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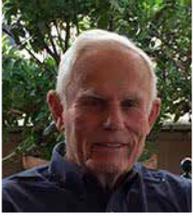
Club of San Diego

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August 2020

## From The Editor:



**I**'m more than ready for this pandemic to be over, as I'm sure you are... Some of us wonder if we are going to survive. As I look around, some seem to be content with doing less. We might take a lesson from our Healeys for insight and perspective. ...  
*They are survivors...*

My '66 BJ8 was not designed to survive. We purchased it in 1967. It was a trade in for our '59 100-6 that was getting long in the tooth. As I've mentioned, we found it at Westcott Motors, in National City. It had about four or five thousand miles on it. And had been driven across country from Florida as it had those plates on it.

I believe its previous owner was an Air force pilot named Curtis Blount. Curtis had a dog who rode with him because the owners manual has a corner chewed off as only a bored dog copilot would do. I tried to find Curtis, several years ago, but to no avail...

So why was my Healey, and yours too, not designed to survive? Because they were built for the export market, right after World War Two. Now, I'm not blaming the British, for building an imperfect product. All of Europe had just passed through seven shades of Hell. They built with what they had on hand. It must have been evident, after the BN1 and 2 that there were some built in longevity problems in frame and body work. Who knew that Austin Healeys would arrive at cult status years later? The wisdom of the time might have been if they last for ten or fifteen years, they've done their job.

I wonder if I am good enough to survive the pandemic. Most of my friends from college and career have already pulled off the road. My Healey is good enough to survive this far. To be fair, It's had more than a little help from me, along the way. It's still an "unstrung pearl"- not a frame off restoration so the underside, though solid, is protected, like myself, by the patina of life, with more adventures to come...

I look out my office window to the fountain. Rabbits fertively drink. The quail have come down from the hill for a their morning spritz. The doves nesting under the eves, are teaching their young to leave the safety of the nest for the rest of their lives. And I think, what have I forgotten? What do I need to re-remember to survive?...

Warren Voth



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**On The Cover:** *Dave Grundies following Howard and Lynne Stark. Rick and Allie Snover are just making the turn by the organ pavilion in Balboa Park on the Rolls Royce- Bentley Owners Club drive.*

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August Message

Hello. We were invited to join the Rolls Royce and Bentley car clubs for a socially distanced drive. We met July 12th on Shelter Island and it was a great day! I have to say that the lockdown has been difficult and going out for a drive was very uplifting. Everyone took necessary precautions to keep themselves safe and it was wonderful sharing this time together with car club members. All in all there were approximately 35 cars, leaving in small groups driving a planned route from the Bali High and finishing up at Mission Bay. The cars looked great! I believe this ride went off without incident, except for one member that experienced a bit of overheating. It was very nice seeing people, cars and being out. It was a great escape from lockdown and seemed to be enjoyed by all.



As we continue to navigate these challenging times, it remains a bit problematic to hold club meetings in restaurants, even outdoors, especially for larger groups. We have become a bit creative, so last month we had a Zoom meeting. We can now handle having extended length Zoom meetings to accommodate our members. We had a good meeting turnout and it was great seeing and hearing from you. Approximately 19 members attended. I will work to get my visual connectivity issue resolved, prior to our next zoom meeting scheduled for Wednesday August 12th at 6:30PM. There will be a monthly meeting notice provided before each meeting to enable you to connect. A link, access number and dial in phone number will be provided. Although it may be an adjustment for some members to use zoom, it is worth it. We hope more will attend our meeting on Wednesday August 12th, to discuss Breakfast on the Bay and our drive on Saturday August 15th. We won't be cooking, but bring what ever you may want to eat or drink. Our club will provide Coffee and wrapped pastries. We can meet and stay socially distanced, while we eat and enjoy getting together, then go for a drive to Mt Soledad. If you have portable seating, it may be a good idea to bring it. We will discuss this further and have requested RSVP's from everyone by our August 12th meeting. Lou will have more details in the activity section of this newsletter and send out another notification regarding August 15th.. We will maintain safety and social distance.

As always, Warren is looking for articles of interest to include in the Healey Hearsay. Please send articles to him directly by the 20th of each month. Your article may be published in the next news letter, imagine that!

See you all soon

Howard Stark

**Wednesday August 12th  
ZOOM CLUB MEETING  
Link and time to be emailed**

### Minutes: Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020 Online via Zoom

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

There were 19 members in attendance via Zoom: Don Benke, Howard & Lynne Stark, Jim Court, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Alex Watt, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Sandy & Lilly Leon, Louis Galper, Will Rogers, Ed Matheus, Eric Graves, Bob & Barbara Humphreys, Rick Snover and Bill Slade.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve minutes from March meeting (last meeting). Minutes were approved.

President – New Business: Howard reported and brought forward for discussion the following:

- Club PO Box - Box has been secured and paid for thru July of 2021.
- Bob Kitterer passed on July 2nd. Lynne sent a plant and sympathy card to Delores from the Club.
- Upcoming Club Meetings - Club member feedback solicited on everyone's comfort levels or concerns with potentially having meetings again in restaurants or outdoor dining facilities once restrictions are lifted. Eric Graves suggested a Saturday morning breakfast meeting combined with a drive with masks and social distancing. Club members in attendance expressed interest in having this type of a club meeting.
- Party planning for the upcoming Holiday. Club members were encouraged to provide ideas and suggestions for the holiday party. Automotive Museum and a club members home with a catered menu were discussed as possible options. Potential headcount restrictions need to be checked with the Museum. Additional discussion planned for the next meeting.
- 2021 Conclave in Big Bear, CA – Terry to provide information on the dates so information can be provided to club members for planning purposes.
- Club of America – Insurance carrier change. Don has requested info on limitations and liabilities. Sandy to make payment for one local member for 2019.
- British Car Day – Cancelled
- Activity RSVPs - Club Members are asked to RSVP for activities so that appropriate provisions can be made, and club interest can be determined for future activities, drives, etc. RSVPs can be made to Lou.
- Activities: Lou reviewed the following upcoming activities: Drive on Sunday July 12th with the Rolls Royce Club. (July Club Activity) Meet at the Bali Hai at 10am. Cars rollout at 10:30am Route: Harbor Dr, Mission Hills, Mission Bay / 22 miles
- August Club Meeting – Sat Aug 15th
- Club members are asked to contact Lou with their preferred activity for the August meeting. Masks and social distancing in effect for both options per county guidelines.
- Mt Soledad Drive – Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy in the outdoors with your fellow club members
- Breakfast on the Bay – Bring your own breakfast to enjoy by the water with your fellow club members.
- Membership: Don reported 71 members. Welcome new members Robert and Kathleen Reid (1959 100-6)
- Treasurer: Sandy Leon reported the treasury is stable and the club is solvent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

*what the future brings*

Austin Healey Club of San Diego  
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### ROLLS ROYCE & BENTLEY OWNERS CLUB COVID TOUR

Story and Healey photos by Alex Watt

Early in July we received an invitation from the Rolls Royce and Bentley Owners Club to join them on a 22 mile drive through parts of downtown San Diego. The tour started at Shelter Island, then went along Harbor Drive to the Embarcadero, past the Star of India, and then heading up Broadway to Balboa Park, where there was a quick stop to regroup and cool off. We then went through Balboa Park, and Hillcrest to the Presidio, where we all had our pictures taken, and then it was off around Mission Bay ending up at Dana Landing.

There were a total of 35 cars took part in the drive. As it was organized by the RR&BOC, they led the procession with 11 cars, covering a total of 99 years with a

1921 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost and a 2020 Rolls Royce Cullinan. The Healey Club was well represented with 16 Club members, with 7 Healeys, a Jensen, an Aston Martin, and one modern car. Members present were Don Benke, Howard & Lynn Stark, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, Bob & Barb Humphries, Dave Grundies, Rick & Allie Snover, Eric Graves, Kevin & Alejandra Schumacher, Robert & Anne Rast, and Alex & Sandy Watt.

The weather was a little on the warm side being the hottest day of the year, and this resulted in some discomfort in the non-air conditioned cars. Still everyone had a great time and it was good to get back on the road.

I want to thank the RR&BOC for inviting other car clubs to join them on the tour. It was nice to have the mix of marques, and with all the “normal” events being cancelled, being able to get back out made for a special day. Sandy Watt ■



Dave Grundies in his  
'65 300 MK III B8 Ph 2.



Alex & Sandy Watin their  
1961 Aston Martin DB4



RROC San Diego Tour

Eric Graves in his  
1965 3000 Mk3 BT7



Howard & Lynne Stark in  
their 1960 3000 MK1 BT7.



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Bob & Barbara Humphreys  
in their  
1971 Jensen Interceptor III



Lou Galper  
& Deborah Durham  
in his 1955 100 BN1.

Rick & Allie Snover in their  
1962 3000 BT7



Robert & Anne Rast in their  
1960 3000 Mk1 BT7

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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. AHCSO 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: AHCSO Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSO Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSO 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 AHCSO 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.

## 2020 CotY Standings (as of July 20)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	34	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8	10
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	24	Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	8
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	18	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	18	Polger, L. & A.	1966 3000 MkI	6
Court, J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	16	Rast R. & A.	1967 3000 BT7	6
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	16	Stalker, G. & N.1	955 100 BN1	6
Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 MkII BT7	16	Wilhelmy, R. & L.	1953 100 BN1	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	16	Wolf, E. & M.	1954 100 BN1	6
Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	12	Court, J.	Aston Martin DB9	4
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	12	Galper, L.	1964 MGB	4
Humphreys, B. & B.	1971 Jensen Interceptor III	11	Humphreys, B. & B.	1960 3000 BT7	4
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	10	Slade, S. & B. 1	957 100-6 BN4	4
Neumeyer, E. & A.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	10	Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	4

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Birthdays/Anniversaries. Includes August AHCS D Birthdays and Anniversaries list.

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• Do you enjoy the club's events and drives?
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• Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
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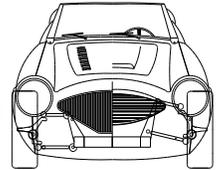
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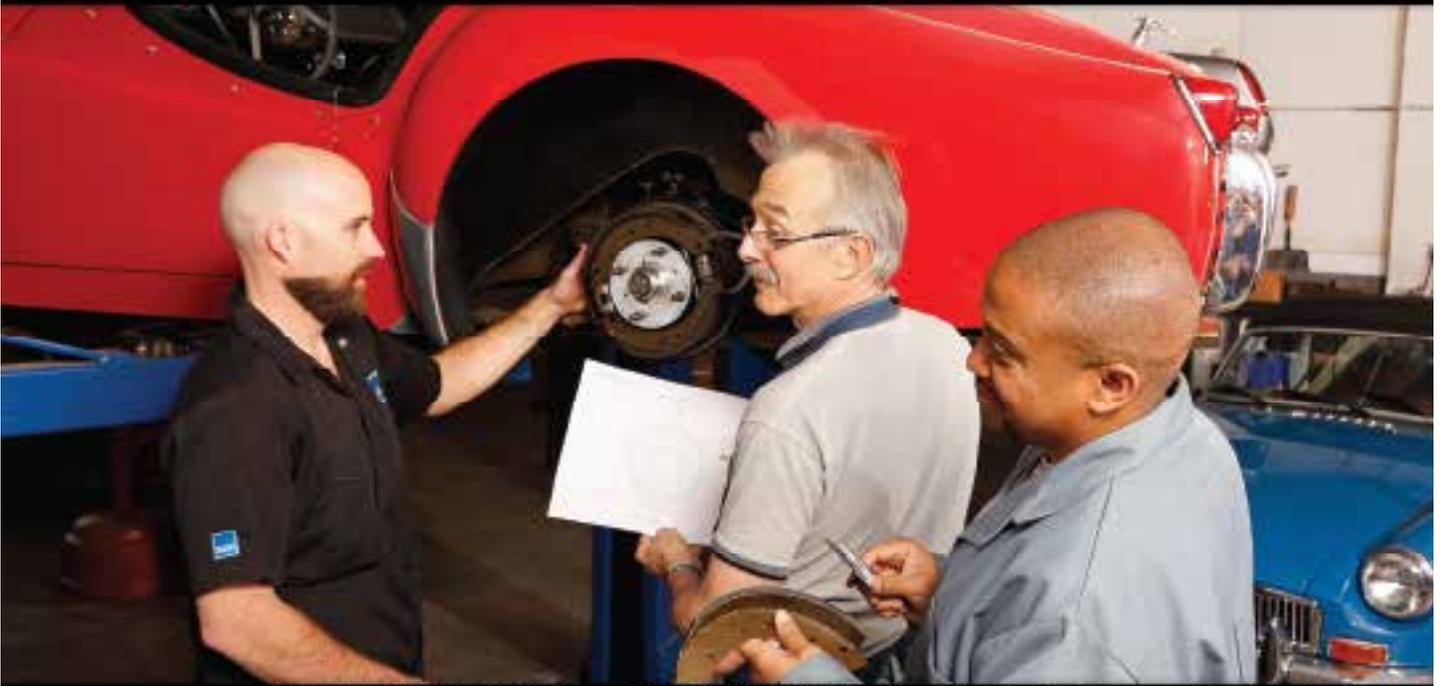
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