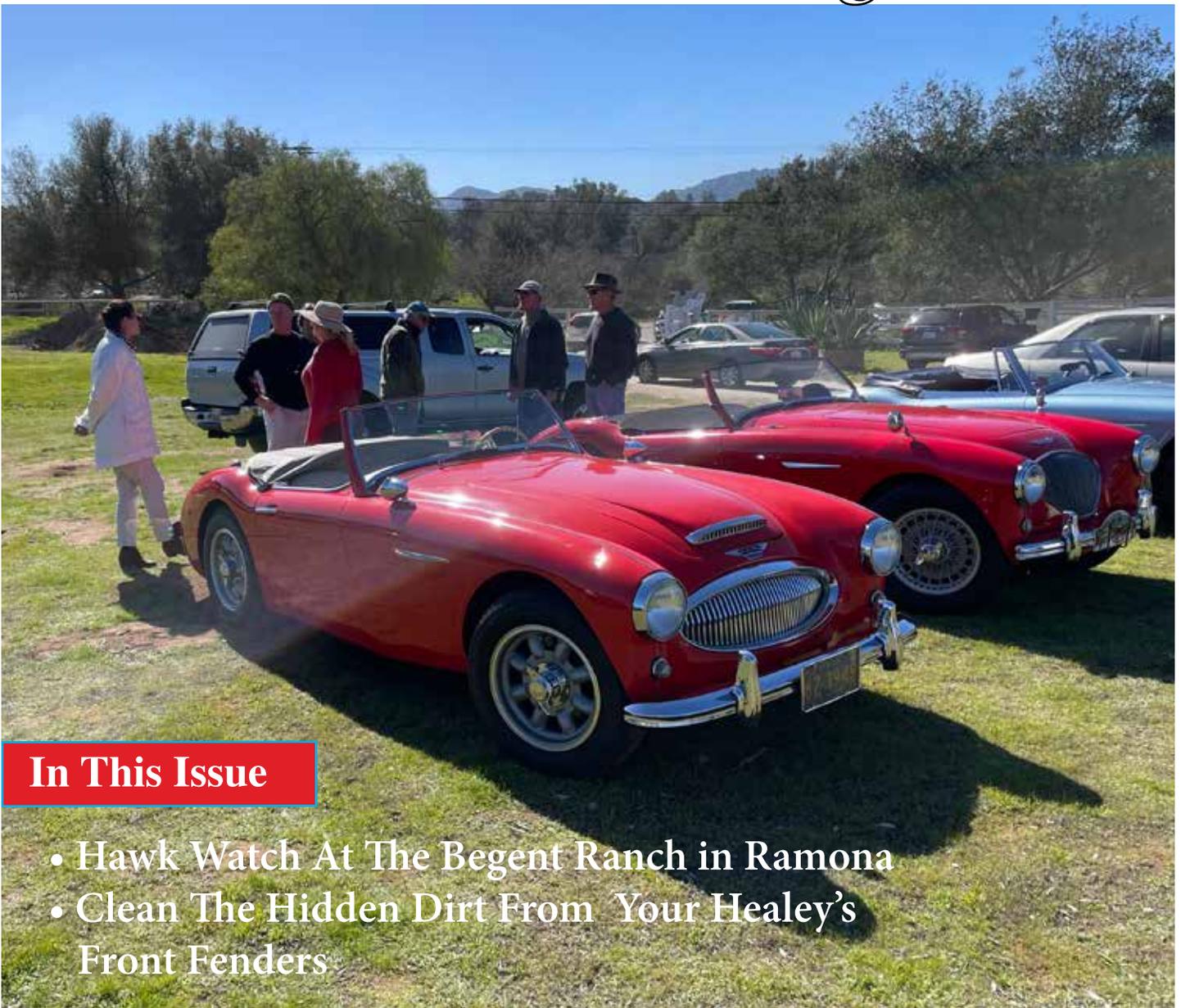


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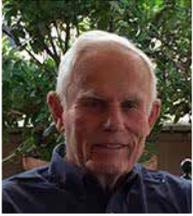


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February 2023

From The Editor:



It's a time of remembrance when one of our advertisers ends their business. Knowing "Fahrspass" is a milestone for my Healey, as well as me. I installed the Putzke's "Fahrspass Bilstein shock kit on my Healey in 1999, just before our Club's 1999 West Coast Meet-California Healey Week. I may have been the second Bj8 Healey owner to experience the huge difference Bilstein shocks made for my Healey. Bj8's required a special fuel pump bracket for the right rear shock to clear the fuel pump. Healeys can be known for "scuttle shake" on some roads, and "Healey Hop" around rough corners. I still recall driving into El Cajon with only the front shocks converted. The front end felt light and springy. The dead Armstrong "thud" was gone. At first I thought I had installed something wrong. Installing the rear shocks the next day completed the transition. My Healey must have given a sigh of relief, ending thirty six years of enduring pavement pounding from Armstrong technology of the 30's. So long "Fahrspass", it's been good to know ya...

One of the manufacturing flaws that, for some reason, was never corrected on all big Healeys is that the front wheel wells are not sealed to the fenders. Over the years, the part of the front fender, behind the wheel wells collects the road dirt that passes between the outside edge of the wheel well and the fender. This is out of mind until eventually the rust bursts through the trailing edges of front fenders. (This is similar to the dog legs rust problem on the rear fenders.) There is a drain hole on the bottom edge of the fender for water, but the dirt, now mud, stays in place, and the rust eventually appears. I have developed a hose attachment for my shop vacuum to clean out this area.

Front fenders can be washed out with a hose but it may add injury to an already vulnerable area.

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February Meeting

Wed. February 8 th, 6:00 PM
The Hamburger Factory
 14122 Midland Rd.
 Poway, CA 92064



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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, or contact our Membership Coordinator, Don Benke 619-778-1680 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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On The Cover: Club at Hawk Watch, Begent Ranch, in Ramona.

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Folks, I have been preoccupied the past three months with club nominations, elections, membership renewals, and trying to imagine who would be the new club president. Well, at the January meeting just when it looked like we might not have a president, Don Benke suddenly stood up and declared, I'll do it! So begins my new adventure in Austin Healey Club of San Diego.

First off, let me say everyone has promised help in all respects, and I am thankful. I particular, Terry Cowan offered to help me as kind of an assistant to the president and I look forward to having his help available. We'll figure it out as we go. But, I first need to thank Howard for his 4 plus years of service as our president. He has been tireless and will be a tough act to follow. Our other new officers are John Lee as Vice President and Membership director. He has taken on a big job, and we are working together for the next month or two to complete the 2023 Membership campaign. Then he will take over the VP position I have held for the past 5 years. Lou Galper finally gets a break with the Club Activities job now in the capable hands of Laura Leyland and help from hubby Terrey. Thanks Lou, you have been famously good leading us all over San Diego County and parts of Southern California for as long as I can recall.

For additional info on what happened in a past month, Kathleen Reid's Club meeting minutes in the Hearsay will get you back up to date. And Warren's continued expertise with his words and pictures in our Healey Hearsay continues to amaze us all. Warren, thanks for all you do.

Going forward, I will try to keep the wheels on, but I really have little to do with what we decide to do as a club. We have a full calendar of activities already to go thanks to Laura and Terrey and a nice variety of meeting locations found and arranged for by John Lee for future meetings. And, of course we have you, our members, for making whatever we do together fun experiences that we all remember, and look forward to.

Don't forget your Coty points for Car of the Year. Hard to imagine anyone getting to 140 like Ed Matheus did this past year. Congrats Ed. Of course, the past winner is ineligible for this year.

Next up, Regular club meeting on Wednesday February 8th, and Super Bowl Sunday at the de Youngs. Be on the look out for more info to come.

Hope to see you in a Healey! Don

January Meeting Minutes

President Howard Stark called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

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

There were 23 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid, Lex Dunn, Robert & Ada Stevens, Steve Suppa (H), Howard & Lynne Stark, Lou Galper & Deb Durham, Don & Pat Benke, Rick & Allie Snover, Laura & Terry Leyland, Terry Cowan, John Lee, Joan & Bob DeYoung, Alex & Sandy Watt, and Warren Voth

- Howard Stark reported and brought forth the following:

Welcomed members to the meeting and recognized the members in attendance. He recognized a wonderful turnout of club members at the AHCS D Holiday party last month. Ed Mathius was recognized for all his hard work and holiday attire at party. Appreciation was also sent out to Lou Galper and Deb Durham for putting together the auction items/table. Lynne Stark reported that the Holiday Party activities cleared about \$800 for the club.

- Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Howard also gave an update from the Austen Healey Club of America Delegates meeting. The national club is modifying the number of magazines printed and distributed in order to keep the dues at \$70. An electronic version is available on the club website. Elections for our local club took place in November. Howard recognized the following members for their service: Don Benke, Lou Galpers, Rick Snover, Warren Voth, Sandy Leon, and Kathleen Reid. New board members will include Laura and Terry Leyland who will take on the task of organizing activities, John Lee who will take on the role of vice president, and Don Benke who will assume the role of club president. The AHCS D board members will be holding a board meeting on January 18th and all club members are invited to attend. Howard Stark relinquished his role of President.

- Don Benke assumed the role of President to continue the meeting.

- Membership report: As of our meeting date, 30 members have renewed membership this year (last year's total members was 65).

- Laura and Terry Leyland Activity report: Provided a printed list of suggested activities for the AHCS D for the year. The list was amended to reflect that Rolling British Car Day has been moved to April 29th. Our next activity is schedule for a drive from Mira Mesa Park & Ride to Ramona for the Hawk Watch presentation. Rick Snover reminded members to always let him know via email if you attend other car events with your Austen Healey so that he can give you credit for Car of the Year (COTY) points.

- Members Joan and Robert Young volunteered to host the club for a Super Bowl party on February 12th.

- Sandy Leon: Treasure's report – The AHCS D remains solvent with a fund in the bank.

- Warren Voth: Newsletter report: Please submit any articles or photos for the newsletter to Warren Voth by the 20th of each month.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

• *what the future brings* •

• 2023 AHCS D ACTIVITIES •



Contact: Laura & Terrey
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• January

1/28 Hawk watch Ramona is every Saturday @ 10am
18528 Highland Valley Rd. Ramona, CA 92065 Drive to Hawk Watch,
leave Mira Mesa (Best Buy parking lot) @ 8:30 *Drive to Ramona and
lunch afterward at Boll Weevil

• February

2/8- Club Meeting **6:00 PM** at the Hamberger Factory, 14122
Midland Road in Poway
2/12- Superbowl Party, hosted by Bob and Joan Deyoung *7698
Via Corona, San Diego, CA 92127

• March

3/8- Club Meeting
Tech Session

Drive to Coast

• April

4/12- Club Meeting
4/29- Rolling British Car Day

• May

5/10- Club Meeting
Cruising Grand, Escondido, British Night
Temecula Winery Drive

• June

6/14- Club Meeting
Ice Cream Social
Campo Train Ride & Museum

• July

7/12- Club Meeting
Independence Day party-Volunteer host?

• August

8/9- Club Meeting
8/13- British Car Day *Tidelands Park, Coronado
Breakfast on the Bay, weekend of the 19th or 26th?

• September

9/13- Club Meeting
9/18- 9/21 California Healey Week - Lake Tahoe
Drive to Julian

• October

10/11- Club Meeting

• November

11/8- Club Meeting

• December

Holiday Party

• Other Ideas

Ice Cream Socials
Borrego wildflower drive

• Monthly Events

Hawk watch Ramona is every Saturday @ 10am
*18528 Highland Valley Rd. Ramona, CA 92065
San Diego Auto Museum Cars & Coffee
*Check calendar for days *<https://sdautomuseum.org/event/calendar>

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

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 us to find out what's involved or just to talk about it.

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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 Lynne 619-759-7551.



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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 619-579-7551 ASAP for prompt ordering.

It will take 2 - 4 weeks for delivery. As always call me 619-579-7551 with any questions or concerns...Lynne

AHCSD members:

It's February, and now that we are all back to regular non-holiday schedules, maybe this is the time to mail in your AHCSD membership renewal. So far about 30 renewals in, and about 35 to go! Thank you!

You have most likely learned that our new Dues rate for 2023 is \$35. Of course, you can send your dues payment payable to AHCSD anytime to:

AHCSD c/o Don Benke
4775 Yerba Santa Drive
San Diego, CA 92115

For those of you who have also been members of Austin Haley Club of America (AHCA) and are considering renewing, AHCA is sending "Invoices" to you directly. Their dues rate for 2023 has increased to \$70. IF, and when, you receive a notice to renew your membership in AHCA, please DO NOT SEND YOUR PAYMENT TO AHCA. Rather, send your payments to AHCSD. One check for \$105 payable to AHCSD would cover both clubs. We will forward your payment to AHCA.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on February 8, 2023.

FEBRUARY AHCSD BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Terry Cowan	4	Micky Pleasant	11
Mike MacLean	4	Jeff Boysen	21
Don Bnke	8	Diane Boysen	22

ANNIVERSARIES

Kevin and Alejandra Schumacher	2/7/15
Richard and Ada Stevens	2/24/57
Neil and Nancy Tabachki	2/25/95
Susan and Bill Slade	2/1/2020

It does take a little effort to get down to eyeball the narrow separation at the rear bottom of the wheel well to see the area behind it. You will need a flash light to see if you have vacuumed out the dirt. The wheel must be turned to lock to be able to get down on your knees, with a flash light to be able to see the dirt that has been collected.

I assembled the vacuum hose attachment from a shop vac variable size hose end, from the Home Depot, a piece of 2-ft clear plastic 3/4-in tubing that may be purchased by the foot, and a piece of 1/2-in. by 24-in.. Plastic drip irrigation tubing. This piece of tubing must be 24-in. long to reach the end of the inside of the fender.



I usually do my wheel wells at leqast three or four times a year, more if needed. I live on a bumpy rough paved rural road. You may live in a more civilized urban area. I would at least check your front fenders with a flash light....It's better than a surprise welded rust repair....



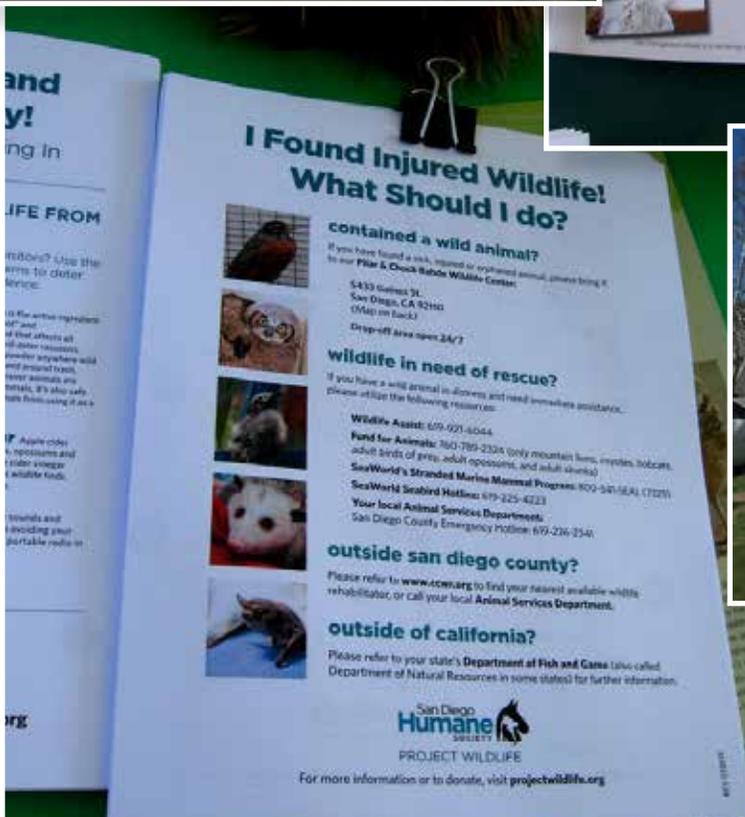
Left shows the bottom of the fender with road dirt, patiently waiting for water. Right shows the 1/2" drip irrigation line vacuuming the bottom fender lip. You check your work, as you go with a with a flashlight, with the tube removed until you can see the area is clean...Happy Healey...



What The Club Expected ...And Would See At Hawk Watch 2023...

Hawk Watch is an informative educational Biologists Talk and Q&A with falconry or ambassador raptors for you to see up close and personal! The seated program lasts approximately 1.5 to 2 hours (restrooms available) and is followed by an option for additional roadside observations of wild raptors and other wildlife including a Bald Eagle nest where you'll drive your own car less than 2 miles on paved roads and come and go at your leisure. Biologists and local expert volunteer observers will help you spot and identify birds and show them to you through our high-powered professional telescopes. In the event of rain, we will still have the educational program inside the barn but the usual falconry flight displays will not occur in the barn. There is no hiking portion of Hawk Watch, but we recommend wearing sturdy shoes for uneven terrain and going on your own to the nearby Ramona Grassland Preserve hiking trail after the program. Hawk Watch is wheelchair accessible and we recommend using one if walking on uneven terrain could be a safety hazard for you.





As you can see, and you saw all of this but the hot dogs, donuts, and coffee, which were a nice touch on a chilly morning after a breezy winter Healey drive, for some of us anyway...Coffee ran out first...

What We Saw At Hawk Watch

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Actually



Couple of Club crows and a bird...



Red Tail Hawk is thinking..."I must be nuts. I can't believe I do this for a living..."



Bored owl is thinking...
"It's A Bird...It's A Plane...It's Superman...Naw...It's An Airplane silly...
From the airport behind us...Remember..."



Red Tailed Hawk is humming ..
"Fly Me To The Moon... Let Me Play Among The stars...These people here at Hawk Watch are from Jupiter and Mars..."

Yup,...It was just an airplane folks...

...Still, It Was a Fun Day



While most of the Club took the long way from the Mira Mesa Park And Ride, I came up the back way through Lakeside and up HWY 78. It was chilly so I drove my truck with the heater on and arrived at the Begant Ranch parking area, just as the club arrived and were heading up to the barn. I met some Club crows and a bird as I headed to the viewing area to find the rest of the crew.

I have many doves that are always under the eaves at spring time. They mate for life and raise two tiny doves up to four times a year.



The male spells the female while she hatches their eggs, and at feeding times. The whole proces, is 4 to 6 weeks, until their offspring are ready for their new lives and adventures.

I may have told my

barn owl story, years ago, but I'll tell it again anyway...

When we first built our home in 1970, it was about half the size it is today. Our bedroom was next to the covered carport, which had a crawl space that never received a cover. This was made to order for the local barn owls who ended up raising a family directly over our heads. Of course, barn owls hunt at night for mice and rats to feed the owlets. They were so noisy, plus screeching and scratching and tearing up the insulation. After about two years of this, and it wasn't fun any more. I finally made a hatch cover. The owls moved into the palm tree which was, by then, tall enough for an owl tree house, which they built. They lived in the tree for five years or more before finding a better hunting area and another palm tree... When sitting out on the pool deck, the owls would fly soundlessly over our heads and the only thing you would see was their shadows. Those were the days, my friends...we thought they'd never end...

Club Members For The Birds



Above- Hanging out with the birds are, (back) Laura & Terrey Leyland, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham, Gisela Putzke and Don Benke.

Below- Formal portrait of attendees of the day- L-R Lou, Deborah, Lex, Terrey, Laura, Don, Howard, and you know who...

It goes without saying, Hawk Watch is doing a job for us all, giving a helping hand to wild life, that really have a wild life. Even me, living out in the sticks, who is endlessly entertained with birds, bugs, coyotes, road runners, deer, raccoon's, opossums, doves, quail, et al., have a hidden life that can be difficult to imagine...

After The Birds, The Berger's



Left- The Club gathers in the Begent Hawk Watch parking area to answer questions of Healey admirers, before heading into Ramona and the Boll Weevil.

Below- The surprise of the day is we were joined by Will and Sharon Rogers, from Indio. I hadn't seen them since CHW 2020 Big Bear. Lex and Sharon are catching up while Will and I discuss BJ8 window cranks and other important stuff while Don shows the days photos to Terrey and Laura Leyland. While the food might be forgettable, getting together made it a banquet. The waitress who took photos on my Iphone, occidentally set it on movie and they wouldn't print. Never the less, these moments, with the Club, made the day...



Laura and Terrey are visiting with Lou and Deborah, recapping a pleasant day. I enjoyed visiting so much with Will and Sharon while we wait for our Burgers, fries, and drinks. Wished more member could have joined us...

Lou and Deborah chat it up with Terry and Laura at the end of a lovely if chilly day. Perhaps more can join us next year. See you at the Hamburger Factory in Poway, on the 8th, at 6PM...

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. 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.

2023 CotY Standings (as of January 20)

Member	Car	Pts
Suppa, S.	1968 Sprite MkIV AN9	12
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Galper, L	1955 100 BN1	6
Grundies, D. & D.S.	1965 3000 MkIII BJ8	6
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 MkII BT7	6



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