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# HEALEY HEARSAY

Official Publication of the



## Club of San Diego



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The newsletter this month and for the foreseeable future is coming to you from my laptop computer aboard the motor home.



However the motor home is still in the driveway at the house! Here I still have a wireless connection to the internet so this months newsletter can be completed. In a few more days this will change when I move to the SKP park in the Aguanga area near Temecula. This will be "home base" for most of the winter and the time will be used settling in to the RV and the RV life. Taking time to do the planning for the upcoming year of travel with fewer obligations and demands than those that come with being in a house. Although there are a couple of short trips on the calendar in the near term including a train trip on the California Zephyr to Denver in early November. I still plan on being at the club meetings and some of the events through the end of the year even though my cars are in storage.

### October Meetings

- Monthly Meeting  
October 14
- Sanfilippo's Pizza  
8141 La Mesa Blvd.  
La Mesa, CA



**HEALEY HEARSAY** is the official monthly publication of the **AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB of SAN DIEGO**. Monthly member's meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P. M. The location varies and is announced in the newsletter and on our web site: [www.sdhealey.org](http://www.sdhealey.org)

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**Cover:** Terry Cowan getting ready to race his Sprinzel Sprite at the Coronado Speed Festival.

photo: Mike Williams

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**President's Message:**



Hi all it's been a pretty busy month for me and mine so the newsletter is a bit late !!  
(in addition to the editor being in the process of moving. ed.)

First we'll start with the bad news,  
Susan Kwiat's father Sam Virden passed away Sunday Sept 27th, from complications of open heart surgery, Sam & his wife Jean have been great supporters of the club. He was even willing to risk life and limb riding with Dana on one of our many tours. Our prayers go out to Jean, Susan, Gerry and the rest of the family. Sam will be missed by one and all.

Now to lighter news, our trip to Salt Lake was fantastic. See pictures elsewhere in the newsletter, Coronado Speed Fest was great fun, lots of club folk's came by to support Dewey's and my racing efforts. Efforts being the key word here! Typical new race car teething ran on all week with me coming in on the hook three or four times, and running the last race with no brakes!! The many trips back and forth to the house/ store for parts and supplies made it difficult to socialize, but Lisa more that made up for that by providing a great Halloween Theme food event that rivaled the best caterer. My thanks to all who came to see us, it was fun !!

Dewey on the other hand had a perfect week and ran well. It was a great pit set up with the Healeys together and plenty of places to sit and take a break from the sun & noise. I would also like to thank Dewey's friends Lew and Mickey for their help with the car...next year will be even better !!

Cheers, Terry



**Minutes Last Meeting:**

**September Meeting Minutes 2009**

The September meeting was held at Coco's restaurant 10430 Friars Rd. San Diego.

21 members and guests were in attendance: Drove Healeys\*, other British~.

Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandel, Bob & Sue Farnsworth\*, Lou Galper\*, Bob Humphreys\*, Bob Kitterer & Dolores McComas, Gerry Kwiat, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Howard & Lynne Stark, Sam Talbert\*, Gary & Sue Turner\*

Meeting was called to order at 7.25pm by president Terry Cowan.

**Vice President/ Membership:** Rick Snover reported that with the renewal of Chris Segal our membership has now reached 100.

For all our info. ELECTIONS are coming.

**Secretary:** August minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** Could not attend, no report.

**Newsletter:** Bob has mentioned that he will be doing some 'around the country' traveling and this will probably impact the technology of his mobile office. As a help to minimize this, he has requested that pictures sent to the newsletter be in the highest pixel size you can manage.

**Activities:** Lynne asked for an interest update on the Sept. 12 drive to Julian and the response was that several people were using the time getting ready to head to Bonnevillle and it was decided to cancel this event.

Other items previously mentioned include the Sept. 26/27 Coronado Speed Week, Oct.4th San Diego British Car Day and a host of other activities around the city as detailed on Lynnes activities page.

Our October driving event is our annual Octoberfest on the 17th at the Farnsworths in Ramona. This will be from 1p.m. to 6 p.m. and will be the same format as previous years. Club provides Brats etc, and soft drinks. Members bring a side dish, dessert, or-- and any stronger beverage you may desire.

November possibly will bring a return to the brunch destination (Belle Fleur) up the coast where we celebrated the 30th anniversary of our club.

December is our Christmas party and while 'where' is unknown as yet, Howard Stark made a motion that the club subsidize a catering cost preferably with the Ramona school group we have used before. This motion passed with some cautions by Sue Farnsworth about their availability..

**Regalia:** Jan brought some of the various silhouette laser Healey types left from the 2008 Conclave and found buyers for several.. The few remaining are "convertibles" and are available for \$15.00

**SD British Car Club Council:** No report, Plans for attending should be complete.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Jerry has put in a lot of effort to keep us informed on these events and had his usual table of flyers for viewing. As there are usually many events, people with an interest are probably best served by taking a flyer(s) of the particular event at our meeting.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** A bit of discussion on whether to again include outside participants, etc. as an expansion of the meeting format. This subject sort of tabled itself as we all seemed a bit tired.

Mary Schermerhorn was the lucky dinner entree winner.

Meeting adjourned 8.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, stand-in secretary



**Activities - what the future brings:**

Upcoming Activities

Hi Everyone...

I can't believe how quickly this year is going. October is a week away and fall is just around the corner. By the time you read this, Coronado Speed Festival Races and the Beach'n 101Cruise will be over. Hopefully everyone who attended either of these events had a great time.

We kick off October with the 30<sup>th</sup> annual British Car Day and picnic on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> at Admiral Baker Field from 7:30am to 3pm. If you have not pre-registered you can still register the day of the show for \$25.00 per car. This is a free event for spectators so tell your friends and family to come on out and enjoy the day and cars with us. Bring your own picnic lunch. Beer and wine are ok, but no hard stuff and no glass bottles. Cans and plastic are fine. Please leave your pets at home.

On Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 6pm its Octoberfest at Bob and Sue Farnsworth's beautiful home in Ramona. We will meet at 12noon at the Mira Mesa Park and Ride located at Mira Mesa Blvd. and I-15 behind the Best Buy before setting off on a scenic drive to their home. The club will provide the brats, hot dogs, sodas etc... There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for salads and desserts.

Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 12noon the club will be having brunch at Belle Fleur Restaurant in Carlsbad at the Carlsbad Company Stores Outlet Mall. They have a wonderful selection of food so bring your appetite. This year the club will be paying for half the cost of the brunch per member. So lunch will only be \$11 per person rather than the full price of \$21.95.

November is election time and that's what's going to be happening at our meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please consider running for a position on the board or special staff position.

November 13, 14, and 15, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday is the Catalina Island Excursion with the AHASC, at the Pavilion Lodge in Avalon . The hotel is located across the sidewalk from the water. There is plenty to do on the island year round. Fishing, seeing a movie at the famous Casino, which has a wonderful theater, walking on the pier, eating at any number of cafes or restaurants, hiking or taking a bus tour around the island, going out in a glass bottom boat and of course shopping! There are 20 rooms blocked off under "Austin-Healey". Room rates are \$148 per night (all inclusive) double occupancy.

You can call the Pavilion Lodge direct at 1-800-322-3434 to make your reservations. Their fax # is 320-510-7254. If you go you will also need to make ferry reservations. Currently Catalina Passenger Service from Newport Beach leaves only once a day to Catalina at 9:00am. It also leaves Catalina only once a day at 4:30pm arriving back at Newport Beach around 6:00pm Their phone # is 1-800-830-7744. I am checking out another ferry service that leaves out of Dana Point . It is slightly more expensive but is closer to drive to, and has several departure times a day both going to the island and returning. This promises to be a fun weekend. If you're thinking of going, make your reservations as soon as possible. For more info about the lodge, things to do, tours and an overview of the island go to their web site at [www.visitcatalinaisland.com](http://www.visitcatalinaisland.com). I'll have more info at the October meeting. See you soon...Lynne

OCTOBER AND BEYOND

• October 4th Sunday  
30<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego British Car Day and Picnic  
Admiral Baker Field  
[www.sandiegobritishcarday.org](http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org)

• October 14th Wednesday 6:30pm  
AHCS D General Membership Meeting

• October 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday 1 – 6 pm  
Octoberfest Party  
Bob and Sue Farnsworth's house

• November 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10am – 12 noon  
Brunch at Belle Fleur Restaurant  
Carlsbad

• November 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:30pm  
AHCS D General Membership Meeting  
Elections of Board members and club offices and representatives

November 13, 14 and 15 Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Catalina Island Weekend Excursion with the AHASC  
Pavilion Lodge in Avalon on Catalina Island



### Coronado Speed Festival

text: Howard Stark



Some of the Navy's Display  
photos: H. Stark

Beautiful day and gathering for this racing festival. This was a two day event and there are a few more photos to attach. Terry worked out typical race car challenges to get ready for Sunday, and raced in the Sunday Vintage race. A lot of us showed up to enjoy the thrill and fun. There were approximately 200 Vintage, Classic and modified as well as American Iron and Foreign collectible cars on display at the event. Racing took place on Saturday for qualifying and field positioning for Sunday's race. Sundown was beautiful after Saturday's events. Sunday turn out was incredible as we had come to watch Terry race his 1960 Sprinzel Sprite around the track. Everyone enjoyed their time at the races. Since this is a yearly event, plan on attending next year even if only to display your cars. Quite a thrill!



Mini Copper pressing the Porsche's on Saturday.  
photo: B. Kitterer



Dewey DeButts running well in the number 15 Sprite  
photo: B. Kitterer



Sitting behind the barricades

Terry Cowan on the other hand only got a half dozen laps on Sunday.

photos:  
left B Kitterer;  
right H. Stark



Having fun while it lasted..





## Healey's Return to Bonneville !!

text & photos: Terry Cowan

Well back to that crazy month! Well it was supposed to go like this.....Buttonwillow testing on Sept 12th & 13th, Bonneville 16th to 19th, Coronado Races 26th to 27th and British Car Day Oct 4th. This is what actually happened.... race car not complete, broken generator in motor home, Bonneville starts Sept 12th & 13 not the 16th and Coronado starts for us the 24th not the 26th. Hmmmmm change of plans.....It will cost more to drive the motorhome up to Salt Flats than to fly, get a room, rent a car, and enjoy the trip. Not to mention that its a 12 hour drive each direction. So we also find out that the race track where the cars will be is only 26 miles from Salt Lake not 120 to the Salt where we had already made reservations for our room in Wendover where I thought this was all happening....Wrong again!



So now we find out that they are not going to the Lake until Wednesday and we can only stay till Sunday because of our commitment to Coronado!! Even so the trip was well worth it. We got to meet the whole crew, many of which I already knew and we were invited to the welcoming dinner Friday night held by the Bonneville Healey Club at Don & Marian Colman's home just a few miles from the Historic Peery Hotel Lisa had found. The dinner was catered by a Healey Club member and his wife and it was great food

and desserts. The Colman's have a beautiful home in the hills just outside downtown Salt Lake City. After the food and tire kicking and getting reacquainted with everyone, Don was kind enough to show us his extensive guitar collection and play a little for us as well. Just a super group of Healey people!



The next day we spent at Miller's Motorsport Park and what a facility they have there. It was a meet and greet with an on track tour and BBQ and the largest Budweiser I've ever seen, but nice and cold!! When we got there Mike Williams and Ed Neumeyer were already there and had ridden up in Ed's killer BJ-8. Turns out they had been eating at our Hotel restaurant and

walked right by us in the bar but didn't see us. Earlier in the day we had found a great micro brewery called Squawters, which was funny coz I had a call from Rick about BCD and when I walked outside he told me about this great brewery in Salt Lake, ...hey dude we were there !! Also at the track were the Putzke's so it was a great time for all.

Lisa and I got an offer for the track tour in the back of a bright yellow Mini Station Wagon that ran out of gas on the second lap! Luckily for us it was right by where we were parked, there was a track exit right there and it was slightly downhill so it was an easy walk back !! We then went to Mike & Ed's hotel and hung out at the pool, ate



Gisela's great apple cake which Udo had cut the pieces way too small thinking Gisela had said too, plus Udo's 4 PM Coffee. So we all had a great laugh about that! Later we all met up at the Hotel and went to dinner at the Market Street Grill. It was a great day for all!

The next day we left for home with Mike. The Putzke's stayed for the Salt runs so we will hear more from them later I hope...

That's All For Now, Terry





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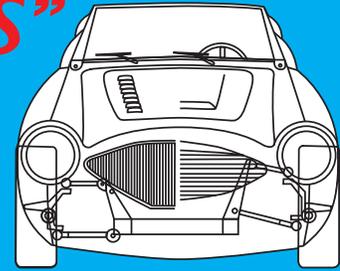
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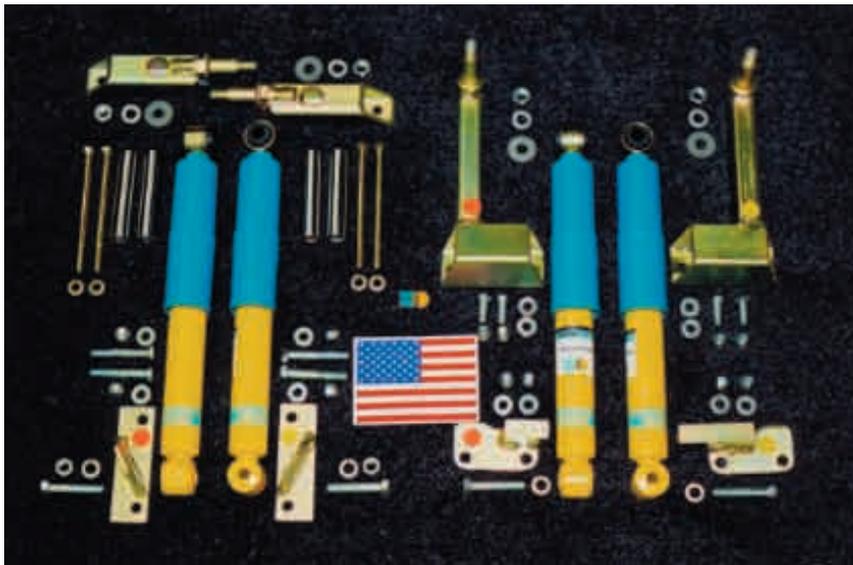


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CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCSO driving Events, Parties etc. 6 pts; California Healey Week 16 pts; Healey Rendezvous 16 pts; Austin Healey Conclave 16 pts; S.D. British Car Day & Rolling B.C.D. 10 pts; Other non-AHCSO one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCSO multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

COTY Points as of September 21, 2009

Table with 6 columns: Name, Club, Points, Name, Club, Points. Lists members and their accumulated COTY points as of September 21, 2009.

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- Sanfilippo's Pizza  
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