

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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*Austin-Healey*

## Club of San Diego



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**February 2019**

## From The Editor:



Happy belated new year all. If it isn't happy, it's up to each of us to make it so...I was looking through photos from past Chrysler Classic Speed Festivals, at North Island. I

came across my fantasy Healey. It's a Devin Healey 100/6 owned by Bud Bourassa. The Devin Healey was in the 2000 program. It's a great looking car. And it brought back memories of the Devin special, I built in (*gasp, choke*) 1960. Mine was nothing as finished Bourassa's

My special was based on an Austin A-40 Devon sedan. Looking back, I really had no business wasting my time on it as I took time out from college, which was really dumb, from my prospective now. But what did I know as a twenty-four old, who knew everything. What could possibly go wrong? I wanted a sports car as everyone I knew had one but me. Because I was broke going to college, pearl diving (washing dishes) at night, and scraping by, and my life was at a fork in the road. My dad and I came up with enough money, and we ordered the fiberglass body from Bill Devin in Lancaster California. The A-40 was a load of junk with the engine sticking out of the boot, I mean trunk, literally.

My original college major was veterinary medicine, which was also nuts because I simply could not raise, nor had any serious prospect for the money to make that happen. I had horses and would ride my horse from El Cajon to the Lakeside Rodeo grounds for calf roping and bull and saddle bronc riding, which was also real smart. So, I fell back on art and design, which was really my first love, anyway. Must be how I ended up here, with Healeys and being the newsletter editor.

So I set up shop under the pepper tree in front of the garage, stripped the body, (make that *coach work*) from the junked A-40 and the rest is history, for a later story, maybe...Did I say Happy New Year?...

## February Meeting...

**Wednesday Feb 13th @ 6:30 PM**

**Marie Callendars**

**6950 Alvarado Road**

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

## Membership Information

Membership in the Austin Healey Club of San Diego is open to all owners of Austin Healey, Jensen Healey, or any other Healey vehicles, and to anyone else who is interested in the Healey marque. Annual dues for the Austin Healey Club of San Diego are \$30 per household. Visit our web site, [www.sdhealey.org](http://www.sdhealey.org), or contact our Membership Coordinator, Vice President Rick Snover ([ricksnover@earthlink.net](mailto:ricksnover@earthlink.net)) for details and

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**On The Cover:** Devin Healey owned by Bud Bourassa, is based on an Austin Healey 100-6. Bud is part of the Chrysler Classic races at North Island.

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**Hello All members. Happy New Year! Best wishes for a healthy, happy, great 2019!**

I want to extend a hearty thank you for your vote as Club President. I will do the best I can along with the support of our existing and new club officers to make 2019 a grand and fun filled year. Please come join us, we need your help and interaction. Mark your calendars, attend our meetings and events. It will be "Good Times" with your friends. Come share your thoughts and suggestions for fun in 2019. With your help, we will make this a truly memorable year.

Our January meeting was Great! There was discussion about our 2019 Calendar of Events and a preliminary 2019 Activity calendar is included in this news letter. We intend to discuss these events monthly and solidify plans for the year. Please see our club minutes prepared by our New Secretary, Deborah Durham. It will fill you in on our meeting discussion.

It is my hope that this year we can have a Saturday meeting in conjunction with a club activity, once every 3 or 4 months, to allow more members to participate. Club members will need to vote on this proposed change to our Bylaws at our next club meeting. Some members have expressed interest in daytime meetings. Last year we coupled a club meeting with an event, response was favorable, but parking at the Brigantine in La Jolla was difficult. I think a meeting coupled with an event is possible with good coordination. Let's see if this is reasonable with membership. Regarding events, meetings lunches etc..., please come in whatever vehicle you wish to drive. The roster is available to reach out and connect with other friends and members. Car pooling and sharing fun times together is possible. Join us in 2019.

\*\*\*\*Sandy and Lily Leon will be hosting our Feb 3rd Super Bowl Chili Cook off and Potluck Party. More information will be electronically provided with details including address and arrival time via separate web notification. Please RSVP to Lou, so we can get a head count to better prepare for our member attendance at this event. There will be awards for several Chili categories. This is also a potluck. Bring what you like to eat or something to share if you like. Come enjoy and cast your Chili vote. Beverages will be club provided.

### **To our present and future members-**

Board Officers are listed in the newsletter including our contact information. Please, contact us, at any time, to discuss potential tech session ideas, interesting events and activities or club related business. If you think of something, please write it down and bring it to our meeting. This is our club and it would be great to grow club member participation. Help us understand what you like and dislike, what interests you have and lets discuss these during our membership meetings. In the event we need to hold a board meeting, that can be arranged as needed.

Warren is always looking for articles of interest, event pictures and even contact from members to include substance in our newsletter. Timing for article receipt is important. If information is provided by between the 15th – 20th of each month, Warren will have time to perform editorial work and complete the publication ahead of our next club meetings. Please help him with this endeavor.

### **Meeting Location**

2/13/2019

Marie Callenders La Mesa

6:30- 8:30PM Come earlier if you wish

3/13/2019

To Be Announced later-

Sincerely

Howard Stark



### Minutes- Austin Healey Club of San Diego Momthly Meeting Wednesday, January 9 2019- Mainstream Bar and Grill

Outgoing President Terry Cowan called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M. then turned the meeting over to Howard Stark, newly elected Austin Healey Club of San Diego President.

**There were 15 members in attendance:** Don Benke, Aeint de Boer, Terry Cowan, Deborah Durham, Louis Galper B, Bob Humphreys, Doc McAlister, Rick Snover, Udo and Gisela Putzke, Sue and Craig Turner, Gary Stalker H, Howard Stark, Warren Voth,

H Drove Healey, B Drove other British car

Howard announced that a Super Bowl Party is coming up and we're hoping for a host to volunteer. This party will include our chili cook-off contest and be coupled with a potluck on February 3, Super Bowl Sunday! Please bring something you would like to eat and share if Chili isn't your food of choice. The club will provide beverages and consumables (plates, bowls, cups and utensils). The game begins at 3:30 p.m. until we're done partying. We will get together before game start, once a host comes forward and we can provide more information via announcements. Howard requested an email sent in the hope a member will volunteer as host for this event.

**Membership: VP:** VP Don Benke reported 43 memberships have been renewed. He will update the roster at the end of January and at the end of February. Don will turn over a time sensitive listing of members who paid Club of America (COA) memberships and Gary can issue a draft to COA by their due date deadline. Don is contacting current and prior members and expecting our membership to grow. Don will issue our updated roster late this month or next. A deadline and notification will be provided giving our members time to pay before removing them from newsletter distribution.

**Treasurer:** Gary Stalker reported that the treasury is stable Don has provided membership dues and dues are still coming. COA deadline for payment is January 15th. Deadline. These members should be listed in the COA Roster.

#### Activities:

- Tech Session January 19th starting around 9:30-10:00 a.m. at Aeint de Boer's house in Tierra -Santa. Come work on his Jensen Healey!
- Hawk Watch February 9th at 9:30AM in Ramona on Highland Ave. It begins at 10:00AM.
- Wildflower Drive to Borrego in March. Date will be chosen at next month's meeting.
- Alan Airways tour March or April on a Saturday. A car caravan drive, tour and lunch. Doc McAllister will coordinate this event with The Antique Auto Club and Lou. A great event!
- Rolling British Car Day, Date was added to these minutes - April 28th.
- California Healey Week May or June.
- Coronado Motorcars on Main Street in May. Lou will provide date as it gets closer.
- Breakfast on the Bay will be the one weekend in August. The club will define the date later.
- 4th of July Party. Looking for a Host.
- Conclave in September in South Dakota. Terry will find out more about car transport and let the club know for those who may be interested in attending.
- British Car Day Date added after the meeting October 12th.
- Holiday Party December 14.
- New Years in Abingdon. Date and place to be determined.

Howard proposed relaxing the Bylaws to give members advanced notice of meeting schedule flexibility. There was discussion about a possibility for quarterly weekend meetings with members, rather than our standard monthly meeting day and times. The calendar will reflect such proposed Saturday meetings coupled with events and activities to see if this will attract membership turn out since we want to see more of you. This may better accommodate all members and increase meeting attendance. Howard further suggested members to consider picking up the roster to contact other members who could car-pool together to reconnect with friends /members and be together.

Howard proposed Board Meeting as needed -board and members are invited when event planning is needed.

Howard asked that members to share stories about their Healey encounters at upcoming meetings. He suggested those having tech sessions can send articles to Warren about their car history.

Terry will continue the racing column and tech tips in the newsletter.

Howard thanked Terry Cowan for 12 yrs. Service as club President, Rick Snover as outgoing Secretary, and Deborah Durham as incoming Secretary.

He also offered a special thanks to Warren Voth for continuing to provide the Healey Hearsay publication thanking him for his great work. He urged members to get pictures and information to Warren by the 15th of each month to give Warren ample time for his publication. Warren indicated his backlog of Healey articles has run dry.

Howard expressed his appreciation to all our board members for their continue efforts and great work.

The members voted unanimously to have the 2019 Holiday party catered.

Howard asked if members would contact him or Lou if anyone has ideas or suggestions they want to share for improving our club experience, recommending activities and to discuss matters of interest.

February 13th is the next Austin Healey Club monthly meeting at Marie Calendar in La Mesa at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Durham, AHCSO Secretary.

### AHCSO FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### BIRTHDAYS

Terry Cowan.....4	Diane Kirby.....10
Mike MacLean...4	Mickey Pleasant....11
Don Benke.....8	LeRae Phillips.....??

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Alejandra Schumacher.....	2/7/15
Richard and Ada Stevens.....	2/24/57
Neil and Nancy Tabachki.....	2/25/95

### *We're All Members of the Activities Committee*

- Do you enjoy the club's events and drives?
- Do you know of a great place that SDAH Members might enjoy?
- Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
- Do you have a favorite luncheon or dinner place that would make a good venue for a SDAH gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact me to find out what's involved or just to talk about it.

**Lou Galper • 619-287-0626**  
**LGalper1@cox.net**

### *what the future brings....*

- **Healey Super Bowl Party Sunday Feb 3** is at the new home of Sandy and Lily Leon in Pt Loma, 2322 Lucerne Drive, San Diego 92106. Chili contest open to all, bring your best chili in your crock-pot; Club to provide tasting cups, soft drinks, snacks. **Please RSVP** and bring a side dish to share, and your Healey. Arrive from 1pm on; game starts at 3:30pm
- **SAVE THE DATES! It's official, Rolling British Car Day will be held on SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 2019.** We are working on the route now, and will update you as our plans solidify. So put it on your calendar, and we'll follow up soon.
- **San Diego British Car Day will be held on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 2019.** Saturday proved to be a popular choice, as opposed to Sunday, so we will continue to hold it on Saturdays. We have our reservation in for Spanish Landing Park East, in Cancer Survivor Park, but we also continue to search for other venues. We're always looking for ways to improve your experience, and bring our British Car culture to the public's attention, and with that in mind, the quest for best venues is never ending.



One improvement that we have made, which we know will be a welcome change, is that if we offer a class, and even one car enters that class, we will not cancel or merge that class. In the past, we have required at least four cars to be entered at least a week in advance, in order to hold that class. This year, we will offer a solid class list, and every class will be held, as long as there is at least one entrant by the deadline. We listened to your input and concerns, and we agreed that merging or canceling classes detracted from your experience at our show. The awards have also changed, and we think that you will be delighted!

Registration will open on September 1st, and you will receive multiple reminders and the link when it opens.

Please save those two dates, APRIL 28th and OCTOBER 12th, and let your clubs and friends know. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the San Diego British Car Club Council, and the continuing appreciation and promotion of the British car culture in San Diego, is our only focus. You are our partners in this work, and we truly appreciate every one of you.

- **April 13th Tour and April 14th La Jolla Concours de Elegance** Do you know folks with clean TR 2s or 3s? The La Jolla Concours de Elegance committee is looking for up to eight nice representatives of the Marque. It is also looking for examples of British sports cars and saloons from 1948 to 1970

The **Concours** is a fun event for those showing their cars, with a tour the day before the Concours and several other parties & activities. The judging is not by Marque specialists, but would have judges familiar with British cars in general. Mark your calendar. The Tour is the 13th of April with the Concours on following on the 14th.



If you know anyone interested please have them contact: Nigel Matthews - e-mail - [nmatthews@hagerty.com](mailto:nmatthews@hagerty.com)

I hope many of you can join us for a great motoring weekend in a beautiful setting,  
Dan Harmer  
San Diego MG T-Register

- **May 13 to 17: California Healey Week** What: Mark your calendar now, don't miss the next great California Healey Week hosted by the Austin Healey Association of Southern California. Full details and Registration information will be forthcoming soon, but this promises to be a fun filled Healey Week with all your favorite activities with a few new twists.

- This will be an "all weekday" event resulting in far lower hotel room rates.

- The Temecula Valley offers a myriad of entertainment opportunities from wineries to casinos, hot air ballooning and golf.

- Average high temperature in May is 77 degrees.
- Plenty of beautiful backroads for our poker run and scenic tour drives.

- Car Show in Old Town Temecula with tons of shopping and dining options and lots of foot traffic.

More info: Online at AHA of SoCal.





For those of us thinking about attending Conclave 2009, hotels are filling fast...

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Preliminary 2019 Calendar****January**

- **19** Tech session Aejnt de Boer 9:30Am-2ish. Parking info will be provided. See Story on page 8.

**February**

- **3** Super Bowl Party-Sandy & Lily Leon's home – More info in newsletter 2PM-6ish
- **9** Hawk Watch in Ramona meet at 9:30; starts at 10am
- **13** Monthly Meeting Marie Callendars- Usual time

**March**

- ( date t/c) Weekend Borrego wildflower drive, Lunch and club meeting, Drive first
- **13** Monthly Meeting –Borrego Meeting may preempt the 13th Meeting More info later
- ( Date t/c) Alan Airways tour – In conjunction with the Antique Auto Club- Meet at a location and caravan over. Follow up with lunch? More info to follow (MTF)

**April**

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- **10** Monthly Meeting
- **13** Campo Train Museum -Drive, Lunch and Train Ride 11Am,1:15PM or 3 PM- MTF
- **13-14** La Jolla Concours Tour April 13th and Car show April 14th
- **28** Rolling British Car Day – MTF Registration \$15.
- **29** Coronado Motorcars on Main Street- Popular show and McP's for happy times?

**May**

- **8** Monthly Meeting
- **13-17** California Healey Week; Temecula Creek Inn. MTF (See page five for preliminary information.)

**June**

- **12** Monthly Meeting
- (Date t/c) Tech Session ? Please contact Lou to discuss this activities

**July**

- **4** Fourth of July Party- Looking for Host, Club funded Party- This may Pre-empt our monthly meeting
- **10** Monthly Meeting

**August**

- (Date t/c) Breakfast on the Bay MTF. Let's discuss
- **14** Monthly Meeting- Our breakfast may pre-empt our monthly meeting.

**September**

- **5-14** Conclave 2019 MTF- Save the dates, See Kirby Flyer and let's discuss further
- **11** Monthly Meeting-
- (Date t/c) Tech Session ? Please contact Lou to discuss this activities

**October**

- **9** Monthly Meeting-Meeting may be During or After British Car Day.
- **12** British Car Day

**November**

- **13** Monthly Meeting

**December**

- **14** Holiday Party- Catered affair as voted during our January meeting MTF
- **31** New Year's in Abingdon MTF

**Note:** We are interested in your input and look forward to getting feedback. We have populated the calendar, after discussion during our January meeting. Activities are subject to change as we get further into 2019 would like to hear from you regarding your interests. Thank you for your input and participation in advance. Please reach out to your board as our contact information is listed in the newsletter. Let's get this Partying started!



## The deBor's Jensen Tech Session

Aeint deBor had asked for a tech session to sort out several problems with their 1974 Jensen Healey. The troubles included a faulty fuel pump, the Jensen's steering column key lock, as well as cleaning up the carb air intake ducting.

Lou Galper, Howard Stark, Udo Putzke, Bob Humphreys were at task when I arrived. Howard was working on the Deloro carburetor air cleaner intake. Udo and Bob were checking out the fuel pump, in the trunk, that was leaking and not getting gas to the carbs. Bob, having experience with his Jensen, went shopping for a new pump and hose. Udo was busy figuring out the fuel pump installation. Lou and I were checking out the coffee and donuts.



By the end of the session the fuel pump problem was solved, With a new one. The carb intake ducting straightened out, and the steering column key lock was working with judicious key-work. It seems that the brass tumbler bushing was worn and in need of additional work, beyond what the tech session could accomplish. The key would turn and the car would start with said judicious jiggling.

A parade of Aeint and Virginia's neighbors came by to see the impromptu Healey car show, followed by some rem-

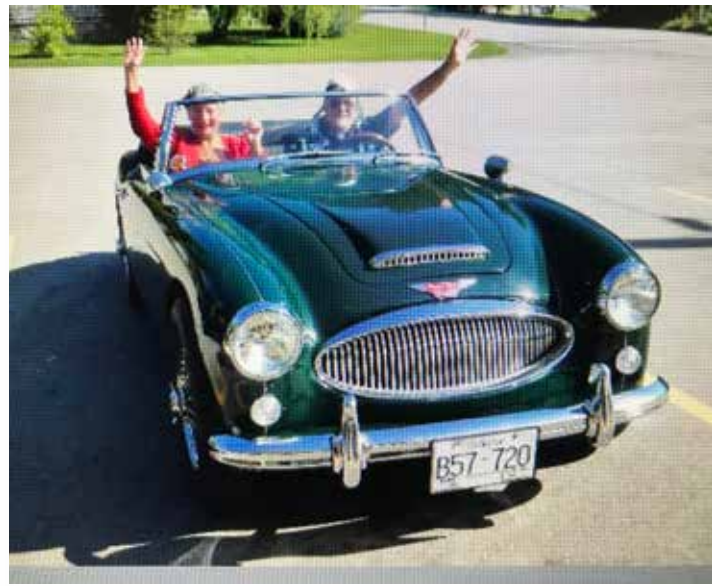


iniscing of memorable times, and younger days and their MG's and TR's. By early afternoon, of a warm winter day, we left Aeint & Virginia with a drivable Jensen, and us with the right number of fingers, which is always nice...





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## CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) AWARD

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, 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 [ricksnover@earthlink.net](mailto:ricksnover@earthlink.net)) within 30 days after the event. AHCS D 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: AHCS D Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCS D Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCS D Healeys on the Green 8pts; California Healey Week, Healey Rendezvous and Austin Healey Conclave 16pts; 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 2pts. Other non-Healey British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award.

All points received during the year by all members will be worth a discount towards the purchase of AHCS D regalia during the subsequent year. 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.

### 2019 CotY Standings (as of December 20)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000 Mk	14	Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	5
Carberry, B&J	AH 3000 Mk III	6	Stalker, G & N	AH 100	4
Grundies, D & D	AH3000 Mk III	6	Galper, L	AH 100	4
Hurley, G	AH 3000 Mk III	6	Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	4
Matheus, E & S	AH Sprite	6	Stark, H & L	AH 3000	4
McAllister, B	AH3000 Mk III	6	Wilhelmy, R&L	Jaguar	3
Richtmyer, R&C	AH 100-6	6	Galper, L	MG B	2
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	6	deBoer, A & G	Jensen Healey	2
Wolf, E & M	AH 100	6			

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