

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# 2023 Super Bowl Sunday Party

Robert and Joan DeYoung were the gracious hosts of our first big party event of 2023, our annual Super Bowl Chili Cook Off party. The day started out with rain, but by the time we arrived at their lovely home, the weather had cleared. Several members, including; Laura and Terrey Leyland, Kathleen and Robert Reid, Curt and Nancy Arndt, Rick and Allie Snover, Terry Cowan, Lex Dunn, John Lee and Susana Davis, Warren Voth, Deborah Durham and Lou Galper, Sandy Leon, and Lynne and Howard Stark came to watch the game, socialize and of course eat. Unfortunately, due to the weather, no Healeys made the ride to the DeYoung's house.

There were several chilis made by the guys for us to sample and lots of great side dishes. Joan and Robert supplied all the chili fixings consisting of; cheese, sour cream, and onions. Also, Joan served up a delicious cranberry juice punch that was her own special recipe. Members brought wonderful "game day" dishes. There were chicken wings, mini corn muffins with special honey butter, homemade **(to die for)** baklava, spinach salad with strawberries, a brie and cracker plate, traditional baked Chex Mix, brownies, chocolate mousse cake, tiramisu and of course lots of chilis of different varieties. It was a terrific spread.

Speaking of chilis, they were judged in 4 categories. The winners, who each received a nice bottle of wine for their efforts, were:

- Robert Reid – Hottest
- Curt Arndt - Most Unusual
- Laura Leyland – Traditional
- Rick Snover - Best Overall.

Since the weather was cooperating and it wasn't raining, Robert had a fire going in the huge outdoor fireplace. It kept the seating area of their beautiful patio warm and comfortable. Several of us were able to chat and relax outside, while others avidly watched the game in the living room or kitchen. The game was exciting, the commercials and halftime show the best parts for some of us. The winners of our football square game were:

- Susana Davis - 1st quarter
- Kathleen and Robert Reid - 2nd and 3rd quarters
- Lex Dunn - 4th quarter/game.

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*Our gracious hosts; Robert and Joan DeYoung*



*Group shot of the place where all attendees frequented often. L to R: (bits of) Lou, Suzanna, Lynne. All of; Terry C, Rick, Howard's back, Nancy, Kathleen, Laura, Kurt, and Robert's back.*

# 2023 Super Bowl Sunday Party

After the game, Robert was asked if he or Joan would play us a song or two on the baby grand piano in the living room. Robert said neither of them played. He took the cover of the piano off, got out his cell phone, typed in a request for an Elton John song and the piano began to play! Robert had converted it to a player piano controlled by his phone. We listened and sang along to Van Morrison, the Beatles, and Rod Stewart. It was a spontaneous, impromptu and fun way to end the day.



*Robert, Howard, and the terrible T's share a laugh by the fireplace*

A special Thank You to Robert and Joan for hosting. The party! It was a wonderful afternoon/evening with friends, good food, football and music. As the last of us left, the rain started up again, but could not dampen our spirits.



*Laura, Terry C and Kurt get some chili. Robert and half of Warren in the shot as well.*



*Kathleen and Robert Reid*



*Toward the end of the game: Debi, Lou, Rick, Allie, Laura, Lex, Suzanna (behind Lex) and John.*

Terry Cowan, Owner



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Members asked, the Board voted and name badges will be ordered for any member who wants one at a cost to club members of only \$5.00 per badge, ( the club will pay the balance). Please text, email or contact me with your name as you want it to appear and the year and model of your car. See Example. Badges will look just like example shown and have a magnetic fastener. Please note, if you have more than one Healey and want them both on badge, list each car year and model. Don't delay, contact me 619-579-7551 ASAP for prompt ordering.

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