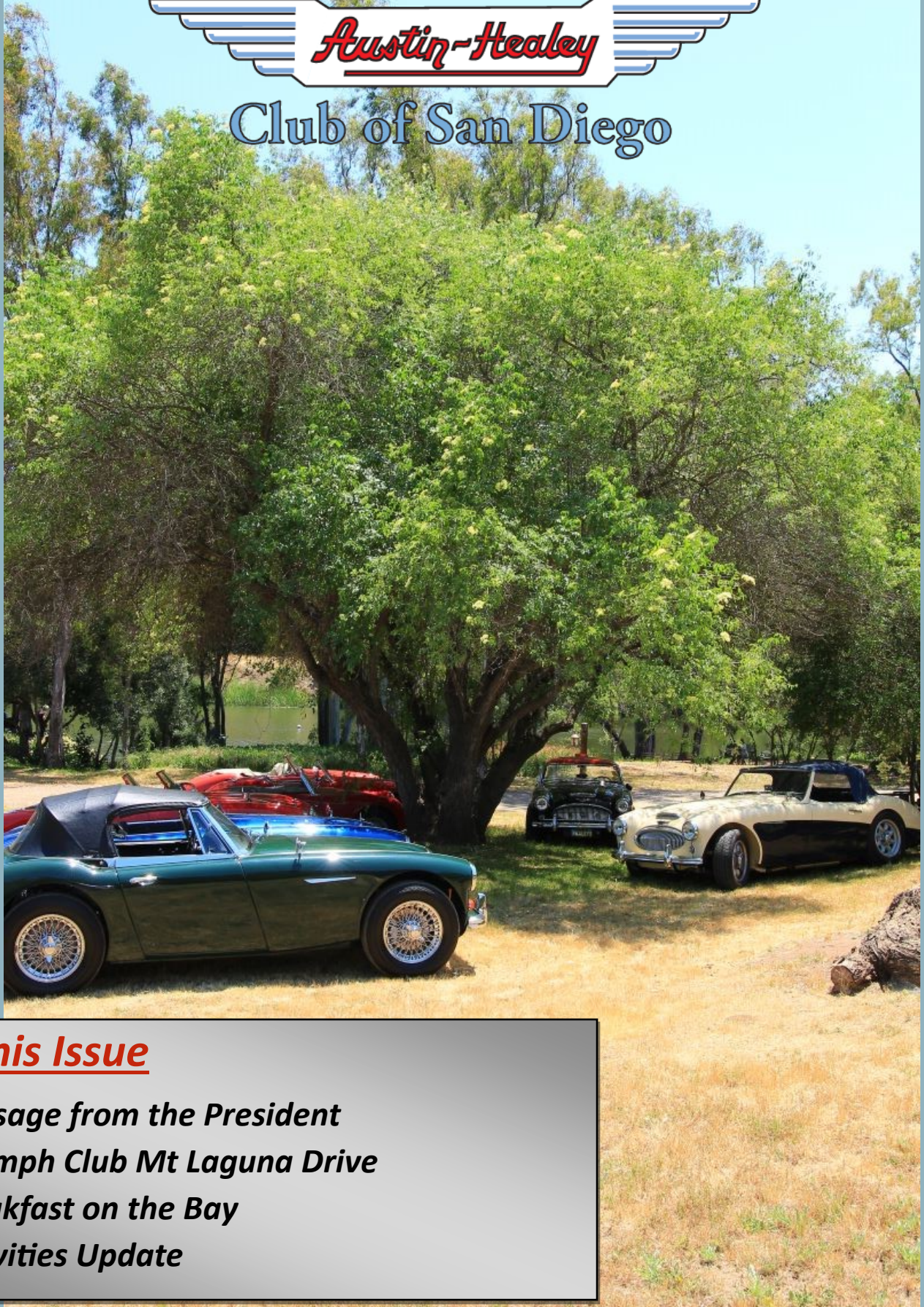


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October 2023

Note from the Editor

Hello all AHCS D members. Welcome to the October edition of the Healey Hearsay. September was a quiet month locally due to California Healey Week in South Lake Tahoe. Look for full coverage in the November edition.

Breakfast on the Bay was on Saturday, September 30, and is covered in this issue.

September was, as I mentioned, a bit slow for the SDAH C. John Lee and Susana Davis did participate in a run up to Mt Laguna with the Triumph Club of San Diego. See more on this in this issue.

Will Rogers submitted a nice piece about the enjoyment of British Sports Cars which is featured in this issue.

Unfortunately, the Tech Session that was scheduled for September was cancelled.

Work is continuing on an update to the AHCS D website. Lots of decisions to be made.

In last months edition I tried to bring a bit of levity to the group with "write your own caption" in the British Car Day coverage. I guess that was not well received.

Please attend the next club meeting on Wednesday, October 11. Details are in this newsletter.

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the October 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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AHCSO October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kevin Schumacher	October ?
Alejandra Schumacher	October ?
Nancy Tabachki	October 1
Susana Davis	October 22

Anniversaries

Dave Grundies & Diane Schneider	October 11, 1997
Rick & Allie Snover	October 10, 2010
John & Karen Steepy	October 12, 1969

October Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 PM

Fillippi's Pizza Grotto

5353 Kearny Villa RD

(Just off of the 163 at Clairemont Mesa Blvd)

San Diego, CA 92123

Please Come!



From The President

Hello AHCS D Members! It's hard to believe our summer is nearly over and is being pushed aside by some welcome cooler FALL weather. After our "Breakfast On The Bay" this past September 30th, our attention has turned to our end of year Holiday Party. Typically, this is our best attended club event, and we are doing all we can to assure this year's party will not disappoint. We have a new, improved location! Lynne Stark has found, and reserved, the Sunset Room at the Island Palms Hotel on Shelter Island. It's really nice, and excellent luncheon choices available. We'll have lots of space to spread out a bit to mix and visit and view items for our Silent Auction. There is casual seating just outside the room, next to the Bar to view the marina, so arrive a bit early and enjoy the total set up. I really hope the December 2nd date is good for you, and encourage you all to join your fellow club members – new and old – and, participate in the famous gift exchange!

We look forward to hearing from our adventurous members who attended California Healey Week at Lake Tahoe. Hopefully those of you who were able to go will have made some pix and stories available to Terrey and Laura for the November Hearsay. And will also be ready to share some of the highlights at the October club meeting. Hope to see you there with a check ready for the Holiday party! And hopefully in a Healey.

Don



September Meeting Minutes

AHCSD September 13, 2023 Meeting

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

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

There were 23 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Richard & Ada Stevens, Howard & Lynne Stark (H), Lou Galper & Deb Durham (H), Alex & Sandy Watt, Warren Voth, Lex Dunn, Robert & Joan DeYoung, Eric Graves, Jerry Donadio, Don Benke (H), John Lee (H), Sandy & Lily Leon, Terry Cowan (H)

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 August's meeting.

Lynne Stark: Holiday party plans. Lynne has been calling many locations in our area to try and secure a location for this year's Holiday Party. Reality is that there has been at least a 25% jump in prices from last year. Consideration was given to Casa Machado (2021 and 2022 location) however, their party room can be a tight fit for larger attendance. She has been in conversation with the Best Western on Shelter Island regarding the use of their Sunset Room for AHCSD 2023 Holiday Party. Lynne explained some of the options and benefits to this location and asked members in attendance for feedback. The majority of members supported using this location for the party and Lynne was going to move forward with arrangements. The Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at a cost of \$65.00/person.

Don Benke: Our club will be having the annual Breakfast by the Bay on Saturday, September 30, 2023. We are a little behind on the planning. A sign-up sheet for members to volunteer contributions was passed among members at the meeting.

John Lee: Membership report – Reported that our club has grown by another 2 members. John also gave members in attendance a progress report concerning the desire to update the AHCSD website. After researching possible web designers, the club had received 2 proposals. The quotes for a one-time set up fee for the re-design came back as \$1500 for 6 pages and \$2500 for 10 pages. There was a general discussion on the cost and benefits of updating the website versus leaving it as is. Once the website has gone through the redesign, appointed club members will be responsible for maintaining the website. Members wanted to ensure that the Healey Hearsay would continue to be a major communication link for club members. A vote was taken to support the idea of going forward with an expenditure of \$1500 to update www.sdhealey.org

Club members were given a brief update on the plans for California Healey Week. There was also an interest poll in whether members might be interested in bring their cars to a local Retirement Home to engage with some of the senior residents.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

2023 Club Activities

October Events

- 7- San Diego - Mustangs by the Bay - Embarcadero Marina Park North - 9AM
- 11- Club Meeting– Filippis Pizza in Kearney Mesa
- 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- Eagle Mining Tour in Julian, 2320 C St, Julian, CA 92036
- 28- Spring Valley - Rides & Coffee @ Detail Garage 9735 Campo Rd. #210 - 6PM - 8:30PM
- 29- San Diego - Fall Car Show @ Belmont Park 3146 Mission Blvd. - 3PM - 6PM

November Events

- 8- Club Meeting- TBD
- 19- La Mesa - Cars & Coffee - La Mesa Blvd. Between Spring & 4th St. - 7AM - 9AM
- 19- San Diego - San Diego Automotive Museum C & C - 2080 Pan American Plaza - 7:30AM - 9:30AM

Upcoming Events

- Holiday Party in December
- Hawk Watch in January
- Superbowl Party in February (host is needed)

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



We Are 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 visiting?
- Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
- Do you have a favorite lunch or dinner place that would make a good venue for an AHCS D gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact us to tell us about your ideas!

Laura Leyland
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858-212-8922

Participation at Club Events, Tech Sessions, Drives and Gatherings are understood to be voluntary and at your own risk. AHCS D, its Board Members, AHCA and Affiliate Clubs, Representatives and/or Members are not liable for outcomes resulting from your participation at any club activity.

Austin Healey Club of San Diego

Cordially invites you our

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday December 2, 2023

11:00AM - 3:00PM

Best Western Plus

Island Palms Hotel & Marina

Sunset Room

2051 Shelter Island Drive

San Diego, CA 92106

Raffle and Silent Auction to be held. Gift exchange is optional but if you would like to participate please bring a wrapped gift of approximate \$20 value. No gag gifts please

Lunch will consist of a buffet with dessert, iced tea & coffee.

Parking is free on site

Please R.S.V.P by sending a check made out to AHCSA for \$65 per person to the following:

Lynn Stark
1164 Benjamin Place
El Cajon, CA 92020

*Questions? Email Lynne at redjag99@sbcglobal.net or call 619-579-7551



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 September 20, 2023

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	86	Tabachki, N. & N.	1958 100-6 BN4	12
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	66	Galper, L.	1997 Jaguar XJ6	11
Leyland, T. & L.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	66	Banales, J. & S.T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7 (RHD)	10
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	44	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	10
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	44	DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Stark, H. & L.	1959 3000 BT7	36	Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	34	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

Some of the Healeys that took part in the Winery Tour back in May..

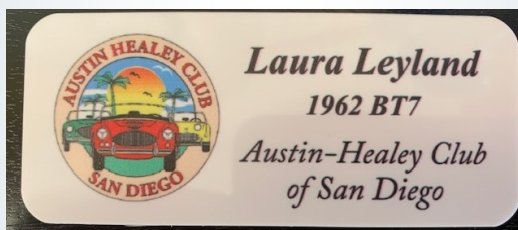
Regalia—AHCS D Coffee Mugs and Name Tags

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.



Membership Update—John Lee

AHCS D Membership Summary - September 2023		
Individual Membeships		17
Family/Group Memberships		<u>45</u>
Sub-Total Members		62
Total Individual Members		107
Austin Healey Club of America		43

New Members for September 2023	None
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The British Sports Car

Submitted by Will Rogers

Webster defines a Sports Car as:

“A low comparatively small usually 2-passenger automobile designed for quick response, easy maneuverability, and high-speed driving”.

We all have our own definition of what owning a Sports Car is all about, and our own reasons for driving one. There has to be some reason that we spend enormous amounts of time and money (of which we couldn't possibly ever recover) on some aging example of British Motorcar engineering. Some people say it's because British Cars are fun to drive, or that they like to work on them, but the real reason goes deeper than that. Someone once said that “it's not that any of us really need a British Sports Car, it's that they need us so much”.

While it is true for myself that it is very hard to see a British Car restoration project residing in some back yard or garage without thinking what it would be like to see it returned to its original glory - as it should be. In fact, it's extremely hard to resist sometimes. But I think these cars also fulfill a basic need in us, and tell the world in general something about us as people. It shows that we are independent enough to work on the cars ourselves, and willing to take risks. And that we are not willing to conform to other peoples preconceived notions and conventions.

Also, I think that the act of working on these cars ourselves is somehow important. Pitting ourselves against the, often neglected, old warrior, to make it road worthy and beautiful again, is an essential ingredient in owning a British Car. The more skinned knuckles and sore backs received from working on a sports car, the more intrinsic value it seems to have.

Something about a British Sports Cars simple design, integrity, and character makes them appealing. And maybe by driving them, a little of that integrity rubs off on us. Their classic lines show that “their form is derived from their function”, and they have a unique kind of beauty that's hard to equal. Very few cars made since that time period, have managed to attain the kind of reverence that these cars have received.

Their honesty reminds us of a time when things were a bit simpler, and we are, in a way, guardians of that. By maintaining them, and continuing to drive them, we are somehow making sure that something important doesn't pass from this world. It's sort of like protecting a historic piece of art.

Not locked away in a museum somewhere, but out on the open road where people can see it and be reminded of it. Maybe we can even hope to pass these cars on to future generations, and that they see what we do in them - so they won't be forgotten. All and all, there are a lot of different reasons for owning a British Car, and we each have our own.

Of course, it could just be that they are fun to drive...

Will gassing up his '64 BJ8



Breakfast on the Bay

On Saturday, September 30th, a group of hearty souls gathered at Crown Point for the annual Breakfast on the Bay. I say hearty as the weather was not picture perfect. Cloudy and cool with some rain coming down as the event was finishing.

Members that drove their Healeys were: Rick and Allie Snover, John Lee and Susana Davis (both BJ8s), Don Benke, Warren Voth, Laura and Terrey Leyland.

Other members in attendance were: Richard and Ada Stevens, Lex Dunn, Eric Graves, Will and Sharon Rogers, Sandy and Lily Leon, Robert and Kathleen Reid, Ed and Sandy Matheus, Jan Schmidt and her daughter DeAnn.



From left; Rick and Allie's 62 BT7, Don's 67 BJ8, John and Susana's 66 and 67 BJ8s, Laura and Terrey's 62 BN7, and Warren's 66 BJ8



Laura, Kathleen, Robert and John on the cook stations.

Great turnout and special thanks to the "Staff" of cooks who made the food hot and ready: Eric Graves on the turkey bacon, John Lee on flapjacks, Robert Reid manning the omelet station, Kathleen Reid on the hash brown potatoes, and Laura Leyland cooking the sausage links. Thank you everyone who

brought other supplies, coffee, juice, fruit, water, etc.

A special thanks to Robert and Kathleen for bringing a mountain of cooking equipment. We certainly could not have done this without it!!!

Breakfast on the Bay



Laura, John and Eric take a quick break.



A group of folks enjoying breakfast and conversation.



The gang.

Front row (sitting/kneeling: Lily Leon, Sandy Matheus, Susana Davis, Kathleen and Robert Reid, Jan Schmidt, DeAnn. Standing: Warren Voth, Allie Snover, Sandy Leon, Laura Leyland, Ed Matheus, John Lee, Ada and Richard Stevens, Don Benke. Hiding behind the banner: Rick Snover, Lex Dunn. Behind the camera: Terrey Leyland

Triumph Club Drive—John Lee



On Saturday Sept. 23, 2023 John Lee & Susan Davis participated in a drive that was organized by the Triumph Club of San Diego. We drove our 1966 AH 3000 BJ8, as our TR6 needs a transmission. The trip began at BJ's restaurant in Escondido at 9:45am. From there, approximately, 13 Triumphs and 1 Austin Healey drove to Dudley's Bakery located on Highway 78. After a lengthy stop (waiting for late comers to arrive) we then drove up thru Julian and then entered Mount Laguna in the Cleveland National Forest (6,000) ft. elevation and arrived at 12:30pm. We had reservations for lunch at the Pine House Café in Mount Laguna. After lunch and at approximately, 2:15 pm we all departed Mount Laguna to a wine tasting event in Alpine. Subsequently, we got home about 4pm. The trip was exciting for all and no known breakdowns occurred. The weather at 6000ft was perfect, but as we departed down the mountain to 18 the temperature was quite hot.



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