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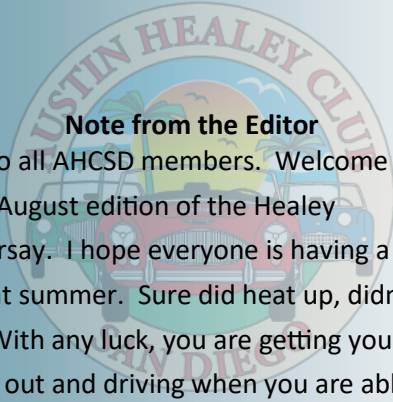
*Austin-Healey*



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August 2023



**Note from the Editor**

Hello all AHCS D members. Welcome to the August edition of the Healey Hearsay. I hope everyone is having a great summer. Sure did heat up, didn't it. With any luck, you are getting your cars out and driving when you are able. I know the heat makes it tough. In fact, at the July "Special" meeting/event Neal and Udo were both literally dripping with sweat when they got out of their cars. Laura and I want to thank everyone who made it to our neighborhood combination Club Meeting/Social event. We would have liked to see more folks there, of course. Everyone seemed to have a good time. July was a bit quiet as far as activities go. We didn't get out in our Healey much in July, primarily due to the heat. Things will pick up again in August. Don't forget British Car Day at Tidelands Park in Coronado on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

I will ask again, please let us know when you do get out for rides. It doesn't have to be any kind of sanctioned event. If it's a gathering of other cars, a drive along the beach, to a local winery. Send a photo or two and a brief story. I want to keep expanding the "Member's Page" with your stories. Give us a brief story of how you became interested in Healey's, how you acquired it. Anything goes. Another thing that has been missing for a while are technical articles. Warren did provide one for June's edition about his LED headlights. I don't have enough experience working on ours to write anything of interest. So any entries are welcome.

*Cheers—Terrey*

Welcome to the August 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, [leebmba@hotmail.com](mailto:leebmba@hotmail.com)

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**AHCSD August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

Heidi Farkash	August 1
Rick Snover	August 5
Howard Stark	August 9
Gen Swiech	August 13
Udo Putzke	August 14
Curt Arndt	August 16
Roland Wilhelmy	August 17
Eric Graves	August 21
George Williams	August 24
Virginia De Boer	August 27

**Anniversaries**

John Banales & Sylvia Torres	August 23, 2003
Robert & Joan DeYoung	August 6, 1965
Laura & Terrey Leyland	August 10, 2007
Dawn Moore & Larry Alldredge	August 16, 2005
Bryan & Ann Johnson	August 18, 1984
Ron & Carolyn Richtmyer	August 21, 1967
Gene & Dawn Swiech	August 31, 2013

**July Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 PM**  
**Miguel's Cocina 4-S Ranch**  
**10514 Craftsman Way**  
**San Diego, CA 92127**  
**Please Come!**



## From The President

From the President.....

Folks, British Car Day is finally here, again. Ten years ago, shortly after joining the Austin Healey Club of San Diego, I attended my first BCD. It was such a great experience. Seeing six BJ8s lined up looking like they just came off a showroom floor was just amazing. Didn't matter that my car wasn't even in the top three that day. But it was there and belonged there. Thanks to this club we all have the same chance to share our Healeys, spend a day with new friends, and see the best of British cars of all makes and models. I hope our members will come out for this event in numbers and in any Healey running.

Now, our last meeting – a meet and greet pool party and BBQ was meant to bring out a newer, larger number of our AHCSO members that somehow we have been missing at our standard Wednesday night meetings. It was pulled off with great success by hosts Terrey and Laura Leyland and though we didn't achieve the greater number of attendees we hoped for, the 14 people who did join us included one member, Andy Washburn, who I had spoke to many times over many years of membership renewals, but had never met. It was quite enjoyable getting to know a new/old member and seeing his yellow Bugeye Sprite. Success number two: Any event that includes the availability of a swimming pool on a hot day has the chance of coaxing Udo Putzke to join us, which he did. It was nice having hours to visit and catch up beyond the time spent for our regular meeting. We'll get lots of visit time on August 13 at British Car Day to kick back and chat! See you there. Remember, if you don't register your car on line by the July 30 deadline, you will not be able to show your car. No day-of sign ups!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there in a Healey.

Don

# July Meeting Minutes

## AHCS D July 15, 2023 Meeting

President Don Benke called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

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

There were 15 club members in attendance. Lex Dunn, Don Benke (H), Andy Washburn (H), Will & Sharon Rogers, John Lee (H), Neil Tabachki (H), Udo Putzke (H), Curt & Nancy Arndt, Warren Voth, Terrey & Laura Leyland (H), Lou Galper (O), Deb Durham.

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 May's meeting.

John Lee: Membership report – see chart below.

Sandy Leon: Treasure's report – Sandy was off sailing so there was no report but Don reported that he had talked to him and the club is solvent.

Laura Leyland: Activity report – Laura updated the members on upcoming planned events, the next two big events are the British Car night for Escondido's Cruising Grand on August 11th and then on August 13th is British Car Day at Coronado's Tidelands Park, you must be registered by 7/30 to have your car displayed. California Healey week is coming up in September. Please let me know if a tech session is needed and we can figure out when and where. We had a discussion about having an overnight trip to Jacumba Hot Springs and also to join events with the Southern California Austin Healey Club.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45

## Membership Update

Austin Healey Club of San Diego		
Membership Summary		
by John Lee		

AHCS D Membership Summary - August 2023		
Individual Memberships		17
Family/Group Memberships		43
Sub-Total Members		60
Total Individual Members		103
Austin Healey Club of America		43

New Members for July 2023		3
1. Jerry Donadio	1963 MK II	BJ7
2. Andre Bedard	1963 MK II	BJ7
	1959	TR3
3. Steve & Cindy Kirby	1967 MK III	BJ8
	1974	Jensen Healey

## 2023 Club Activities

### August Events

8/1- San Diego Assn. of Car Clubs Meetup - 5225 Kearny Villa Rd. - 5PM - 7PM

**8/9- Club Meeting: Miguels Cocina in the Palm Room. 10514 Craftsman Way, San Diego, 92127 (4S Ranch)**

**8/11- British Night at Cruising Grand- Escondido**

**8/13- British Car Day at Tideland Park, Coronado**

8/13- Oceanside- Show & Shine @ In-N-Out Burger 4605 Frazee Rd. - 4PM - 7PM

8/17- Encinitas Cruise Night - S. Coast Hwy. 101 from D St. to K St. - 5:30PM - 7:30PM

8/19- Pacific Beach Car Show - Garnet Ave between Dawes & Mission - 8AM - 2PM

8/27- Oceanside- Brunch of Cars & Pizza - 805 College Blvd. - 9AM - 11AM

### September Events

9/3- Santee - Fine Rides & Friends Car Show - 8665 Argent St. - 1PM - 5PM

9/3- Vista - 33rd Annual Vista Rod Run - Main Street Historic Downtown - 9AM - 2PM

9/5- San Diego - San Diego Assn. of Car Clubs Meetup - 5225 Kearny Villa Rd. - 5PM - 7PM

9/9- San Diego - Greatest Show on Turf - 3605 Clairemont Dr. - 9AM - 3PM

**9/13- Club Meeting: TBD**

9/13- Oceanside - South O Cruise Night @ South O Brewing 1575 S. PCH - 6PM - 9PM

9/17- San Diego- San Diego Automotive Museum C & C - 2080 Pan American Plaza - 7:30AM - 9:30AM

**9/18—9/22- California Healey Week in Lake Tahoe**

9/24- Chula Vista- Rides & Coffee @ Detail Garage 1655 Broadway St. #10 - 8AM - 11AM

9/24- Oceanside- Brunch of Cars & Pizza - 805 College Blvd. - 9AM - 11AM

**9/30- Breakfast on the Bay**

9/30- Spring Valley- Rides & Coffee @ Detail Garage 9735 Campo Rd. #210 - 6PM - 8:30PM



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.

**Laura & Terrey Leyland**  
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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 [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 July 20, 2023

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	64	Galper, L.	1997 Jaguar XJ6	11
Leyland, T. & L.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	50	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	10
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	42	DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	30	Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	28	Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	26	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	6
Suppa, S.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	24	Rast, R. & A.	1967 3000 BT7	6
Stark, H. & L.	1959 3000 BT7	22	Washburn, A. & B.	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	20	McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	16	Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	12	Stevens, R. & A.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	2
Tabachki, N. & N.	1958 100-6 BN4	12	Lee, J. & Susana D.	1971 Triumph TR6	1

## Important Info/Announcements

### Cover Photo

Andy Washburn (left) and Lex Dunn with Andy's Bugeye at the July AHCSO Meeting/Social event.

### Regalia—AHCSO Coffee Mugs and Name Tags

Austin Healey Club of San Diego Coffee Mugs are still available. They are white outside with cobalt blue inside.

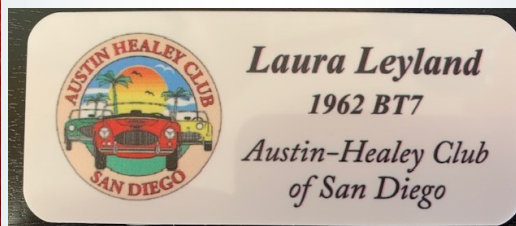
They hold up to 16 ounces of coffee, tea, or your favorite beverage. A large cup setting on your Keurig fits perfectly with space for creamer! The club logo is printed in color, front and back, with the AHCSO name in script on the side. They come individually boxed, perfect for gift giving. Club Member 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 your 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](mailto:redjag99@sbcglobal.net) to order





# Member Page

## Story by Laura Leyland

I have loved the Austin Healey since I was a little girl. My car is a 1962 3000 MKII BT7. My dad got this car in the late 70's and restored it to everything original in 1980-82. He took his car with a trailer that he made from the back end of a Healey that couldn't survive and drove it to the Snowmass meet in Colorado from Eugene, OR while still putting the car back together. Every stop he would put something back on it. That car ended up winning best of show. This wasn't his first Healey, he fell in love with cars as a teenager working as a bellhop at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Barbara in the late 50's. He had his first Healey in his early 20's but unfortunately sold it when he started a family as it was not a family car, but the longing for another was always there.

Spring forward to the 80's and he had this car and another one too. That one has a legendary story of running it into a creek upside down as he was the blind folded driver in a funkhana event. Anyway, that is a story for another time. I learned how to drive a stick shift in a Healey. My mom also had a Sprite that my brother still has.

As I grew up my love for these cars really grew. I enjoyed many outings as a kid in a Healey and my sister and I also sat in the back seat, if you can call it that many times and with the top up when it would rain, as it usually does in Oregon. We did a parade in town sitting in the Healey trailer throwing out candy.



**Laura and her brother Robert in the "Trailer".**



**Above: Laura and her father, John, at Balboa Park, circa, early 1980s.**



**Left: Laura's father John, and her brother Robert in John's (now Robert's) garage that houses Healey Lane Restorations. This photo is from a Hagerty Insurance advertisement.**

# Member Page

## Story by Laura Leyland

I eventually moved to San Diego and my dad came down here many times for Healey events and almost always would drive his car. He really thought they should be driven, not just stored in a garage for special occasions. He loved restoring these cars and eventually his hobby became a business, Healey Lane Restoration out of Marcola, OR which my brother now owns and runs. Over the course of many years he did customer cars as well as auction cars that he would take to Barrett Jackson in Scottsdale. I usually went over for those and got to drive the cars up on the stage. It was always so exciting to hear the bidding and many times the car made it onto Hagerty's Fantasy Bid.

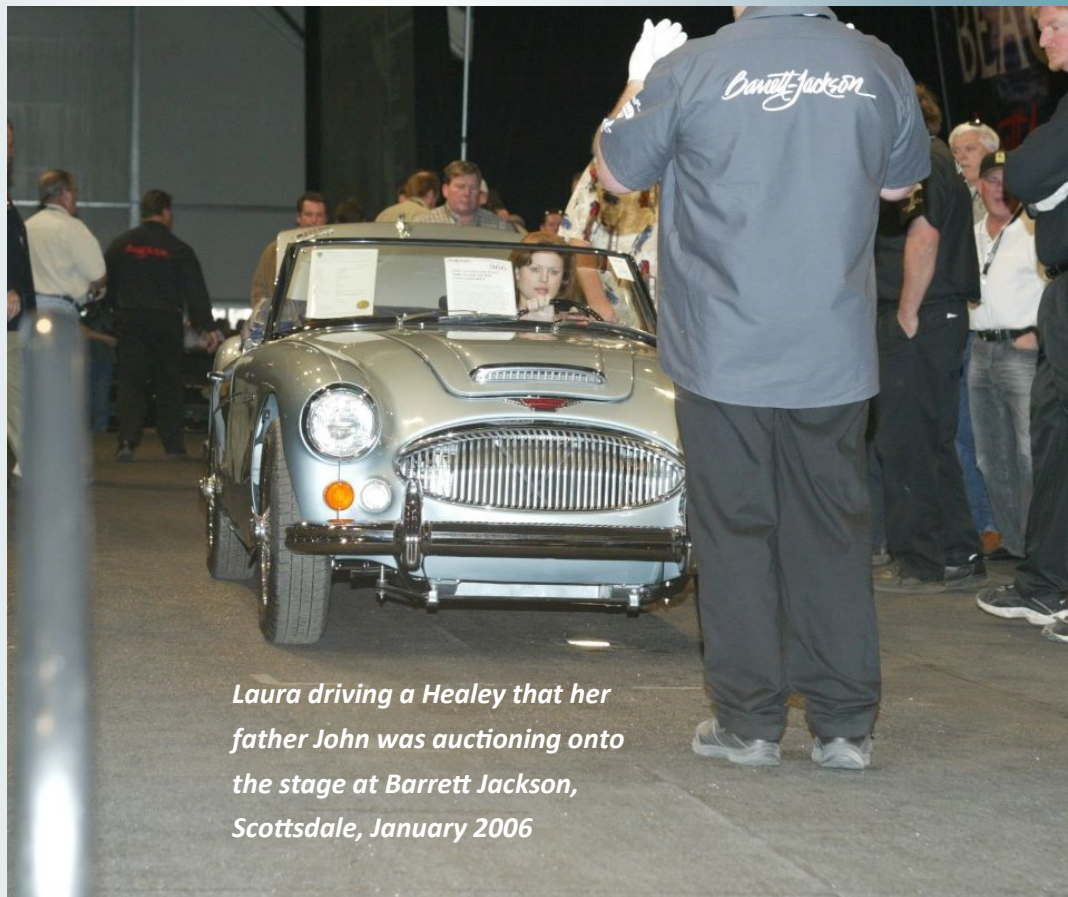
For the 2008 West Coast meet held down here he left my husband and I the car to drive back up to Oregon. We took 5 days to do this, leisurely driving it up the coast and stopping in Paso Robles and Sonoma. We bought many bottles of wine along the way but as you know you can't really put a big box of wine in the "boot". So we stuck bottles in every nook and cranny we could find in that car. It was quite funny when we finally were unloading the car in Oregon and my dad watched us pull out I think a total of 36 bottles of wine. Luckily for us we didn't have to ship to much home as we were in town with a lot of family for an event so you can guess where it all went.

I have so many memories that include this car that I could fill an entire book and more. I am so blessed to have this car. My dad passed away unexpectedly in April of 2018 and I inherited it.

That is how my story goes, what's yours?.....



*Laura with the Healey at Tobin James winery in Paso Robles in 2008*



*Laura driving a Healey that her father John was auctioning onto the stage at Barrett Jackson, Scottsdale, January 2006*

# July AHCS D Meeting/Social Event

It was a very warm day July 15th in the North County. Thanks to everyone who came to this combo meeting and get together. We had a couple of faces that we had not seen in a while.

We had great conversations about what was happening with the club as well as what people had been doing so far for the summer.

As I said, it was hot that day and several people who did drive their Healey's showed up pretty sweaty. It was nice to get into the AC cooled room of the clubhouse at the Leyland's community. Udo was the only one who took a dip in the pool.

While the turnout was lower than was hoped for, we all enjoyed each others company and it was a nice chance to catch up and reminisce. We had some great food, everyone brought something to share while the Leyland's made burgers and chicken Kabobs.

We should make this an annual event. Maybe even do more summer meetings on the weekends.



**Above: Neil Tabachki in his 1957 100-6**



**Left, Andy Washburn's Bugeye, Don Benke's BJ8, and Laura & Terrey's Leyland's BT7**

**Right: Lou Galper's Jag with John Lee's BJ8 behind**



## British Car Day 2023

San Diego British Car Day - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023

### **REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN**

This years San Diego British Car Day will be at Tidelands Park on Coronado. There will be a broad assortment of British cars on display from daily drivers to fully restored. For this year the featured marque is ASTON MARTIN who are celebrating their 110th Anniversary.

**PLEASE NOTE: In order to participate in the British Car Day, entrants are required to comply with the following:**

All entrants must register online ahead of time.

- Only registered cars will be allowed on the field
- Registration is not permitted on the day of the event

• Registration closes at 6pm on Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you miss this registration deadline you will not be permitted to enter your vehicle into this event.

Cars must be parked on the field before 9 am

- display car placement will begin at **7am**

Once parked - **CARS CANNOT BE MOVED BEFORE 2pm**

**IF YOU CANNOT ABIDE BY THIS RULE**

**– DO NOT REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT**

Upon arrival at Tidelands Park, cars will be guided to parking in their display area on the field, and entrants will then walk to on-site registration nearby.

When registering for the 2023 British Car Day **on the form you can also select “cart” to purchase event T-shirts with the ASTON MARTIN logo on the back for \$20 each.**

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Terry Cowan, Owner



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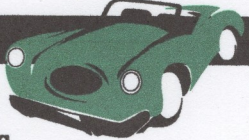
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