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April 2024

Note from the Editor

Hello and happy April. Can't wait for warmer weather. March sure was chilly and wet. Although, the Borrego Springs trip was a blast. The weather held and we had a great trip out there. Spending the night was well worth it. We only hit rain on the way back Sunday, just for a few minutes by Santa Ysabel. There was a great turnout. See Laura's write up later in this issue.

Looking forward to Rolling British car day on the 14th. Hopefully it will be a nice day. Hope a lot of us make it.

If you go to California Healey Week, take lots of pictures. Laura and I will be stuck on a cruise ship in Spain.

See you at the meeting next week.

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the April 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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AHCS D April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Ron Darland	April 6
Lou Galper	April 10
Patricia Benke	April 15
Ed McWilliams	April 25
Claire Coombs	April 27
Ed Matheus	April 29

Anniversaries

Arnold & Yolanda Ventura	April 30, 1976
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AHCS D April Meeting

Wednesday, April 10 6:30 PM

Chicken Charlie's Table

12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd

San Diego CA 92128

Rancho Bernardo

Please Attend!

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

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From The President

Hello Fellow Club Members,

As we make our way into Spring it sure did not feel like it the past couple of weekends. Let's hope we get some much needed sunshine for Rolling British Day which is in two weeks. I hope to see many of you there.

There are some great upcoming events so does any one need a tech session to get their Healey in shape? I'm always looking for new ideas for events.

We had a wonderful time in Borrego last weekend. More on that in the event section.

Sadly we have lost a member of our Healey family. Mickey Pleasant passed away February 7th in Carlsbad. A memorial service will be held June 22, 2024 at his residence.

Enjoy the rest of April and I shall see you at our next meeting on the 10th.

See you in a Healey!



March Meeting Minutes



AHCSD March 13, 2024 Meeting

Vice president John Lee called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

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

There were 20 members in attendance: Don Benke, Ed & Sandy Matheus, John Lee & Susanna Davis (H), Howard & Lynne Stark, Alex & Sandy Watt, Sandy & Lily Leon, Terry Cowan (H), Robert & Kathleen Reid, Richard & Ada Stephens, Lou Galper, Deb Durham, Jim Doornink, and Tom Luckie

John Lee opened the meeting and explained the Leylands were ill and would not be in attendance. He recognized members' anniversaries and birthdays.

Old Business: Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

New Business: Members in attendance introduced themselves to the group and were invited to share a bit about their club/Healey information.

Lynne Stark reminded members that she will help with issues regarding hard copies of the Healey Hearsay. She has secured Island Palms location on December 7, 2024 for the club's holiday party. She also has arranged a 10% off discount for members interested in also spending the night either Friday or Saturday.

Ed Matheus updated members regarding the Temecula Car Show on May 3rd & 4th. He and Ron Richtmyer are still planning on hosting a seafood boil at Pechanga Resort. Email Ed if you think you might stop on by! He also reminded members of Campland by the Bay Parrothead Party on September 21, 2024. It's \$40 for all you can drink from 10 am-10 pm.

Howard Stark distributed flyers for the upcoming Rolling British Car Day on April 14th. There are 2 different starting venues, with a destination meet up at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center. Registration for the event is electronic through mymoterverse.com

John Lee listed a few up the upcoming car events in and around San Diego. These events are listed in the Healey Hearsay. The members in attendance discussed the next Healey drive to Borrego Springs. It was suggested that the club consider moving the departure times to be earlier by an hour due to concern about how busy the highway may be to the desert. Kathleen Reid volunteered to pass along this request to Laura Leyland for planning purposes. There are about 14-16 people who indicated they planned on making the drive, some of whom will also opt to spend the night in Borrego Springs.

7:56 Meeting Adjourned

2024 Club Activities

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

May Events

1- Ladies Luncheon- Seasons 52 UTC Mall 11:30

3- Temecula - Temecula Rod Run - Historic Old Town

- Ed and Ron to host a seafood boil at Pechanga RV

4- Lakeside - Summer Fling - 11055 Moreno Ave. - 9AM - 2PM

8- Oceanside- South O Cruise Night @ South O Brewing 1575 S. PCH - 6PM - 9PM

8- Club Meeting

13-17 California Healey Week

Upcoming Events

Deer Park Winery

Pt. Loma Tour



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!

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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 March 20, 2024

Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	58
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	32
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	28
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	26
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	18
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	12
Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	12
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
Luckie, T & K	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 BT7	6
Galper, L.	1985 Jaguar XJ6	3
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	2

Info/Announcements

Cover Photo

Wildflowers in Borrego



Membership Update—John Lee

AHCSO Membership Summary - April 2024		
Individual Memberships		15
Family/Group/Couples Memberships		49
Total Combined Members		113
Austin Healey Club of America		22

New Members for March 2024		
None		
Total		

Borrego Springs



It was a chilly and windy drive to Borrego but no rain on Saturday. What a fun day we all had. The first picture where people are holding their hats was taken right before you drop down into Borrego and it felt like hurricane force winds. At least none of us went over the ledge.

The incoming weather did scare off a couple of people but we still had a nice turnout with 5 cars and 3 other cars. 15 people altogether. Lou & Deb, Udo & Gisela, Tom & Kathy, Bob and Joan, Sandy & Lily, Don & Pat, Lex, and ourselves, Laura & Terrey.

It was very pleasant weather once we were in the desert, a little windy at times but very nice.

We found lots of beautiful flowers and we also saw the Volvo Club, they also had a drive out there.

After looking at flowers and wandering around Christmas Circle for a bit we had a wonderful lunch at Rams Hill, thank you Lou and Deb for finding this gem. Might now become the go to place. After lunch most departed for home and that is when the rain started. I heard it was pouring back towards Julian. Bob & Joan, Lou & Deb, Lex and us all stayed the night at the Borrego Inn Resort and what a fun night we have. This will also become a tradition. Thanks to Bob for initiating this. When we checked in only Bob & Joans room was not ready so what do you do, go to the bar of course. When we finally made it over there it was like Cheers, there were some locals hanging out and they all shouted "We've been waiting for you." It was quite funny. We had dinner later that night at the resort. We headed home on Sunday and although we only had a little rain it was very cold. A fun weekend and I can't wait to make this a tradition.



Borrego Springs



Meet Our Members—Joan De Young

Do you have a significant other? *Bob*

Do you have kids? Grandchildren? *3 daughters, 2 granddaughters, and 1 grandson*

What Austin Healey and/or other British car do you drive? *1967 Big Healey*

How long have you owned your Austen Healey? *3 ½ years*

Are you the original owner? How did the car come into your possession? *It was purchased at Beverley Hills Car Club, not sure on the number of owners.*

What else do you drive? *Infiniti Q60*

In what part of town do you live? *North County, Santaluz*

Native San Diegan? If not, where are you from? How did you end up living in San Diego? *I'm originally from New York and Bob is from New Jersey*

Where is the best road trip you've taken in your Austen Healey? *Palm Springs California Healey Week*

Where is the coolest place you have ever traveled? *3 barge trips (self-piloted) through Alsace-Lorraine, Burgundy, and the Midi Canal*

Do you collect anything? *Art work and jewelry from travels*

What are your hobbies? *Bridge, reading, traveling, duolingo, Wordle, Jumble*

What are you passionate about? *Travel*

What is on your bucket list? *A self-drive trip through Scotland, 2 months in Palermo, and a visit to my sister in the Algarve (Portugal)*

What is your favorite recent memory? *Having my children & grandchildren fly out for my 81st birthday*

What skill would you still like to learn? *Mah-Jong (played years ago) Also, learn to play pickleball (played a few times)*

What is one thing that instantly makes your day better? *A walk and a conversation with family and friends*

What do you enjoy spending money on? *Nice dinners, theater, & opera*

What is the biggest risk you ever took? *Ziplining over the gorge in Victoria Falls*

Tell us your life story in exactly one sentence. *It has been a journey of experiences and living in many places.*

What is your useless talent? *If it is useless, it is not a talent.*

What songs are the soundtrack of your life? *"As Time Goes By" & "I Did It My Way"*

What did you do as a teenager that makes you cringe now? *Goth makeup and wardrobe*

What would your warning label say? *OCD- beware*



Meet Our Members—Joan De Young

What is the most outrageous lie you told as a child? *That I was German and my name was Johanna*

What is the dumbest way you have injured yourself? *As a child, I picked up a bee and it stung my palm.*

How do you waste time most often? *Watching YouTube videos (mostly nature)*

What movie do you wish you could watch again for the very first time? *Shawshank Redemption*

What is the first concert you attended? What is the best concert? *Chamber music concert in Greenwich Village in 1961; Rolling Stones, San Diego, 2015*

What do you dislike that everyone else seems to like? *Facebook*

What is the best idea you have ever had for a business? *Geriatric friendly packaging*

What is your favorite cuisine? *Pretty much all cuisines (French – Italian – Asian)*

What are you most excited about right now? *Our upcoming trip to Scotland, Sicily, and Portugal*

What is the best advice you ever received? The worst advice? *Best: Success is built on failure Worst: Don't rock the boat*

What was your first job? *Teaching third grade*

What was your first car? *1956 Ford*

What line of work do/did you choose as a career? *Urban studies, but ended up in finance and corporate training*

What is the biggest mistake you ever made at work? *Assuming that everyone else was smarter*

What is the hardest lesson you have learned so far? *You can't please everybody*

If you lived 500 years ago, what do you think your profession would be? *Artist's wife and helper or writer*

Do you have any pet peeves? *People who don't pick up dog poop*

What is your favorite thing to share with other people? *Travel experiences*

What is one fact that few people know about you? *I was very shy as a child*

Have you ever met a celebrity? *Leonard Bernstein*

Which celebrity would you like to meet?. *Would like to meet Ina Garten*

What is your go-to karaoke song? *"The Wind Beneath my Wings"*



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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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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