

HEALEY HEARSAY

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August 2025

Note from the Editor

Hello members. Welcome to the August Healey Hearsay. I have some items to report on, some fun and one not. Our dear friend Will Rogers passed away on June 30th. Please read the story about him, provided by his son Bill, on page 8.

We had a good turnout for the USS Midway tour and lunch. Look for details later in the issue.



We don't have a "Member's Page" in this issue, please contribute any items you'd like.

I am excited to announce the return of an old friend to the HH. Warren Voth is planning to contribute stories and other content beginning with the September issue.

We'd still like to try to do more "Pop Up" drives, let me know if any of you have any ideas. Stay tuned, and check your email.

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 Healeys of Robert & Kathleen Reid, Ed & Alexandra McWilliams, and Laure & Terrey Leyland with the USS Midway in the background.
Photo courtesy of Ed McWilliams.

Welcome to the August 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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AHCSD
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AHCSD August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Heidi Farkash	August 1
Rick Snover	August 5
Howard Stark	August 9
Diane O'Connell	August 11
Udo Putzke	August 14
Curt Arndt	August 16
Roland Whilhelmy	August 17
Eric Graves	August 21
George Williams	August 24
Virginia DeBoer	August 27

Anniversaries

Robert & Joan DeYoung	August 6, 1965
Ron & Carolyn Richtmyer	August 21, 1967
John Banales & Sylvia Torres	August 23, 2003
Larry Allredge & Dawn Moore	August 16, 2005
Terrey & Laura Leyland	August 10, 2007



July Meeting Minutes

AHCSD July 9, 2025 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

There were 23 members in attendance: Lex Dunn (O), Don Benke (H), John Lee, Howard & Lynne Stark, Laura & Terrey Leyland (H), Tom & Kathy Luckie (H), Robert & Kathleen Reid (H), Ed & Sandy Matheus, Ed & Alexandria McWilliams, Ron & Carolyn Richtmyer, Jim Doornink, Terry Cowan, Lou Galper & Deb Durham, and Doug & Christie Schmidt

Laura Leyland opened the meeting, welcomed all and thanked members in attendance. She asked Terry Cowan to address the passing of a Will Rogers, long time club member, his lifelong friend, and one of his first customers. Terry had been supporting Will, especially since the passing of Sharon last year. Will is remembered fondly by many. Terry will keep the club updated on planned services and Lynne Stark included that AHCSD will be sure to include a remembrance.

Laura inquired about possession of the second post office box key for AHCSD. John Lee, as membership chair, should have a copy of the key. Terry Cowan will look to see if he has it. If not, the club will need to request an additional key. She is also looking for back up person for posting of the Healey Hearsay on the club webpage. Kathleen Reid, back from her travels, indicated that she hoped the new webpage design would be ready by the end of August.

Laura reported that she had received an email from Steve Kirby in the interest of encouraging local members to join the Austin Healey Club of America if they had not already done so. He had coupons available for a free membership to the national club as an incentive. There is also a possibility that next year's California Healey Week may be located in the San Diego area. More to come on that topic.

Upcoming activities included a meet up at a Starbucks, drive to downtown San Diego, lunch at The Fish House, followed by a visit to the USS Midway Museum. The club is again planning the annual Breakfast on the Bay for 8/23. Lynne Stark circulated a sign-up sheet for members to provide necessary items. Hope everyone is able to make it! Lynne is also organizing a club visit to Petco Park for a San Diego Padre baseball game on Sunday, 9/28. She needs input from club members on what is a comfortable ticket price range. Looking forward, October events include California Healey Week (AHCSD will need to adjust our monthly meeting date) and British Car Day.

The club will be organizing a tech session for members before the trip to Yosemite for California Healey Week. Focus may be on preparing your car for the longer drive (check on spare tire, fluid checks, tire pressure, overheating issues, and a short check list of things to carry in your car).

John Lee welcomed members in attendance and recognized this month's birthdays and anniversaries. He announced that our upcoming meeting locations include: Studio Diner in August, Bully's East in September, and Marie Callendar's in October.

Lynne Stark circulated the sign-up sheet for Breakfast at the Bay. She requested that members bring everything that is needed to go along with items being brought, i.e. serving utensils, cooking utensils, etc.. She highlighted some of the club's new regalia available such as blankets and tote bags. Lynne is also working on a NAME TAG order for any members who may be in need. Please contact Lynne Stark if this is you.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

From The President

Hello fellow Healey members,

Welcome to August, hope your 4th of July holiday was a nice and relaxing one. Summer seems to be zooming by. Soon it will be time for the holiday season to start. Why is it when you are a kid summer seems to last forever and Christmas Vacation from school could never get here soon enough but now that we are older time just fly's by and we can't stop it.

I know August is a busy month for a lot of us with vacations going on but there also will be annual Breakfast on the Bay event this month. We hate to miss that but we will be on our family vacation at that time.

Take some time for yourself and recharge. We have some good events coming up that I hope to see many of you at.

See you in a Healey soon!

Laura



2025 Club Activities

August

- 1– Cruising Grand in Escondido (last minute add)
- 13– Club Meeting
- 23– Breakfast on The Bay at Crown Point

September

- 10– Club Meeting
- 20– The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. Pricing (Adults- \$11, 55+- \$8)
North County Folks to meet at Park & Ride at Mira Mesa Blvd at 11AM and then meet up with East and South County at Hooley's Public House in Grossmont Center for lunch at about 11:45.
<https://thegarden.org>
- 28– Padre Game– 12:10PM
 - Pricing is about \$76 per person
 - Early lunch before or late lunch after?

October

- 1– Club Meeting (early due to CA Healey Week)
- 19– British Car Day in Tidelands Park, Coronado
<https://sandiegobritishcarday.com/event-registration-guide>



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 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 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, its Board Members, AHCA and Affiliate Clubs, Representatives and/or Members are not liable for outcomes resulting from your participation at any club activity.

USS Midway Tour

If you have not been to the USS Midway I highly recommend it. The history of the ship is incredible, as well as the view of the Bay and North Island Naval Base. It is quite amazing when you think of something so massive being able to float. It's a small city, being able to house about 5000 sailors.

Some of us met up off Convoy to drive together and some others met us at our lunch spot. In attendance were the Terrey and Laura Leyland, Ed and Sandy Mathieus, Ed and Alexandra McWilliams, Don Benke, Lex Dunn, Tom and Kathy Luckie, and Robert and Kathleen Reid. We had a very nice lunch at Fish Market Grill, which is right next to the USS Midway. After lunch we toured the ship.

We started at the top on the flight deck where we got to see our very own member, Dave Grundies, plane. Now we know where the "Warbux" moniker comes from. That was listed as his call sign on the side of the plane. It is an honor to have him and others who have served in the club, unfortunately he was not able to participate as he was helping out some Marines in Okinawa.

We got to see where the sailors slept, cooked, did laundry, and especially cool was the engineering rooms. They were doing a special exhibit called "Top Secret, Carrier Intelligence Center". This was about the role this ship played in Desert Storm. The exhibit was interactive and they had video playing as well.

What a great way to spend the day in San Diego.



The gang at lunch at the Fish Market Restaurant.



The San Diego skyline from the deck of the Midway.



Laura, Lex, Robert, Terrey and Kathleen pose with Dave Grundies Plane on the Midway deck.



The statue of the famous "Kiss Photo" from the end of WWII.

Will Rogers

Capt. Will C Rogers III, USN retired, devoted husband, father, father – in – law, grandfather, uncle, brother – in – law, friend and decorated US Naval officer, passed away at his home on June 30, 2025 at the age of 86.

Born December 13, 1938 in Fort Worth, Texas, to Vonnabeth Harrell and Dr Will C Rogers Jr. Will grew up in San Antonio where he and his younger brother, Richard Harrell “Dick” Rogers, filled their days with laughter and adventure. Will graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1957 and attended Baylor University, earning a bachelors degree in 1962. Afterward, he taught high school in San Antonio and later earned a Masters Degree in history from Trinity University, a subject he was passionate about throughout his adult life.

Commissioned as a US Naval officer in 1965. Will served his country with honor for 26 years, rising to the rank of Captain. His career included both sea and shore assignments, with tours aboard the USS Independence, Vreeland, George K MacKenzie and David R Ray. He also commanded the USS Exploit, Cushing, and Vincennes. Will was not known only for his leadership, but for the deep respect and camaraderie he fostered among his crews, perhaps none more enduring than with those who served under his command aboard the Vincennes, ‘Team 49’. His military decorations include; The Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals with Combat V, two Combat Action Ribbons, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

While at Baylor University, Will met Sharon Loomis, who would become his wife, confidante, and partner in every sense. Their marriage lasted 60 years and was marked by love, resilience, and a shared spirit of adventure. During the early years of Will’s Navy career, the couple moved frequently – from Newport, RI to Long Beach, CA, Yokosuka, JA, Norfolk, VA, and Washington DC, before settling in San Diego. Aside from additional year-long assignments in Newport, Washington DC and extended deployments at sea, San Diego remained their home for nearly 5 decades.

After retiring from the Navy, Will worked in management roles at Orincon, and later, DDL Omni. Will also pursued his love of aviation, becoming a certified flight instructor and spending countless hours in the air with friends. A life long car enthusiast, Will could often be found under the hood or behind the wheel of his prized Austin Healey, frequently joined by his son, Bill, for memorable drives up and down the California coast.

Will and Sharon were avid travelers. From road trips across the US to cruises abroad, they cherished each journey – often joined by close friends and family. Will had a deep appreciation for movies, history, a good book and a hearty meal. He was a natural storyteller, and those who knew him remember his sharp wit and easy laugh.

More than anything, Will was proud of the life he built with Sharon and their family. Their only child, Will IV, whom he called Bill, was born in Japan during Will’s service in Vietnam. Their bond was a special one, and they remained closely connected wherever life took them. Will is survived by Will IV, and his wife, two beloved grand-daughters, a brother in law, a sister in law, a niece and nephews and their families, and many dear friends. Sharon preceded him in passing in August 2024.

Will will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heifer International or St Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Two of Will’s favorite charities.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life for Will C Rogers III
Saturday, September 6, 2025 11:30 AM
Trotter Chapel at First Methodist Church
2111 Camino Del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108

Reception to follow at Will and Sharon’s home
4576 Sherlock Ct, San Diego, CA 92122



Post CHW Vegas Tour



CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK

ADD-ON TOUR TO VEGAS – MORE INFORMATION!

The **British Auto Club of Las Vegas** is celebrating its 35th Anniversary in October. They are organizing an event that has been planned so that those attending California Healey Week can segue to their event. Here are the details.

Friday, October 10: California Healey Week ends with breakfast. At 10:00am we will depart Yosemite for **Tonopah, NV** via Tioga Pass and Lee Vining, where we will make a lunch and gas stop before continuing the final 2 1/2 hours to Tonopah. Our accommodation will be in the historic **Mizpah Hotel**, built in 1907 and completely refurbished in 2011. We even get a guided tour of this reputed "haunted hotel". We will meet up with members of the British Auto Club of Las Vegas for dinner.

(Please book your own hotel room at www.themizpahhotel.com, 775-482-3030. No group rate or code. Pet friendly. If the hotel is full, try their sister property: The Belavda, www.belvadahotel.com, 775-277-3950)

Saturday, October 11: Wheels up at 10am. We will make our way to the **Suncoast Casino and Hotel** outside Las Vegas via historic Beatty and Rhyolite, Nevada. We'll stop in Beatty for lunch and gas and then do a brief tour of the Rhyolite Ghost Town. We'll arrive about 4pm, in plenty of time to enjoy the hotel's many diversions and great restaurants.

(Please book your own hotel room at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino for two nights. <https://suncoast.boydgaming.com/explore>, 702-636-7111. \$215 per night on Saturday and \$125 per night on Sunday with AAA or senior discount. No pets. Alternative is the Element Las Vegas Summerlin, a Marriott property about 3.5 miles from the Red Rock (pet friendly). 702-589-2000

Sunday, October 12: The BACLV will host their **35th Anniversary Party** at Lone Mountain Discovery Park, after a spectacular 12-mile drive through the **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area**. A BBQ lunch will be served along with other festivities commemorating the milestone. 10am roll out, group photo in the park. 12:30 lunch and Car Show. After the gathering, we'll return to Suncoast Casino and Hotel for a group dinner.

(Note: A timed entry ticket is required for the Red Rock Canyon drive. The fee is \$20. However, it's Free if you have the America the Beautiful National Parks Pass (like you may have used to enter Yosemite). I will send you instructions on how to order your tickets when they become available.)

Monday, October 13. Depart Las Vegas. I will organize a convoy home for those interested.

If you have not already signed up and are interested in possibly joining this **post-Healey Week Tour**, please drop me an email.

Steve Kirby

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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 smokekey.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 June 21, 2025

(Current points not available at time of publication)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	61	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	18
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	55	Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	17
Luckie, T & Kathy	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	51	Dunn, Lex	1970 Triumph Spitfire	17
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	48	Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	12
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	40	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	12
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	29	Cowan, T.	196? 3000 Mk III BJ8	11
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	27	Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Williams, G. & V.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	23	Raskind, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	6
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	21	Richtmeyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	6
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	19	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Donadio, J.	1963 3000 Mk II BJ7	18	Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	5
Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	18	Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	5
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 Mk III BJ8	18			

AHCSD Info

Monthly Meeting Schedule

August 2025 Meeting

Wednesday, August 13 6:30 PM

Studio Diner

4701 Ruffin Rd

San Diego CA 92123

Bring Cash. They will not separate the checks!!!!

September 2025 Meeting

Wednesday, September 10 6:30 PM

Bully's East Prime Bistro

2401 Camino del Rio South

San Diego, CA 92108

October 2025 Meeting

Wednesday October 1 6:30 PM

Marie Calendar's

6950 Alvarado Rd

San Diego, CA 92120

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

Membership Summary As of July 31, 2025

Memberships	59
Total Combined Members	105
New Members for July 2025	None
Total New Members for 2025	12


Please address any concerns regarding:

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

John Lee

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Austin Healey
75th Anniversary Meet

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Lake Tahoe, CA USA

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Your deposit is fully refundable until June 1, 2026.
We will notify you as soon as Early Registration opens.

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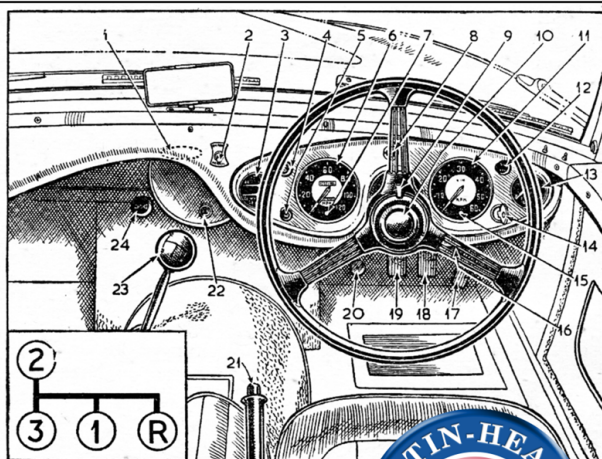
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