

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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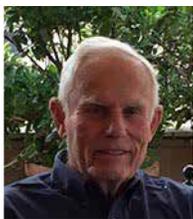


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September 2022

## From The Editor:



*Imagine...If you will...That you have entered the Twilight Zone...*

I interrupt this From The Editor Column to inform you I have self appointed myself the Club Editor Of Equity And Inclusion...I almost forgot diversity.



I have come to realize that the Club has not treated Sprites with equity, inclusiveness, and fairness...It is with tears in my eyes that I realize that I have been a leading part of the pain caused to our Club's Sprite owners. This is a self realized sad state of affairs that I am rectifying immediately, and without prejudice...

It is criminal that there are not enough Sprites in the Club. I know the Club Sprite owners have longed for a *Champion of Sprites*. I am now that person... And I am now instituting the following...

I have generated a list of Big Healeys that will no longer be allowed in the Club. The fact that these Healeys may seem newer with brighter colors, nicer interiors, chrome valve covers, and other appointments that may appear to some to be more extravagant or for other unspecified reasons is misinformation...It is my decision and must be followed to preserve the new inclusive nature and equity of The Austin Healey Club Of San Diego...

The selected (former) Big Healey owners must attend all events in Sprites, which they must purchase, to be allowed back in the Club. In addition, these (former) Big Healey owners must bring a receipt showing that they have had their former Big Healeys crushed so these vehicles will not fall into the hands of new owners to cause further inequality, and suffering elsewhere...

*You are now being returned to the Editor's Column...*

### September Meeting

**Wed. September 14 th, 6:30 PM**  
**Mimi's Restaurant**  
**5180 Mission Center Drive**  
**619-491-0284**



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 \$35 per household. Visit our web site, [www.sdhealey.org](http://www.sdhealey.org), or contact our Membership Coordinator, Don Benke 619-778-1680 [dgbenke@cox.net](mailto:dgbenke@cox.net) for details and an application.

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Full page 8"x 10.5" .....	\$ 150.00 per year
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Quarter page .....	\$ 75.00 per year
Business card.....	\$ 50.00 per year
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All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of each month for publication in the next month's issue. ([vothstir@aol.com](mailto:vothstir@aol.com))

**On The Cover:** *Steve Suppa, in his '68 Sprite MK IV AN9 chats with Howard Stark at Breakfast On The Bay.*

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Hello everyone

Wow! It's already Labor Day and as we come upon the end of August I wonder where the summer has gone. I had a great time at Breakfast on the Bay last weekend. We had a great turn out and fabulous breakfast gathering. This year, we had many people helping to set up early and prepare for the event. It made everything run smoothly and stress free. We had great food, wonderful weather and good conversation. Thank you all for attending our traditional yearly Breakfast on the Bay. This year was truly a group effort. Special thanks to our cooks and their assistants for a job well done! Thank you to all who helped by providing food, beverages, baked items and breakfast foods to share. I would like to also thank those who brought tables, stoves, hot coffee and helped set up tear down and clean up after our breakfast.



Some of our dual members received a survey from AHCA. It implies their dues will be increasing significantly next year. They prepared a survey to solicit input affecting Healey Marque distribution as those cost expenditures are primary cost drivers affecting their dues. They are inquiring about adding an electronic version option, publishing bimonthly, eliminating the calendar or one issue along with other questions. Maybe take a few minutes and complete their survey.

Registration is now open for British Car Day, which is falling early this year on September 25th and will be held at Spanish landing. This should be a fun gathering as always. I hope the earlier date doesn't cause conflicts. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year. Please take plenty of pictures and send them to Warren. I hope to read all about BCD in the October Healey Hearsay.

Lou has been working diligently on our club events this year and is planning an Ice Cream gathering. See our calendar of events for more information.

It is time to think about volunteering for a club board member position. Elections will be held in November Think about how you would like to help shape our club in 2023. Board member changes provide new ideas and thoughts about how to continue growing our club.

Our next meeting will be at Mimi's in Mission Valley on Wednesday September 14th.

See you there, Howard

### AHCSD August 10th Meeting Minutes

- President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm

(H) = Drove Healey, (O) = Drove Other British

There were 21 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid (H), Lex Dunn, Ron & Carolyn Richtmyer, Ed & Sandy Matheus (H), Warren Voth, Howard & Lynne Stark, Laura & Terrey Leyland, John Lee & Susana Davis (H), Steve Suppa (H), Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, Sandy Leon, Don Benke (H), and Alex & Sandy Watt

- Howard Stark reported and brought forth the following:

Welcomed members to the meeting and recognized the members in attendance, including the Leyland's who were celebrating their anniversary, and the Watt's who hosted a get together at their home recently. He noted a change to last month's meeting minutes with a mix up between AH Club USA vs. the intended AH Club of America. Minutes were approved.

- Lynne Stark distributed new nametags to members in attendance who had placed an order.

If members would like to have a new nametag, AHCSD will cover part of the cost and member is responsible for the remaining \$5.00. AHCSD coffee mugs for sale at \$12 each. Name badges have been ordered and should be received soon. Lynne updates her work on organizing the Holiday Party. She has a \$200 deposit at Casa Machado. The date for the party is Saturday, December 3 from 11:00 – 3:00. We are committed to a 25-person minimum and will need to have 45 people to ensure we have a private party space. She is hoping to have members send in RSVPs to attend at the earliest possible convenience. We will repeat the highly popular dessert table from last year! Costs of the party have gone up and members approved a cost of \$30/person, covering the meal and incidental costs. Lynne will also look for an alternative.

- Calendar committee consists of Lynne Stark, Terrey Leyland, Don Benke, Dave Grundies, Kathleen Reid, and any other member interested in the project. Hoping to have members contribute photos via Shutterfly to be included in printed calendar.

- Lou Galpers: Activity report:

8/27 Breakfast by the Bay; Crown Point

Set up about 6 am, breakfast around 7:30-8:00 a.m to wrap up about 10 a.m. Look for the club at the north end by the Gazebo. List of needs of equipment, etc. was discussed; Volunteers recruited to help with preparing breakfast. Sandy Leon announced there is a boat Pursuit Race on the same day about 11 a.m. and suggested people interested in viewing might travel to Seaport Village after the breakfast

9/10 Club drive to an Ice Cream social. Suggested location to gather is Baskin Robbins in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

9/25 British Car Day; Spanish Landing

Registration for participation with your car will be via website, beginning on 8/25. Cars will enter the area beginning at 7:30 a.m.; visitors are welcome to arrive at 9:00 a.m.

10/15-16 Healey Rendezvous; Arcata, California

- Sandy Leon: Treasure's report: AHC of America is waiting on a financial report from AHCSD. This prompted discussion of exploring the local club's affiliation with the current national club. It was suggested we explore any pros/cons of a possible alliance to Austin Healey Club USA vs Austin Healey Club of America.

- Warren Voth: Newsletter report: Please submit any articles or photos for the newsletter to Warren Voth by the 20th of each month. Please submit any photos to Warren at your highest pixel format so they can be printed clearly.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

• 2022 AHCS D ACTIVITIES •

September

- 14 Monthly Meeting
- 18 Ice Cream Social, Baskin Robbins 11495 Carmel Mountain Rd, San Diego 92128, 5pm
- 18-23 Enclave, International Healey Meet, Poconos, PA
- 24 Parrotheads Fundraiser all day, Campland on the Bay, call Ed Matheus, 760-519-1684
- 25 British Car Day, Spanish Landing, Register at: sandiegobritishcarday.com by September 18th

October

- 8 SD Auto Museum evening event, fundraiser, \$500.
- 12 Monthly Meeting
- 15-16 Healey Rendezvous, Arcata, CA

November

- 9 Monthly Meeting and Elections

December

• 3 **Holiday Party** at Casa Machado, Montgomery Field on Aero Dr, San Diego \$30. each for Buffet Lunch, RSVP with check to Lynne,

weekly Wednesday, El Cajon Classic Cruise 5pm

weekly Fridays, Escondido Cruisin' Grand 4-8pm

weekly Saturdays, cars & coffee Liberty Station 8am

monthly SD Auto Museum, third Sunday

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

**This Car Wins An Award in Virtually Every Event Entered-**

**FOR SALE** 1960 Austin Healey Sprite. Old English White with Red Interior, red Tuneau cover and a red top. 1275 engine bored out 30, Datsun 5 speed and a 3.9 rear end. The car is in excellent condition and I am asking \$28,000. Bill Mayer 619-885-0472 billhmayer@gmail.com

**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 AHCS D 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 AHCS D 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  
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**AHCS D SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Scott Jones	7
Debby Sharp	9
Peter Veleker	9
Robert Rast	10
Warren Voth	17
Bob McAllister	18
Tom Linnard	19
Charles Sharp	21
Ann Johnson	28
Sandy Matheus	30

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Bob and Carol Farnsworth 9/24/16

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# San Diego Parrot Head Club 27th Annual Anniversary Party

September 22-24, 2022

Campland On The Bay, San Diego, CA

Silent Auction

## Trop Rock Zone



Beer Garden

Thursday Night - Daring Greatly

Friday Night - Jerry Gontang & Stars on the Water

Saturday

Jim Grosby and Friends

George James

Forrest Smith Trio

Bob Karwin

John Bowe & Tradewinds

Joe Rathburn Trio

Classic Buzz

Jerry Gontang and Stars on the Water

Saturday Night Theme



Call Folsom's Beer Chest



### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Saturday 9:00 am on the grass near the Beer Garden. Entry fee is \$15 per person, \$30 per team. Players must have a wristband to play. 50% of proceeds go to the 2 charities and the rest is divided between 1st & 2nd place winners.

Cost of wristbands is \$35 which gets you Entry into Beer Garden-Unlimited Beer, Wine, Margaritas, Soda and Water; 9 Bands; Free Entry into Campland, Donation to our 2 Amazing Charities.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [SDPHC.ORG](http://SDPHC.ORG)**

Charities for this event are: Fisher House So Cal, Tax ID 46-1815286

Provides no-cost housing for veterans, military and their families.

The Children's Nature Retreat Foundation, Tax ID 20-4859019

Sanctuary home to rescued livestock & exotic animals from around the world.

### CLUB COFFEE MUGS

Mugs are now available! They are white outside with cobalt blue inside, hold up to sixteen ounces and have a large handle. The club color logo is printed on both sides with the name in script in between. They come in a white cardboard box ready for gift giving. Cost to club members is \$12.00 each. Reserve yours today, by calling or texting Lynne.



Terry Cowan, Owner



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**From: San Diego British Car Club Council**  
<[mold40@roadrunner.com](mailto:mold40@roadrunner.com)>

**Sent: Sep 2, 2022 4:16 PM**

**Subject: San Diego British Car Day Registration OPEN**

San Diego British Car Day Registration is now open!

Please read the page of information first, and then you can register.

Registration will close on **SEPTEMBER 18th**, and cars that are not already registered by then will not be allowed to go onto the field.

If you have any questions, you can reply to this email for help.

See you then!

<http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.com/events>



### CLUB MEMBER-NAME BADGES

Members asked, the Board voted and name badges will be ordered for any member who wants one at a cost to club members of only \$5.00 per badge, ( the club will pay the balance). Please text, email or contact me with your name as you want it to appear and the year and model of your car. See Example. Badges will look just like example shown and have a magnetic fastener. Please note, if you have more than one Healey and want them both on badge, list each car year and model. Don't delay, contact me ASAP for prompt ordering.

It will take 2 - 4 weeks for delivery. As always call me with any questions or concerns...Lynne

## The Real Breakfast On The Bay...

I was bummed that I overslept, Saturday morning, having woke up about when Howard was beginning omelets and John Lee flipping pancakes on the bay. By the time I arrived, Ed & Sandy Matheus were just leaving. The kitchen was being broken down and I missed the whole morning. What was I going to do for the main story for Healey Hearsay. I was madly taking photos as fast as possible of the remnants of the morning. Of course, they reaffirmed my tardiness. What to do now! ...

I think the crew felt sympathy for me, while I was mentally kicking my editors butt. Deborah offered to fix me a plate. Howard offered to make me a fresh omelet and re-heat a stack of John Lee's hotcakes. Les got me cup of coffee, asking what I wanted in it. Deborah fixed a fruit bowl of watermelon, berries and peaches. And she served the last two strips of outstanding bacon that Lynne pre-prepared at home. Delicious! And then Deborah found the last piece of super coffee cake with a crunchy topping that was beyond tastv that came from Ada Stevens kitchen.

Did I mention the Champagne and orange juice mimosa?..

And in the mean time, everyone else was reversing what they did about two hours earlier. The crew was cooperation on steroids, packing up extra food, breaking down the cook stove, folding tables, collecting chairs, packing skilletts, and cooking gear, folding canopies, picking up scraps and papers for trash cans and recyclables. The next party was waiting for us to vacate our space for their mid morning brunch party. Our Breakfast On The Bay was soon a memory and I had to come up with something meaningful for the newsletter...

As I looked around, I was furtively taking my last photos... and then, it hit me. The story could be about what happens before and after an event and the work and team work it takes to make it happen. I sure had plenty of photos of that!... So we can start with Lou's Breakfast on the Bay items and source list...And you can see here, there was no problem with all the help on hend...

Breakfast on the Bay				
08/27/2022				
ITEMS	SOURCE:	Amount needed:		Assigned to:
Tables	at Park		arrive at 6am to reserve	Lou
extra portable Table	club members	2		Lou-1
Canopies	club members	2	1 on hand	Lou-1
Chairs	club members	1 each		
table cloths	\$ store	6		Lou
Tape	Lou	1		Lou
Forks / knives	grocery store	30		
paper plates	grocery store	30		
lysol wipes	grocery store	1 tub		
napkins	grocery store	1 package		
paper towels	grocery store	2 rolls		
Coolers	club members	2		
Ice	club members	2 bags		Lou - 1 bag
2 stoves	club members	2		Rod
Frying pans	club members	4		Reid
Griddle	club members	2		Reid
Utensils- spatula	club members	2		Don Benke 1 GRIDDLE
Utensils- big spoon	club members	2		Lou-2
mixing bowls	\$ store	4	maybe 2 on hand	Lou-2
banner	Howard / Rick	1		
Pancake batter-	grocery store			Howard - Lou
Butter ✓	grocery store	1 lb ✓		JOHN LEE
Syrup	grocery store	1 bottle		SUPPA ✓
Bacon ✓	grocery store	3 lb ✓		Lynne
Eggs	grocery store	30		EUPPA ✓
pastries	grocery store			Lou
coffee	Crown Point Coffee	2 gal	Lex Duhan	Lou at 7am
Orange Juice	grocery store	1 gal	Stevens	
Juice cups	grocery store	24		Lou
FRUIT SALAD				JAN

Left- Club members pitching in making short work of the after breakfast tidy up for the next party waiting for our spot...

Board members depend on Club member cooperation. If they felt they didn't have it, would there be a Club like ours?

You guessed it... I'm making an unabashed plea for new Board members. November will be here before we know it...

Lou created the list and the Club pitched in and made Breakfast On The bay happen...

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## Good Times Takes Cooperation

*Right- Breakfast on the Bay was winding down when I arrived. The paper plates in the lower right hand corner is the bacon, fruit and coffee cake Deborah found for me...*

*Below- Our 2022 Breakfast On The Bay is over and the crew is chatting before heading into the rest of their day...*



*Below- Richard Reid is breaking down and packing all their kitchen gear that he brought from home.*



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**I** am sympathetic to our members, who for one reason or another, are hesitant to become a board member. Makes me remember a famous presidential line, "I FEEL YOUR PAIN". I really do...

I recall, five years ago, talking to an anonymous former club member, R3x7y Z5ii5r, that I was thinking about being editor again. And I was unsure whether I wanted to get involved again. It had been 10 years, since I had been editor. Sam had been editor for about 5 years, as I recall. Before him, I believe, the editor was then Bob Kitterer... The Club, for me, was entering the crisis of, what I'll

## More Of The Usual Suspects



*Below- Howard finishing the last of the omelets and cleaning up.*



call “*editorial commitment...*” Actually, It was fun, going to meetings and events, then going home, waiting for the next round of Club fun that I did very little to help or support...

My ten year hiatus of hiding out in plain sight began with the best of intentions. I’ll start with my sketchy reasoning...It’s OK to retreat from responsibility. After all, I did have to have both my hips replaced with fancy new titanium joints, And then I had torn my right rotator cuff (for the second time) that I self inflicted when it became painful to get around. And before all this, I self inflicted myself with Atrial fibrillation by trying to run up the side of the mountain, across from my home. Really stupid...I slathered myself in self serving reasons for not becoming editor again... Who could disagree?, right?...

So, R3x7y said, “If you enjoy being editor again, be editor again as long as you’re having fun” I really didn’t like to hear that as R3x7y had just destroyed all my good and true but dubious and questionably virtuous reasons for not being editor again...What am I going to do now?... To top it off, Sam, the editor, had decided to retire, of all the nerve, and move to Northern California... What right did he have to screw up my comfortable Club fun? I was feeling exposed...You may easily identify with my dilemma, right. As I said, I FEEL YOUR PAIN...



*Above- Lynne and Deborah are packing up unused kitchen supplies after breakfast.*

*Above- Richard visiting for a moment before packing up his kitchen gear and heading home.*

So, I did become editor again. And I was not having fun...I soon realized during my hiatus, I had forgotten almost everything I needed to remember to be editor. As a Mac person I use Adobe inDesign, Illustrator, and Photoshop. I not only forgot the Adobe Suite of almost ten years ago, as well as not keeping not up with the program updates during that period. I was very close to knowing less than nothing, if that's possible... The fact that Adobe continues updates constantly, without warning it as sometimes seems, and keeps me groveling at the feet of Saint Steve Jobs, begging for mercy, because I personally consider technology a tool, not the harbinger to life's answers...

I applaud those who have stepped up...In my eyes, Kathleen Reid did just that by becoming Club Secretary. Kathleen is doing a great job by keeping the minutes simple and to the point, which I enjoy, as a club member. And I can't forget the pulled pork sandwiches, and all the trimmings, plus those great granola cookies...at the Bates Nut f Farm for British Car Day...

I see myself as a place holder for the next Club Editor, who will find, as I have, that being editor can truly enhance your life. I find that I have to stand up and be counted, regardless of the consequences. I am only too aware of my short comings. While I do have a back ground in art, graphics, advertising, and production, plus display industrial design, I always had the luxury of working with the house proof reader. I can write copy and fail to type the words I am thinking, and continue to imagine the word or words are there, even after publication. *And they aren't...*I guess it's some kind of a perverse gift...Spell check is little help as it can't read my mind, even though it thinks it can...

A funny story on this. The San Diego of years ago had large, very well known, department stores. Their weekly ads usually ran in eight page sections in the Sunday San Diego Union, and picked up in the Wednesday Tribune, and separately, in the In-



Above- Howard, Deborah, Lou and Steve hanging out in the parking lot.

Right- The crew finishing off the last of breakfast and enjoying the morning.

dependent Southwest Color Press. The head line of an ad of a section was selling costume jewelry. Remember, these were the days of foundry hot type. And art that was cast in zinc from mats, to go on the drums of large, noisy, messy printing presses run by guys in aprons, covered in printers ink or grease, to keep the presses running... The headline was supposed to read, "Be Draped in Pearls"... What came off the press was Be Raped In Pearls. The error was caught, but not before a significant number of the Sunday edition hit the street. You can only imagine the stir that caused in the straight laced early 60's...Heads probably rolled at a certain ad agency or typesetter...justified or not...

## Packing Up After Breakfast

I am not writing this for myself. If reelected, I will be editor for a while yet. I understand that not everyone has a studio computer, maybe even a laptop. These are no longer needed to access the INTERNET. And reading Howard's Presidents column, the AHCA seems to be having similar pains, doing things the way they've always done them, which may be no longer efficient or economically smart.

And Healey Clubs are getting long in the tooth. And everyone wants to kick back a little. Living their dream, retiring and wanting to have a romantic fling in the Healey of their youth. And they want someone knowledgeable to help to carry the load. Reminds me of the saying, "*The devil you know, versus the devil you don't*"...

Before ending this, I want to put in a word for the two shops in the area who work on our Healeys as well as other marques, Randy Zoller of Heritage Motorsports and Terry Cowan of The Toy Shop. Patronize them. Just because Healeys are old cars, it still costs as much to work on them, as far as parts, labor and overhead, as it does for comparable contemporary vehicles. Plus some reproduction parts are not the best. Remember, when these guys are gone, it's a long way to the next shop...



*Above Top- Howard chews the fat with Richard before Richard heads for home with his kitchen gear, chairs and canopy. Center- Most of the crew has left with stragglers making the most of the day...Bottom- Howard, Lex, and Richard pack up the kitchen, hopefully for next year...*

The Club doesn't have to survive. It's up to us.... I've done my best to provide readers with plenty of reasons, and excuses, to step into a leadership role...Or not... It's your life to make of it what you will...In the real world, me being editor is an extremely small thing. Small ripples might become tsunamis. Hopefully at least, to make things a little better for the club. There is no guarantee in this. But the alternative... is indeed guaranteed... ■



Lou sent these photos I almost missed and I just had to include. We have here, Howard Stark omelet maven, and John Lee, and Susanna Davis the hot cake master and mistress...And Yes, I know it's Richard and not John, and he was making hashbrowns...



### DRIVING DISTRACTIONS

Driving is actually a full time job while you are behind the wheel. We forget that we are actually in control of what could at times be called massive projectiles. A car traveling at even relatively slow speeds takes time to stop and the kinetic energy stored up as a result of the weight and speed can result in serious damage to whatever gets in the way.

Luckily, the State of California has passed laws prohibiting the use of hand held cell phones and the practice of texting, but passing the law doesn't mean that all drivers will follow the law.



All of us can be distracted and we need to recognize what tends to distract us while we are driving. For Sandy and me, our “distraction buttons” are when we start to talk about buying another car, although my greatest period of distraction was when we were talking about buying a house, and I shot through more than one red light... Luckily there was no cross traffic, or Police Officers so we got away with it, although it did tend to bring me back to

reality when I realized what I had done.

I know that we are all expert drivers and are completely comfortable driving our modern cars at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour while we observe the other drivers around us as they drink their morning coffee, talk on the cell phone, apply make-up, shave, and read a map or the newspaper, at the same time as they are adjusting the radio to get the traffic report. These are prime examples of the daily distractions that occur without anyone realizing that they are not in control of their car. I have even seen a driver playing a guitar on Interstate 5. Just think of the craziest thing you have seen a driver doing while driving and remember how uncomfortable you felt travelling at speed next to them.



We are all guilty of trying to “multitask” while driving our old cars, and this is where it gets real interesting as we try to cope with the hand throttle, signal the next turn, and change gears as we balance a cup of coffee in our lap, while trying not to drip any of the special sauce from the hamburger that we are eating, and also read the tour directions to make sure that the route we are on does actually agree with the route sign we just passed. Unfortunately we only have two hands at the most, and both are needed to properly control the car.

Trying to perform all these various balancing acts would make a circus juggler proud, but unfortunately leaves us in a very vulnerable situation. We need to pay complete attention to controlling our cars as even the slightest change in road conditions can change the handling of our cars, and we don't have the benefit of fully independent suspension, rack and pinion steering and anti-lock brakes. I am not saying that you should pull over and stop when you need to quickly check a map, but be aware of the traffic and road conditions before you do anything that would distract you from your most important job of controlling your car and driving safely.

One thing that we need to remember is that when we are driving our old cars, we ARE the distraction for numerous other drivers. They will drive up close behind us or pull up next to us as we are driving and start yelling questions to us, such as what year is it?, what kind of car is that?, how much did you pay for that car?, and how fast will your car go? It is best not to get into a conversation with the car next to you at 35 miles per hour, but that next red traffic light will give enough time to respond.

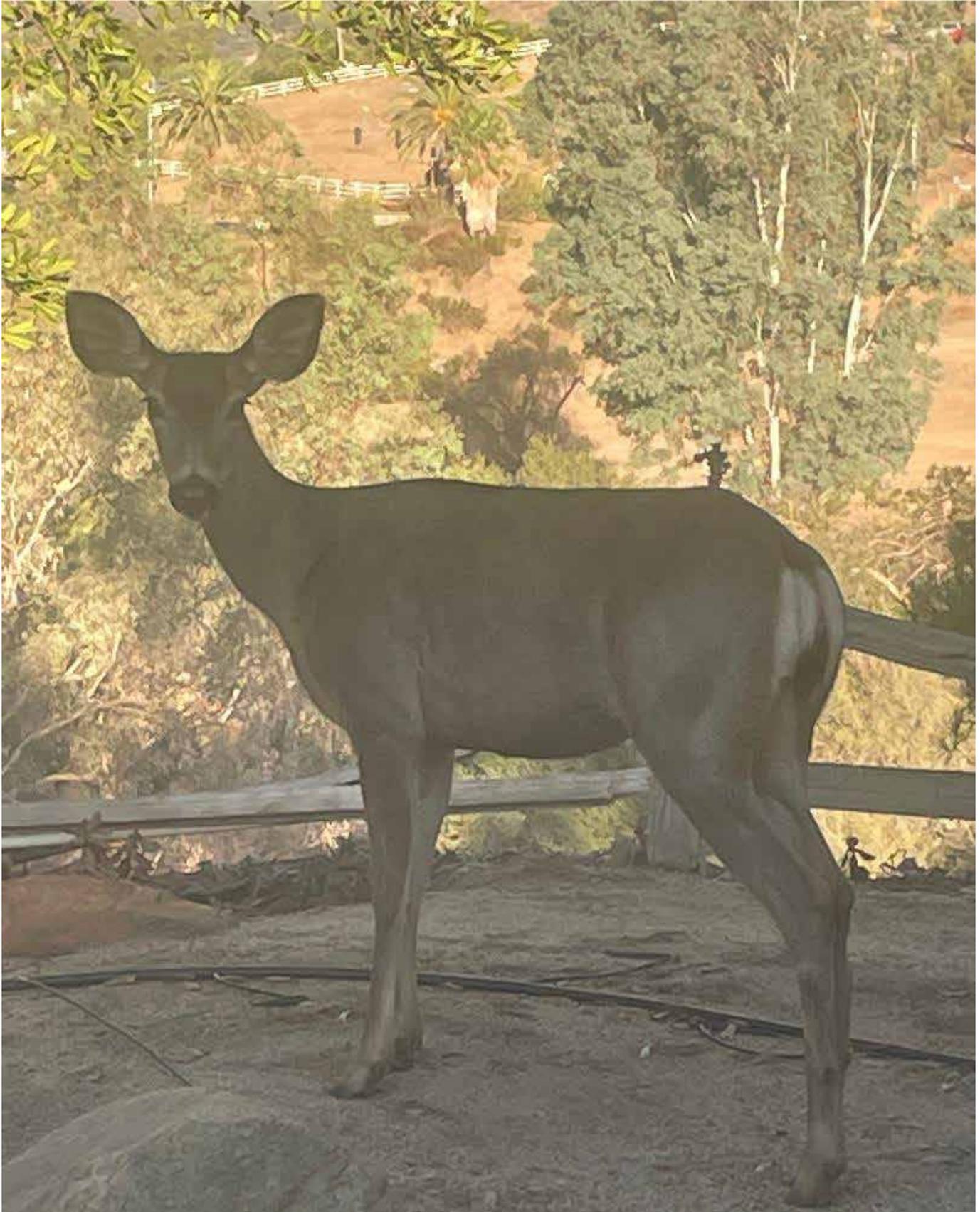
Remember pay attention to the road, and traffic conditions and stop for that cup of coffee, or for that phone call. Neither of them will take long, and it will help you get safely to your destination.

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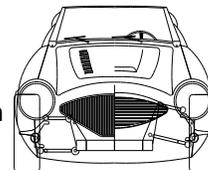
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To recognize Club members who participate with their Healeys, the Austin Healey Club of San Diego awards CAR OF THE YEAR (COTY) points for various activities. Opportunities to collect CotY points include any car-related events (shows, drives, rallies,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

### 2022CotY Standings (as of August 20)

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	120	Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	20
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	90	Burton, R. & S.	1964 3000 MkIII BJ8 (4WD)	18
Reid, R. & K.	3000 BN7	70	Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BN7	16
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	66	Newman, D. & C.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	16
Lee, J. & Susana D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	52	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	16
Stark, H. & L. 1	960 3000 BT7	52	Arndt, C. & N.	Range Rover	13
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	34	Galper, L.	Jaguar 3.8s	7
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	30	Graves, E.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	30	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Richtmyer, R. & C.	1958 100-6 BN4	28	Schumacher, K. & A.	955 100 BN1	6
Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 MkII BT7	26	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Voth, W.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	26	Watt, A. & S.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6
Cowan, T. & L.M.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	24	Polger, L. & A.	1966 3000 MkIII BJ8	4
Suppa, S.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	24	Johnson, B. & A.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	2

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