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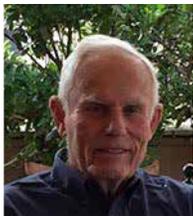


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November 2020

## From The Editor:



**T**his issue ends my third year as editor for this stint. I have been editor off and on, since 1994. I want to again mention the many compliments I have received as editor. I appreciate them as they keep me

on track, talking about Healey stuff and how they are a part of our lives. As I have said before, they tell me I am connecting with you, editing and writing stories you hopefully will enjoy reading.

November 11th is our annual meeting and election of officers. I keep hoping for new blood on the board as I'm sure some of our board members would like a respite. Is that going to happen? I keep hoping for them...

I mentioned, in last month's Minutes, I was going to recount past Club adventures. They'll be new to some, and hopefully reminisced by others. Loreen Wilhelmy has already typed the first of a four episode story of our journey to *Open Roads 2002* to Washington state. There will be a hiatus as I need to solve a scanner problem for photos from before digital cameras and smart phones. The software for my scanner is out of date and surprisingly, Canon does not have an update. So I'm researching alternate software, or perhaps a new scanner

I want to thank Neil and Nancy Tabachki for inviting the club to their ranch and patio for our picnic lunches. Their picturesque home was an ideal spot to chat, munch, and enjoy the day. And thank Activities Lou Galper organizing the drive, the story, and many of the photos to go with it...and Dave Grundies who caught me in his mirror...

If no additional activities are planned for November, I will be taking the drive, I mentioned in last months Activities column, that didn't happen. That is the I-8 East to Sunrise Highway through to Cuyamaca Lake, to Descanso and 1-8 West home. I plan to stop for lunch somewhere. If anyone is interested we could go together. Let me know...

As the pandemic continues to dominate our lives, the fact that it impacts the Club is problematic. Club participation is a personal choice. The newsletter now is increasingly created from past events. I hope this works out for each of us, and the Club...

Regards, Warren



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**On The Cover:** *The usual Club suspects lined up and hobbled while their riders are on the Tabachki's patio munching their lunches...*

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Hello

It's hard to believe year end will soon be upon us. I hope everyone has a healthy happy holiday season.

I need not elaborate on this strange year as we are all living it. I look forward to much less isolation and great times in 2021. We did have some fun driving events this year and hope to continue with some new and interesting driving events through next year. I hope 2021 will be a year to remember, in a good way. Many of us have reservations for Conclave 2021 in Big Bear. Being hopeful we all will be able to attend, there are approximately 25 AHCSA members planning to enjoy this event driving our Healey's. Let's all be optimistic for better times ahead.

I wanted to delay my President's message until after the Halloween drive but life got in the way. Lynne and I were unable to attend, but we heard it was a great time and special event with perfect weather and driving conditions. Thank you for the get well wishes. I'm really disappointed we were unable to go. I want to express our appreciation and thank Neil and Nancy Tabachki for sharing their home and patio for lunch.

This year end feels a little empty, as we usually gather for many celebrations including our Holiday party. We are all aware the holiday party will not be possible. Venues are not allowing large gatherings. Next year we can possibly plan a catered event and with your input, we'll see what is reasonable and possible. Usually, the Coty award is presented each year at the holiday party. Currently the points are very close and it will take until the end of November to determine the winner. The award will be given at the end of the year. I am looking forward to everyone getting out and driving a lot next year.

It is membership renewal time, and board member elections. Please send in membership renewals to Don Benke and consider offering your time and energy to volunteer for a Board position. You can do it! I would like to express my gratitude for all our Board members efforts this past year and for everyone remaining flexible adjusting to the pandemic and staying in touch with us.

Our Zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30PM. This meeting will focus on our Board member elections. Don Benke will conduct the election electronically and will advise us how votes will be cast and counted. Please join in and cast your votes. A Zoom meeting notification link and meeting number will be sent by Rick Snover, prior to the meeting. We will discuss whether there will be a December meeting and December newsletter during our November meeting. Please save the date and I look forward seeing and hearing from everyone at our meeting.

Stay safe and be well

Howard Stark

**Wed. November 11th, 6:30 PM  
ZOOM CLUB MEETING  
You won't want to Miss Elections**

## Minutes: Austin Healey Club of San Diego Monthly Meeting Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 Online via Zoom

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

**There were 18 members in attendance:** Don Benke, Howard & Lynne Stark, Alex Watt, Terry Cowan & Lisa Mandell, Sandy Leon, Louis Galper, Ed Matheus, Warren Voth, Bob & Barbara Humphreys, Rick Snover, The McAllister Family, Dave Grundies and Will Rogers.

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion made to approve minutes from Sept 9th meeting. Minutes were approved.

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

- **Conclave 2021 Update:**  
Main hotel for the event is sold out. Overflow hotel, Robinhood Lodge still has some rooms available. 26 members of the club are currently registered to attend Conclave.
- **Face Masks:**  
Bob Humphreys has a supplier for face masks with our logo. We will need to order a minimum of 50 masks. Members are encouraged to provide ideas on the logo for the masks. Masks will be \$6 - \$7 per mask. At the November meeting we will decide on the logo and determine how many masks to order. Doc McAllister has offered to also donate 25 – 30 face shields to the club.
- **Jim Court moving to Las Vegas:** Jim asked Howard to share with everyone how welcomed he felt by club members and he was extremely happy to have had an opportunity to be a part of our group.

**Activities:** Lou reviewed the following upcoming activities:

- **Halloween Drive – Sat October 31st:**  
Some members are interested in a North County drive and outdoor lunch on Sat Oct 31st. We discussed possibly bringing candy to donate but with COVID restrictions it's not likely organizations are accepting food donations.
- **Future Activities**  
Current environment continues to create challenges with planning club activities so members are encouraged to share ideas with Lou or other board members on favorite drives where social distancing guidelines can be observed.

**Membership:** Don reported 70 members. Membership dues for next year will be due and Lynne has offered to help Don with contacting members.

**Treasurer:** Sandy Leon reported the treasury is stable and the club is solvent.

**Editor:** Warren is requesting articles of interest for the newsletter. Please send stories and photos by the 20th for inclusion in the newsletter. Warren is also planning to run a series of stories over the next 4 months for a redo of a 2750-mile drive Warren and the Wilhemy's made to Ocean Shores Washington in 2000.

**November Club Elections:** Elections will be held at the **Nov 11th Zoom meeting**. Members are encouraged to volunteer for positions. Don reported the following board members have agreed to retain their positions for next year unless there are members who would like to run: **President:** Howard Stark **Vice President:** Don Benke **Treasurer:** Sandy Leon **Editor:** Warren Voth **Activities:** Lou Galper. The position of Secretary is not filled and open to any members interested in volunteering.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

• *what the future brings* •

Austin Healey Club of San Diego  
**2020 CALENDER**

• **November**

- **11** Monthly Meeting and Board Elections- Volunteer for a position and Cast your Vote.

• **December**

- **12** Holiday Party – More to follow
- **31** New Year's in Abingdon 2pm to 4pm – Location to be announced

Revised: October 2nd , 2020

***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.
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## October Halloween Drive...

### Healeys to Julian 10/31/20

By Lou Galper

October weather made for great drive for the AHCS D crew. We met Saturday morning at Parkway Plaza shopping center. Bill Mayer, Tom Linnard, Eric Graves, Lou Galper, Deborah Durham, Warren Voth and Dave Grundies took off at 10am for the ride. Traveling to Lakeside, around the Rodeo Arena and up Wildcat Canyon Road past Barona Casino towards Ramona. We turned onto Old Julian Highway, no traffic, and bypassed downtown



Ramona till we merged onto the 78, just before heading down to Santa Ysabel.

Meeting us at Dudleys in Santa Ysabel were Ed Matheus, Bob & Kathleen Reed and Udo Putzke. Neil Tabachki came down from their ranch to lead us up for a lunch break on his deck overlooking his valley.

Gisela and Nancy were already on-site to greet us and show off their horses for the



day. A great time for all of us who had never been there, then the East County group headed off to downtown Julian, and onto the road to Lake Cuyamaca and the ride home. The North County drivers retraced the roads back towards Escondido. Masks were off only for picture-taking (Lou). ■

**Top-** Dave Grundies gave a thumbs up from the Parkway Plaza Shopping Center before we left for Santee and Wildcat Canyon Road to Ramona and Old Julian Highway. **Above-** New members, Bob & Kathleen Reid in their recently purchased '59 100-6. **Left-** Ed Matheus with their '60 Sprite AN5, Back on the road after top end repair from September's Breakfast On The Bay drive. Welcome, Back Ed and Sprite...

## To Julian & The Tabachki Ranch



Dave Grundies captured me in his rear view mirror on the Old Julian Highway to Santa Ysabel...



Below- The usual suspects in front of Neil & Nancy Tabachki's ranch near Julian. I was surprised that this picture caught an unusual haze (circled). I mentioned this to Nancy, hoping that it wasn't smoke. Smoke is a natural paranoia for back country folks, like me.... She mentioned that it is often there, an atmospheric phenomena. Barn and stable are behind their home for their miniature horses. Critter proof garden is to the right...



## Miniature Horses & Healeys...

**Miniature horses** are found in many nations, particularly in Europe and the Americas. The designation of miniature horse is determined by the height of the animal, which, depending on the particular breed registry involved, is usually less than as measured at the last hairs of the mane, which are found at the withers. While miniature horses are the size of a very small pony, many retain horse characteristics and are considered "horses" by their respective registries. They have various colors and coat patterns.

Miniature horses are friendly and interact well with people. For this reason they are often kept as family pets, though they still retain natural horse behavior, including a natural fight or flight instinct, and must be treated like an equine, even if they primarily serve as a companion animal.



Nancy and Gisela show off Nancy's miniature horses...

Neil Shows their very well put together '58 100-6 BN4. There's a spiffy matching red BN4 trailer in the garage... maybe to take along Nancy's favorite miniature horse?...

## ...Kicking Back On The Deck



**Right-** Hosts Neil & Nancy Tabachki with Gisela & Udo Putzke, Eric Graves, Dave Grundies, Tom Linnard, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham.

**Below-** New members **Bob & Kathleen Reid** are standing behind Dave and Tom.



Above- ...And I said...*“Everyone look like you’re having a good time”*...



**Above-** Lou Galper & Deborah Durham with Lou’s ‘55 100 BN1, *“The oldest car of the day”*...



The event of the  
year! Austin Healey  
Conclave 2021.

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# CONCLAVE 2021 IS SELLING OUT FAST!

## HEALEY OWNERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY SIGNING UP IN RECORD NUMBERS

### Don't be Left Out, Register Now!

Healey owners have been signing up in droves for Conclave 2021 at Big Bear Lake which will run from May 16-21. Event Chairman Steve Kirby noted, "We have been overwhelmed by the response from across the country! We are well on our way to selling out the hotel's 148 rooms but are making arrangements for alternative lodging should that happen".

Registrations have already been received from more than a dozen states as well as Canada. There is even interest from Healey Owners in Australia and New Zealand, presuming those countries lift their travel bans. Kirby noted, "Frankly, we were a little concerned about the location, being so far West. We thought that might deter folks from the East, but that does not seem to be happening". Registration is open now, both online and by mail. Visit



Join the fun May 16-21, 2021 at Big Bear Lake, CA!



[www.conclave2021.com](http://www.conclave2021.com) for full event info and to register or print the registration form. Once your registration has been received and paid, you will receive an email with hotel booking info and the Group Code. The event hotel is currently **sold out**, however accommodations have been reserved at the nearby **Robin Hood Resort**. A waiting list is being kept for the Lodge at Big Bear and you will be notified if rooms become available. The organizers are also offering a COVID Guarantee... in case the event must be cancelled, you will receive a full refund for your

registration fees, minus a small handling charge. Registrants will then be mailed their Welcome Gifts and any Regalia ordered.

Don't wait any longer, register now!

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## Scenic Tour and TSD Rally to Visit Joshua Tree National Park

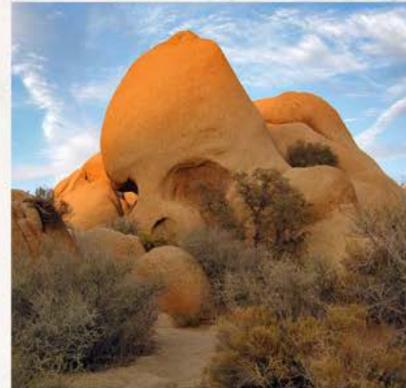
On Tuesday, May 18th Conclave guests will have a choice of a dramatic Scenic Drive at their own pace, or participation in the Time/Speed/Distance (TSD) Rally. Both events will cover the same route with Joshua Tree National Park being the destination.



Joshua Tree National Park, Cali.

Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave, and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. A fascinating variety of plants and animals make their homes in a land sculpted by strong winds and occasional torrents of rain. Dark night

skies, a rich cultural history, and surreal geologic features add to the wonder of this vast wilderness in southern California. The higher and cooler Mohave Desert is the special habitat of Yucca brevifolia, the Joshua tree for which the park is named. It occurs in patterns from dense forests to distantly spaced specimens. In addition to Joshua tree forests, the western part of the park includes some of the most interesting geologic displays found in California's deserts. The dominant geologic features of this landscape are hills of bare rock, usually broken up into loose boulders. Together with the boulder piles and Skull Rock, the trees make the landscape otherworldly. Temperatures in May are moderate with the average high in the mid-80's.



The famous Skull Rock in Joshua Tree Park.

Most of the distance to the Park is on the very scenic Highway 38 which crosses Onyx Summit at 8,443 feet, the highest state highway in Southern California. From the summit you will descend to 1,358 feet in Redlands, before proceeding to the Park, where elevations range from 2,000 to 5,000 feet.

After a lunch in nearby Twenty-Nine Palms, your drive back to Big Bear will be via another scenic route through the Lucerne Valley. All in all, it should be a great day to drive a Healey!

Check out this YouTube video of California Healey Week in Big Bear in 2012. This episode of Car Crazy, hosted by Barry Meguiar, originally aired on the Velocity Channel.

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## Conclave Optional Events Announced

In addition to all the regular events offered at Conclave, there will be two optional events on offer.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, you may opt to take a tour of the lake on the Big Bear Queen, a sixty passenger Paddlewheel boat. Enjoy a 90 minute excursion narrated by Captain Chris, a lifelong **BIG BEAR QUEEN** captain, who conveys Big Bear Valley's history, including the solar observatory, Garstin Island, celebrity homes, the story of the Four Dams, some of the best fishing spots and other fun stuff in Big Bear. Within walking distance from the Lodge, a tour on the QUEEN completes your mountain visit (and you can BYOB and snacks).

Due to the high demand for this option, there will be two sailings each evening, 5:00pm and 6:30pm. You can pick your sailing time when you check in at the event but do sign up in advance when you register.

On Monday evening, following a no host cocktail party, guests are invited to experience an authentic Santa Maria BBQ Dinner, the original California BBQ. **Santa Maria-style** barbecue is a regional



*The Big Bear Queen, a paddlewheel boat, giving tours of Big Bear Lake on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.*

culinary tradition rooted in the Santa Maria valley near Santa Barbara. This method of barbecuing dates back to the mid-19th century and is today regarded as a "mainstay of California's culinary heritage".

Santa Maria-style barbecue centers around beef tri-tip seasoned with black pepper, salt, and garlic before grilling over coals of native coast live oak. The grill is made of iron and usually has a hand crank that lifts or lowers the grill over the coals to the desired distance from the heat. Chicken and sausage are also offered

The traditional accompaniments are pinto beans, fresh salsa, tossed green salad, and grilled French bread dipped in sweet melted butter.

Don't miss out on this unique culinary experience!



*An authentic Santa Maria BBQ Dinner will be offered on Monday evening.*

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# Conclave 2021 – Day by Day

Conclave 2021 will offer all the traditional events and much more, with plenty of time to socialize with old friends and make new acquaintances. The week will unfold as follows:

## SUNDAY, MAY 16

**Hotel and Event Check-in**, time for a **Car Wash** (on site) or to relax in the Social Center. No host evening **Cocktail Party** with appetizers and a special **Guest Speaker**. Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts



and Photo Contest displays open. Dinner on your own at the hotel or one of the numerous nearby establishments.

## MONDAY, MAY 17

After breakfast we will head out on our **Poker Run and Tour** around the Lake and into the mountains. **Concours Judging** all

day. **Cocktails and final Poker Card draw** in the evening, followed by the optional **Santa Maria BBQ Dinner** by the pool.

## TUESDAY, MAY 18

Today is our big drive, your choice of participating in the TSD Rally or just enjoying the scenery. We will head down the mountain on scenic Highway 38 to visit **Joshua Tree National Park**, a truly unique landscape and habitat. After lunch, we will return to Big

Bear via another mountain route. Tonight will feature the preliminary and practice rounds of **Rocker**

**Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center. Many have decided to partake of the optional **Paddlewheel Boat Tour** on the Lake.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

**Car Show Day** is here! After your commemorative photo is taken you will be directed



to your parking spot on Pine Knot Avenue, the main drag in Big Bear where we will wow the tourists with our dazzling cars. Late afternoon will see the



finals of **Rocker Cover Racing** followed by a no-host **Cocktail Party** in the Social Center and more **Paddlewheel Boat Touring**.

## THURSDAY, MAY 20

**Gymkhana and Funkhana Day** at the Big Bear Airport. For those not participating there will be several optional self-driving opportunities including a **Lake Arrowhead drive, Morongo/Las Vegas style casino visit, Palm Spring Aerial Tramway**

**ride, Idyllwild and Palms to Pines Highway tour and many other options.** Late afternoon will include **Tech Sessions** and a **Ladies Only Event**. A final **Cocktail Party** with appetizers

will precede the **Grand Banquet, Awards Ceremony, conclusion of the Silent Auction and**

a very special Healey guest.

## FRIDAY, MAY 21

Start your morning with an included **Farewell Breakfast**. We will have some special fun awards and the event signage will be auctioned off.



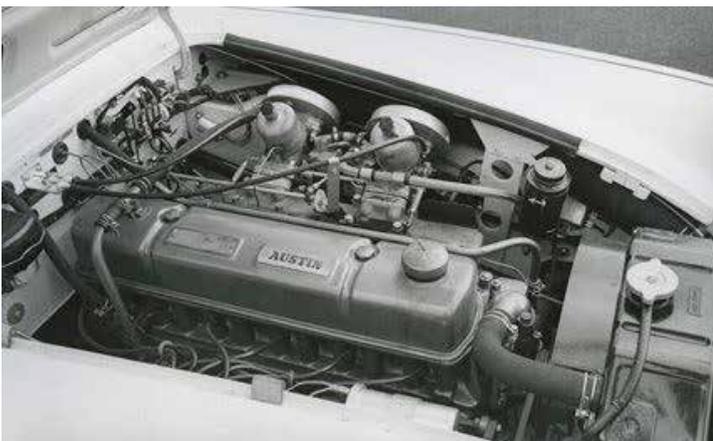
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Registration is now open. You may register online or by mail. Visit [www.conclave2021.com](http://www.conclave2021.com) for full event and hotel information and to start registration. Please note the money back COVID-19 Guarantee. Please answer all the questions carefully, we are collecting a log of information to make your visit as personalized and enjoyable as possible. Once we have received your paid registration, you will receive an email containing the code required to book your room.



Capping a three-year period which has seen BMC score a series of truly dramatic engineering and marketing breakthroughs with cars like the Mini-Minor, the MG/Morris 1100, and the MGB, the new Austin-Healey is a bit of an anachronism. It really doesn't seem to be in keeping with the newly won BMC reputation for brilliantly executed dream-cars-come-true. It's marvelous fun to drive, it makes a great whomping six-cylinder noise, and it has all the qualities one traditionally associates with wind-in-the-face sports cars. But somehow these qualities, of themselves, aren't enough to keep us from being a trifle disappointed with the over-all result.

When first introduced at the London Motor Show of 1952, the Austin-Healey was an overnight sensation. This creation, inspired by Donald Healey and designed by B. Bilyd and G. Coker, has withstood the test of time, and the body lines remain basically the same, although the car has undergone numerous mechanical changes through the years. British Motor Corporation ceased to enter it in sports-car races when the six-cylinder engine replaced the old Austin 16-based four, but it is now a contender for international rally honors.

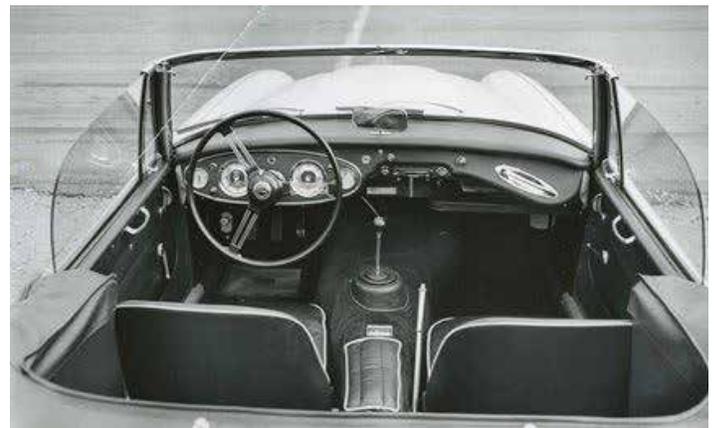


AN ENGINE PRODUCED IN LARGE VOLUME IN ITS SINGLE-CARBURETOR FORM PROVIDES A HIGHLY RELIABLE POWER PLANT FOR A SPORTS CAR. CAR AND DRIVER

With a hard-to-beat combination of great structural strength and booming performance, the Austin-Healey has been a consistent top finisher in the hands of drivers like Pat Moss and David Seigle-Morris. The sight and sound of Pat Moss howling over an Alpine pass in hairy-looking Healey, sans bumpers and loaded with lights, is a never-to-be-forgotten thrill. In more than one rally the straight-line performance of the Healey has given it the edge over many more sophisticated, more expensive automobiles.

Repeated efforts to up-date the car have been successful in that its appeal has been broadened and sales have continued at a high level. But looking at the 1963 version one sees much evidence of a 10-year-old design. This is particularly true of the suspension, which provides a harder ride than many lighter and later sports cars. The main attraction of the Austin-Healey 3000 lies in its powerful and untemperamental engine—a sports version of the BMC C-type unit that powers the Austin A-110, the Wolseley 6/110 and the Vanden Plas Three-Liter. The latest Austin-Healey version has two carburetors instead of the three that have been standard equipment for three years—BMC has managed to cut manufacturing costs and simplify maintenance without accepting any reduction in performance. The big and heavy engine develops maximum torque at 3,000 rpm and begs for high gearing. A good compromise has been found by using a 3.91-to-one rear axle ratio and fitting a Laycock-de Normanville overdrive unit on the transmission. In this manner, normal top gear gives brisk acceleration while overdrive top provides economical and relatively silent high-speed cruising. The engine is quiet up to about 3,000 rpm; after that noise seems to increase in direct proportion to rpm.

WIND-UP WINDOWS AND A CENTRAL GEAR LEVER SET THE INTERIOR OF THE NEW MODEL APART FROM EARLIER AUSTIN-HEALEY VERSIONS.



A new centrally located gear lever has replaced the cranked direct-working side lever of previous models, but the remote-control linkage is no quicker than the offset mechanism, and during warm-up requires much more muscle than the old linkage. As on so many BMC models, the main complaint in the transmission department remains the absence of synchromesh on bottom gear. The gate itself is the same as before, and reverse engagement is excellent. You positively cannot get reverse by mistake, yet when you want it a sharp sideways tap on the lever brings it over the catch so easily as to make parking almost a pleasure.

In many ways the fun of driving a Healey is directly traceable to this transmission and its Laycock de Normanville overdrive. Running fast in third and fourth, using the overdrive switch like another shift lever, can be pure joy. The shift lever's action is stiff but accurate, and declutching to switch the overdrive in and out, though quite unnecessary, results in crisp, fast shifts that are a delight to the ear and the seat of the pants. The ponderous nature of all the controls is a factor which lends a kind of appealing massive masculinity to the car. Again, this is traditional, harking back to those days when sports cars were meat for men only and the ladies rode reluctantly if at all or, better yet, stood timidly and admiringly by the side of the road.

**Specifications**

PRICE AS TESTED: \$3,535

ENGINE TYPE: carbureted pushrod inline-6

Displacement: 177.7 cu in, 2,912 cc

Power: 136 hp @ 4,750 rpm

Torque: 167 lb-ft @ 3,000 rpm

**DIMENSIONS:**

Wheelbase: 92 in

Length: 157.5 in

Curb weight: 2,465 lb

**C/D TEST RESULTS:**

Zero to 30 mph: 2.3 sec

Zero to 60 mph: 10.0 sec

Zero to 90 mph: 26.0 sec

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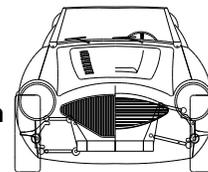
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To recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) points for various activities. Opportunities to collect COTY points include any car-related events (shows, drives, rallies, 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](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 October 31)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Galper, L.	1955 100 BNL	48	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 MidII BJB	10
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite ANS	48	Polger, L. & A.	1966 3000 MidII BJB	8
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MidII BJB	32	Rast, R. & A.	1967 3000 BT7	8
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MidII BJB	24	Wilhelmy, R. & L.	1953 100 BNL	8
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	24	Humphreys, B. & B.	1960 3000 BT7	6
Graves, E.	1962 3000 MidI BT7	20	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	6
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MidII BJB	20	Reid, R. & K.	1959 100-6 BN4	6
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	20	Stalder, G. & N.	1955 100 BNL	6
Court, J.	1967 3000 MidII BJB	16	Tabachni, N. & N.	1958 100-6 BN4	6
Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 MidI BT7	16	Wolf, E. & M.	1954 100 BNL	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MidI BT7	16	Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	5
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MidII BJB	14	Court, J.	Aston Martin DB5	4
Mayer, B. & J.	1960 Sprite ANS	14	Galper, L.	1964 MGB	4
Humphreys, B. & B.	1971 Jensen Interceptor III	11	Slade, S. & B.	1957 100-6 BN4	4
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MidII BJB	10	Polger, L. & A.	1985 Jaguar XJ6	1
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