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Note from the Editor

Hi AHCSD Members! Welcome to the December edition of the Healey Hearsay. The final edition of the year, 2023. We are in the midst of what I call the "Turmoil of the Holidays" Don't get me wrong, I mean that in a truly good way. I love the Holiday Season. But for different reasons than when I was a youngster, and even different from when my kids were youngsters. I really enjoy just spending time with family and friends. I don't need gifts. To me, it's all about togetherness and remembering good times over the years. It's about a big Prime Rib Roast and a great bottle of wine. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Holiday Party on the 2nd.

This month, we don't have a lot to display on these pages. With Thanksgiving so early, November ran away from us. I must say, I was very impressed to see the phote I chose for the cover. Our own Dave Grundies posing at a special Veteran's Day event on the USS Midway Museum. I also would like to say thank you to all of the Veterans that may be in the club.

November brought us the annual Board of Directors elections. Don has that covered in his Note from the President message. I will say tha I am happy to be on board as editor of the HH again for 2024.

I am also looking forward to some great events/activities in 2024. We'll kick it of with the Hawk Watch in the Ramona Grasslands again this year. Look for details coming. As I have said, we'd love to see more of you attend our events and drives in 2024.

I will close by adding that I hope you all have a great holiday season. If the weather permits, got out for a drive!

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the December edition of **Healey Hearsay**; the monthly publication of the **Austin-Healey Club of San Diego**. Monthly **AHCSD** 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 <u>AHCSD</u> 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. <u>Visit our website</u>, www.sdhealey.org, or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, <u>leebsmba@hotmail.com</u>

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Full page 8" x 10.5" Half page 5" x 8"	\$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				

All advertising and articles for publication musts be submitted to the editor <u>no</u> <u>later than the 20th of the month</u> for publication in the next month's issue.



No December Meeting

AHCSD December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Barbara Humphreys Anne Rast Robert DeYoung Susan Slade Will Rogers George Hurley Carolyn Richtmyer Lynne Stark Aeint DeBoer Ron Richtmyer December 1 December 5 December 10 December 13 December 16 December 28 December 30 December 31

Anniversaries

Curt & Nancy Arndt Aeint & Virginia DeBoer December 21, 1984 December 27, 1994



From The President

Fellow AHCSD Members

Well, we have made it to December, and among other items to note, we held our club officer's election at the November 8th meeting, and I have a few things to report. First of all, I announced my decision NOT to run for reelection a few days prior to the meeting. I did this to keep things running smoothly at home, and to let at least two other club candidates vie for the position. At the meeting, I presided over the election with the following results:

Terry Cowan, with many years of experience as club officer and a former president, and Laura Leyland, our current Activities officer both accepted nominations for the job. They both made brief comments to support their desire to be the new president. After distributing blank index cards to 24 members present, the ballots were collected and Pat Benke and Robert de Young counted the ballots and announced that there were 24 votes cast and in a close tally, Laura Leyland was the winner and will be our new president as of the January 10, 2024 meeting.

Our other officers reelected without opposition were:

- John Lee III as VP/Membership
- Kathleen Reid as Secretary
- Sandy Leon as Treasurer
- Terrey Leyland as Healey Hearsay Editor

The position of Activities Director currently held by Laura Leyland was opened up for nominations since she was elevated to president. After some spirited suggestions and some gentle arm twisting, it was decided that the office of Activities would remain unfilled at this time and hopefully a new leader of this important club position might step forward at or before our January 10th meeting.

In the last meeting, there had been a suggestion that the club should consider adding one or two officer positions to help the club better perform tasks already being done on a regular basis by current members. After some discussion and heart felt comments that our hospitality expert and personal contacts specialist Lynne Stark could fill a new position It was moved and seconded that a new officer position entitled "Communications" be created for the club. It passed, and after that vote, with a nomination of Lynne Stark, and some additional comments, the club vote to approve our first Communications Officer. Congratulations to Lynne and all our new and returning club officers.

One other note: The job of Web Master being done by our Web Master Rick Snover was discussed as a possible new club officer position. After some discussion about how to proceed, It was decided that this would be studied further and one suggestion was to simply cover the Webmaster's Austin Healey Club of America membership dues (\$70 Annually) as is the custom for our Club officers. More on this at the January meeting.

Don

November Meeting Minutes

AHCSD November 8, 2023 Meeting

President Don Benke called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm

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



There were 22 members in attendance: Lex Dunn, Robert Reid, Don & Pat Benke (H), Udo & Gisela Putzke, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Richard & Ada Stevens, Howard & Lynne Stark, Terry Cowan (H), James Doornink, Laura & Terrey Leyland, Tom Luckie, Chuck Sharp, Sandy & Lily Leon, Joan & Bob De Young, and Warren Voth

Motion made and carried to approve the meeting minutes from October. There were two main topics for the agenda (Holiday Party & Club Elections). Vice President John Lee was absent, so elections were conducted by President Don Benke, who related that he was stepping down as president. Potential new president candidates (Laura Leyland and Terry Cowan) had to opportunity to address members in attendance. Voting was conducted, ballots counted by Pat Benke and the De Youngs.

Board members for next year are:

President: Laura Leyland

Vice President/Membership: John Lee

Activities Director: vacant

Secretary: Kathleen Reid

Treasurer: Sandy Leon

Newsletter Editor: Terrey Leyland

Hospitality (New position): Lynne Stark

There had been previous discussion of an additional board member for the webmaster. Rick Snover declined a board member position, but is still willing to complete the assigned duties.

Additionally, Howard Stark is stepping down from representing the AHCSD for the national club and Terry Cowan stepped in to fulfill the position.

New and past members were welcomed: James Doornink & Delores Garcia (1959 100-6) and Tom Luckie (1967 BJ8).

Future events discussed included the Holiday Party (12/2) and a Ladies Luncheon (11/16). Ed Matheus encouraged members to participate in the Temecula Car Show.

Lynne Stark spoke to the members about the upcoming Holiday Party. A motion was made and approved to use \$350 club funds for table decorations.

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. <u>terreyl@cox.net</u> Meeting Adjourned.



Once again the Holiday Party was a huge success, it was held at a different venue this year, The Best Western Island Palms Hotel on Shelter Island. It was a beautiful day and the drive was very pleasant. I did not hear of any mishaps with cars so that makes it all that much better.

A big thank you to Lynne Stark for planning a great party. I know there were probably several other people who helped, such as Lou Galper with the silent auction. Kathleen and Sandy helped people get checked in and sell them raffle tickets as well as hand out the ticket for the gift exchange. I did see Howard running around helping where he could and of course helping Lynne with the arrangements. Don had the task of keeping the poinsettias alive and getting them to the party. They were beautiful. I know I have missed some people so thank you to all who help make this a great event every year.

Once again the gift exchange became a lively event. Several items were stolen more than once and finally ended up with happy owners. Thanks to all who participated and this is sure to be a hit gain next year.

Cheers everyone to a happy and healthy holiday season! Until 2024

Be sure to attend Richard and Ada's Winter Wonderland event at Sweetwater Farms. It is Sunday December 17th. Richard will be making his famous beans and pig Roast. See details on page 8.

January will be Hawkwatch in the Ramona Grasslands. Always a fun event.

May is Rod Run in Temecula but registration is in January. Ed and Sandy Matheus attend this every year and are inviting us to join them. The event takes place Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 4, 2024. Below is the link for registration that will open in January. More to be sent out as this becomes available.

https://temeculaca.gov/1175/Car-Registration



Kathleen and Sandy working the sign in table.

2023 Club Activities

December Events

- 9- San Diego- Point Loma Cars & Coffee 2250 Shelter Island Dr. -8AM - 10AM
- 10- Alpine Cars for Cause Car Show & Toy Drive 1347 Tavern Rd. - 11AM - 3PM
- 10- Escondido- Escondido Cars & Coffee Kit Carson Park 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy. - 8AM - 11AM
- 10- Valley Center Cars & Coffee & Toy Drive + Valve Cover Racing 28960 Lilac Rd. - 8:30AM - 12:30PM
- 16- Carlsbad- Cbad Cars 7130 Avenida Encinas 7AM 9AM
- 16- San Diego Point Loma Cars & Coffee 2250 Shelter Island Dr.
 8AM 10AM
- 17- San Diego San Diego Automotive Museum C & C 2080 Pan American Plaza - 7:30AM - 9:30AM
- 17– 37th Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration at Members Richard & Ada Stevens Horse Farm– See next page for details.
- 23- Chula Vista 3rd Annual Toy Drive & Cruise 364 East H St. -9:30AM - 11:30AM

January Events

- 6- Carlsbad- Cbad Cars 7130 Avenida Encinas 7AM 9AM
- 6- San Diego- Point Loma Cars & Coffee 2250 Shelter Island Dr. -8AM - 10AM
- 7- Escondido- Escondido Cars & Coffee Kit Carson Park 3333 B Bear Valley Pkwy. - 8AM - 11AM
- 10- Club Meeting- TBD
- 20– Hawkwatch in Ramona Grasslands

February Events

11– Suprbowl Party hosted by the DeYoungs 14– Club Meeting– TBD 26– Ladies Lunch– TBD

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



<u>We Are All Members of the Activities</u> <u>Committee</u>

- Do you enjoy the club's events and drives?
- Do you know of a great place that AHCSD 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 AHCSD gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact us to tell us about your ideas!

Laura Leyland Laura.leyland@cox.net 858-212-8922

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

-Sweetwater Farms 37th Olde Fashioned-

- Christmas Celebration -

Please join Richard and Ada Stevens for a night of good food and cheer, hay rides and hot cocoa!! Our farm turns into a magical wonderland on this night. You won't want to miss it.

WHEN: Sunday December 17

WHERE: Sweetwater Farms. 3051 Equitation Ln, Bonita, CA 91902

TIME: The farm opens at 6PM

WHAT TO BRING: Your favorite holiday dish or dessert to share

Richard's famous beans and roasted pig will be provided

A donation of \$20 would be very appreciative, the horses will appreciate it!



Car of the Year Award Standings

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 <u>smokey.snover@gmail.com</u> within 30 days after the event. AHCSD 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:

- AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts
- AHCSD Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts
- AHCSD 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 AHCSD 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.

Final 2023 CoTY Standings as of November 20, 2023

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	108	Galper, L.	1997 Jaguar XJ6	13
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	88	Tabachki, N. & N.	1958 100-6 BN4	12
Leyland, T. & L.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	78	Banales, J. & S.T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7 (RHD)	10
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	50	DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	10
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	46	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	10
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	44	Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	10
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	38	Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Stark, H. & L.	1959 3000 BT7	36	Rast, R. & A.	1967 3000 BT7	6
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	30	Washburn, A. & B.	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	30	Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	5
Suppa, S.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	24	Donadio, J.	1963 3000 MKII BJ7	4
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	20	McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	18	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8	2
Stevens, R. & A.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	18	Lee, J. & Susana D.	1971 Triumph TR6	1

Congratulations to Don & Patricia Benke – their BJ8 is the 2023 Car of the Year!

Important Info/Announcements

Cover Photo

Honorary Santa, Ed Matheus in his holiday garb!

Regalia—AHCSD Coffee Mugs and Name Tags

<u>Austin Healey Club of San Diego Coffee Mugs</u> 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 AHCSD 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*

<u>Name Badges</u> 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

AHCSD Membership Summary - December 2023				
Individual Memberships	16			
Family/Group Memberships	48			
Sub-Total Members	64			
Total Individual Members	112			
Austin Healey Club of America	43			

New Members for December 2023	1 Family
Bill & Diane O'Connell	
1. 1958 100-6 BN4	
2. 1963 356 Porche	

Member Q&A

This Installment; Robert Reid

Do you have a significant other?

- Yes, my wife Kathleen Reid, current secretary for the AHCSD.
- Do you have any children or grand children?

• No kids, but 2 Great Danes; Roxy and Baxter.

What Austin Healey and/or other British cars do you own?

- 1960 BN7, 1960 Bugeye Sprite, 1958 MGA
- How long have you owned your Austin Healey?
- My first Healey was purchased in Florida in June 2020 and shipped to California.
- How did the car come into your possession?
- After a friend crashed my first Healey, I found and purchased the BN7 in Oregon. What other cars do you drive?
- A Subaru and a Ford F150.
- Where in San Diego do you live?

• Valley Center.

- Are you a native San Diegan? If not, where are you from? How did you end up in San Diego?
- I was born in Dallas TX and moved to San Diego when I was 3 years old.
- What was the best road trip you have taken in your Healey?
- I would say, the Big Bear Conclave in 2021.
- Where is the coolest place you have travelled?
- I liked both travelling across Spain and adventuring in Huatulco Mexico. Do you collect anything?
- I have an expansive cookbook collection.
- What hobbies do you enjoy?
- I like shooting, knife working, but especially old cars.
- Do you have a passion?
- I cannot stand it when people leave shopping carts in random locations rather than taking them to the return area.
- What is on your bucket list?
- I'd be lying if I didn't say finalizing organizing my garage.
- What is your favorite recent memory?
- We went to see Dead & Company over their last three days at Oracle Park in San Francisco. It was a great time.
- What skill would you still like to learn?
- I'd like to be able weld.
- What is one thing that instantly makes your day better?
- When Kathleen and I are together makes my day.
- What do you enjoy spending money on?
- Everything.
- What is the biggest risk you ever took?
- Buying our first house was kind of intimidating at the time. Tell us your life story in exactly one sentence.
- What a long strange trip it's been.
- What is your useless talent?
- For now, it's my scientific knowledge of orchids and their growth and care. What songs are the soundtrack of your life?
- I'm a Deadhead. A hippie from the seventies living in the twenties.
- What did you do as a teenager that makes you cringe now?
- Everything you could think of. I drove my baja bug across town in



Member Q&A

What would your warning label say?

- Handle with care.
- What is the most outrageous lie you told as a child?
- I didn't do it.
- What is the dumbest way you have injured yourself?
- I just superglued my fingers together the other night. That was dumb.
- How do you waste time most often?
- Watching television is a waste of my time.

What movie do you wish you could watch again for the very first time? (No Answer Given)

What is the first concert you attended? What is the best concert?

• The first concert was 1980 probably, Pacific Center, Grateful Dead concert. The best concert was probably best is the time we spent at "Oldchella."

What do you dislike that everyone else seems to like?

Phil's Barbeque

What is the best idea you have ever had for a business?

- When I was about 20 I had the idea for a local home brew craft beer.
- What is your favorite cuisine?
- I've never met a food I didn't like. We like to eat out with Asian in mind.

What are you most excited about right now?

• Currently working on the Bugeye in the garage/driveway.

What is the best advice you ever received? The worst advice?

• Best advice: Don't worry about the dollars, concentrate on the cents. Dollars take care of themselves.

What was your first job?

- Working at a gas station in La Jolla: Mobile Station on Ardath.
- What was your first car?
- 1955 Baja Bug
- What line of work do/did you choose as a career?
- I am a trained chef. Right now working as a science researcher.
- What is the biggest mistake you ever made at work?
- When I was working at a gas station, I did a tire rotation when I forgot to tighten the lug nuts. Whoops.
- What is the hardest lesson you have learned so far?
- Watch out for the law. Follow the rules.

If you lived 500 years ago, what do you think your profession would be?

- Blacksmithing
- Do you have any pet peeves?
- Yeah, see above concerning my passion.
- What is your favorite thing to share with other people?
- My well round knowledge, especially food trivia, rock from the sixties, and plants.
- What is one fact that few people know about you?
- I've been ordain as an internet minister. I can legally wed you in the State of Ca. Have you ever met a celebrity? Which celebrity would you like to meet?
- Lots of them while I was working at a hospital: Desi Arnaz for instance. What is your go-to karaoke song?
- None, absolutely not.

Special Honor

Dave Grundies Veteran's Day

AHCSD BJ-8 owner, Captain Dave "WARBUX" Grundies, USN (Ret.) has his own (at least has his name on a) Grumman C-2 COD, permanently on the flight deck of the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum right here in San Diego Bay! The C stands for Cargo, and COD means (Aircraft) Carrier On Board Delivery. The Greyhound (Its nickname) was the largest aircraft that could trap (land with an arresting cable) and take off with the aid of a steam driven catapult (zero to 120 in less than a second) on board an aircraft carrier. The COD could transport 28 passengers or 10,000 pounds of high value cargo to and from our Aircraft Carriers (CVs & CVNs) at sea.

The C-2 first flew in 1964, replacing the C-1 Trader. It is now being retired from service and replaced by the Bell-Boeing CMV-22 Osprey Tiltrotor.

Dave was the Commanding Officer of NAS North Island's COD Squadron, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Three Zero (VRC -30), which like the venerable C-2, has recently been Decommissioned.

Come visit the airplane where Dave achieved 100 Traps, and became a "Centurian"!



2023 Holiday Party



Rick awards Don with the 2023 Car of the Year trophy.



Lou Galper and Sharon Rogers peruse the silent auction table.



The gift table is ready for the fun to start.

2023 Holiday Party







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2024 California Healey Week





Please join us in celebrating our *50th* anniversary in the beautiful central California coastal town of San Luis Obispo at Embassy Suites by Hilton **May 13th- 17th.** There are lots of great activities planned to include the car show at the Morro Bay Embarcadero, scenic drives, the poker run along the rugged California coastline, beautiful back country roads, with stops at some amazing wineries, and the option for lunch stops at the numerous Seaside communities. There is also a great farmers market, and a grand tour of the historic Hearst Castle for those interested. We also will have the Funkhana, Ladies Event, "Ask an Expert" and a reception the first night, Silent Auction throughout the week and banquet dinner the final night. *CHW 2024 promises to be a great time.*

Register for California Healey Week 2024

The registration opens Dec 1st at 6:00 am. The price stays the same until April 13th, when it increases, and registration closes April 25th.

Register Now!

Auction Item - Registration #1

And for those interested in being **#1**. There is an option to bid for registration "number 1" slot. This will give you the number "01" on your car event rondel, and all of your supporting registration information along with a special award.

Bid on Registration #

Please sign up early and let your friends know. This should be another great Healey gathering.



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