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May 2025

Note from the Editor

Hello members. May is here, summer is just around the corner.

April's main event was "Rolling British Car Day"

This month, our "Member's Page" has some photos from our "Impromptu" drive from Kearny Mesa to Hernandez Hideaway in Escondido. Details on both events are later in the issue.



We'll have some cool events in May. The KUSI event, and a drive you'll find details for on the Events Page.

October and CHW in Yosemite are not far away. Lots of prep to do on our Healey. My planned updates are new tires and an aluminum radiator. Also have to find a new mechanic now that Mel's has closed.

As always, I will close with: Please let us know of your Healey outings. A photo and caption is what I'd be looking for to create a "Members Page" on a regular basis.

Cheers—Terrey

Cover Photo

The Leyland's and the Reid's Healeys at Menghini Winery on Rolling British Car Day.

Welcome to the May 2025 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 [AHCSD 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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Full page 8" x 10.5"	\$150.00 Annually
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AHCSD May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kathy Luckie	May 3
John McCoy	May 15
John Felt	May 18
Robert Reid	May 21

Anniversaries

Tom & Debbie Linnard	May 9
Ron & Sharon Burton	May 29

All membership renewals and written correspondence, unless "otherwise specified" should be sent to:

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April Meeting Minutes

AHCSD April 9, 2025 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

There were 18 members in attendance: Sandy & Lily Leon, Lex Dunn (O), Jerry Donadio, John Banales, Don Benke (H), John Lee (H), Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), Howard & Lynne Stark, Laura & Terrey Leyland (H), Warren Voth, Tom & Kathy Luckie (H), and Robert & Kathleen Reid

Laura Leyland opened the meeting, welcomed all and thanked members in attendance. She gave a brief recap of the recent British Rolling Car Day that ended in Julian. March meeting minutes were approved. Discussion about possible glitches in the Google email group.

Jerry Donadio presented an opportunity for the Austin Healey Club of San Diego to be featured on a live segment for the KUSI news broadcast on Saturday, May 3rd. Members would drive their Healeys to the backlot of KUSI at meet at 7 a.m. SHARP in preparation for a live segment @7:40 a.m. with Dave Stall, a local television personality with an interest in the automotive industry. It was suggested that there would be one club member designated to be our spokesperson for an interview.

Laura discussed possible upcoming Austin Healey drive events. Some member suggestions included an outdoor picnic, a drive to Palomar Mountain Observatory, Anza Borrego, Campo Train, and perhaps a group outing to a Padre game. She was looking for a member to volunteer to host a BBQ on Saturday, July 5th. Members of the club suggested a drive event in support of a local charity. In the past, the club has raised money for The Monarch School. Laura also informed the members that apparently Mel's Auto shop in San Marcos has closed their business.

John Lee provided an update on membership. He will be sending out an updated member roster shortly. He had the task of using Club Express to code our local members as paid, but had been working on this. He expressed that it was possible to use Club America to create a subgroup of local members. Club America will no longer be sending out a book of national members, but the information is available online. Next month's meeting will be held at Chin's in Rancho Bernardo and we will be at Marie Calendar's for the 6/11 meeting.

Sandy Leon reported that the treasury remains in order. If you are due a check for reimbursement, please contact Sandy.

Terrey Leyland assured members the newsletter was close to being ready to send out. There was a discussion that perhaps there was not enough content to support a monthly newsletter and perhaps the club consider a published newsletter bi-monthly. Timely information would be available via the updated website as soon as it is ready to "go live". Kathleen Reid explained that the website was still a work in progress, but agreed that this could be a great solution. She will explore the idea that members could receive an email and link each month after the website is updated with new information.

Lynne Stark has made a tentative booking of the Holiday Party in the same Best Western location for Saturday, December 6th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. She will be traveling in the fall and wants to be done with planning by mid-September.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

From The President

Hello fellow Healey members,

Hope everyone had a nice Easter.

We have had some decent weather but I am looking forward to it being just a tad warmer so more spring drives.

I heard from a member that Escondido will be doing Cruising Grand again this year but is not starting until June which is later than normal. I'm sure we can look forward to a hot evening sometime in July or August for British night.

I have some fun outings for us over the summer planned so please look at the events page for more info.

I will start to be doing some more impromptu get togethers some sometimes it just fun to plan something on spur of the moment.

Hope to see you in a Healey soon!

Laura



2025 Club Activities

May

3- KUSI Showcase- 8:00AM

14- Club Meeting

17- Lunch at Farmhouse 78 in Santa Ysabel. We will meet first at Principe Winery at noon when they open for a glass of wine. 18425 Highland Valley Rd. You can just meet there or choose to caravan. South Bay folks will once again meet at the Parkway Plaza parking lot at Fletcher and Johnson. North County folks will meet at the Highland Valley Trailhead parking lot on the right side off of Pomerado and Highland Valley. Both groups should plan on meeting around 11:15. Lunch should be around 1:30 if you also just want to join there.

June

11- Club Meeting

21- Club Event- San Dieguito Park lunch. Potluck Style

July

9- Club Meeting

19- USS Midway Tour and lunch



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?
- Please contact us to tell us about your ideas!

Laura Leyland

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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.

Rolling British Car Day

It was definitely a much warmer day this year for this event. We had a smaller than normal turnout this year. We were able to get a prime spot picnic table for us to converge at and partake in some adult beverages for those so inclined.

From our club we had Howard and Lynne Stark, Don Benke, Lex Dunn, Tom and Kathy Luckie, Terrey and Laura Leyland, Robert and Kathleen Reid, and Terry Cowan. Hopefully I did not miss anyone.

The inside of Menghini is really cute with all sorts of knickknacks and the old style barber chairs were pretty funny, although I did not try to sit in one.

Terrey and I had a nice chat with the owners while we waited for more people to show up. We opted not to start with the North County group in Carlsbad and just went straight to the winery.

Since it is such a large location it never feels crowded and I actually thought maybe there were less cars than in years past but we hear there may have been over 100 there.

Until next year!



Above From left: Don and Pat Benke's BJ8, Tom and Kathy Luckie's BJ8, Howard and Lynne Stark's BT7

Rolling British Car Day



Above: An assortment of other marques.

Below: Robert, Lynne and Kathleen



Members Page

Hernandez Hideaway Drive—April 26

Since we didn't have a regular club event except for Rolling British Car Day I decided we needed a nice drive. We met at the Starbucks off Convoy along the 52 freeway. In attendance was Jerry Donadio, John Lee, Eric Graves, and Terrey and Laura Leyland. We headed West and traveled along North Torrey Pines Rd along the beach and then by the Fairgrounds, into Rancho Santa Fe then eventually into Escondido where we had a lovely lunch at Hernandez Hideaway. This restaurant is right at Lake Hodges and it is so pretty over there. It was nice to get out and have a great meal and good drive. Until the next one.



Car of the Year Award Standings

To recognize Club members who participate with their Healey's, 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 5pts
- AHCSO Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts
- California Healey Week, Healey Rendezvous and Austin Healey Conclave 20 pts
- 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 (Cars & Coffee, etc) 1pt. 10 pt limit annually.
- Other non-Healey, British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award.

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.

COTY Standings 2025 — as of April 20, 2025

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	38	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 BT7	12
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	38	Williams, G. & V.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	12
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	32	Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	24	Donadio, J.	1963 3000 Mk II BJ7	6
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	23	Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	22	Raskind, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	6
Luckie, T & Cathy	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	21	Richtmeyer, R. & C.	1958 BN4 100-6	6
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	16	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Dunn, Lex	Triumph GT6+	14	Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 Ph 2	5
Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	12	Hardy, J.	Sprite AN5	5
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	12	Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	5
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 BJ8	12			

Monthly Meeting Schedule

May 2025 Meeting

Wednesday, May 14—6:30 PM

Chin’s Szechwan

15721-A Bernardo Heights Pkwy

San Diego CA 92128

June 2025 Meeting

Wednesday, June 11 6:30 PM

Marie Calendar’s Garden Room

6950 Alvarado Rd

San Diego, CA 92120

July 2025 Meeting

Chicken Charlie’s

12457 Rancho Bernardo RD

San Diego CA 92128

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

Membership Summary As of April 1, 2025	
Memberships	51
Total Combined Members	94
New Members for April 2025	


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- Club Membership
- Healey Hearsay Distribution
- Monthly Meeting Venues
- Other Ideas or Recommendations

John Lee

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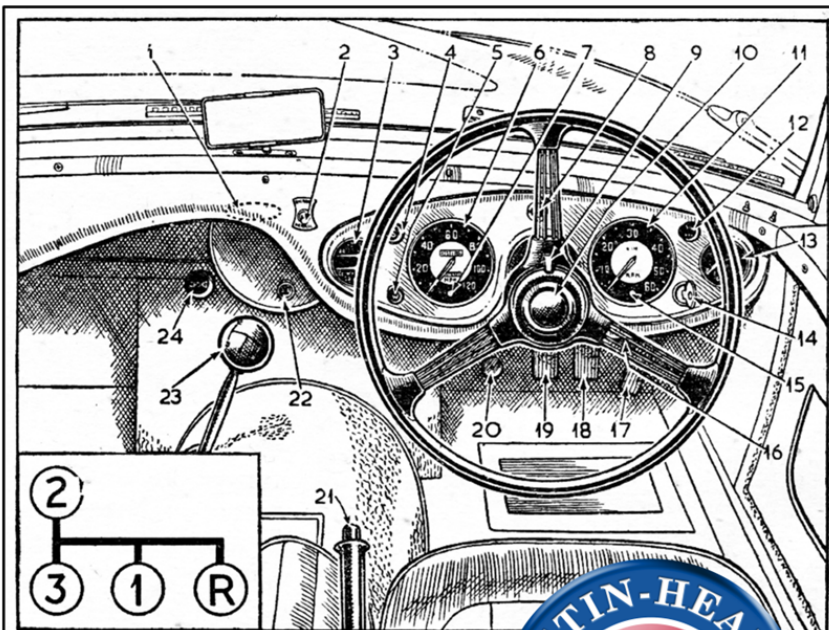


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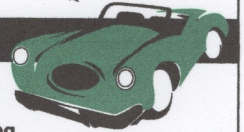
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