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# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## Club of San Diego



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**From The Editor:**



I suppose like most of us I am finding it hard to believe that the year is almost gone. That also means that this is my 10th or 11th newsletter. Considering that I had never done

anything closely resembling a newsletter I am pleased that over all it has gone pretty well. Which also shows that it is not a life consuming task if I can manage an at least acceptable newsletter. Now what is all that hype about - well I still have concerns about being able to provide an acceptable newsletter in a timely manner while on the road so anyone who would like to give this a shot just speak up. It would seem that someone closer "to home" and participating in club activities might be able to do a better job. But in the mean time it will be yours truly on the road. Speaking of being on the road we just got back from a couple of weeks trip done by train. We had a wedding to attend in Denver and decided to make it a train trip adventure by taking the California Zephyr through the Sierras and Rockies. It was fall when we went east. A couple of days later it snowed so it was mostly a winter wonderland for the return trip - - a two for one deal. We have been in the motorhome for about two months now and still getting it sorted out. I need to get a computer desk/area built before we leave the area in Jan. There is a wood shop here so it looks like it will be made of wood. A lighter Aluminum frame would be more desirable but that capability is not in the park. With all the holidays it is going to be a push but the good part of being retired is that you have a flexible schedule. - - - Bob

**December Meeting**

**Christmas Party**

**Dec. 12th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
San Diego Automotive Museum  
Balboa Park**



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**Cover:**

Club cars at the Anniversary Brunch on Nov. 1st.  
photo: Mike Williams

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President's Message:



Happy Holidays to all You Healey Peeps....

Well if you didn't go to Catalina you missed a really fun time !!

This is a traditional Association event that we might want to do next year as a SDAH event. The weather was perfect and there is plenty to do either as a group or by yourself.... we took off from the Dana Point landing and except for a couple of people in the group, the boat trip over went well !!

We were surprised to find we could check in early and that our rooms were ready when we got there !! Early check in enabled Lynne to rest up for even more fun later....Food, Pee Wee golf, Food, shopping, Food, Karaoke, Tours, Etc Etc Attendees from our group were Rick Snover & Allie Casarda, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Howard & Lynne Stark, Lou Galper & Debbie Durham Additional attendees from the Association & also SDAH members were Ed & Abbe Nuemeyer and Ken & Jeanne Deringer

The trip back was much less exciting than the trip over because of a transmission problem of some sort on one engine. What is normally a 1hr 20 min ride turned into Gilligans 3 hour tour but no one turned green and that was a good thing!

On the way back to SD we stopped and had a great dinner at Beachfire Grill in San Clemente, wandered through some unique shops and then headed home. It was a great weekend for all and perhaps more of us can go next year !!

At last months meeting I passed out idea sheets for next year's activities. If you could please bring them to the Christmas Party, I can then sort through what people think might be standard expected activities and what should or could be added. Since we currently don't have an activities chair person this will help the board plan next years activities.

**Also I need people to let me know if they are interested in going on the Cork Inspection Tour on the 6th of Dec. with the Triumph club / Randy Zoller, always a good time. Cost is \$35 per person which includes \$15 for wine tasting and \$20 for food, the club will have to put an advance deposit to secure space at this private function. Please RSVP to me @ 619-279-0613.**

Hope to see you all on Dec 12th at the Automotive Museum at 10 AM !!

Cheers, Terry



**Minutes Last Meeting:**

**November Meeting Minutes 2009**

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

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

Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandel, Bob & Sue Farnsworth, Lou Galper~& Debby D?, Bob Humphreys\*, Sandy & Lily Leon with Mark & James, Udo & Gisela Putzke, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Chuck Sharp, Rick Snover & Allie Casarda, Howard & Lynne Stark~, Mike Williams & Delia Rodrigues

Meeting was called to order at 7.27pm by president Terry Cowan.

He talked about the state of club activities, what we normally do and what would make the job simpler.

**Vice President/ Membership:** Rick Snover reported that our membership has now reached 101.

**Secretary:** Unable to attend. October minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** As above. Expenditures this month were for the clubs portion of the Brunch at the Belle Fleur restaurant in Carlsbad.

**Newsletter:** Bob has begun his away from the city travels. As he mentioned, this may somewhat effect producing the newsletter and so we are in a sorting out phase. Obviously any direct input from him will be into the newsletter itself, as opposed to a comment etc into these minutes.

**Activities:.**

December is our Christmas party. It will be at the Automotive Museum Dec 12th from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Part of the cost will be picked up by the club and so the cost to the membership will be \$10 per person at the door. Please RSVP to Lynne so she can get an approximate count for the caterers. This will be the Ramona group which has done a great job for us many times. It was moved and seconded that we establish a \$2000 budget for the event to cover catering, door prizes etc. There will be the usual gift exchange, new items only please, cost area \$15.

Tech Sessions - We will be picking up where we left off with the "closer to final stages" of John Schermerhorn's Sprite on Sat. Nov 28th. Time 10a.m. till 2.00 p.m.

Future session - Claire Coombs is interested in having her Sprite checked over in order to find any baddies. This will be a 2010 event. -- hey 09 gone.

Other events -- see activities page

**Regalia:** Jan had nothing of new interest to report.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Jerry is in Las Vegas working.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Combining a birthday celebration for Mike Williams (age=? ) with his report on AHCA gives us Golena Illinois as the 2010 Healey Conclave on July 11 to 16. Mike presented information on other dates/events etc. involving AHCA. Mike indicated he will continue as our club delegate.

Lou Galper spoke on SD State Univ and their Formula SAE Hi Milage project in order to gather sponsors. It was moved/ seconded to donate \$100 to help this effort.

Elections. Of the positions to be filled, there were no additional nominations from the floor and the people who had volunteered to be candidates were ushered into office. This will be your 2010 slate of officers.

President. Terry Cowan: Vice Prez. Rick Snover  
Secretary Dick Schmidt: Treasurer Lynne Stark  
Editor Bob Kitterer: Activities --- open

Delia Rodriguez was the lucky dinner entree winner.  
Meeting adjourned 8.45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Dick Schmidt, stand-in secretary



**Activities - what the future brings:**

Hi Everyone...

Well here it is, the final upcoming activities column for the year! I want to tell you what a good time I had this past year being your Activities Director and thank all of you for your input, participation and feedback. I know next year will be just as fun filled and interesting with our new as yet to be determined/ volunteer Activities Director. So here's our end of the year activities...

First up...If you are planning on attending the Cork Inspection WineTasting and Lunch, on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, you need to RSVP this very minute or ASAP to our club Prez Terry Cowan at [terry@toyshop-resto.com](mailto:terry@toyshop-resto.com)

Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm will be a tech session at John and Mary Schermerhorn's . The guys are making good progress on getting the car back together and up and running. If you're in town , not too full of turkey and interested come on over and check it out and help out.

Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm This is the absolute latest date and time I must have your RSVP to our Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party. So don't delay!!! If you want to go call me at (619)579-7551 or e-mail me at [redjag99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redjag99@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> is the Cork Inspection Wine Tasting Tour and Lunch in Temecula with the Triumph Club. You must RSVP to Terry for this event. We will meet everyone at the Mira Mesa Park and Ride at 9am and leave at 9:30 sharp. North County folks meet at 9:30am at the Deer Springs/Mountain Meadow Park and Ride and we will leave there at 10am sharp. Randy Zoller has been organizing this event for the last ten years and every year has been different and unique. This year looks to be no different! We will start off at the popular Leonesse Cellars, then head off to Gershon Bachus Vintners for more tasting and a catered lunch. After lunch our tour will conclude at Masia de Yabar Vineyard and Winery. Lunch will be \$20.00 and the premier wine tasting \$15.00 both at Gershon Bachus .

Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm is our annual club Holiday Party. This year our party will be at the San Diego Automotive Museum at Balboa Park. We will be having a wonderful brunch catered by the Culinary Arts Program of Ramona High School. The cost this year is \$10.00 per person payable at the party with cash or check. Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift valued at approx. \$15.00 for the gift exchange. If you are planning to attend, or need to talk to me about the event, please RSVP to me ASAP at (619)579-7551 or [redjag99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redjag99@sbcglobal.net) .

I hope to see everyone at the party ...Lynne

**NOVEMBER AND BEYOND**

**November and December**

- **November 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
**Tech Session 10am – 2pm**  
**John and Mary Schermerhorn**
- **December 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
Cork Inspection Tour with the Triumph Club  
Temecula
- **December 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
**Holiday Party 10am – 2pm**  
**Automotive Museum**  
**Balboa Park**

**January 2010**

- **January 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual La Jolla Motorcar Classic Car Show  
La Jolla Cove 9am – 3pm
- **January 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**  
**AHCS D General Membership Meeting 6:30pm**
- **January 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**Ball Bearing Breaker Challenge Rallye**

**February 2010**

- **February 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**AHCS D Super Bowl Party and Men's Chili Cook-off**  
**Location ???**



## Cork Inspection Tour Information

from Randy Zoller

Hi all

Here is the latest on this years winery tour. After talking with the caterer for Gershon Bachus Vineyards I elected to keep the menu for lunch very simple in order to contain the costs. Which means there are no choices to be made as far as what you'll be having! The following is what we'll be dining on:

- \* Antipasti (appetizer) - skewer of cherry tomato, mozzarella and fresh basil, Sicilian caponata (mix of grilled veggie's in a sweet and sour sauce), black and green olives, stuffed banana peppers, 2 different cheeses, soppressata salami, prosciutto crudo
- \* Mixed green salad with fresh tomato, feta cheese and vinagrette dressing
- \* Caesar salad
- \* Lasagna
- \* Tiramisu
- \* Bread

\$20 per person (plus tax)

In addition, the premier wine tasting is \$15 each and this covers our private use of the facility as well. I believe this to be quite reasonable all things considered. I have booked lunch for 50 people ONLY so please RSVP.

**Note: RSVP to Terry Cowan [terry@toyshop-resto.com](mailto:terry@toyshop-resto.com)**

## Cadillac, A Complete History

by "Free Wheeling" Arch Brown

Exert from an article in Cars & Parts Magazine (Sept 1991) p. 26.

submitted by Susan Virden-Kwiat'

....."As a matter of fact, if Britain's Donald Healey had had his way, there would also have been a Cadillac-Healey! Healey had been building the Silverstone, a short-chassis car powered by a four-cylinder Riley engine. At Briggs Cunningham's request, he built a one-off Silverstone with Cadillac, rather than Riley power. (Remarkably, the Cadillac overhead-valve V-8 weighed no more than the Riley four-banger!). Excited by the performance of the Cad-powered Silverstone, Healey attempted to purchase additional Cadillac engines; even crossing the Atlantic by ship in order to present his case to Ed Cole, then Cadillac's chief engineer. Cole replied that Cadillac was literally unable to produce enough engines to meet even its own needs, much less supply anyone else. So the proposal fell through.

It happened, however, that during the crossing on the Queen Elizabeth, Donald Healey had become acquainted with George Mason, president of Nash-Kelvinator. During his stay in Detroit, he was Mason's houseguest, and when Cadillac turned down his request, his host offered to supply Nash Ambassador engines instead. And, thus was created the Nash-Healey."



**DMV Newsletter**  
**New Hours of Operation**

*DMV is closed the first, second and third Fridays of every month*  
submitted by Mike Williams

The California Department of Motor Vehicles reminds customers that all public offices will be closed the first, second and third Friday of each month, in keeping with the Governor's Executive Order (S-13-09). Despite the cutbacks, the department strives to continue to provide excellent customer service and encourage everyone to utilize its Web site [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) for DMV transactions.

Why not join the millions of people who have successfully used the Web site for their DMV needs. Through September 2009, the DMV has registered more than 6.3 web-based business transactions. It's fast, free and convenient!

*It's Fast-* With just a click of a mouse you can instantly pay your registration, renew your driver license, update your address and schedule an appointment.

*It's Free* – Why spend money on gas to visit a DMV field office? The Web site allows you to conduct a variety of transactions online without having to pay any additional fees.

*It's Convenient* – Instead of waiting in line or rushing to a DMV office during your lunch hour, why not use that extra time to do something you actually like. Whether you log in from your home computer or a smart phone, the Web site allows you to conduct your DMV business at your convenience.

The Web site also offers a variety of resources which allows you to:

- Print out forms
- Customize your license plate
- Read through the online version of both the Driver Manual and Motorcycle Handbook
- Register your boat
- Add the DMV to your social media network such as Facebook, Twitter and MySpace
- Find information to get your commercial license

There are online tools available that you will not find at a DMV field office, such as the vehicle license fee calculator. The calculator makes it simple for you to know how much a vehicle's registration will cost. This convenient online tool calculates registration fees for new vehicles, nonresident vehicles and other vehicle purchases. Just input the required information, and the system will do the math for you.

Looking for helpful driver license information for teens and seniors? The Web site has sections for both. Teens can find information on how to get their permit and even take practice tests online. Seniors can also find useful tools for safer driving, including a "Senior Guide to Safe Driving" which offers practical strategies for older drivers. The guide also lists necessary steps that seniors can take to renew their driver license such as information on vision tests, written tests and driving tests.

Customers can also complete transactions via the telephone by calling (800) 921-1117. For registration and driver license renewals, customers must have their six-digit Renewal Identification Number (RIN) that accompanies their renewal notice. Automated services are also available at 1-800-777-0133.

The DMV would like to make sure that during furlough days California residents are still able to conduct their DMV business hassle free via its Web site [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov). So remember it's fast, free and convenient- Save time. Go online!



# Catalina Island Weekend

photos from Terry Cowan





DECEMBER 2009



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**NEW MEMBERS, BIRTHDAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Barbara Humphreys 12/01
- Angela Armstrong 12/05
- Marji Nightingale 12/10
- Susan Virden-Kwiat' 12/10
- John McGee 12/12
- Kathleen Quillo 12/14
- George Hurley 12/16
- Sue Farnsworth 12/22
- Johathan Gonzales 12/22
- Carroll Goldsworth 12/25
- Ginger Ragazzi 12/25
- Allan Seid 12/26
- Colin Seid 12/28
- Debbie Cummings 12/28
- Lynne Stark 12/30
- Nancy Stalker 12/30
- Aeint de Boer 12/31

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Craig & Sue Turner 12/01/79
- Art & Ginger Ragazzi 12/08/67
- Allan & Sheila Seid 12/16/65
- Carroll & Karen Goldsworth 12/17/61
- Ken & Jeanne Deringer 12/18/77
- Curt & Nancy Arndt 12/21/84
- Aeint & Virginia de Boer 12/27/94
- Gale & Martha Hess 12/30/56
- Dick & Jan Schmidt 12/31/59

The above cover along with the Healey article was sent to me a while back by Lou Galper. I'm just now getting around to giving it a look and considering running the article in serial form over several months. The Club Members Car page has not been being used and I am looking at using that space for this item. It is a long article with a number of very nice photographs.

Bob



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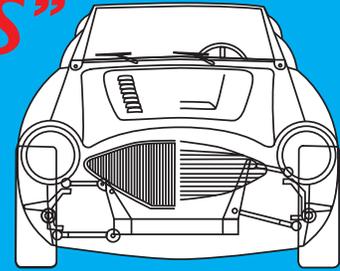
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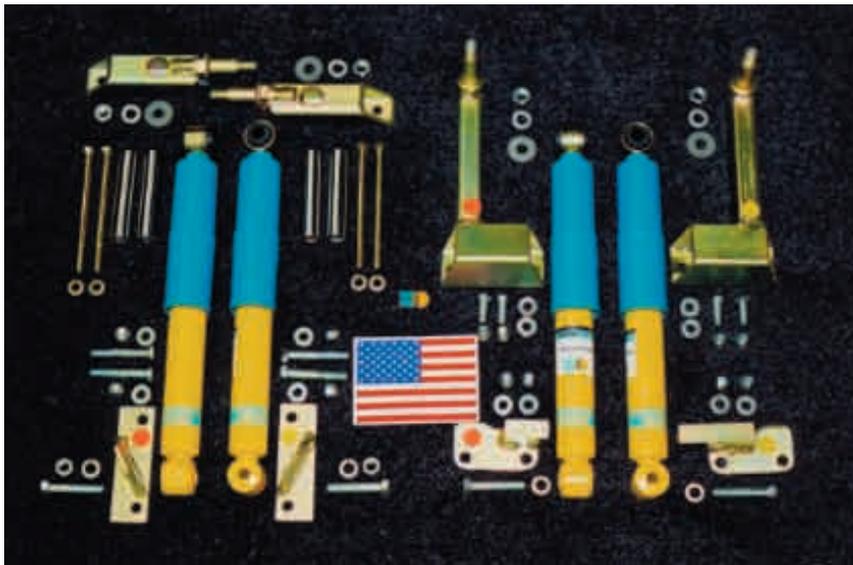


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### CAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

In an effort to recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, 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) where you participate with your Healey. These events may or may not be listed in the newsletter. The participant is responsible for providing proof of participation (entrance fee receipt, photo, corroboration from other club members etc.) to the CotY recorder, Gisela Putzke (858-486-3870 or [putzke@cox.net](mailto:putzke@cox.net)), within 30 days after the event.

AHCS D events will have a sign-in sheet that will be forwarded to the recorder. For multi-Healey families, be sure to indicate which car(s) you drove.

CotY points currently approved by the Board are: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4 pts; AHCS D 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-AHCS D one day events 2 pts; Other non-AHCS D multi-day events 4pts. The Board on a case-by-case basis may award points for other events.

### COTY Point Standings as of Nov. 2nd.

Putzke, U+G	BT7	134	Church, Brian & Debbi	AN5	16
Neumeyer, Ed & Abbe		110	Kitterer, Bob	AN5	12
Williams, Mike	BT7	78	Kind, Klaus	BJ8	12
Galper, Lou	100	76	Galper, Lou	Jag	12
Humphreys, B&B	BT7	74	Talbert, Sam	Sprite	12
Turner, Craig	BT7	66	Pendleton, Jim	BJ8	12
Snover, Rick	AN8	64	Sharp, Chuck	BJ8	12
Kirby, S + D	BT7	52	Dolphin, Michael	BJ8	12
Tabachki, N+N	100-6	50	Banales, John	BT7	12
Farnsworth, Bob & Sue	BT7	48	Schermerhorn	AN7	8
Kwiat, Gerry	100-6	44	Thrift, Rick	BT7	6
Voth, Warren	BJ8	34	Roberts, Aaron	3000	6
Stark, H + Lynn	Jag	33	Dompee, Lee	BJ8	6
Newman, Don + Cathy	BJ8	32	Dahl, Dave		6
Grundies, Dave	BJ8	32	Dolphin, Michael	Bugeye	6
Coyote, David	100	26	Hess, G + M	BJ8	6
Cowan, Terry	100	24	DeButts, D.	AN5	6
Carberry, Bob + Jo-A	BJ8	24	Tisdale, Scott	Abbot	6
Brewer, Norm	Jensen	20	Ventora, Arnulfo	Bugeye	6
Stark, H + Lynn	100-6	18	Ganino, Franco	Bugeye	6
Cowan, Terry	Race Sprite	18	Humphreys, B&B	Jensen	4
Shoemaker, Kris & Kathy	100-6	16	Duncan, Andy	100-6	2
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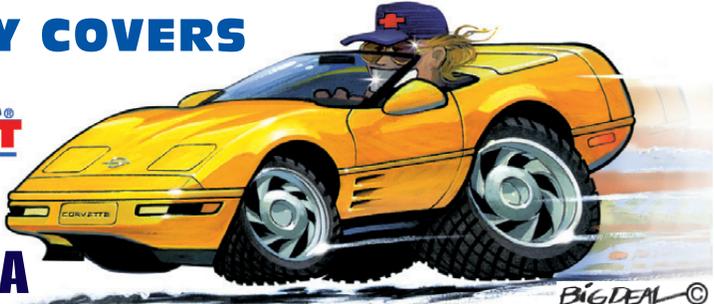
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