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Happy New Year!

December '25 January '26

Note from the Editor

Hello AHCSO Members. This is a combo December/January Healey Hearsay I hope everyone had a warm and wonderful Holiday Season. Warm would be an understatement since in mid December it was nearly 90 degrees at our house. In this issue we'll be covering the "small scale" Wine Tour (only 2 sites this time), and of course, the annual Holiday Party.

2025 was a good year for the club, we



had some enjoyable driving events. It was especially nice for Laura and I as we became grandparents in August. My son and his wife had a beautiful baby girl.

Laura and I have been trying to come up with some new ideas for driving events in 2026, we'll keep you posted on these pages as we make plans. Like we've said before, we welcome ideas from everyone. One big event for 2026 is California Healey Week in San Diego in May.

I know we've tried a few times to get Tech Sessions back in play. We don't want to give up, but ideas and involvement are needed to make them successful. We have a number of members with a wealth of knowledge.

Till next time, Cheers!

Cover Photo: Line of Healeys at the Ahwahnee Hotel

This is the December 2025, January 2026 edition of **Healey Hearsay**; the monthly publication of the **Austin-Healey Club of San Diego**. Monthly AHCSO 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 [AHCSO 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 December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Barbara Humphreys	December 1
Anne Rast	December 5
Lilah Felt	December 5
Robert DeYoung	December 10
Susan Virden-Slade	December 10
Lyn Hardy	December 12
Tom Luckie Jr.	December 19
Jerry Donadio	December 20
Caroline Fallon	December 25
Carolyn Richtmyer	December 28
Lynne Stark	December 30
Aeint De Boer	December 31
Ron Richtmyer	December 31

Anniversaries

Curt & Nancy Arndt	December 21, 1984
Aeint & Virginia De Boer	December 27, 1994

AHCSD January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Jan Schmidt	January 5
Bob Carberry	January 22
Bill Slade	January 22
Peter Greatbatch	January 29

Anniversaries

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

November Meeting Minutes

AHCSD November 12, 2025 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

There were 21 members in attendance: Rick Snover, Alex Watt, John Lee, Dave Grundies (H), Terry Cowan, Laura & Terrey Leyland, Jim Doornink, Don Benke (H), Lex Dunn, Joan & Bob DeYoung, Lex Dunn, Howard & Lynne Stark (H), Tom & Kathy Luckie, Sandy & Lily Leon, Steve Hammond, and Kathleen & Robert Reid.

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance, recognizing that November is election time for the club. She turned the meeting over to John Lee, Vice President. John Lee reviewed the Board Member positions and inquired if any members were interested in nominating themselves to hold a position. As vice president, he was interested if anyone was willing to take over planning monthly meeting locations. No volunteers made themselves known. No changes were made to the present board positions. Laura Leyland, President and acting Activities Chair, John Lee, Vice President & Membership Chair, Kathleen Reid, Secretary, Sandy Leon, Treasurer, Lynne Stark, Hospitality Chair, Terrey Leyland, Newsletter Editor, Rick Snover, Webmaster.

Old Business: Kathleen Reid reported that a lot of progress had been made to the updated website. It is close to being ready to launch. She had asked a few changes be made to the current design and they were in the works. Our current website does not have an SSL certificate, which is needed to provide secure access. The new website was developed using WordPress. Rick Snover indicated that our current host offers WordPress support, but we would need to look into getting an SSL certificate. There was a question about how to move over the electronic editions of the Healey Hearsay. The web designer has uploaded the past year's editions. Rick Snover said he had a file with all the past editions that we could link for access in the future. Terrey Cowan volunteered that he has MANY years' worth of picture and articles that he would like to contribute to the webpage.

John Lee gave a short report on the recent San Diego British Car Day that included recognition for cars belonging to Dave Grundies, Alex Watt, Rick Snover, John Lee, and Lex Dunn. Many members voiced opinions that voting was much smoother this year.

Laura Leyland gave a brief overview of the recent California Healey Week held in Yosemite. The time frame was a bit shorter, the weather was warm, but the event offered some great tours of the area. Laura announced that California Healey Week will be held in San Diego next year from Tuesday, May 5 – Friday, May 8th. The location selected is the same location where the Holiday Party has been the past couple of years. Organizers are considering locations such as Spanish Landing for the Car Show, but are looking for ideas for road tours, poker run, and the Funkana. Our club will be looking for volunteers to help with events.

It has been a bit of struggle to continue to publish the Healey Hearsay on a monthly basis. Laura and Terrey Leyland are suggesting the club move to a bi-monthly publication. This would mean a change to the club by-laws. Discussion included the idea that a vote was needed, and whether or not this change needed to be announced ahead of the meeting. No vote was conducted and the issue was tabled.

John Lee announced that membership was on the upswing, with our club welcoming 16 new families/members this past year. He recognized Steve Hammond in attendance as a potential new member. John also recognized November birthdays and anniversaries.

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November Meeting Minutes

AHCSD November 12, 2025 Meeting - Continued

Membership renewal can be facilitated in 2 ways. First, as a matter of convenience, AHCSD members can contact the National Club and pay for membership via credit card. This will include collecting fees for both national and local club fees. The national club reimburses the local club for local fees. Renewing this way provides a convenience of automatic renewal from year to year. Secondly, for members only interested in AHCSD membership, checks for \$35 may be submitted to John Lee. He prefers members to renew in the month of January. John is able to run reports from Club Express to keep track of renewals made via the national club. The national club has committed to making local reimbursements withing 30 days of renewal. AHCSD board members receive free membership to the national club, which may require club reimbursement to board members who renew via the national website.

Sandy Leon reported that our club bank balance is holding steady.

Lynne Stark reminded members that our Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, 12/6 in the same location as last year, Best Western Island Palms Hotel & Marina. She has received payment of 27 members, with 9 more indicating they are also planning on attending. Our guarantee number with the host site is 35. She is collecting or purchasing items for the silent auction and raffle. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please contact Lynne. Anyone attending also is invited to participate in the Gift Exchange game. Please bring a gift (optional) of approximate value of \$25-30.

Rick Snover led a discussion regarding members not receiving timely communication via the Google email blasts that are sent out. He estimates this is an issue for 16 members. These members receive a forwarded email so that they are getting the same information. He is wondering if the club should consider a different email provider, such as Mail Chimp. No action was taken at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



From The President

Hello Members,

Happy New Year. Hope you all had a safe and pleasant holiday season. It was actually nice to get some rain over them as it makes it feel a little more festive when you can bundle up a little. I know some of you may disagree. :-)

The holiday party was once again a success but I will talk about this in the events section.

As you know we had elections in November but the board did not change. We board members are all proud to be the same board again.

There will be exciting events this year, especially with CA Healey Week right in our own back yard.

As a reminder if you haven't done so please send in your membership renewals.

That's it for now.

Hope to see you soon in a Healey!

Laura



2026 Club Activities

January

- 14– Club Meeting
- 24– Hawk Watch– Lunch at Cordiano Winery

February

- 8– Superbowl party at Bob and Joan De Youngs House.
- 11– Club Meeting

March

- 11– Club Meeting
- 21– Borrego Springs Dr.



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.

November Wine Tour

We had nice but small turnout for the semi annual wine tour as it was a little chilly. We started at Orfilia in Escondido that has pleasantly revamped their space. They now have really good food from Amalfi which also has a restaurant at Lake San Marcos.



We sat outside and enjoyed the nice views of San Pasqual Valley. Again it was a little chilly but nothing like a glass of wine warming you up.

It was a pleasure to see Bob and Joan De Young, Tom and Kathy Luckie, Lex Dunn and John Hardy.

After that we ventured up the hill toward Ramona and stopped in at Domaine Artifact but without Bob and Joan, they sadly left us but the rest of us had a pleasant time there. They have very decent French style wine. We also scored some nice spots to park in front and got lots of

compliments on the cars, especially John's nice Sprite.

This has become a favorite event so thus now a semi annual event.



Holiday Party

Once again Lynne Stark did an outstanding job coordinating this event. It was held again at the Best Western Island Palms Hotel which is also where CA Healey week will be held in May.



Ed was Santa for us again and like always has a new suit, this years was an inflatable one which was quite comical. He did an outstanding job.

We had great fun with our gift exchange and several people were dismayed when their gifts were stolen but then it's also fun to be able to pick something else out or steal something from someone else.

Lynne did a great job with the raffle prizes this year and silent auction items.

Like last year the food was great and it was so nice to see everyone.

We had a new award this year, Volunteer of the year award which went to Lex Dunn for all that he does for the club. We know we can always count on him to help with British Car Day, Breakfast on the Bay and whatever else may be needed.

They Leylands won the COTY award this year. Our first since joining the club a few years ago.

Thanks to all who came and also to several of Santa's helpers who helped Lynne with registration and set up.



Holiday Party



Some 2025 Photos



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.

Final 2025 COTY Standings — as of November 20, 2025

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	130	Arndt, C. & N.	1955 100 BN1	20
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	101	Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BT7	20
Luckie, T & C.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	74	Kirby, S. & C.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	20
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	71	Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BT7	20
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	71	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	44	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
Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	25	Cowan, T.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	11
Hardy, J.	1956 100 BN2	25	Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	11
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	25	Reid, R. & K.	1960 Sprite AN5	11
Dunn, Lex	1970 Triumph Spitfire	24	Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	10
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	22	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Raskind, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	22	de la Fuente	1960 Land Rover	5
			Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	5

Congratulations Terrey & Laura Leyland, 2025 Car of the Year!



AHCSD Member Info

Monthly Meeting Schedule

January 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 PM

Studio Diner

4701 Ruffin Rd

San Diego, CA 92123

February 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, February 11- 6:30 PM

Hamburger Factory

14122 Midland Rd

Poway, CA 92064

March 2026 Meeting

Chin's Szechwan

15721-A Bernardo Heights Parkway

San Diego, CA 92128

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

Membership Summary As of January 1, 2026

Memberships	63
Total Combined Members	109
New Members for CY 2025	11
AHCA from San Diego Membership/Group/Families	18

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



CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2026

May 5-9, 2026

Island Palms Resort, Shelter Island

San Diego, CA

Join us for our next great Healey Week in tropical San Diego. All your favorite activities including a car show at Spanish Landing Park (on the grass with views of the San Diego skyline and shade).

Registration is Now Open!

More info and to register go to:

www.austin-healey.org



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
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A \$100 deposit guarantees your place at the event.
We only need to collect contact information and
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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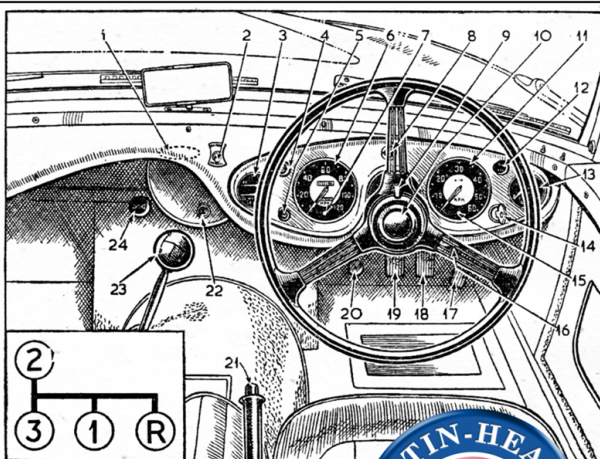
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