

HEALEY HEARSAY

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Austin-Healey

Club of San Diego



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June 2019

From The Editor:



I remember as a young lad, on a date with a spiffy young lady, being asked why I liked sports cars so much. At that point in my life I was going to college and driving the Devin Special I had built. "Driving a sports car is like traveling with a gay companion" - I said.

That dumb answer from this even dumber twenty-four old got me a cloudy look and a frosty response from the young lady who thought she was the "gay companion" for the evening. I spent the rest of the date night trying to get myself out of the bottomless pit I had just jumped in...

Sports cars, Healey's in particular, can be used for many purposes, as gay companions on the open road, for sure, rallying, racing, status, ego, teaching tool, escape, and just plain good fun. I was first dubious, then intrigued when Dave Grundies volunteered a story and he asked if I could make it a front cover.

Dave provided only landscape format photos with his story. I prefer portrait format for front covers as they present a single unifying image for Healey Hearsay, with the masthead over print for impact. I had tried using landscape photos years before and never personally cared for the results. So I told Dave I would work on it. This month's cover is my best effort. The two overlapping smaller images on the larger center image increases it's size and impact and allows it to dominate the page. The masthead becomes part of the main image by it's overlapping the photos at the top. The background and type colors enhance the bride's gown, as she is truly the front page main feature. So, there you have it, - a chick cover!

Dave's altruistic Healey loan is a life affirming use for Healey's, and a good one... Helping to bring joy into someones life on a very special occasion... It's certainly better than "gay companion"...

June Meeting...

Wed, June 12th @ 6:30 PM

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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, or contact our Membership Coordinator, Don Benke 619-778-1680 dgbenke@cox.net for details and an application.

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On The Cover: Howard Stark and Don Newman represented the Club at the Menghini vinyard for Rolling British Car Day.

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Hello. It's been great traveling around San Diego county and surrounding areas the last few months with our members. Borrego Wild Flowers, RBCD and CHW have been great events including participation and interested members sharing at our club meetings. Now It's time to help get more member cars back on the road and plan some tech sessions.

May 2019 CHW was a banner celebration. The setting was beautiful at Temecula Creek inn with rolling grass hills, trees and the golf course views and the nice facility accommodations. The planned activities were fun for all, well almost all. Driving through the countryside up through Temecula, Julian and around old town Temecula was fun! It only rained the night before and day of the car show and the car planning flexibility with the car show timing, waiting for the rain to end and roads to dry up, worked out perfectly. It was wonderful.

Learned a bit about Wilson Creek Winery and am very impressed with the entire business model and distilling process. The food was also good. I've had limited exposure to Temecula, so driving through wine country was eye opening. I had no idea there were so many huge wineries there. Folks were happy and enjoyable to be with throughout the event. Hat's off to all who planned and supported it as well as all the participants and club members in attendance. We were well represented by our club members and received several car show awards. These will be shared elsewhere in this publication.



Howard & Lynne at Miners Diner in Julian

2019 CHW is very memorable. 2020 CHW will be coupled with 2020 Healey Rendezvous and will be held in Lake Tahoe. More info will be coming, and registration forms available at our next meeting.

Our Campo Train ride and museum event was fantastic. What a wonderful trip. It's been 10 years since Lynne and I had been there and the changes were impressive. The train ride was fun traveling through the hillside seeing rolling hills and valleys, walls of rock and ground beef (lazy cows laying down) The museum was more animated and informative than expected. It was Perfect weather for a drive and fun for all who attended. We went to Café B in Campo for a nice lunch and felt like we had the café all to ourselves. The food and service was very good and I'd recommend going there for food again.

Keep your eyes tuned to our event calendar and plan to join us. The weather is really changing in our favor and there will be more fun to be had. Our next meeting, June 12th, will be at Bullys East, 2901 Camino Del Reo South @ 6:30 pm. We will discuss our upcoming events and plan some tech sessions and future outings. Please come join us.

As an early reminder, our July 4th celebration will be hosted by Don and Pat Benke at their home Saturday July 6th. We will have our membership meeting at the party. There will be no 2nd Wednesday JULY CLUB MEETING on July 10th. If you would like to bring some food to share on July 6th, that would be great! We will discuss what the club will provide at our next meeting.

Remember those who have served and passed and those who serve, honor and protect us this Memorial Day.

**Minutes- Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 –Mainstream Bar and Grill**

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made and seconded, then the members unanimously approved the meeting minutes from last month.

There were 14 members in attendance: Don Benke,, Deborah Durham, Louis Galper (B), Dave Grundies, Eric Graves, Ed Matheus, John McCoy, Udo and Gisela Putzke, Ron Richtmyer, Rick Snover, Howard Stark, Gary Stalker, Warren Voth,

H Drove Healey, B Drove other British car

Membership: VP: VP Don Benke reported 68 memberships. Don reported that the payment to Club of America was submitted on time and 4 rebates for \$30.00 had been received.

He asked Lou to put it into the club calendar and cancel the July 10th meeting.

Treasurer: Gary Stalker reported that the treasury is stable and the club is solvent.

Activities: Louis Galper discussed the next upcoming activities.

- California Healey Week in Temecula May 13-17. 7-8 members will be going.
- Campo Train Ride & Museum May 25th. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Edwards Cinema to drive to Campo. The train leaves at 11:00 a.m.
- Del Mar Fair Car Show with the Triumph Club June 6th at 9:00 a.m. or June 16th at 8 a.m. A few spots open to join the Triumph Club displaying your car at the Fair and getting free admission. Please notify Lou Galper ASAP if interested and to get more information.
- English Motors at Faribrook Farms June 16th
- Father's Day Car Show at Belmont Park June 16th
- June 23 & 30 possible Tech Sessions. More info to come
- Don will host the July 4th club meeting and party on Saturday July 6th at his house, followed by a croquet match.
- Drive to Carlsbad Miniature Museum drive in July. More info to come.
- Breakfast on the Bay and drive in August.
- Weekly Car Shows have now begun Wednesdays in El Cajon, Thursdays in La Mesa and Fridays in Escondido.

Howard said that Rolling British Car Day was a great drive.

June 12th is the next Austin Healey Club monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. at location tbd.

The meeting was adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Durham, AHCSA Secretary.

what the future brings...

- June 9th- Drive with MG Club-Lakeside to Alpine
- Wednesday, June 12th- membership meeting at Bullys East 2909 Camino Del Reo South.

- Healeys at the Del Mar Fair- ANY INTEREST IN THIS FREE CAR SHOW ? Available Dates: Thursday, June 6th and Sunday, June 16th

There are a few spaces available for each day. The Triumph Club has the dates setup for their members and a few of our members.

We'll meet at 9am on Thursday (8am on Sunday) across the Freeway at Gelsons grocery, then caravan together into the Fairgrounds.

The cars, a total of about 15, will be in a roped-off display until about 2pm.

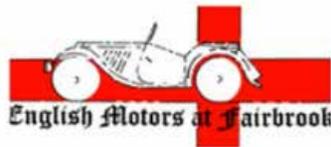
After the cars exit the display area, they will be given a parking pass for the rest of the day in the restricted lot next to the Solana Gate.

Admission is free for the Driver and the Driver's guests for the whole day and night. There will be a People's Choice award.

If interested, call Lou 619-917-9666. or Lou Galper lgalper1@cox.net

- June 15th- Drive to Carlsbad Miniture Craftmanship Museum and Green Dragon Tavern, 8:30 am

- June 16 - English Motors at Fairbrook Farms. 10 AM to 2 PM. Bring the family for a day of car show fun. Register on line.



- June 16, Sunday, Mission Beach Fathers Day Cruise to Belmont Park.

- October 12th, Saturday - San Diego British Car Day - 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!



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Something Old, Something New,
Something Borrowd- in Healey Blue...

My best friend, David Robinson, from down the street, was in a blue funk. None of the girls he dated were “right”. I decided to fix him up with a friend’s sister, Jean Thomas. He said, “What does Jean look like?” I had a Church roster photo of her (identical twin) sister and showed him that. She passed the look test so we set up a dinner where everybody could have a look-see.

It took a while (several Seasons passed) but they were inseparable and decided to get married. What better chariot to start out a new life than a friend’s BJ8, the friend who introduced them!..

Dave Grundies, *matchmaker extroidenare (ed.)*





Howard and Lynne at Miners Diner in Julian.



I met the Wednesday morning CHW2019 scenic tour to the Wilson Winery, in Julian. (I missed Tuesday's events due to a conflict.) I arrived before the tour reached Julian and was am-

bushed by the Stark's and Wilhelm's at the Miners Diner on Main Street. After coffee and Julian Apple Pie, we continued on the back country drive to the Wilson Winery with just about perfect Healey driving weather. The tour wound through Temecula back country, I've never seen, to the Winery. I did not attend the private winery tour, which I heard was excellent, but met the group for lunch at the Creekside Grille and had a great red, complimentary of Ron & Sandy Davies at the next table. What is it that turns normal Healey drivers into winos on almost any occasion?



After lunch, we proceeded to the Temecula Valley Inn where I checked in. The day was becoming cloudy, but still quite nice. I caught a tech session where Terry Cowan was lamenting how difficult it's becoming to get quality paint and other stuff to satisfy virtuous concurs types. Heck folks, it's been sixty five years and time and technology's moved on to places we may not be happy about...but...carry on, Terry...



I met the Wilhelm's for Thursday morning brunch, while we planned an indolent day. The next major event was the barbecue that evening at the Stonehouse. Later that day, I returned to

my room, grabbed my Tony Lama boots and Snowey River hat to meet the shuttle to the Stone House for the barbecue...



Top- Lou & Deborah examine a wine tree on the private winery tour.
Above- Everyone got a free car wash Thursday morning.

Center- a garden display in the patio at Wilson Creek.
Left- The stone house with the barbeque served inside.



The Stone House was an actual existing bunk house on the property before it became the Temecula Valley Inn...

Cowboys and cowgirls and sometime Healey buckaroos load up barbecue family style...

Below- Dave Grundies waits his turn in the grub line...



I joined the Wilhelmy's, Richtmyer's and Dave Grundies, et al, for a very western barbecue of chicken and brisket finished off with cookies and cake, followed by ad-hoc, sort-of ghost stories from people filled with plenty of barbecue and maybe, even more wine... which was unexpected, humourous, and a nice finish for the evening. Then it was time for heavy mist that became rain as the shuttle returned us to the inn...and left us wondering how the car show was going to play out the next day...



Tuesday's Rocker Cover Races preliminarys...

I'm sure the Association was wondering how the show was going to happen too. It was postponed several hours, hoping the rain would stop. I met the Wilhelmy's for munchies at the restaurant, where we had bloody marys, waiting for the weather to clear, as we watched die-hard golfers playing outside in the rain. As fate would have it, the Healey families, from their position on high, were able to intercede for us. The weather cleared up for a pleasant popular choice show in Old Town Temecula. Of course there was plenty of places to eat nearby...



The awards banquet seemed almost anti-climatic, after the cliff-hanger car show. San Di-



Ron & Sandy Davies 100-4ord...

ego managed to pick up the following... Howard and Lynne Stark, 3rd Place BT7, Lou Galper (& Debbie Durham) 2nd Place BN1, Terry Cowan (& Lisa Mandell) - 2nd Place Bugeye Sprite and 1st place Sprite - Gymkhana, Don & Cathy Newman 1st place BJ8, Ron & Carolyn Richt-

meyer picked up the Hard Luck Trophy. Club attendees included Ed & Sandy Mathews, Warren Voth, Dave Grundies, Roland and Loreen Wilhelmy, Chic Linde & Donna Van Houghton, and LaRae & Arthur Neill.... For sure, I had a great time...And

Car Show at Temecula Old Town

Right- Mal Doherty's 100-4, shown by Jon, Greg, and Patty, won Best Of Show, as well as First In Class. Most unique feature is the custom top Mal made, many years ago.



Below- a pair of nice Jensens ...



This nicely turned out Bug-Eye with headrest caught my eye...



Howard & Lynne Stark won 3rd Place, BT7.



Lou Galper (& Deborah Durham) won 2nd Place BN1.



Ron & Carolyn Richtmeyer, picked up the Hard Luck Trophy.



Terry Cowan (& Lisa Mandell) - 2nd Place Bugeye Sprite and 1st place Sprite - Gymkhana,



Don & Cathy Newman 1st place BJ8.



...and we can't forget Loren Wilhelmy and her bloody mary...

ALL ABOARD! Campo Train Ride

Saturdays drive to Campo and the Pacific Southwest Railroad Museum started in front of the Edwards Movie Theatre Rancho San Diego. There, I met Howard & Lynne Stark, Lou Galper, Tom Linnard and daughter Janey, Eric Graves, Kevin Schumacher, and Jan and Douglas Schmidt. (Alejandra and baby AJ Schumacher met us at the train station.) We arrived at the museum after about an hour and a half drive through the back country still green from the late rains.



We arrived about an hour before the scheduled 11AM train ride, and went to the depot office, bought our tickets and poked around looking at the train memorabilia for sale. There was everything from engineer hats to train models to ice cream drumsticks and cold drinks, to train books, to everything "chu-chu".

Then it was time to go *all-aborrrrd*. The ride lasted about an hour as we cruised the back country. Lou Galper, who had the seat in front of me, couldn't find his ticket. When asked for his ticket, Lou coulln' find it, because it had fallen through the seat back and was it my feet. I syggested to the conductor that I could open the window and we could pitch hi off the train. Then I gave Lou his ticket. We saw stuff like cattle, who eyed us and couldn't care less to the Border Patrol doing their work.

We "de-trained" about a quarter mile past the station at the Railway Museum. The museum is built over train tracks with a train engine, tender, a Pullman sleeping car, dining car, and various maintenance support as well as very well signed displays of railroad history dating back to early American railroads, including the cooks, conductors, waiters, brakeman, "Gandy-dancers" (railroad workers), African-American Pullman-porters who worked on Pullman sleeping cars, etc that made rail transportation what it once was. The Museum was worth a drive to Campo...



Above- The gang at the Edwards Theatre.
Left- Tom and Janey ready to roll.



Below- The Campo Museum has a picnic area with great signed exhibits.



Above- A Toddler sized station and train looks inviting for adults too.
Left- Lynne, Jan and Douglas checking out train stuff while Tom and Janey buy their tickets. Tom gets his ticket punched by a jovial conductor



Pacific Southwest Railway Museum



Top- Howard, Lynne and Lou taken for a ride. Tom & Janey buying their tickets at the station.
Middle- Kevin, Alejandra and a serious AJ. Tom & Janey explore a Pullman. Tom Eric and Lynne in the theatre parking lot.
Bottom- Southern Pacific engine and tender. The display at left explains the mechanics of operation of a steam engine.

• 2019 AHCS D ACTIVITIES CALENDAR •

June

- 6 Healeys at the Del Mar Fair
- 9 Drive with MG Club, Lakeside to Alpine
- 6-16 Possible Healeys at the Fair - Full day
- 12 Monthly Meeting....Bullys East
- 15 Drive to Carlsbad Miniture Craftsmanship Museum and Green Dragon Tavern, 8:30 am
- 16 Fathers Day Car Show at Belmont Park
- 16 Healeys at the Del Mar Fair.

July

- 6 **Yes...4th of July Party and club meeting, on the Sixth of July!** - Hosted by Don & Pat Benke at their home. Club funded party - 10AM to 3PM See roster for address
- 14 Tech session tentative
- 20 Tech session tentative

August

- 3 Breakfast on the Bay, Crown Point
- 10 National CityCar Show
- 14 Monthly Meeting

September

- 5-14 Conclave 2019 MTF- Save the dates, See Kirby Flyer and let's discuss further
- 11 Monthly Meeting-

October

- Octoberfest- Open
- 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

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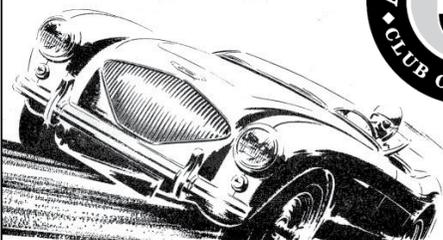
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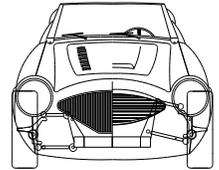
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To recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) points for various activities. Opportunities to collect COTY points include any car-related events (shows, drives, rallies, 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) 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 May 20)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Stark, H & L	AH 3000	62	Leon, S & L	AH Sprite	10
Voth, W	AH 3000 Mk III	40	Stalker, G & N	AH 100	10
Galper, L	AH 100	32	Turner, C & S	Jaguar	8
Grundies, D & D	AH3000 Mk III	28	Mayer, B	AH Sprite	6
Newman, D & C	AH 3000 Mk III	26	Snover, R & A	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Matheus, E & S	AH Sprite	20	Graves, E	AH 3000 Mk II	6
Humphries, B & B	AH 3000 Mk II	18	Schumacher, K & A	AH 100	6
Galper, L	Jaguar XJ6	17	Galper, L	MG B	5
Cowan, T	Speedwell Sprite	16	Benke, D & P	AH 3000 Mk III	4
Cowan, T & Lisa M	AH 3000 Mk III	16	Putzke, U & G	AH 3000 Mk II	4
Linde, C	AH 100	16	Wilhelmy, R&L	Jaguar	3
Phillips, L & Arthur N	AH 3000 Mk II	16	Schmidt, J	Mini	3
Richtmyer, R&C	AH 100-6	16	deBoer, A & G	Jensen Healey	2
Linnard, T	AH 3000 Mk III	12			

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