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November 2025

Note from the Editor

Hello members. Welcome to the November Healey Hearsay. Well, the Holidays are fast approaching. With that in mind, don't forget to RSVP for the Holiday Party. Details are on page 9 in this issue.

Also in this issue is coverage of CHW '25 in Yosemite, as well as British Car Day. This was Laura and my first CHW. We truly enjoyed the trip and meeting other club's members. Terry Cowan provided a couple



hundred photos and I took my share as well. I could devote this entire issue to photos of the people, the cars, and of course, the scenery. In this issue are a mere sampling. I'm going to try to find a way to make them all available for AHCS D members to view.

There will be 1 driving event in November. The 'Fall Wine Tour'. This is always a great time. See the Events Page, page 6.

Till next time, Cheers!

Cover Photo: Line of Healeys at the Ahwahnee Hotel

This is the November 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, or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, leebmba@hotmail.com

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AHCSD November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kathleen Reid	November 7
James Doornink	November 10
Richard Stevens	November 17
Alejandra Schumacher	November 18
Alexandra McWilliams	November 20
Jill Darland	November 22

Anniversaries

Ron & Jill Darland	November 21, 1987
Robert & Kathleen Reid	November 13, 1999

October Meeting Minutes

AHCSD October 1, 2025 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

There were 20 members in attendance: Rick & Allie Snover, Alex & Sandy Watt, John Lee (H), Dave Grundies (H), Terry Cowan, Laura & Terrey Leyland (H), Jim Doornink, Carolyn & Ron Richtmyer, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Don Benke (H), Lex Dunn, Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), and Kathleen & Robert Reid

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance, recognizing we were meeting a week early due to a conflict with California Healey Week.

Old Business: Kathleen Reid reported that she was having difficulties in communication with Jeff Warner who was contracted to complete the AHCSD.org website. She is prepared to pass the project along to another web designer if Jeff continues to be out of contact.

A new key has been ordered for the club's P.O. Box. Lynne Stark will bring it to the next meeting. Terrey Leyland volunteered as a back up for duties usually handled by Rick Snover in his absence.

Sandy Leon was unable to make the meeting, but communicated that he had recently completed financial reports.

New Business: Next month the Austin Healey Club of San Diego will be conducting elections. Members are encouraged to consider taking up a role in helping the club. John Lee would appreciate if anyone was willing to take on making arrangements for monthly meeting locations.

Upcoming Events: California Healey Week is taking place the second week of October. There are 5-6 club members making the trip to Yosemite, some meeting up with the Southern California group for the drive.

British Car Day is on Sunday, 10/19. It's a full day, so participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and snacks. Also, consider joining up with a group to go to lunch at the hotel nearby. Voting for cars will be going back to a paper ballot process due to difficulties with electronic voting last year. Thanks to club members Lex Dunn, Don Benke, and Sandy Leon for volunteering to help the day of the event.

Laura Leyland will be organizing a club drive for our second winery tour of the year in November.

Our Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, 12/6 in the same location as last year, Best Western Island Palms Hotel & Marina.

Dave Grundies recounted California Healey Week of 2002 when he entered his Big Healey for Concourse Judging and was awarded Bronze level for his car. He is recommitting to entering his car again for the Austin Healey 75th Anniversary International Meet to be held in Lake Tahoe June 6-12, 2027. Good luck, Dave!! For anyone who is considering going to this event, pre-registration is available at www.healey75.com

John Lee recognized October birthdays and anniversaries. He noted that our next meeting will be at Marie Calendar's on November 12th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22p.m.

From The President

Hello Members,

Happy November all and hope you all had a great October. We had some fun and exciting events in October that I will get into in the event write up section.

Based on commercials and décor we are now officially into the holiday season. Although I was out about and it is still quite warm out but that is San Diego for you.

We have our annual holiday party coming up that should be lots of fun. Hope you are all planning on being there.

On social media I see posts from various other states club members where unfortunately they have to put their cars away for the winter, we are so lucky we don't have to do that. Even growing up in Oregon my family never had to store ours either. We had lots of rain but fortunately Eugene does not get much snow, more sleet than anything so my Dad took the car out quite often, good thing they put out lots of heat, keeps your toes warm.

Keep those Healey's going and get out there, they need to be driven.

Hope to see you soon!

Laura



2025 Club Activities

November

- 12– Club Meeting
- 22– Winery Tour (again :-))

December

- 6– Holiday Party at Best Western Island Palms

January

- 14– Club Meeting
- 24– Event (TBD)



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.

California Healey Week

Wow, what a great event and such a beautiful venue. We stayed at the Redwoods Resort in Yosemite. It was wonderful weather, although it was cool the sun was out each day and only when you were in the shade was it a little chilly. Including myself and Terrey, Ed and Alexandra McWilliams. Terry Cowan, Curt and Nancy Arndt, and Jeff and Diane Boysen all made the trek there.

Day 1: Sunday

We met up with Ed and Alex and drove to Steve Kirby's shop in Costa Mesa where we met some other SC Healey members, I think it was three other cars. From there we made the drive to Santa Clarita and stayed the night. Although it was straight freeway driving it wasn't too bad. We didn't hit much traffic at all.

Day 2: Monday

At 10:00am we all met in the lobby and there were a lot of Healeys and a couple of Sprites from the SC club to make the trek all the way to Yosemite. Off we went. It was so fun to see so many cars all traveling in a line. As per usual we got lots of honks and looks.

What I personally did not plan for was how hot the valley still was. I concentrated on packing for the cool weather of Yosemite. Once we dropped down over the Grape Vine it was hot. I was wearing a sweater, not fun. We finally stopped for lunch and gas near Fresno. Back on the road we go and we arrived into Oakhurst to hit up the local Vons for supplies and gas once again. It was another 45 minute drive to get to the resort from there. Finally, at about 4:30

we made it. I think we were all ready to get out of the cars for a while. Everyone got checked in and dinner was on your own.

Day 3: Tuesday

Today the event actually started. Everyone got their registration packets and reconvened in the evening for happy hour and a hosted taco dinner. In your packet was also your group number for the poker run and lunch Wednesday at the Awahnee hotel if you were participating in that.



California Healey Week

Day 4: Wednesday

If you were participating in the poker run you received your first card the previous night. This morning we all met up at the hospitality room to receive the poker route and another card and have a photo of your car taken. Off we go, well everyone but us, our car would not start. Oh no, what is going on. Of course there are lots of people to help, we think it's a starter or battery issue, someone gave us a charge and it worked like a charm, off we finally go. The drive to the first stop is beautiful, you go through this very long tunnel and when you came out the views are breathtaking. I have never seen El Capitan Half Dome in person and all I



or can say is wow. The Boysens were staged and handing out your next card. We took some photos but we had to get going since we also had lunch reservations. Another stop was Bridalveil Falls, another beautiful place. There was an actual bride there having photos taken. We finally make it to the hotel and it is a site. The hotel had given us our own place for all the cars to park and it was really cool to see so many together.

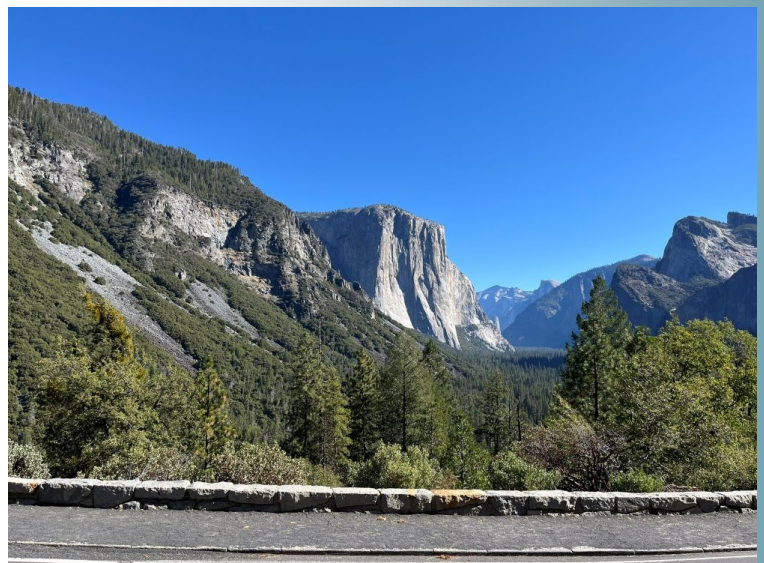


We barely made the lunch and it was exceptional. We thought we were the late ones but nope, in comes Ed and Alex and Terry. I think we all had a little laugh about it. The hotel is amazing, great history, it is a historic hotel built in 1927 mainly to attract more affluent visitors, the concept was conceived by Stephen Mather, the first Director of the National Park Service. Queen Elizabeth stayed at this hotel during her reign and it was also inspired the design for the fictional hotel of "The Shining".

In the evening after everyone returned was happy hour and the final card was given and then you showed your hand. Dinner was on your own.

Day 5: Thursday

There was a scenic drive to Glacier Point that sadly we missed but I hear it was beautiful. The day was full of optional drives and plenty of places to see. That night the awards for the virtual car show were given out and a hosted banquet dinner. There were awards given out and a silent auction. Steve Kirby showed a video clip of the 75th Anniversary event happening in Lake Tahoe in 2027 and also announced that CA Healey week for 2026 is in San Diego in May.



California Healey Week

Day 6: Friday

Everyone is departing and we never had trouble with our car again but Curt and Nancy did have some with theirs which they had trailered, they got on the road though as we passed them after stopping for lunch. We honked and waved. We travelled once again back to Santa Clarita the same way we came up and spent the night. Another group had continued onto Las Vegas so it was just us and Ed and Alex at the hotel. It was a very hot drive, especially going up over the Grapevine.



Day 7: Saturday

Heading home finally, Ed and Alex were ahead of us and what should have take about 3 hours to get home took us 5. Once we hit the 15 freeway it was bumper to bumper all the way through Temecula. We had to let the car sit for a while after getting gas because we thought it was going to overheat. Finally made it home.

Overview:

This was a great event and such beautiful scenery. A few hiccups along the way but everyone really enjoyed themselves and we made some new friends. Kudos to the SC and Golden Gate clubs for putting in such hard work to make this such an enjoyable event. Can't wait for next May.



California Healey Week



British Car Day

Another great event put on by the San Diego British council in Coronado. I think overall the attendance was low. Unlike last year the sun was out early and we found a tree with lots of shade for our club to sit under. There were about 10 Healey's there including a Sprite. Forgive me but I did not take great notes on who all was there but congrats to Rick Snover for winning best in class for his car.



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**

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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 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.

2025 COTY Standings — as of October 20, 2025

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	124	Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	20
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	96	Hardy, J.	1956 100 BN2	20
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	71	Kirby, S. & C.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	20
Luckie, T & Cathy	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	68	Hardy, J.	1956 100 BN2	20
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	65	Kirby, S. & C.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	20
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	55	Donadio, J.	1963 3000 Mk II BJ7	18
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 Mk III BJ8	44	Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	18
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	39	Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	17
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	34	Ventura, A. & Y.	1960 Sprite Mk I AN5	16
Williams, G. & V.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	28	Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	12
Gerow, S. & Fees, N.	1959 100-6 BN6	26	Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	12
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	26	Richtmeyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	12
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	25	Cowan, T.	196? 3000 Mk III BJ8	11
Dunn, Lex	1970 Triumph Spitfire	24	Reid, R. & K.	1960 Sprite AN5	11
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	22	Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Raskind, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	22	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Arndt, C. & N.	1955 100 BN1	20	de la Fuente	1960 Land Rover	5
Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BT7	20	Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	5
			Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	5

AHCSD Info

Monthly Meeting Schedule

November 2025 Meeting

Wednesday, November 12 - 6:30 PM

Marie Calendar's

6950 Alvarado Rd

San Diego, CA 92120

No December 2025 Meeting

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 6

See details in this issue,

January 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 PM

Studio Diner

4701 Ruffin Rd

San Diego, CA 92123

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

Membership Summary	
As of October 31, 2025	
Memberships	61
Total Combined Members	107
Total New Members for 2025	14
AHCA from San Diego Membership/ Group/Families	20

Please address any concerns regarding:

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

John Lee

Phone or Text 661-714-6899



SAVE THE DATE!
Austin Healey 75th Anniversary International Meet
June 6-12, 2027

75th Anniversary Video Now Available

Please enjoy our new four-minute video, highlighting all the fabulous events and venues to be featured at the 2027 75th Anniversary Meet.

To view the video, go to healey75.com and scroll down to find the red button.

If you have not already completed your Pre-Registration, we invite you to do so now on the website.

Please direct any questions to:

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Thank You.

The Austin Healey 75th Anniversary Committee

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Austin Healey
75th Anniversary Meet

June 7-11, 2027
Lake Tahoe, CA USA

Pre-Registration Now Open

A \$100 deposit guarantees your place at the event.
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ask a few questions to better serve you.

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

If registered and paid in full by June 3, 2026, you will
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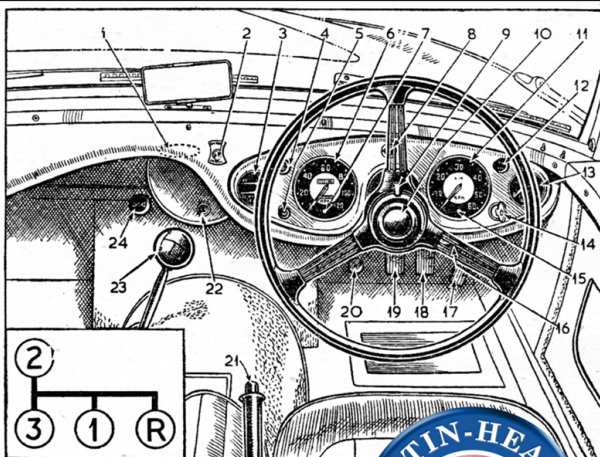
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