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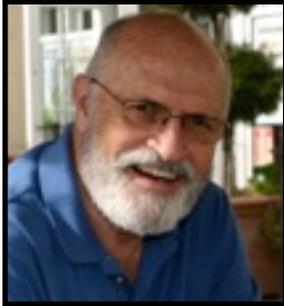
## Club of San Diego



*Look out Hobbits, here we come!*



**From The Editor:**



I was in Costco recently and noticed a big bin of what looked like rolls of carpet. Upon closer inspection I found they were

rolls of vinyl flooring for a garage. My garage floor has been looking pretty sad since Whooeee doesn't hold her liquids well. My solution has been to park her over a pile of kitty litter. This works well in that the litter soaks up the liquid and keeps it from seeping all over the garage. But keeping the litter corralled is an effort in itself. The real solution would be to stop the leaks. But that would entail rebuilding the entire British automotive industry and stripping the one truly universal characteristic of British cars. They leak!!!

So, it got me thinking about dressing up my garage floor. One of my friends who owns an old Corvette, sent his car off to Kentucky to have it restored and while it was gone he installed a new garage floor and it looks great. The only problem for me is the cost. I just cannot afford something like that. In all the catalogues there are floors that you can

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**April Meeting**

**Jimmies Family Restaurant**  
9635 Mission Gorge Rd.  
Santee, CA 92071  
**April 8, 2015**  
6:30 p.m.



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**On the Cover:** Terry's BJ8 loaded on the truck and on its way to a container in Long Beach, CA to be shipped to Auckland, NZ. By now the cars have arrived and are on the road to the Healey meet in Nelson, south island, NZ

Visit our web site at <http://www.sdhealey.org>



**President's Message:**

Hey There Healey Peep's



Well by the time you read this we will have been to Sydney for a day or two and then on to New Zealand where we meet up with the rest of our crew. Unfortunately we will miss a couple of my favorite events RBCD and the La Jolla Concours, and at least one racing event in which PMO was the poster-girl which in fact is this weekend March 27&28 @ Willow Springs Raceway, and the next club meeting !!



We have however been invited to Monterey

again this year...Dates & Details to be announced in the next month's newsletter.

Speaking of next months meeting, that meeting will be held at Jimmy's in Santee, It's not really clear to me why people some feel the need to make such a fuss about the ONE night a month which includes ONE meal out of the entire month. Its a meeting night designed to get together plan future events and share an hour or two with friends,

Some places suit a meeting place better than others, some of have good food and really good service and not too expensive, and the best one of late happens be the one the Putzkes suggested with a nice private meeting room and very nice staff and great service.

I also realize that some of our older members have night driving issues or the cost is too great, some places had no parking, some are too loud, some are all the above, etc etc.

While I try to move things around none of these places are convenient to Sam or I, but we drive anyway. The only time I say anything is when the place just isn't conducive to running the meeting, like a very loud room, or the service is terrible, or there is no parking.

This month meeting will be held at Jimmy's because Lynne asked for it to be there so it'll be easier for her to run the meeting. Just like us trying a new place the Schmidts wanted to try, its one night, one meal.

Sorry we will miss you guys, I will be posting pictures on FB and will send what I can to Sam as well!!

See you in May, Until then play nice!!

Yr Prez, Terry





**March 2015 Healey Meeting Minutes**

*The March 11th, 2015 meeting was held at Boomerangs Burger Joint, 4577 Clairmont Dr, S D 92117*

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

Norm Brewer\*, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Mike Dolphin, Lex Dunn, Bob Farnsworth, Bob Humphreys\*, Ed Mathews, John & Mary Schermerhorn, Dick & Jan Schmidt, Rick Snover, Lynne & Howard Stark\*, Sam Talbert\*, Ed Valle, Warren Voth, Sandy & Sandy Watt. Mike Williams.

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

**General Discussions, comments :**

Terry mentioned that the impromptu rear end tech session planned for last month was cancelled for lack of the correct parts.

*For upcoming events please check the various items on the dedicated Activities page.*

**Vice President/ Membership:** Lynne mentioned that we had a couple more previous members rejoining which brought our current count to 60 memberships..

**Secretary:** As we had just checked the P.O. Box and found a copy of the Sacramento DeFender newsletter as part of the mailings, Dick questioned whether we are finding that newsletter of any value to keep on with. The comment that our clubs membership in that group runs till near year end effectively tabled the issue for now. However, please give the issue some thought for a year end revisit.

**Treasurer:** Mike reported (not in detail) that the treasury had grown since the last meeting. Yea

**Newsletter:** Please pay attention to the plea, Sam continually needs information and content for the newsletter.

**Activities:** As the General Discussion section tends to include all kinds of possibilities, I would like to have “this” heading be what the club is going to do for the month and any information related to that. O.K, so here goes a try at that. It looks like the event will be a drive to Borrego for lunch and then on to the flowers and the metal sculptures dotting the landscape. Date is Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Meet at Stator Bros in Ramona at 9.30 a.m. leaving at 10.00. A quick pit stop. at Dudley’s and then a trip using the Banner Grade route to Borrego. This will include a stop at the Rams Hill Golf course restaurant south of town for lunch and then on to Borrego, flowers,etc.

**Regalia:** Open position.

**Museum/Greater SD Car Club Council:** Open position.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Bob Farnsworth was the lucky dinner entree winner.

**Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Dick Schmidt, secretary





# Activities

*By Bob Farnsworth & Lou Galper*

Four Healeys and four BJ9s gathered at the Ramona Stater Brothers parking lot. In Healeys were Lou Galper and Debbie Durham, Dick Hoss and Bob Farnsworth, Neil and Nancy Tabachki, and Warren Voth. In other cars were Terry Cowan, Bob and Barbara Humphreys, John and Mary Schermerhorn, and Dick, Jan and Douglas Schmidt. We were on the road by a little after 10:00 with our first stop at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel. Then through Julian and down the Banner Grade, turning onto S3 toward Borrego. Our next stop was at the Rams Hill Golf Course for lunch. It was a perfect day to sit on the patio and admire the view overlooking the golf course and beyond to the desert in the east. Wild flowers were in short supply so after a very enjoyable and relaxing lunch we broke up and all went different ways back home. As I am writing this, I am finishing up details getting ready to depart for New Zealand tomorrow. Cars arrived a few days ago safe and sound and have all passed inspection and Customs, all are ready to go. So am I, see you in May.

- April 11th (Sat)      **LaJolla Concours d' Elegance & Motor Car Classic**
- April 19<sup>th</sup> (Sun)      **Annual Rolling British Car Day:**  
See [www.sandiegobritishcarday.org](http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org)
- April 26<sup>th</sup> (Sun)      **Coronado's Motor Cars on Mail Street:**  
Register online at [www.CoronadoMainStreet.com](http://www.CoronadoMainStreet.com)
- June 22-26              **Healey Rendezvous at the Alderbrook Resort & Spa, Union, WA.**
- September 19-20      **Coronado Speed Fest.**  
Registration; <http://www.coronadospeedfest.com/tickets.html>
- September              **English Motors at Fairbrook**
- October                  **British Car day,**
- October 24<sup>th</sup>              **Oktoberfest, Bob Farnsworth's**
- November 12-15      **California Healey Week:**  
La Quinta, CA (Palm Springs), Registration form attached
- December                **Annual Christmas Party**
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# Cars and Coffee

I'm always on the lookout for a place to drive Whooeee just to get her out and blow away the cobwebs. The club provides a pretty good variety of events between the monthly meetings and regular events like the recent drive to Borrego. These are all good but wouldn't it be nice if there was a drive available that required no advanced preparation or cost? One where you could roll out of bed, hop in and cruise someplace and enjoy swapping stories and remembering what cars used to look like and what they can look like with a little effort.

Cars and Coffee in Irvine was such a place. It only had two drawbacks: First, it was in Irvine and Second, they stopped it. Plus, their coffee was pretty miserable.

I found out recently that a 'Cars and Coffee' has

sprung up right under my

nose and I didn't know it. At the donut shop alongside Von's on the corner of Bonita Rd and Otay Lakes Rd every Saturday morning from 7 am to 9 am they roar in for a cup of joe and a bear claw, and line the parking lot with the finest of a bygone era.

Most of the cars are from the South Bay Cruisers who used to line Third Ave. in Chula Vista on Tuesday



nights until politics squeezed them out. So, if you wander by some Saturday, you'll see a lot of American muscle and some pretty amazing workmanship. There are not too many "furriners" there (Whooeee gets awful lonely), but everyone is welcome and the coffee is good and the bran muffins are worth the trip.





**4/19/2015, 10:00 AM start**

Enjoy a scenic drive through east county beginning at I-15 exit 24 and ending at beautiful Pauma Valley Country Club. Buy lunch there or bring a picnic.

Register on line at: [www.sandiegobritishcarday.org](http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org)

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put together and lock two foot squares into all kinds of fancy patterns. But once again I have a problem. I'm fighting oil drips and these squares, as pretty as they are, have cracks where they connect and the oil I use can find and exploit any crack no matter how small.

It looks like the Costco solution answers all my concerns and even fits in my budget range. However, I went on line and found the same flooring for about \$50 less from Home Depot. So I bought it.

So far, so good. It catches all the drips and I can pull it out into the driveway and wash it off. I found another unpublished characteristic. Bolts or nuts or washers or anything you drop onto it doesn't roll. You know how frustrating it is when you drop a washer and it rolls about two miles away and hides behind the water heater or tool box. Well the diamond pattern of the floor now stops all that rolling and hiding. However, that pattern also makes my stool hard to move about and rough to ride. Oh well, I guess you can't have everything.





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# Borrego Drive



Dudley's



Ram's Hill Golf course





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## CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2015 November 12-15, 2015

Embassy Suites, 50-777 Santa Rosa Plaza,  
La Quinta CA 92253

### SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday afternoon: Early arrival.

Thursday Morning: Poker Run Drive - A fun drive with 4 scheduled stops where you will receive a card at each stop.

Thursday Early Afternoon: Funkhana, a new event at CHW. Cocktail Hour - three additional wild cards will be drawn, the car with the best poker hand wins.

Thursday Dinner: *On your own or with a group.*

Friday Morning & Early Afternoon: Leisurely drive to Idyllwild. Once there, participants walk around town visiting shops and sightseeing.

Lunch: *on your own.* Drive back to Hotel in early afternoon.

Friday Late Afternoon: Tech Session - TBD.

Dinner: *On your own or with a group.*

Saturday Morning: Car Wash and Car Show at hotel. *Lunch provided.*

Saturday Rocker Cover Racing: This popular event returns to CHW 2015. Two cars race side by side to the finish line, much like a drag race. Multiple elimination heats are conducted until an undisputed winner is determined.

Saturday Evening: Banquet Dinner, Awards and Silent Auction

*Registration is now available at: [www.austin-healey.org](http://www.austin-healey.org)*

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

You must reserve your room directly with the Embassy Suites prior to October 13th to guarantee your group rate. Please call Embassy Suites at 888-386-1126 and use discount code "Austin Healey Assoc. or AHA" when making reservations. Several discounted room rates are available: \$135 for a King Standard, and \$150 for a King Premium or two Queens.

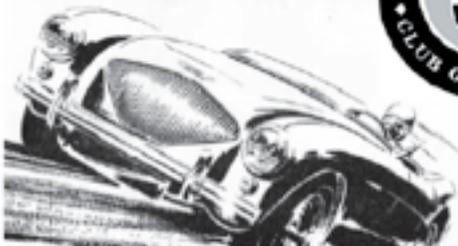
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### April Birthdays

Ronald Darland	6
Kim Dolphin	10
Lou Galper	10
Gale Hess	14
Nathan Voth	15
Edward Matheus	29
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Patricia Benke	15

### April Anniversaries

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**7am Saturday  
April 25th 2015**  
(vendors may set up @ 6:00am)



Also please note the **NEW LOCATION** in the downtown Long Beach area!



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## Enjoying life down under





# 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, Rick Snover (619-980-4194 or ricksnover@earthlink.net), within 30 days after the event. AHCSO 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: 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.

## 2015 CotY Standings

(as of 3/21/2015)

<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Pts</u>
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Galper, L	AH 100 BN1	16	Watt, S&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Benke, D	AH 3000 Mk III	14	Neumeyer, E&A	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
Brewer, N	Jensen Healey	14	Putzke, U&G	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Snover, R&A	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	12	Turner, C&S	AH 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Humphreys, B&B	AH 3000 BT7	8	White, L&J	AH 3000 Mk III BJ8	4
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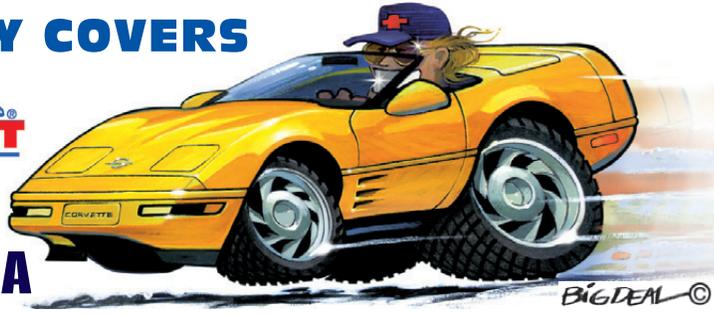
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