

HEALEY HEARSAY

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January 2024

Note from the Editor

Happy New Year AHCS D Members! Welcome to the January edition of the Healey Hearsay. The first edition of the year, 2024. The holidays have come and gone. Now we are ready to kick off 2024.

Like last month, we don't have a lot to display on these pages. But there are some activities already planned beginning later in January with the Hawk Watch in Ramona. Look for details on the Activities page.

I want to say it was great to see those of us who attended the holiday party. I think a great time was had by all. It was a beautiful day, and a number of us drove our Healeys.

From an activities standpoint, we are going to try to repeat the most popular events and come up with some new ones. Stay tuned. I hope to see you at some this year.

One thing I would like to be able to post more of in the HH would be some technical articles. If any one has any ideas on what they might like to see, please send me a note and I will try to find a resource to cover it.

Last month, in my closing, I suggested if weather permits, go out for a drive. Laura and I did that the weekend before Christmas. We took a drive up Palomar Mountain in our Healey for a special event; my son Scott and his long time girlfriend, Zoe, got married in a small ceremony near the observatory.

As I mentioned, we are really hoping to see more of you at an event or two this year. And as always, I am always looking for photos and stories of drives you take. I'd like to make a "Members Page" a monthly part of the HH.

Thank you for allowing me to continue as editor of the HH. I hope each edition keeps you up to date on events and news.

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the January 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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All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of the month for publication in the next month's issue.



AHCSD January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Jan Schmidt | January 5 |
| Bob Carberry | January 22 |
| Bill Slade | January 22 |

Anniversaries

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| John Lee & Susana Davis | January 6, 2015 |
| George & Virginia Williams | January 17, 1975 |

January 2024 Meeting

Wednesday, January 10 6:30 PM

Chin's Szechwan

15721-A Bernardo Heights Pkwy

San Diego 92128 (Rancho Bernardo)

Hope to see you there!



From The President

Folks, with the conclusion of the year 2023, so, too, concludes my year as president of our Austin Healey Club of San Diego. I was honored to be entrusted with leading this club for one year and witnessed the emergence of several new members stepping up and becoming the nucleus of a new group of club officers. So, I am comforted with the knowledge that as I step aside, AHCS D will have a new president – Laura Leyland – with great credentials as a 2nd generation Healey family enthusiast, and a year as our club Activities director. Additionally, last January, when our beloved Hearsay magazine needed an emergency interim editor, Terrey Leyland with assistance from Laura, took over the ensuing editions that were quite worthy of the much-deserved compliments as those editions being up to our club's standards! If you haven't thanked Terrey and Laura, you now have all of 2024 – and hopefully beyond – to let them know we are fortunate to have them as among our most active club members!

John Lee has brought new efficiency and attention to detail to the position of club VP/Membership as evidenced by his reports in the Hearsay. Robert and Kathleen Reid have contributed generously of their time, and particularly Kathleen as our most capable club Secretary. Also, we have shined a spotlight on one of our tireless veteran members – Lynne Stark – who serves as the link to our non-computer members and is the personal contact when someone in the club might need a get-well card. Or, she may arrange an appropriate offering to acknowledge a member who has lost a loved one. Lynne has done these things for decades, and now the club has voted her an appropriate club officer position: Hospitality and Personal Contacts. Thanks to Terry Cowan for making this idea a priority.

One last note regarding our 2024 club officer election: we were unable to find a new Activities director. Laura has already calendared the old standby events for 2024, and she seems at ease with keeping tabs on this job in addition to her new presidential responsibilities which begin at the conclusion of our January 10th club meeting. But we are hopeful that we may find yet one more club newcomer to step up and take over this very important club officer position. By the way, all club officer's \$70 dues for membership in Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA) are paid from our AHCS D treasury.

On the subject of dues and renewals, you may see various notices in the Hearsay or other separate email reminders to please send your \$35 dues payments to VP/Membership John Lee, and remember, you can join both AHCS D and AHCA with one check for \$105 made payable to AHCS D. It is club renewal season! Look for those reminders, and please pay up sooner than later. Already renewed? Thank you!!

And remember, drive your Healey to enough club events, meetings, and drives, and you could earn "Car of the Year" (COTY) and be added to the Club COTY Plaque. I did it! You can too.

So that's it for 2023, and I hope to see you January 10th, in a Healey.

AHCS D President Don Benke signing out. Thanks for all your kind words and support.

Happy Holidays and a Safe Healey New Year! Don

2024 Club Activities

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- Chins in Rancho Bernardo

- 15721 Bernardo Heights Pkwy Suite #A, San Diego, CA 92128

20- Hawkwatch in Ramona Grasslands

- See Flyer on next page

February Events

- 6- Bonita- Bonita Cars & Coffee - Bonita Donuts 4414 Bonita Rd. - 7AM - 9AM
- 7- Escondido- Escondido Cars & Coffee - Kit Carson Park 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy. - 8AM - 11AM

11- Superbowl Party hosted by the DeYoungs

- 7698 Via Corona, San Diego, 92127
- Arrive after 2:30, game starts at 3:30
- Chili Cook off
- Please bring a side dish to share
- Bring your money, having the squares game
- Text or call to RSVP- 619-723-4589

13- Carlsbad- Cbad Cars - 7130 Avenida Encinas - 7AM - 9AM

14- Club Meeting- TBD

26- Ladies Lunch

- 11:30 at Casa Machado- 3750 John J Montgomery Field
- Please RSVP to Jan Schmidt- 858-337-8874

Upcoming Events

- Club Meeting
- Anzo Borrego Drive



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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Events in Red are Club Events eligible for COTY points

*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. 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.

Hawk Watch 2024!



18528 Highland Valley Rd. Starts at 10AM but they recommend arriving at 9:30. Bring a chair and wear layers as it can be very cold. They will have coffee and donuts but they do run out so bring your own if you may want some. It lasts about 2 hours and then we will head to lunch.

For those who want to meet in the North County, meet up will be at the Highland Valley Trail Head on Highland Valley Rd off Pomerado. We will leave at 9AM from there or meet us at Hawk Watch.

Lunch afterwards will be at Cordiano Winery for some fantastic pizza, pasta, the best bread sticks and of course wine if you so wish. Their address is 15732 Highland Valley Rd. Reservation will be at 1.



2023 The Year in Pictures



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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 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.

2024 CoTY Standings as of December 20, 2023

| Member | Car | Pts |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Cowan, T. | 1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 | 6 |
| DeYoung, R. & J. | 1967 3000 MK III BJ8 | 6 |
| Galper, L. | 1955 100 BN1 | 6 |
| Graves, E. | 1962 3000 Mk II BT7 | 6 |
| Grundies, D. & Schneider, D. | 1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 Ph 2 | 6 |
| Howard, J. & Hays, J. | 1962 3000 BT7 | 6 |
| Leyland, L. & T. | 1962 3000 Mk II BT7 | 6 |
| Matheus, E. & S. | 1960 Sprite AN5 | 6 |
| Snover, R. & A. | 1962 3000 Mk II BT7 | 6 |

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

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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