

HEALEY HEARSAY

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Note from the Editor

Hello AHCS D members, this is my second foray into editorship of the Healey Hearsay newsletter, hopefully edition one was acceptable. Now matters at hand. I would like to bring attention to the fact that we seem to be an apathetic group. Laura and I have been members of the club since we got our Healey in December of 2020. In the time since then, roughly 2 years and a few months, we have seen very little involvement in club meetings and events by a vast majority of club members. Why is that? The club meetings are on a fixed date and time, the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. The day, time, and location is published in the newsletter and emailed to all registered club members. Yet, the attendees always seem to be the leadership board and a handful of other club members that have an interest in the 'goings on' of the club. Our events are typically only attended by a small group of devotees. Our drive and meet events are for the most part, attended by 5 or 6 members or couples willing, or able, to drive their Healeys. I understand these are old cars, they are cantankerous, they break down (which Laura and I have experienced more than once), but don't we all get some level of enjoyment from driving them? I relish the waves and thumbs ups from other drivers and pedestrians as we drive ours. The people we meet telling us how much they would like to have a car like this, or telling us how they used to have one, etc. Priceless. Why don't more of us have these experiences to relish?

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Welcome to the May 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, or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, 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.



Continued Note from the Editor

Here are some reasons that could have brought this about:

Covid – Let’s face it, Covid screwed the entire world over. We were shut in, locked out of any group activity for nearly two years. But IT’S OVER! Get out there. Do stuff.

Cost – Yes, gas, insurance, entertainment costs have all gone up. The cost of living has gone up for everyone, and discretionary income is more closely monitored. But compared to the investment we have in these cars, that is a small amount in the big picture.

Convenience – San Diego is a big area. I grew up in Connecticut. San Diego county is probably the size of that state. Meetings and events may not always be convenient to everyone, but they are convenient to many.

Apathy – Are we just not interested in our cars and other club members enough to meet up once a month?

Laura is working very hard to have an event once a month. Many of these events are the same year in and out; Rolling British Car Day, British Car Day, Breakfast on the Bay, and more. But she is trying to come up with new things to do every month. Why does no one have any feedback? Are the events she is planning not to your satisfaction or interest? Or, is it just plain old apathy? If you have ideas on what types of things you’d be interested in, let us know. This club is not here simply for the members of the board and the few other devotees that attend meetings and events. It is for all of us. We WANT your involvement, above and beyond attending the annual Holiday party. We want to meet you and share your experiences and adventures with your Healeys. Being in this club is not just about getting a monthly email with a link to the Healey Hearsay. It’s about involvement and engagement with your fellow Healey aficionados.

To all of the devotees I refer to, and you know who you are, thank you! Thank you for being engaged and involved. Thank you for assisting in keeping this club alive. Thank you for keeping the Healey legacy moving. To all club members. We are working to update the AHCS D website. We are working to create more events to join. But we want, and need, input from all members to make things better. We want to meet you all and see you at club meetings and events. I know we can’t all attend everything, and no one expects you to. But please, join us once in a while. This club is for all of us. *Regards, Terrey*

May Meeting

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 PM

Filippi’s Pizza Grotto

5353 Kearney Villa Rd

San Diego, CA 92123

Please Come!

AHCS D MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Shaunte Jackson	8
Cathy Newman	10
Larry Alldredge	15
John McCoy	15
Craig Turner	19
Robert Reid	21
John Steepy	28
Karen Steepy	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Debbie Linnard	May 9, 1998
Robert and Anne Rast	May 29, 1969
Ron and Sharon Burton	May 29, 1971

From The President

Folks, I am happy to report my 3000 MKIII windshield wipers work! Good thing because it rained before, during, and after our last meeting on April 12. In attendance at Chicken Charlies, three wet Healeys inside and out. And one -- mine with the top and windows up! Mostly high and dry! Never thought I'd see the day, or night, that I'd see four Healeys in the rain at one of our meetings. The Chicken Charlies Table patio was nice -- a bit chilly for a few in attendance, but heaters added just enough warmth for the lucky ones.

Under new old business, emphasis was on the happy success of our Healey Hearsay lite, and Kudos again to Terrey Leyland as stand-in editor, and to Rick for doing what he always does, making sure the Hearsay gets posted and helps insure all our group email reminders are, in fact, sent!

Under newer new business we are looking into updating our club website, and will be putting heads together to see what we might want and could afford to do in that direction. Ed Matheus, John Lee, and Laura Leyland have some ideas maybe borrowed from other club sites, which we can discuss and run past our famous webmaster, Rick Snover. Should have some kind of early report or possible plan to share with you all at the May 10th meeting.

I'm getting ready for Rolling British Car Day and hope many of you will be joining this popular event. If you are reading this, it's over. So, we'll be talking about it at the May meeting. Hope rainfall will not be part of the descriptions as it was two years ago. Hope I can say, "saw you in a Healey!"

Don

April Meeting Minutes

AHCS D April 13, 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, John McCoy, Laura & Terrey Leyland, Don Benke (H), Carolyn & Ron Richtmyer, Ed & Alexandra McWilliams (H), Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, Warren Voth, 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 March's meeting. Don welcomed Warren Voth and thanked him for ALL his previous service to the club. Don also thanked a committee of members, specifically Terrey Leyland for creating a new version of the Healey Hearsay.

There was a general discussion about revamping the AHCS D website. John Lee and Ed Matheus both reported that have made contact with people who could redesign the website. The club needs to determine what kinds of information and pages we would like to include on a new design. It was recommended that we spend time looking at other clubs' websites and go from there. The question arose about whether the website is a communication tool for current members or the information is open to the public seeking information about the club. Could the webpage serve both interests? It was suggested that we narrow down the possibilities, perhaps determine a cap of funds we'd like to invest in the venture, and go from there. Regardless of the new design, we will still need a webmaster to update and maintain it. We are hopeful that Rick Snover will still be interested in this position. Don Benke will try and facilitate a meeting of interested subcommittee for more action items. Ed Matheus, Terrey Leyland, John Lee all expressed interest.

Laura Leyland: Activity report – Provided a printed list of suggested activities for the AHCS D for the year. The Leylands will be hosting a club get together in July at their community clubhouse that will also serve as a monthly meeting during the daytime, especially for members who prefer not to drive their Healeys at night. John Lee made the suggestion that club members may wish to use the What's App phone app for communication during club sponsored drives. It is an easy way to communicate with each other, especially when dealing with members experiencing difficulties.

Don Benke/John Lee: Membership report -- Still in the process of contacting a few outstanding members. Hope to have updated membership numbers next meeting.

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

Don Benke: Other business – Deborah Durham and Lou Galper updated members with the news that Lynne Stark is experiencing more health issues. We are all sending our best wishes for a quick recovery and continued improvements.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Important Info/Announcements

ATTENTION!!

Could this be your LAST Newsletter!!?? If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2023 it will be. But more importantly, you will no longer be included in the club roster and receive the club emails that keep you informed about upcoming events and meetings. We would hate to see you go!

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.

Cover Photos

Rolling British Car Day: Dave Grundies Healey under the shade of an apple tree. Laura in between the Leyland's and one of John and Susanna's Healeys. And a sea of Purple Verbana in Borrego.

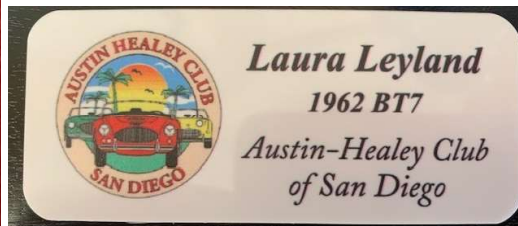
Regalia—AHCS D Coffee Mugs and Name Tags

Austin Healey Club of San Diego Coffee Mugs are still available. They are white outside with cobalt blue inside. They hold up to 16 ounces of coffee, tea, or your favorite beverage. A large cup setting on your Keurig fits perfectly with space for creamer! The club logo is printed in color, front and back, with the AHCS D name in script on the side. They come individually boxed, perfect for gift giving. Club Member cost is \$12.00 each.

Reserve yours today by calling Lynne at 619-579-7551.

Name Badges are still available to any club member who would like one. Cost to members is \$5.00 per badge. Get one for yourself, your spouse, family member or any significant other. Badges will show your name(s) as you want them to appear with the year and model of your car. Badges have a magnetic fastener so there will be no pins or holes in you clothes. Please note, if you have more than one Healey, (what a problem to have!) include that info and we'll get them listed, unless you have 10. Allow 2—4 weeks for delivery.

Contact Lynne at 619-579-7551 or redjag99@sbcglobal.net to order



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 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 April 20)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Points</u>
Benke, D & P	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	34
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	12
Reid, R & K	3000 BN7	12
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
McWilliams, A & E	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Galper, L	1997 Jaguar XJ6	3
Lee, J & Susana D	1971 Triumph TR6	1

Meet Our Members - Terry Cowan

Do you have a significant other?

Yes, Lisa Mandell

Do you have children? Grandchildren?

Yes & Yes

What Austin Healey and/or other British car do you drive?

1965 Austin Healey BJ-8 main driver

How long have you owned your Austin Healey?

Since 1980

Are you the original owner? How did the car come into your possession?

No, second owner. Stole it. No, I bought it. LoL!

What else do you drive?

1960 Sebring Sprite Coupe & many more

In what part of town do you live?

Bonita, CA

Are you a native San Diegan? If not, where are you from? How did you end up living in San Diego?

Born in Oakland, Ca, grew up in Walnut Creek, Ca, Navy moved me to SD in 1972

Where is the best road trip you've taken in your Austin Healey?

There have been many, but my favorite was to Scotland

Where is the coolest place you have ever traveled?

Again, there have been many places, but Australia is the coolest place

Do you collect anything?

Garage signs & memorabilia

What are your favorite hobbies?

Vintage racing

What are you most passionate about?

Photography

What would be on your bucket list?

Racing at the Nurburg-Ring

What is your favorite recent memory?

European Healey Tour: Goodwood to Tuscany

What skill would you still like to learn?

More metal fabrication skills

What is one thing that instantly makes your day better?

Kids and grandbabies, at least most of the time!! LoL!

What do you enjoy spending money on?

Travel, at least when I can

Tell us your life story in exactly one sentence.

Born in Oakland, Ca – grew up in Walnut Creek, Ca – father was Scottish and played in 6 Championship pipes bands, drove MGTD holding me in the car while steering with the other, Mom was Pac Bell supervisor on roller skates, Step Dad was a mechanic who taught me my mechanical skills, 1970 graduated High School, went to DVC then got drafted in last draft & joined the Navy for 6 years, back to college, taught color photography as photographic arts major, opened the Toy Shop restoring AHs – first club meeting was at my house in IB with first wife Andrea, 1974 who passed away in '78 – Remarried to Robin, 1981, and had a son, Ian and moved to my current home in 1985!! (and that is the short version)

What is the biggest risk you ever took?

Deep water SCUBA diving

What is your most useless talent?

Playing harmonica

What songs are the soundtrack of your life?

"You've Lost that Loving Feeling" and "Danger Zone"

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