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September 2023

Note from the Editor

Hello all AHCS D members. Welcome to the September, (*yes, September, already!*) edition of the Healey Hearsay. Welcome to the end of the summer season, calendar wise anyway. We all know this is the hottest time of the year.

August had two great events on the same weekend; Cruisin' Grand in Escondido on Friday the 11th and British Car Day in beautiful Coronado on Sunday the 13th. There is coverage of both further on in this issue. As a quick note; there are a lot of pictures, I'm pretty sure we all know we are and what cars belong to whom. Captions were omitted.

Lou Galper sent me some great historical photos of Albert Frey and his Healey. See page 9 for them and a bit of a brief bio as to who he is.

September will bring a Tech Session, we haven't had any recently. Contact Terry Cowan if interested. terry@toyshop-resto.com.

British Car Day brought us a couple new members, see John's membership update.

We're always looking for event/drive ideas. Let us know what you'd like to do, where you'd like to go.

In the British Car Day coverage; on page 12 there is a picture of John Lee, Robert Reid and Terry Cowan. We'd love to know what you would write as a caption. Send me an email with your ideas!

Til next time; get those cars out on the road. We want to see you at the next event, or at the grocery store.

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the September 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, leebmba@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.

Full page 8" x 10.5"	\$150.00 Annually
Half page 5" x 8"	\$100.00 Annually
Quarter Page.....	\$75.00 Annually
Business Card.....	\$50.00 Annually
*Non-Member ¼ Page.....	\$50.00 3 Months
*Only available for 3 month term	

Ads may be placed at any time. Submit artwork and payment to the Treasurer. Annual display and monthly non-member "Car For Sale" classified



AHCS D September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Scott Jones	September 7
Debby Sharp	September 9
Robert Rast	September 10
Allen Davis	September 13
Warren Voth	September 17
Bob McAllister	September 18
Charles Sharp	September 21
Andre Bedard	September 24
Ann Johnson	September 28
Sandy Matheus	September 30

Anniversaries

Bob & Carol Farnsworth	September 24, 2016
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September Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 PM

Bully's East Prime Bistro & Sports Bar

2401 Camino Del Rio South

(Mission Valley East)

San Diego, CA 92108

Please Come!



From The President

Folks, British Car Day was quite a success! 18 Austin Healeys on display along with about 240 cars altogether. 12 of our members were there showing 13 Healeys – John Lee and Susana brought both of their BJ8s. The other BJ8s: Dave Grundies, Tom Linnard, Don Benke, and Terry Cowan. Our members showing their 3000 MKI and MKII were Laura Leyland, John Banales, Howard (and Lynne!) Stark, and Robert Reid. Lou Galper was there with his 100-4, and Ed Matheus Bugeye and Richard Stevens MKIV AN9 were there representing the Sprites. Five other non-member individuals showing a 100-4, a BN4 100-6, a Bugeye Sprite, and two BJ8s rounded out the group of 18 Healeys!

Additionally, a few observers at the show were so impressed with the array of Healeys that they expressed interest in the club and may become our newest members.

And we can't overlook Alex Watt and his Aston Martin DB4!

Thanks to our members Kathleen Reid, Lex Dunn, and Sandy Leon for joining me as our AHCSO volunteers at the event to greet and direct about 240 drivers to their proper locations. Lex and Sandy were there even though they weren't able to bring their Healeys. And, Lex brought Doughnuts! We appreciate your time and effort. 6:30 AM to 2:45 PM is a long day!

But, the day was nice and the venue appropriate to showcase the great variety of wonderful British cars – old and new!

Our next "event" is California Healey Week at Lake Tahoe, September 18-22, and if you aren't going, you are in a slight majority. But, we have scheduled a general tech session for Saturday, September 2. The idea is, some of our more mechanically adept or downright professional members may be there to share knowledge and offer advice on "how to" crack that nut and put it back together in the correct order and make some safety adjustments before hitting the road to Tahoe or just to the next regular Healey meeting on the 13th.

I will be there at Terry Cowan's shop in El Cajon on Saturday Sept. 2nd. Let Terry know ahead of time what kind of project you hope to address. Hope to see you there in a HEALEY!

Don

August Meeting Minutes

AHCSD August 9, 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: John Lee (H), Susana Davis (H), Don Benke (H), Rick Snover, Eric Graves, Laura & Terrey Leyland (H), Sandy Leon, Alex & Sandy Watt, Warren Voth, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Terry Cowan (H), Steve Kirby, Jerry Donadio (H), Udo & Gisela Putzke (Y), Kathleen & Robert Reid, & Lex Dunn

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 July's meeting.

Sandy Leon: Treasurer's report – Our club is solvent and continues to have a balance of funds in the bank.

Kathleen Reid: Secretary's report – Solicited more participants for the Meet Our Members feature in the Healey Hearsay.

John Lee: Membership report – Reported that our club has grown by 3 new members. Two of the new members in attendance were recognized and welcomed (Jerry Donadio & Steve Kirby).

Laura and Terry Leyland: Activity report – Discussed upcoming AH events that included Cruising Grand in Escondido featuring British cars & British Car Day at Tidelands Park. We have at least 17 club members planning on participating in British Car Day this year. Volunteers were solicited for helping to set up the event and organized cars. California Healey Week in Lake Tahoe is happening September 18-22 this year. Members who plan on attending could possibly arrange to drive in a 2-day caravan, stopping in Bishop overnight before heading to Tahoe. There was a discussion of a tech session to assist members in car prep ahead of this week, hosted by Terry Cowan on Saturday, 9/2 @ 9:30 a.m. Terry would like an indication of what people are interested in pertaining to work on cars. Please email Terry prior to 9/2 in order to help him prepare.

terry@toyshop-resto.com Breakfast by the Bay is scheduled for 9/30. Laura is working on organizing our Holiday Party. She is looking at venues and caterers. Possible day/location could be San Diego Automotive Museum on Sunday, 12/10.

Ed Matheus shared information regarding the San Diego Parrot Head Club (SDPHC.org) and the annual party at Campland on the Bay. You may purchase wrist bands for All You Can Eat/Drink for \$40.

Steve Kirby, also a member of Austin Healey Association of Southern California (AHASC) and Regional Director of Austin Healey Club of America spoke about benefits of also joining the national club. Joining AHCA ensures you will receive the monthly publication of the Healey Marque as well as quarterly publications of the e-zine Austin Healey Quarterly. Right now about 40% of our local members are also national club members. Steve also promoted participation in California Healey Week in September and is helping to organize a caravan for members making the drive. Also in the works for Steve is purchase and distribution of the Fahrspass shock absorber conversion kits from member Udo Putzke.

Club members continue to work on plans to update AHCSD's website. No new news to report as yet.

Members are highly encouraged to send in photos, articles, and antidotes to Terrey Leyland for inclusion on the members' page for the Healey Hearsay publication. terreyl@cox.net

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm.

2023 Club Activities

September Events

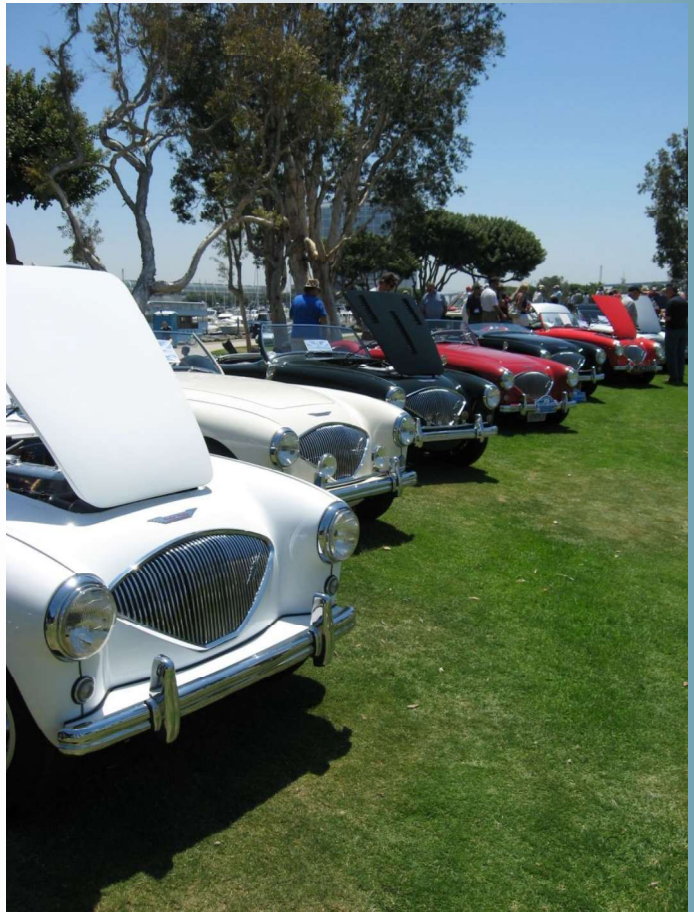
- 1 Escondido - Cruisin' Grand - Grand Ave. Downtown - 4PM - 9PM
- 2 **Tech Session— Contact Terry Cowan if interested**
- 2 San Diego - Point Loma Cars & Coffee - 2250 Shelter Island Dr. - 8AM - 10AM
- 3 Escondido - Escondido Cars & Coffee - Kit Carson Park 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy. - 8AM - 11AM
- 3 Santee - Fine Rides & Friends Car Show - 8665 Argent St. - 1PM - 5PM
- 3 Vista - 33rd Annual Vista Rod Run - Main Street Historic Downtown - 9AM - 2PM
- 6 El Cajon - Cajon Classic Cruise - Main St & Magnolia - 5PM - 7:30PM
- 8 Escondido - Cruisin' Grand - Grand Ave. Downtown - 4PM - 9PM
- 9 Vista - Vino & Vintage Classic Car Show - 2379 La Mirada Dr. - 11AM - 2PM
- 10 Oceanside - Show & Shine @ In-N-Out Burger 4605 Frazee Rd. - 4PM - 7PM
- 13 **Club Meeting— Bully's East 6:30PM**
- 17 San Diego - San Diego Automotive Museum C & C - 2080 Pan American Plaza - 7:30AM - 9:30AM
- 18– 22 **California Healey Week**
- 24 Chula Vista - Rides & Coffee @ Detail Garage 1655 Broadway St. #10 - 8AM - 11AM
- 30 Spring Valley - Rides & Coffee @ Detail Garage 9735 Campo Rd. #210 - 6PM - 8:30PM
- 30 **Breakfast on The Bay- Crown Point**

October Events

- 7 San Diego - Mustangs by the Bay - Embarcadero Marina Park North - 9AM
- 11 **Club Meeting- TBD**
- 11 Oceanside - South O Cruise Night @ South O Brewing 1575 S. PCH - 6 PM - 9PM
- 15 La Mesa- Cars & Coffee - La Mesa Blvd. Between Spring & 4th St. - 7AM - 9AM
- 15 San Diego - San Diego Automotive Museum C & C - 2080 Pan American Plaza - 7:30AM - 9:30AM
- 21 **Drive To Julian- Possible Overnight**
- 28 Spring Valley - Rides & Coffee @ Detail Garage 9735 Campo Rd. #210 - 6PM - 8:30PM

Looking for suggestions for the holiday party!!!

*These are just some events happening around San Diego County, for a full listing visit <http://www.socalcarculture.com>



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

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 AHCSO 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 AHCSO 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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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 August20, 2023

<u>Member</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	78	Tabachki, N. & N.	1958 100-6 BN4	12
Leyland, T. & L.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	66	Galper, L.	1997 Jaguar XJ6	11
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	58	Banales, J. & S.T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	10
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	44	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	10
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	40	DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Stark, H. & L.	1959 3000 BT7	32	Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	30	Rast, R. & A.	1967 3000 BT7	6
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	30	Washburn, A. & B.	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	26	Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	5
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	24	Donadio, J.	1963 3000 MKII BJ7	4
Suppa, S.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	24	McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	20	Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	18	Lee, J. & Susana D.	1971 Triumph TR6	1
Stevens, R. & A.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	12			

Important Info/Announcements

Cover Photo

A lineup of the Healeys at British Car Day in Coronado

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 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.



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		<u>45</u>
Sub-Total Members		62
Total Individual Members		107
Austin Healey Club of America		43

New Members for August 2023		2
1. Carolyn & Allen Davis	A.H. 1954 100-4	BN1
2. John Howard & Jodi Hays	A.H. 1962 3000 MK I	BT7
	Jaguar 1955	XK 140