

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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September 2025

## Note from the Editor

Hello members. Welcome to the September Healey Hearsay. Where is this year going? Feels like just yesterday I was saying Happy New Year.

July was pretty quiet, Cruisin' Grand being the sole event. See coverage deeper in the issue.

CHW is not that far on the horizon. I know I have some work to do on our



car before we head out on that adventure. New tires, aluminum radiator, oil change, etc. Going to be a busy September. I look forward to seeing the other members that are making the trek to Yosemite. I have never been there. I am very much looking forward to it.

We had a good turnout for the USS Midway tour and lunch. Look for details later in the 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. Laura and I did take the Healey over to Los Olas in Cardiff one Sunday, but it was literally a last minutes "let's Go" kind of thing.

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

*3 of the 5 Healeys that went to cruising' Grand.*

This is the September 2025 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](http://www.sdhealey.org), or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, [leebmba@hotmail.com](mailto:leebmba@hotmail.com)

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## AHCSD September Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Bill O'Connell	September 1
Steven Raskind	September 6
Robert Rast	September 10
Bob McAllister	September 18
George Williams	September 24
Sandy Matheus	September 30

### Anniversaries

Bob & Carol Farnsworth	September 24, 2016
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# August Meeting Minutes

## AHCSD August 13, 2025 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

There were 24 members in attendance: Anthony dela Fuente, Sandy & Lily Leon, Lex Dunn, Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), Carolyn & Ron Richtmyer, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Tom & Kathy Luckie, Howard & Lynne Stark, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham (H), George Williams (H), Jim Doornink, John Lee (H), Don Benke (H), Laura & Terrey Leyland (H), Kathleen & Robert Reid (H).

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance. She welcomed all, especially the DeYoungs who are back from their summer travels. We are still looking for the second mailbox key for the club's post office box. Terrey Leyland had sent out this month's Healey Hearsay in Rick Snover's absence and he had used a Google mail group. There was only 1 member in attendance who had an issue with not receiving the newsletter. She mentioned the article in the newsletter in memory of recently passed member Will Rogers. Lynne Stark will send a card and donation in the AHCSD name for the memorial service scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>.

October's monthly meeting will be on FIRST Wednesday, 10/01/2025 due to a conflict with California Healey Week.

Kathleen Reid is collecting information for the updated club website. The members only section (password protected) will include the club members directory and members are offered the chance to redact any information they prefer not be available. Also, photos are needed. If you would please send photos to Kathleen by either text (858-705-4607) or email ([kdreid59@gmail.com](mailto:kdreid59@gmail.com)) she would appreciate the help.

Sandy Leon, club treasurer ensured that the club funds are all in order.

Howard Stark updated club members on the upcoming British Car Day to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> in Coronado. Registration is now open. All cars MUST be preregistered. He thanked club members Don Benke, Lex Dunn, and Sandy Leon for volunteering to help on that day.

### Upcoming activities include:

8/23 Breakfast by the Bay. We are hoping to use the same location in Crown Point early in the morning. Lou Galper will be doing a drive-by to make sure the area is not being affected by renovations and will communicate his findings with the club. The breakfast is always held early. Members who have signed up to bring food items should bring all that is required (cooking surface, utensils, etc.). Please join us!

9/20 Visit to the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College. North County members will meet up at the Mira Mesa park and ride to drive to Grossmont Center to join the South & East County members for lunch at Hooley's before heading to the college for a tour.

9/28 Padre Game. Laura is looking into tickets for club members to attend a Sunday afternoon Padre game. She is looking at tickets that are about \$80/person. Please let Laura know your interest in attending ASAP.

Week of 10/7 is California Healey Week. A date for a pre-trip tech session is still to be determined. Any members who plan on attending should meet up as a group to plan out the route and possible stop over points.

John Lee welcomed members in attendance, including new/returning member Anthony dela Fuente. John recognized this month's birthdays and wedding anniversaries, including the DeYoungs who are celebrating 60 years of marriage!

Ed Matheus gave a brief report of European Car night at Cruisin Grand in Escondido that included Ron Richtmyer's winning car entry.

Lynne Stark gave an update on the Holiday Party scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Island Palms Hotel & Marina. There ARE rooms available if members would like to make a reservation to stay overnight. Cost for the party remains \$70/person. Lynne will be traveling and asked that members consider donating raffle items sooner, rather than later. She also brought many regalia items for club members to view that included blankets, tote bags, drawstring bags, shirts, coffee mugs, and pins. Many of these items are available in assorted colors. Any club members interested in regalia should contact Lynne.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

## From The President

Hello Members,

Hope the month of August has treated you well. Lot's of people had vacations over the month and I hope some of those maybe included your Healey. We are now winding down the summer season and fast approaching fall which will bring us California Healey Week in Yosemite and British Car Day held in Coronado.

We had Cruising Grand this past month and unfortunately we were not given much notice on this event so the turnout was lower that I would have liked to see.

I would like offer a warm welcome back to Anthony de la Fuente who rejoined the club in August.

As always, get those cars out and about and hope to see you soon.

See you in a Healey soon!

Laura





## 2025 Club Activities

### August

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>

### October

1– Club Meeting (early due to CA Healey Week)

6-10 California Healey Week Yosemite

19– British Car Day in Tidelands Park, Coronado

<https://sandiegobritishcarday.com/event-registration-guide>

### November

12– Club Meeting

22– Winery Tour (again :-))



### **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.



## Cruisin' Grand

It was another beautiful day in Escondido and unlike last year when this event was held it was not scorching hot and I did not hit every single red light trying to get there. It was actually pretty pleasant.

Escondido had been doing a lot of street construction for the past couple of months which delayed the normal season for Cruising Grand and I wasn't even sure if they were going to have a British night as it was no where listed on their calendar but one day while perusing Facebook I saw a copy of a flyer saying when it was. So we didn't have a lot of notice to get out to all you members that it was happening. We had a small turnout but I was excited to see a member I have never met before but had talked on the phone with. Arnulfo Ventura and his wife Yolanda. They have a sprite that is pretty decked out. It was nice talking to them.

Ron and Carolyn Richtmyer were there along with Ed and Sandy Matheus. Tom Luckie came even though he had just flown back in from Tennessee the night before and didn't get home until 1am. That is a die hard Healey fan.

But the biggest highlight of the evening is that Ron and Carolyn won a first place award for their Healey. Great job you two!

I always like this event, as I like some of the other old cars, like model T's and older Fords. As a kid I went to both Healey events and the Ford club events.





*The British are coming ...!*

# SAN DIEGO BRITISH CAR DAY

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# AHCS D HOLIDAY PARTY

*The Austin Healey Club of San Diego*

*Invites you to our 2025 Holiday Party*

*Saturday December 6, 2025  
11am to 3pm*



*Best Western Plus  
Island Palms Hotel & Marina  
Sunset Room  
2051 Shelter Island Drive  
San Diego, CA 92106*



*The party is open to all Club Members, Family + Friends!*

*We will again enjoy a delicious Buffet Lunch of Salmon with Capers  
and Lemon Beurre Blanc, Skirt Steak with Tomatoes and Rosemary, Salad,  
Roasted Vegetables, Saffron Rice Pilaf, Coffee and Dessert.*

*The party is open to all Club Members, Family, and Friends!*

*Gift Exchange - If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift of approx.  
(Optional) \$20-25 value. No gag gifts please.*

*There will also be a Silent Auction and Raffle!*

*The Sunset Room has lots of space to mingle & socialize as well as  
an outdoor patio overlooking the Marina on Shelter Island.*

*Parking is free on site for our event or across the street in the public lot.*

*Cost for the party is \$70.00/person*

*\*Don't Delay! Send your check made out to AHCS D  
no later than Monday, November 24th\**

*Mail to:  
Lynne Stark  
1164 Benjamin Place  
El Cajon, CA 92020*

*Questions? Call or email Lynne at (619)579-7551 Home  
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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 [smokey.snover@gmail.com](mailto: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 August 20, 2025

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	83	Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	17
Luckie, T & Cathy	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	68	Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	12
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	64	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	12
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	60	Richtmeyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	12
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	45	Cowan, T.	196? 3000 Mk III BJ8	11
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	34	Reid, R. & K.	1960 Sprite AN5	11
Williams, G. & V.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	28	Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	27	Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	26	Raskind, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	6
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	25	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 Mk III BJ8	24	Ventura, A. & Y.	1960 Sprite Mk I AN5	6
Dunn, Lex	1970 Triumph Spitfire	19	Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 Ph 2	5
Donadio, J.	1963 3000 Mk II BJ7	18	Hardy, J.	1956 100 BN2	5
Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	18	Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	5
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	18			



**Monthly Meeting Schedule**

**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**

**New Date Due To CHW**

Wednesday, October 1 6:30 PM

Studio Diner

4701 Ruffin Rd

San Diego, CA 92123

**November 2025 Meeting**

Wednesday, November 12 - 6:30 PM

Marie Calendar's

6950 Alvarado Rd

San Diego, CA 92120

**Please Attend!**

**Membership Update—John Lee**

Membership Summary As of August 31, 2025	
Memberships	61
Total Combined Members	107
New Members for August 2025	2
1. Hub Rushing	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8
2. Anthony de la Fuente	1955 100-4 BN1, & 60 Land Rover
Total New Members for 2025	14


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75th Anniversary Meet

**June 7-11, 2027**  
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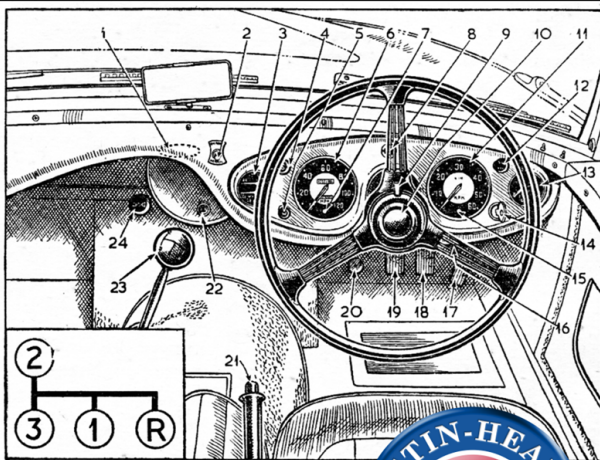
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