

Important Info/Announcements

Cover Photo

Mr Terry Cowan arriving at a Poker Run stop in Lake Tahoe during California Healey Week

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 - October 2023		
Individual Memberships		17
Family/Group Memberships		46
Sub-Total Members		63
Total Individual Members		109
Austin Healey Club of America		44

New Members for October 2023		1 Couple
James D. Doornink	B-Day	10-Nov
Dolores Garcia	B-Day	27-Mar
1959 AH 100-6 (BN4)		

Walter's Dream Ride

Submitted by Don Benke and Terry Cowan

In late September I received an email from Ann Robinson representing the La Marea Senior Living facility in Carlsbad. She explained that part of her duties there included arranging for special activities to help bring a dream come true for residents there. In this case one of the residents, Walter, used to work for either a dealer or a shipping company and he delivered cars to different dealerships and owners and his favorite was the Austin Healey 100 and he wanted a ride in a 100 race car. Ann wondered if we knew of such a vehicle in San Diego and might be able to help fulfill Walter's dream. Since no "street legal" ones were local, I contacted Lou to see if he thought his Healey might be the car of Walter's dream. I also contacted Terry Cowan on the same subject, so the three of us decided we could go for it and Lou's 100 would be a good choice. I let Ann know that at least the three of us would like to arrange a time that would work for us all, and after a couple communiques, we decided on Saturday October 14. Ann was pleased and excited and let me know that La Marea would also supply lunch for any of us from the club who would be joining the drive. We mentioned this drive at the October meeting, and John Lee and Will Rogers volunteered to be part of Walter's day. I drove to La Marea on Friday the 13th, to be sure of the parking and a good coastal drive route for Walter.

The drive to La Marea in Carlsbad was a vintage Healey Club success. Our group included Lou Galper and Deb Durham in Lou's featured Healey 100, Terry Cowan, Will Rogers, and Don Benke in their Healey BJ8s. We headed northwest from the Mira Mesa/I-15 park and ride, through



Above; Brittany (La Marea assistant), Will Rogers, Terry Cowan, John Lee, Deb Durham, Lou Galper, Walter, Derrick, La Marea assistant, Don Benke. Inset; Walter and Lou in the 100, Deb in the background

Fairbanks Ranch and Rancho Santa Fe, then north on El Camino Real to Carlsbad. It was a beautiful day with light traffic. We made all the turns without losing anyone in our group, and made it to La Marea just about right on time. There we met John Lee in his BRG Healey BJ8. After meeting everyone and introductions to Walter, his son Derrick, and the staff, we took some pix including a group shot with all our Healeys, Walter and Son, and then the staff and Lou getting Walter into Lou's 100 with lots of smiles. For the drive to the coast, Derrick rode with Terry, Deb rode with Don, and La Marea staffer Brittany was passenger with John Lee. Will Rogers was driving solo as he was only going part way on the coast before heading home south on I-5. We started our ocean view drive along the Carlsbad beaches south of Canon Rd. The view was great! A smooth drive. Walter and his son were able to share a wave and thumbs up as Terry was able to briefly drive along side Lou and Walter. Upon returning to La Marea, we took more pix, Terry had a souvenir hat for Walter, and then a fantastic lunch was provided by La Marea.

Our day concluded with Lou and Deb heading back south along the coast down to Torrey Pines and beyond, while Terry, John, and Don braved I-5 to get home a bit quicker. Lou said the beach route was Healey friendly and Don – that's me – agreed next time he would go that way. All in all, a really nice day and the mission to fulfill Walter's dream was accomplished. And by the way, Will sent a note that he really enjoyed the drive to Carlsbad and was sorry he could not do the whole beach drive with us all.

California Healey Week

Bob and Joan DeYoung's Trip to CHW

Joan & I left for Lake Tahoe on 9/16 taking route 395 most of the way. The first day we drove to Mammoth Lakes and were lucky to get a hotel room since we did not make a reservation. It was a very tiring drive and we should have stopped sooner.

The next day we continued on 395 and the scenery was beautiful. As we approached Tahoe, I noticed that the oil pressure was very low approaching zero. After arriving at the Tahoe hotel about 2:00 PM we noticed that the car was leaving a significant trail of oil. I checked the oil and it did not read on the dip stick. The car lost about 4 quarts of oil and we were lucky that the engine did not experience a major failure.

David Nock, a Golden Gate Healey Club VP and owner of British Car Specialists in Stockton, CA, diagnosed the problem as a leak from the oil filter assembly. He graciously ordered/installed a spin off oil filter assembly which fixed the leak.

Before the leak was found/fixd we did not want to worsen the problem and did not participate in the poker run nor the train ride but we did attend the car show and walked along the lake several times. We took a short drive around the lake after the car was fixed. On Friday we left for San Diego and stopped in Lone Pine for one night. We checked the oil level at every stop and did not have a leak problem.

Traffic was bad on 15 but we did make it back by 5:00 PM on 9/23.



Joan and Bob with their BJS at the show in Tahoe.



Udo and Gisela Putzke enjoying Happy Hour



Curt Arndt

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Above left; Deb Durham and Lou Galper. Right Bob and Joan DeYoung.



Terry Cowan (right) with his 3rd place in the Phase 1 BJ8 show.

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By the way, there were some Healeys there too!



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Gotta love a "Rat Rod"!



A beautiful ending to the day.

Eagle Mining Co. Gold Mine Tour



Robert and Kathleen Reid following the Leylands up Hwy 78

What another great event. We toured an old gold mining place. The Leyland's met up with the Reids and Lex Dunn in Escondido and then drove to Ramona where we met up with The Snovers, Don Benke and the Stevens. Richard and Ada had some temperature issues with their Sprite on the way up from their house but Richard was able to tighten a clamp with a dime to band aid the problem until Ramona where Lex helped to look it over and was suspected it was just a loose hose. All is well and off we went to Julian. It was a very pleasant drive, warmer than was expected, and was going very smooth until we reached Santa Ysabel. Due to construction on the road into Julian it became a one lane road so we had to wait our turn to go and we all started to get a little worried about over heating the cars. We eventually made it up the hill with no issues. Julian was packed and the road leading into the mine really needed a paving job. We bounced around like we were four wheelen. It was great to finally get out of the cars. After listening to our tour guide about the history of the mine off inside we went, and it was a pleasant 62 degrees in the mine shaft. We learned about all the mines in the area and this one was working from the late 1800's till the 30's. We must have walked about a mile through the mine, we learned about how they spotted the gold and how they would then mine it. It was very dark in there and at one point the guide turned off all the



lights and you could not see your hand in front of your face. It was so cool to learn more history about San Diego. After the tour we drove back to Santa Ysabel and had lunch at Farmers 78. I highly recommend this place, it was delicious. We got a nice surprise when Ron and Sharon Burton showed up and joined us for lunch. Keep driving those cars and hope to see you all at the next event.

Healey Butts!

Eagle Mining Co. Gold Mine Tour

Panning for gold! Too bad they wouldn't let us keep it.

Don, did you vacuum those mats yet??



Kathleen and Rick try their hand at 'Panning'. Deb watches.




The Miners at Lunch.

From left, around the table; Lex Dunn, Richard and Ada Stevens, Kathleen and Robert Reid, Don Benke, Rick and Allie Snover, Laura Leyland.

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