

Sandy Watt -Mis-Information About Old Cars

January 2022

## From The Editor:



his issue is still late, but I'm getting closer...sorta...

I want to thank Lou Galper, Terry Cowan and Howard Stark for the photos of the Christmas Party. I

was late showing up. I appreciate your help...

I really enjoy Sandy Watt's articles. I was fortunate to be able to visit England and Wales, several years ago for about a month. It was my first time there and I hope to go back. I was sick several days while there and missed Portsmouth and the HMS Victory and the Mary Rose as well as the British Museum and the Tower (gasp) in London. I must go back...

Americans, and Europeans when they come to America, for that matter, can be mystified that other countries aren't sensible and live like "we do at home". I'll never forget Mark Seymour, our tour director, and Garath Lynn Jones, a sheep rancher in Wales "who bought 3,000 acres" overlooking the Irish Sea and misty Ireland, "that no one else wanted". I love the guy and his family and wished we were neighbors... As Sandy intimated, travel teaches us to understand and accept other cultures on their terms as well as understanding how and why our own evolved. Not a bad thing for anyone to realize...

I enjoyed Casa Machado for our Christmas party. The fare was tasty. There was plenty of room. And it seems easier to navigate. Three cheers for Lynne Stark, Santa (Ed Matheus) Claus, Udo (one of his elves) and everyone who made the day possible....



Happy New Year...Warren

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**On The Cover:** Santa (Ed Matheus) Claus visits oiur Christmas party at Casa Machado...

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What a great party! It was wonderful to see everyone at Casa Machada. The buffet and service were very good. I really enjoyed helping Ed Mathews. He was a fantastic Santa making the gift exchange even more fun! Many thanks to Ed for all his effort and wardrobe changes. I would like to thank so many of you for coming, participating and bringing wonderful desserts to share. There were quite an array of desserts that were quickly eaten. Special thanks to those who were so generous bringing items donated for the silent auction. Poinsettias were also raffled and everyone was in good spirits. Huge thanks to Lynne for coordinating, planning, making arrangements, checking everyone in and seeing to our needs at the party. There will be party photos published in this newsletter. Please forgive us if some photos were edited out, since we like to capture everyone in a good light.

The COTY award was presented to Lynne and I by Lou Galper. Thanks Lou. We will look forward to seeing everyone next year at our activities and driving events. It's always great being out and about driving our Healey especially in cooler weather. Either in a Healey or other car, please join us. The more the merrier.

During our holiday party, Richard and Ada Stevens invited us all to their annual Holiday Party at their daughter's Equestrian Center and ranch in Bonita. The roasted pig, beans and other foods were fantastic as well as the hot cocoa and great desserts. The ranch is a working equestrian center approx 9 acres. Many of our members attended, There were barns with horses to pet and feed treats to, hay rides and a small country village. The Stevens and their daughter were wonderful hosts and it was a special evening. I look forward to attending again next year. Thank you Richard and Ada for inviting us and please thank your daughter for having us at her ranch. Photos may be included in this newsletter.

I would like to thank all of our board members for their efforts. Each year there is opportunity for members to take on a more active roll and bring new ideas and support to your club, while serving in a board position. Please volunteer and offer up your support. All of us make our club great. With that, I would like to welcome and thank Kathleen Reid in her new role as Club Secretary. Thank you in advance Kathleen for filling this important position.

See you at our next meeting at Kings Fish House in Mission Valley Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 @ 6:30PM. Address is 825 Camino De La Reina. S.D.92108

## The Stark's Win 2021 COTY



Ed Matheus, last years winner, presents 2021 COTY AWARD to Lynne & Howard Stark

Healey **4** Hearsay

## • what the future brings •

## • 2022 AHCSD ACTIVTIES • CALENDAR

#### January

• 12 Meeting, Kings Fish House, 825 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley 6:30 pm

• 15 Tech Session, Bugeye engine tear-down, 9am, 2322 Lucerne Dr, Pt Loma. More info

at the meeting. RSVP to Sandy Leon leoncpa@cox.net 619-990-8728

• 29 Hawk Watch, Ramona, is returning to the beautiful Ramona Grasslands. WRI is continuing their decades-old community tradition with this fun (FREE!) outdoor educational event! 9:30 am, 18528 Highland Valley Rd, Ramona

#### February

• 9 Monthly Meeting

•13 Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook-off. TBD. Lookin for volunteer hosts

#### March

• 9 Monthly Meeting TBD Weekend Borrego Wildflower Drive

### April

•13 Monthly Meeting TBD Rolling British Car Day TBD La Jolla Concours Tour and Car show

#### May

- 1 Coronado Motorcars on Main Street
- 7 Pt Loma Road Rally, SD Automotive Museum
- 9-13 California Healey Week, Palm Springs (Cathedral
- City) register by April 15 https://tinyurl.com/2p832fam
- •11 Monthly Meeting

Participation at club events, tech sessions, drives and gatherings are understood to be voluntary and at your own risk. AHCSD Board members, AHCA and affiliate clubs representatives or members are not liable for outcomes resulting from your participation at any club activity or event.

#### AHCSD JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES BIRTHDAYS

Libby Pendelton1	Diane Schneider12
Byron Wood, Jr3	Bob Carbberry28
Jan Schmidt5	Bill Slade30

### ANNIVERSARIES

John Lee & Susanna Davis.....1/6/2015



Had a great TIme at Jan Schmidt's Birthday Party, Sunday, at Boomrangs...

From all of us...

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## Santa Arrives on Rudolf

Healey Holiday Party- December 4, 2021

#### By Lou Galper

After spending most of the year isolating from everyone, the Holiday party got organized and planned on short notice. Lynne Stark got Café Machado set up for the party, which turned into a great time for all the attendees. About 45 Healey people showed up for a great Mexican buffet on the outdoor patio. We got to reunite with old friends and make some new ones.

We had a raffle of car stuff and a fabulous gift exchange with some wonderful goodies. The potluck-dessert table turned out to be a high point, with a huge variety of home-made and store bought sweets. Thanks to Lynne for calling everyone (virtually every single member) and making the party a big success!







## Club Caught While Eating...





Charles Sharp checks out the desert potluck table.

Above- John Lee & Susanna Davis. Below- Dave Grundies shows off his "Healeyman" shirt to laughing Deborah Durham and aghast Sandy Matheus...





## All Are Having A Good Time



Table of party people include Ed & Sandy Matheus, Deborah Durham & Lou Galper, Allie Snover and Terry Cowan... enjoying Enchladas, rice, beans, beef flautas,fajitas tortillas, guacamole... the works...

Below- Tom & Debbie Linnard, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Terry & Laura Leyland, and Bob "Doc" McAllister and Sandi.....

## Bellying Up To The Banquet



Richard & Ada Stephens, Mary Schermerhorn, and Gisela Putzke in line for a very nice Mexican banquet of fajitas, rice, beans and chicken and salads...

Below- Charles & Debbie Sharp and Curt & Nancy Arndt are enjoying themselves.

Bottom- Lex Dunn and Ed Matheus are checking out the gift exchange...



Healey 9 Hearsay

## Eric's Crunch Before Lunch





Above left- Kevin Schumacher is giving AJ a driving lesson while Alejandra and Vanessa look on... Top right- Robert & Kathleen Reid, center left- Don & Patricia Benke, center right- Richard & Ada Stephens.

Bummer...Eric Graves said, "On the way to the party, my Healey got in the way of a girl texting while braking"... The trunk lid was crunched along with the bumper, and rear shroud. He was not sure about the gas tank. His Healey is now being hammered out and will be back on the road for spring, if not before...

Healey 10 Hearsay



Healey 11 Hearsay

## ...Correcting Mis-Information

### Mis-Information About Old Cars by Sandy Watt

Over the past few years, I have found myself in situations which have almost resulted in a whiplash or in almost choking on what I was either drinking or eating. These have not been as a result of driving, but from being around crowds of people and overhearing various conversations. These have all been auto related and I am still in denial as to what I heard.

Two of these incidences occurred when I was invited to judge at the Pebble Beach Concourse. On the Saturday of the Concourse I was looking at several Edwardian cars, most of which were brightly painted in their original colours. All the people present were what I would call "car people" and



were quite knowledgeable about the cars that they were looking at. Suddenly I heard something that resulted in me

swallowing my drink the wrong way, getting into a coughing spasm that almost brought me to my knees, and barely



missing the other people with a spray of soda. What I had overheard that cause such an reaction was a man talking to several teenagers, and telling that all these cars were painted in the wrong colour, as all early cars were either black or a shade of grey. This was such a revelation to me that I almost choked. It took me a couple of minutes to regain my composure, and then proceeded to rectify the situation by explaining that the cars were the correct colours. I explained that the confusion results from the fact that there were no period colour photographs, and all the photographs that were taken when the cars were new were black and white, showing the cars as either black or a shade of grey.

The other incident of the weekend was on the Sunday out on the show field where I was looking at a beautifully

#### restored 1932 S.S.1 Fixed Head Coupe. The SS company has a

colourful history, starting life in 1921, in Blackpool England, as the Swallow Coachbuilding Company Ltd, changing its name early on to the Swallow Sidecar and Coach Building Company. In 1926, William Lyons, the company founder started to make bodies for Austin Sevens, with the resulting cars being called Austin Swallow. He then pro-



ceeded to fit bodies to other British cars including Standard, Swift and Morris. In 1928 the company had outgrown its facilities and moved to Coventry, and the company name was changed to SS Cars Limited. At this time Lyons decided to produce his own car based on a low slung version of the Stan-



dard Sixteen chassis, and the new cars were known initially as S.S.1 and then S.S.2. 1939 brought the Second World War and the stopping of all car production. In 1945 production was resumed but the

name of the car S.S. was deemed to be insensitive in the light of world events and a new name was selected for the car - JAGUAR. With this history in mind I will bring you back to Pebble Beach. Here I heard a proper English accent behind me and I took no notice of it until he announced quite loudly to his companions."This is one of Hitler's cars from the war. You can tell as it's

called an SS after his Storm Troopers". Needless to say my head spun around so fast that I almost gave myself a whiplash. Luckily before I could regain my composure the owner replied that he was wrong as this was an early Jaguar, and the "English accent" sheepishly left the scene.

These experiences show me that we need to remember that there is a lot of MIS-INFORMATION out there, and we must be prepared to hear it at the most inopportune times, and not injure ourselves as a result of what other say. Other than these two experiences I had a DAMN good time at Pebble, and really hope I'm invited back.

Sandy Watt





Registration is open for Enclave 2022, www.enclave2022.org to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Marque in the scenic Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. The four-county region is famous for its resorts, natural scenic beauty, 150 lakes including Lake Wallenpaupack, and quaint, historic towns. We are fortunate to have a commitment from Blair Harber to bring not only the first production Austin-Healey (#138031) but also two pre-production cars: AHX12 and AHX14.

Your week's festivities will begin on Sunday afternoon registration followed by that evening Welcome Reception at the Kalahari Resorts Convention center and the kickoff of the weeklong Hot Wheels racing competition.

Monday you will be experiencing the beauty of the Poconos with our Mountain Rally, followed by Tech Sessions and the ever-popular valve cover races in the evening.

Tuesday will be another action-packed day at Enclave 2022 with the Funkhana, Concours Judging, Tech Sessions, English Tea, Barbeque dinner followed by the entertaining and rewarding Charity Auction festivities. Please consider bringing an item(s) to be auctioned off during the charity auction.

Wednesday we will kick-off the day at Pocono Raceway. You will have the opportunity to drive, ride, or watch NASCAR-type stockcars navigate the 2.5 mile "tricky triangle" with the StockCar Racing Experience, followed by parade laps in your Healey. We have negotiated discounted pricing if you purchase by January 30, 2022. The Stock Car Racing Experience and Ride Along's can be booked on-line at https://877stockcar.com/austin/ Our popular Car Show will be held Wednesday afternoon on the streets of historic Stroudsburg. The vibrant downtown is home to museums and galleries, murals and music venues, wineries, and restaurants to please every palate for a casual late lunch, or early dinner.

Thursday will be the day for testing your driving skills with the Gymkhana, finals of the Hot Wheels competition, Tour of Pocono Organics - North America's Largest Regenerative Organic Farm. www.poconoorganics. com, and our annual Awards Banquet.

Our headquarters for the week will be the Kalahari Resorts www.kalahariresorts.com, a full-service vacation destination including meeting & convention facilities that combine America's largest indoor waterpark for all ages with the magic of Africa, family entertainment centers, luxury spas, adventurous restaurants and convention centers that deliver beyond expectations, and all under one roof. Whether you are 3, 93 or anything in-between, there is something for everyone!

Go online to register for Enclave 2022 at our website at www.enclave2022.org and to see the other events planned to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Austin-Healey Marque. See you in the Poconos the third week of September 2022! BE THERE!!

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2021 CotY Of The Year Award

# 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) within 30 days after the event. AHCSD 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: AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 4pts; AHCSD Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts; AHCSD 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 AHCSD 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.

## Congratulations to Howard and Lynne Stark, their 3000 is the 2021 Car of the Year!

2022CotY Standings			
(as of December 20)			
Member	Car	Pts	
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	6	
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	6	
Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6	
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	6	
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6	
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6	
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6	
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	6	
Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	6	
Reid, R. & K	3000 BN7	6	
Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1	6	
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6	

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