

HEALEY HEARSAY

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March 2024

Note from the Editor

Happy March everyone. Really looking forward to some “drivable” weather. Not that I dislike rain, I love rain, and we could always use it. It was nice to be able to drive our Healey to the Superbowl party at the DeYoung’s house this year. Saying that; Thank you Robert and Joan for hosting the event for the second time. We all had a good time even though the 49ers couldn’t pull it off.

Hopefully the rain will subside for our annual Borrego Springs “Flower Run” later this month. See details on the Events Page 6. Also note that Rolling British Car Day is in April this year, the 14th. Full details are still pending.

Still looking to add a Tech Tips page. Members, what do you want to learn? Send us some ideas on what topics you’d like to have covered. Or ask a question that we can get you an answer for.

New website is still pending. We’re looking for photos of members and their cars to display on the new website. I can take some photos if you like. Just let me know.

Ed and Sandy Matheus are running away with the COTY points so far this year. Way to go Ed and Sandy. Everyone else, let’s give them some competition!

Get out there and drive! Send us pictures of your adventures.

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the March 2024 edition of **Healey Hearsay**; the monthly publication of the **Austin-Healey Club of San Diego**. Monthly AHCS D members’ meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The location varies and is listed in this newsletter, on the [AHCS D website](#), and by e-mail to all club members.

Membership Information

Membership in the Austin Healey Club of San Diego is open to all owners of an Austin Healey, Jensen Healey, or any other Healey vehicles, and to anyone else who has an interest in the Healey marque. Annual dues for the Austin Healey Club of San Diego are \$35.00 per household. [Visit our website](#), www.sdhealey.org, or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, leebmsba@hotmail.com

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Full page 8” x 10.5”	\$150.00 Annually
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*Only available for 3 month term	

All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of the month for publication in the next month’s issue. terreyl@cox.net



AHCS D March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Ada Stevens	March 7
Randy Jones	March 10
Gisela Putkze	March 11
Terrey Leyland	March 11
Dave Grundies	March 12
Nancy Arndt	March 23
Arnold Ventura	March 25
Deloris Garcia	March 27
Bob Farnsworth	March 28

Anniversaries

Ed & Sandy Matheus	March 18, 1967
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AHCS D March Meeting

Wednesday, March 13 6:30 PM

Bully's East Prime Bistro

2401 Camino Del Rio South

San Diego CA 92108

Mission Valley

Please Attend!

Send membership renewals and all written correspondence, unless "otherwise specified" should be sent to:

AHCS D
P.O. Box 17101
San Diego, CA 92117



From The President

Hello Fellow Club Members,

Happy leap year everyone. Hope you all had a great month as we move into March.

The Superbowl party was so much fun and we had a great women's lunch as well. More on both those events in the Events page.

I'm excited that we have some new members and hopefully will get to meet them in person as well.

It came to Terrey and my attention that the club PO box was no longer listed in the Healey Hearsay so we have rectified that in this newsletter. Maybe that was why the renewals were so low.

Speaking of membership, I am always trying to get more members involved but I am running out of ideas. I know we are getting older and so are the cars but what can we do as a collective group?

We have a drive scheduled in March to go to the Anza Borrego desert which should have great flowers again since we have had some good rain lately.

Kathleen Reid has done a great job in having interviews with members and we want to hear from all of you so please volunteer to be interviewed.

That is all for now. Our next meeting is at Bully's East on the 13th.

See you in a Healey!



February Meeting Minutes



AHCS D February 14, 2024 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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

There were 20 members in attendance: Lex Dunn, Don & Pat Benke, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), Laura & Terrey Leyland, John Lee & Susanna Davis (H), Howard & Lynne Stark, Alex & Sandy Watt, Sandy & Lily Leon, Terry Cowan (H), Robert & Kathleen Reid

Laura Leyland welcomed all to the meeting. Happy Valentine's Day. Motion made and carried to approve the meeting minutes from January's meeting.

Old Business: The re-designed AHCS D Website is still in the process. It's been a bit slow going with questions that have arisen and needed clarification. The publishing date to go "live" is still in the works.

New Business: Members in attendance discussed the idea of including a Resource List, based on individual recommendations. For example, perhaps someone would be able to refer others to a paint shop or dealer/vendor that provides a service appropriate to our cars. Procedures that the club follows for including paid advertising was also included in the discussion. Usually, the club treasurer is responsible for sending out bills to advertisers around the September/October time frame. The club may also develop possible new advertising revenue by contacting vendors culled from our potential Resource List as well. The Vice-president should also ensure that membership renewals also be mailed out during the same time frame. Very often, membership renewals require follow up via phone conversations. Members in attendance were also asked about the need/interest in Tech Sessions, perhaps quarterly. It would be ideal to send out a questionnaire to members to solicit interest in tech sessions as well as specific topics to be covered. Terry Cowan mentioned a twin cam engine project and a race engine that also needs to be rebuilt before August. Terry will work on scheduling a tech session soon. In an effort to reach out to members who prefer not to drive at night, it was also suggested that the club investigate moving one of the regular second Wednesday of the month meetings to a daytime weekend meeting. Last year's attempt didn't work out very well due to both timing and hot weather. It was suggested that we try again in June this year on the second Saturday of the month, June 8, 2024 with time and location to be determined.

UPDATES: **John Lee** thanked Lynne Stark for her help in reminding members about renewing club memberships. Don Benke also offered to assist in this endeavor to keep the club roster robust. John sends out membership updates routinely to Lynne, Sandy, and Rick to ensure members are included in club communications. **Kathleen Reid** solicited members present to complete the Meet Our Members questionnaires for possible inclusion in upcoming issues of the Healey Hearsay. **Terrey Leyland** invited members to keep the club updated with their comings and goings when we are out and about in our sports cars. He'd love to receive pictures or of you, your cars, your outings, etc. for inclusion in our newsletter.

terreyl@cox.net **Laura Leyland** gave an update to our planned club activities. We will be making our annual drive to Borrego Springs on 3/23 and 4/13 has been reserved for British Rolling Car Days, destination to be determined. She also thanked Bob and Joan DeYoung for hosting the club's Super Bowl party in February. Everyone that attended enjoyed the day very much. **Lynne Stark** is continuing to work on setting up 2024's Holiday Party at the same Island Palms location on December 7, 2024 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. The members in attendance voted to approve a \$500 deposit to save the date. She will work on procuring items throughout the year to be included in the silent action and raffle. **Ed Matheus** updated members regarding the Temecula Car Show at the beginning of May. He and Ron Richtmyer are still planning on hosting a seafood boil at the spaces 189-190-191 at Pechanga Resort. **Howard Stark** updated members regarding British Car Day which is scheduled for the same Coronado location on October 6, 2024. The British Car Council is still considering which marque car to highlight this year.

7:48 Meeting Adjourned

2024 Club Activities

March Events

2- Poway- In-N-Out-Burger - 12890 Gregg Court - 11AM - 2PM
9- San Diego - 6th Annual Kearny Alumni Car Show - 6401 Linda Vista Rd. - 9AM - 2PM

13- Club Meeting- Bullys East, 2401 Camino Del Rio South, SD. 92108

16- Escondido - Revved Up for Students Car Show - 643 W. 13th Ave. - 9AM - 12PM

17- Carlsbad - Cars & Music - 890 Palomar Airport Rd. - 11AM

17- El Cajon - True Line Car Show - 210 W. Bradley Ave. - 8AM - 1PM

17- San Diego - San Diego Automotive Museum C & C - 2080 Pan American Plaza - 7:30AM - 9:30AM

17- Cars & Coffee at Dudley's Bread in Santa Ysabel. 8am

23- Drive to Borrego Dessert

- North County folks to meet at the corner of San Pasqual Rd and the 78 at 9am
- South County and East County to meet with North County at Dudleys in Santa Ysabel to leave there by 10am
- Continue as a group to Borrego to explore
- Lunch at 1pm- TBD

April Events

10- Club Meeting

6- Poway- In-N-Out-Burger - 12890 Gregg Court - 11AM - 2PM

6- San Diego- Gearhead Rendezvous - 5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. - 10AM - 1PM

14- Rolling British Card Day- Bates Nut Farm

21- La Mesa- Cars & Coffee - La Mesa Blvd. Between Spring & 4th St. - 7AM - 9A

21- San Diego- San Diego Automotive Museum C & C - 2080 Pan American Plaza - 7:30AM - 9:30AM

21- Valley Center- Heartbeat Happening XXV - 15954 Woods Valley Rd. - 9AM - 3PM

28- Chula Vista- Black Angus Steakhouse Car Show - 707 E St. - 11:30AM - 2PM

28- Motorcars on Main Street- Coronado

Upcoming Events



We Are 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 visiting?
- Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Healey?
- Do you have a favorite lunch or dinner place that would make a good venue for an AHCS D gathering?
- Think about sponsoring one of our monthly events.
- Please contact us to tell us about your ideas!

Laura Leyland
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*These are just some events happening around San Diego County, for a full listing visit <http://www.socalcarculture.com>

Participation at Club Events, Tech Sessions, Drives and Gatherings are understood to be voluntary and at your own risk. AHCS D, its Board Members, AHCA and Affiliate Clubs, Representatives and/or Members are not liable for outcomes resulting from your participation at any club activity.

Car of the Year Award Standings

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 smokey.snover@gmail.com 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.

COTY Standings as of February 20, 2024

Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	44
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	22
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	20
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	18
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	14
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	6
Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 Ph 2	6
Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	6
Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 BT7	6
Galper, L.	1985 Jaguar XJ6	3

Info/Announcements

Cover Photo

The girls at the Ladies Luncheon at Casa Machado on February 26th.

Regalia

The club has the following regalia:

- Coffee Mugs
- Key Fobs
- Logo Stickers
- Logo Pins
- Vintage Embroidered Patches
- Order form with pricing is on the back page

There are also several items from the 2008 Conclave event, Healeys on the Bay, held in San Diego, and The Sprite 50th Anniversary 2008

Short sleeve button down shirts with 2008 embroidered logo, Men and Women white, light blue and maroon in the following sizes @ \$10 each

- Men’s sizes XL to 4 XL
- Women’s sizes medium to XL

Sprite Anniversary T Shirts, Pins and Conclave 2008 Pins \$5 Each

Sprite Anniversary Car Badges \$20 each

Lynne Stark can provide details. Lynne can be reached at 619-579-7551

Membership Update—John Lee

AHCS D Membership Summary - March 2024		
Individual Memberships		15
Family/Group/Couples Memberships		49
Total Combined Members		113
Austin Healey Club of America		26

New Members for February 2024		
Skip & Cheryl Miller (Ross)	Bought a 1964 Sprite Mk III AN8 to restore	
Total		

Austin Healey Club of San Diego

Regalia Order Form

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

*Phone: _____

*E-Mail: _____

* Required

AHCSD Logo 16 oz. Mugs
Quantity ____ @ \$12 Each = \$ _____

AHCSD Key Fobs
Quantity ____ @ \$5 Each = \$ _____

AHCSD Logo Stickers
Quantity ____ @ \$3 Each = \$ _____

AHCSD Logo Pins
Quantity ____ @ \$5 Each = \$ _____

AHCSD "Vintage Embroidered Patches"
Quantity ____ @ \$10 Each = \$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

** Shipping If Required \$ _____

Total Price \$ _____

**For orders not being picked up, a separate shipping fee will apply. Please allow
2-4 weeks for delivery

Contact Lynne Stark to place orders. Lynne Stark can provide details. Lynne can be
reached at 619-579-7551



Super Bowl Party 2024



Above: Deb, Lou and Lex.

Below: Udo, John, Ed, Nancy, Alexandra on the stairs, Robert, Deb, and Kathleen.

Whatever team you decided to root for the game itself got off to a very slow start but got much better towards the end.

Weather was much better this year so we had some folks drive their Healey's. While parking I met a neighbor of Bob and Joan who puts together a type of cars and coffee event at Dudley's in Santa Ysabel. The next one is March 17th at 8:00am.

We had a pretty good turnout and thanks so much to Bob and Joan for hosting us again this year.

In attendance was Howard and Lynne, Terrey and Laura, Curt and Nancy, Ed and Alexandra, Lex, Robert and Kathleen, John, Sandy L., and Udo and Gisela

As usual we had some great chili entries for the cook off, appetizers, sweets, and Joan made an awesome "adult" punch.



Left: A few Healey's made it. John's BJ8, the Reid's BN7 and the Leyland's BT7. Udo drove his but had to find parking down the street,

Kathleen was the final quarter "Squares" winner. The biggest winners were Rick and Allie and they weren't there. LOL



Super Bowl Party 2024



Above: Must be Half Time!

Below: Winner, Most Original Chili, Robert Reid with wife Kathleen



Left: Best overall Chili winner, Curt Arndt with wife Nancy.



Best Traditional Chili winner, John Lee

Ladies Lunch

On February 26th several of the women met up for lunch at Casa Machado at Montgomery Field. It really gave us the chance to catch up and socialize. Thanks to Jan for coordinating. We are going to be having these on a quarterly basis and the next one will be May 1st at Season's 52 in UTC Mall. Mark your calendars.

Pictured starting on the left is Kathleen Reid, Joan DeYoung, Laura Leyland, Gisela Putzke, Barbara Humphreys, Mary Schermerhorn, Jan Schmidt, and Sandy Matheus.

Member Questionnaire—Terrey Leyland

How did you become interested in Austin Healeys?

- I met a girl who liked them.

What Austin Healey and/or other British car do you own?

- 1962 3000 BT7

Are you the original owner?

- No.

How did you come into Healey ownership?

- Sadly, by inheritance. It was Laura's father's car.

How long have you owned your Austin Healey?

- We got possession December 2, 2020

What other cars do you own/drive?

- I drive an Audi A4, once or twice a week.

What was your first car?

- 1969 Mustang

Do you have a significant other?

- Yes. Laura, AHCSA President.

Do you have children? Grandchildren?

- I have 2 children. Son, Scott age 32. Daughter, Maddie age 30. Laura has a daughter, Kristin age 32. No grand kids, yet.

What part of the San Diego area do you live in?

- Escondido. Out by the Zoo Safari Park

Are you a native San Diegan?

- No

If not, where did you migrate from? What made you move to San Diego?

- I grew up in Connecticut. Moved here in 1985. I was always into cars and motorcycles as a kid. Seemed they were cooler out here. My girlfriend and I at the time just picked up and moved.

What is the best road trip you have taken in your Healey?

- Laura's dad brought the car down here in 2008 for the Healeys on the Bay Conclave. She and I got to drive it back to Eugene OR. Took 4 or 5 days. Stopped in Paso Robles, Sonoma. We had wine stashed in every nook and cranny. The Redwoods were awesome too.

Where is the coolest place you have travelled? Healey or not.

- London and Paris are so cliché, but I love them. I think Lourges, France this past fall was amazing.

Do you collect anything?

- Ask Laura, I collect too much. We live on a golf course, so I guess logo'd golf balls.

What are your hobbies? Other than Austin Healeys.

- Woodworking, photography, music/high end audio, model railroading, wine, cuisine. Shall I continue?

What are you passionate about?

- At the moment, photography would be my #1

What is on your bucket list?

- Visting more of Italy and France.

2024 California Healey Week



Please join us in celebrating our *50th* anniversary in the beautiful central California coastal town of San Luis Obispo at Embassy Suites by Hilton **May 13th- 17th**. There are lots of great activities planned to include the car show at the Morro Bay Embarcadero, scenic drives, the poker run along the rugged California coastline, beautiful back country roads, with stops at some amazing wineries, and the option for lunch stops at the numerous Seaside communities. There is also a great farmers market, and a grand tour of the historic Hearst Castle for those interested. We also will have the Funkhana, Ladies Event, "Ask an Expert" and a reception the first night, Silent Auction throughout the week and banquet dinner the final night. **CHW 2024 promises to be a great time.**

Register for California Healey Week 2024

The registration opens Dec 1st at 6:00 am. The price stays the same until April 13th, when it increases, and registration closes April 25th.

[Register Now!](#)

Auction Item - Registration #1

And for those interested in being **#1**. There is an option to bid for registration "number 1" slot. This will give you the number "01" on your car event rondel, and all of your supporting registration information along with a special award.

[Bid on Registration #](#)

Please sign up early and let your friends know. This should be another great Healey gathering.

2024 California Healey Week

The Austin Healey Association of Southern California is pleased to host
California Healey Week 2024
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MONDAY, MAY 13 TO FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

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Special Hotel Rates of \$169 per night. Registration Fee only \$319 per couple/ \$179/ for single person.

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Register Online at www.austin-healey.org and click on the event "Register Now" Button

or

Download the Event Flyer and Mail Your Form and Check

Payment confirmation and hotel registration code will be sent via Email.

We look forward to seeing you this Spring on the rugged California Coast and wine country.



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