

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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## Note from the Editor

Hello and Happy June. Hard to believe we are almost halfway through 2024. I hope you all had a great May. And those of you who went to California week, and Steve Kirby's Vancouver Canada trip I hope you had a great time. Unfortunately, Laura and I did not make it to California Healey Week due to a pre-planned trip to Europe. We did have a great time. A weekend in London, 3 days in Lisbon Portugal then a 10 day cruise from Lisbon to Barcelona.

We did get some pictures of Healey week from Randy and Carolyn Jones , Thank you so much Randy and Carolyn. Neil Tabachki as well.

Unfortunately, there is little else to report on from California Healey Week.

*Cheers—Terrey*

Welcome to the June 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.

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## AHCS D June Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Yolanda Ventura	June 2
John Lee	June 11

### Anniversaries

Roland & Loreen Wilhelmy	June 26, 1965
George & Alice Hurley	June 6, 1969
Don & Pat Benke	June 26, 1971
Charles & Debby Sharp	June 18, 1977
Howard & Lynne Stark	June 25, 1978
John & Heide Farkash	June 24, 1984
Tom & Kathy Luckie	June 29, 1985

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*From The President*

Hello Fellow Club Members,

Hard to believe we are half way through the year.

Sorry the newsletter is so late. Vacations and family obligations got in the way.

I'm trying to come up with some good content for the newsletter.

I have a write up from BC Rendezvous that my brother Robert Wilson attended, who also met Steve Kirby there.

Until next time see you in a Healey!





# May Meeting Minutes



## AHCSD May 8, 2024 Meeting

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

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

There were 18 members in attendance: Don Benke, John Lee, Howard Stark (H), Alex Watt, Sandy Leon, Robert & Kathleen Reid, Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), Terrey & Laura Leyland (H), Jim Doornink, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Tom Luckie (H), John Banales (H), Lou Galper (O), and Terry Cowan (H)

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and welcomed participants.

Old Business: Minutes from the April meeting were approved. Update on website redesign: Kathleen Reid agreed to act as a liaison between AHCSD and the web developer. John Lee and Kathleen will meet to exchange necessary information to facilitate this action.

New Business:

California Healey Week is right around the corner. Terry Cowan will be trailering his car to Healey Week. An informal poll was taken among those in attendance and no other members indicated they would also be there.

General discussion regarding keeping Club of America dues separate from AHCSD club dues. Processing is easier and it is more efficient to have members pay each entity rather than collect locally and then forward to the national club. Club Express increased this difficulty as well as having different due dates for membership. Don Benke is our delegate to the national club which entails attending a few meetings online, listening to upcoming plans (Conclave, etc.) and then passing along this information to the local club. Discussion included questions regarding the necessity of keeping AHCSD as part of the national club. It was suggested that we look at the pros and cons of what benefit the club receives as part of the national club. National Club offers insurance to our local club for AHCSD sponsored events, but our local club has not been sponsoring events. It was suggested to ask Don Benke to request a copy of the coverage that is provided via this policy. This information might make a difference in how the club may chose to proceed. Individual membership in the national club would still include Healey Marque magazine and a yearly calendar.

Membership update: John Lee suggested improvements to our own club renewal process which would include mailing out reminders and including a self-addressed return envelope to streamline the process. John also recognized members with May birthdays and anniversaries. He is also trying to schedule our upcoming meeting up to 3 months in advance to help members with planning. This information is included in the Healey Hearsay.

Treasury Update: Sandy Leon reported that the club remains solvent.

Activities Update: Laura Leyland outlined upcoming club events that include a wine tour in June, a Pt. Loma tour in July, Breakfast by the Bay and Ladies Luncheon (8/19) in August, and British Car Day in October (10/6). We are looking into British Car night for Cruising Grand in Escondido as well.

There will be a memorial service for former member Mickey Pleasant in Carlsbad on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping to have current members meet and drive to the services to honor his memory and longtime participation on AHCSD. More information to come.

Ed Matheus gave a report of the Temecula Car show and was pleased to report that Ron Richtmyer is doing great after his recent health issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

# 2024 Club Activities

## June Events

- 12- Club Meeting, 6:30pm
- 22- Mickey Pleasant Service
- 30- Wine Tour

## July Events

- 10- Club Meeting, 6:30pm
- 20- Tour of Pt. Loma



## 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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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](mailto: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 May 20, 2024

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	86	Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	12
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	62	Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	12
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	46	Galper, L.	1985 Jaguar XJ6	10
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	44	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	10
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	38	Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	8
Luckie, T &	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	30	Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 Ph 2	20	Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	6
Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BT7	16	Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	6
Tabachki, N. & N.	1957 100-6 BN4	16	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 BT7	6
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	14	Banales, J. & S.T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7 RHD	4
			Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	2

# AHCS D Info

## Cover Photo

Randy Jones, with his 63 BJ7

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

### June Meeting

Wednesday, June 12 6:30 PM

Filippi's Pizza Grotto

5353 Kearny Villa Rd

San Diego, CA 92123

### July Meeting

Wednesday, July 10 6:30 PM

Marie Calendar's

6950 Alvarado Rd

San Diego, CA 92120

### August Meeting

Wednesday, August 14 6:30 PM

Miguel's Cocina

10514 Craftman Way

San Diego, CA 92120

**Please Attend!**

## Membership Update—John Lee

### AHCS D Membership Status

June 1, 2024

#### Membership Summary

Memberships	59
Total Combined Members	107
Austin Healey Club America Members - San Diego	25
<b>New Members for June 2024</b>	
None	-

Please address any concerns regarding:

- Club Membership
- Healey Hearsay Distribution
- Monthly Meeting Venues
- Other Ideas or Recommendations

John Lee

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# California Healey Week.



Hi All

Over the last 3 weeks Carolyn and I drove our 63 Austin Healey to San Luis Obispo for California Healey Week, trucked the car with 21 others to Seattle and drove through BC.

We left on Sunday the 12th via Malibu, Port Hueneme, over the 154 through Santa Ynez and Los Olivos then up highway 1. We attended the Austin Healey Club of Southern California's Healey Week where our car won 1st place in class and Carolyn won 1st place in the Funcana. After several days of driving all over Central California we trucked the cars to Seattle.



*Night shot from our room in Sooke.*

# California Healey Week



**Butchard Gardens**

*Photos courtesy of Randy and Carolyn Jones*



From Seattle we drove and ferried over to Victoria and on to Sooke for another Healey Meet sponsored by the Healy club of British Columbia. I made day drives with friends around the Island while Carolyn nursed a cold.

After three days in Sooke we spent a night in Powells River and two nights in Victoria, Whistler and Vancouver. The drives through mountains of pines with pristine lakes were both magnificent and challenging. British Columbia, home to the straits of Juan de Fuca, required multiple ferry rides and bridges always “fun” in cars low to the ground on 3 inch tires!

On our drive to Victoria we detoured to Butchard Gardens one of the most beautiful places on earth.



**Victoria Harbor from our Hotel**

The trip although not as scenic as last year’s Norway trip was fun and demanding. We had sunny days in Central California and overcast skies for most of the Northwest drive.

It was quite a challenge driving down the Mountain from Whistler to Vancouver in rain. We took a bow wave over the car from a truck hitting a puddle just right. The top proved water tight but my open side window provide me a face full of water!



## Meet Our Members—Alex Watt

Do you have a significant other? *Sandy*

Do you have kids? Grandchildren? *1 son, 2 granddaughters*

What Austin Healey and/or other British car do you have? *61 Aston Martin D64, 38 Aston Martin, 32 Riley Gamecock, 33 Riley Lynx, 36 Riley Lynx, 65 MGB*

How long have you owned your Austin Healey? *12 years, 62 BT7 Tri Carb German model*

Are you the original owner? How did the car come into your possession? *I found the car while looking for Model T parts. It had been parked behind the garage for 25 years*

What else do you drive? *Dodge Ram, VW Taos*

In what part of town do you live? *Point Loma*

Native San Diegan? If not, where are you from? How did you end up living in San Diego? *I'm originally from Buchie Scotland. Worked 30 years in Los Angeles, moved to Sandy's family home 10 years ago.*

Where is the best road trip you've taken in your Austen Healey? *In 1975 I drove my Bugeye Sprite from Corvallis, Oregon to Washington, DC in 3 days. I slept in the car. The trip back was DC to San Diego to Corvallis with my 3 year old son.*

Where is the coolest place you have ever traveled? *South Island, New Zealand. (The coldest: North Dakota in winter at -50 degrees F*

Do you collect anything? *Automotive books and Aston Martin models*

What are your hobbies? *Restoring pre-war British cars*

What are you passionate about? *Pre-war British cars*

What is on your bucket list? *Attend Nick Mason's open house at Middlewick House, Wiltshire, UK*

What is your favorite recent memory? *Attending the NEC Classic Car Show in Birmingham, UK last November*

What skill would you still like to learn? *Welding sheet metal aluminum*

What is one thing that instantly makes your day better? *Getting behind the wheel of a car*

What do you enjoy spending money on? *Travel, family, and automotive books*

What is the biggest risk you ever took? *I don't consider any of my actions as taking a risk*

Tell us your life story in exactly one sentence. *I grew up in a small fishing village and ended up in a large city overseeing environmental work in the southwest US*

What songs are the soundtrack of your life? *"On the Road Again" and "Leaving on a Jet Plane"*

What would your warning label say? *Caution: Crazy Scotsman on the move!*

What is the dumbest way you have injured yourself? *Twice cut myself with a table saw because I left the blade guard installed. Normally, I take the guard off.*

What movie do you wish you could watch again for the very first time? *Local Hero, Goldfinger, and Genevieve*

What is the first concert you attended? What is the best concert? *1964 Rolling Stones in Aberdeen, Scotland; 1976 Gordon Lightfoot in Constitutional Hall, Washington DC*



## Meet Our Members—Alex Watt

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

What is your favorite cuisine? *Scottish fish & chips, Mince, skirlie & tatties, cock-a-leekie soup*

What are you most excited about right now? *Trip to UK to meet Riley Owners to get photos of 32 Gamecocks to help finish a restoration*

What is the best advice you ever received? *Go to work for the Federal Government*

What was your first job? *Picking potatoes on a Scottish farm*

What was your first car? *1959 Renault Caravelle*

What line of work do/did you choose as a career? *Geographer & environmental specialist with the US government*

If you lived 500 years ago, what do you think your profession would be? *Crofter (a person who rents and works a small farm, especially in Scotland or northern England) and Coachbuilder*

What is your favorite thing to share with other people? *Automobile trivia until their eyes glaze over*

What is one fact that few people know about you? *I was a dive master with the US Government Department of Interior Offshore Oil Office*

Have you ever met a celebrity? *I've met Sir Sterling Moss, Sir Jackie Stewart, Carroll Shelby, and Carroll O'Connor*

What is your go-to karaoke song? *"Foot Tapper" by The Shadows (Instrumental) as I don't do Karaoke*



## Vancouver BC Run By Robert Wilson

Healey club of BC, Canada.

At the time I wasn't sure on what Healey to drive for the 800 mile trip. A proven Sprite or the latest BN6 I bought on a whim a year earlier. I had not many test miles on the BN6 and only bought for 15K online because it was in my budget. I later offered it on Bring a Trailer where there was commit that it looked 'glued together'. It didn't sell with a top bid of 25K. Over the winter I drove it as much as possible for test to fail, yet nothing failed. I decided the car was ready enough yet I was still a little nervous about completing the trip. My plan was to go alone because I don't mind being broke down on the side of the road but a buddy or my wife might. Less pressure more adventure. I also decided to leave a day early and just make it about 110 miles north on I-5 to Portland and stay at past president of the AHCUSA Mark Schneider house. Dudley Haynes also past president was there as well. Since I'm also a past President we were peas in a pod. Leaving early gave me 100 mile test run.

The Healey made it without any issues and this really set the stage of a worry free trip. I should also mention that my BN6 is a BN7 Spec right hand drive rally car replica. Installing racing numbers on the doors means I have to be in the fast lane. The next morning the plan was to meet up with 5 Healeys from the Portland area. Form there we stayed on I-5 for the next 100 plus miles until hitting 101 to Port Angeles where a hotel next to the ferry was our stop for the night. All was good until a rain storm approached. Glad I threw a top in the car at the last minute. I put it up and glad I did as it rained the rest of the trip North. My rally car features a stage one weight reduction package. That includes no weatherstripping or heater. Rain was pretty heavy and water start pouring in on my legs and on the back side of the dash. Small things as the engine was purring loudly as a whole in muffler makes my Healey sound mean rally car remember. Finally my wiper motor froze with the wipers in the upright position. Finally we made it to the hotel at the dock. Dudley had some reservation issues so he roomed with me up again for the second night in row. Good thing I like the guy.

The next morning we all lined up for the ferry to BC. I think about 15-20 Healeys were on the ferry and luckily the rain stopped. One Healey was being pushed through customs. I can't help to go over and be of help when a Healey bonnet is up. I don't think I'm alone as there was about ten others around me and every one had opinions about why this Healey quit. The engine actually ran good when but would quit under power, but being stationary it seemed fine. Anyhow we all boarded the ferry for the hour long voyage to BC. All my navigational tools were not working once in Canada so I just needed to follow someone who knows where they are going. Sounds easy right. Wrong. That fellow with the Healey that had trouble was in front of me and I spent the next couple of hours pushing his Healey through downtown B.C. I finally suggested he obtain a tow truck instead of my legs. I was able to follow another Healey for the hour long journey to the Hotel for the meet. The first night was at VFW Legion and we all had a pretty good BBQ. It was great to see old friends and meet some new ones. A bunch from the Southern California club had come from Healey Week in San Louis Obispo had shown up. They all had special badges and magnets on the doors for the well deserved praise. We had a pleasant tour and then everyone gathered back at the hotel for some more meet and greets.


The next day was the car show and concours. It was raining pretty hard and the show was about hour away at a Aero-Museum. That didn't stop many as it was quite the event. It did delay the concours judging as that was postponed. It was best to have that back at the hotel in judged Geoff Chrysler's (of Rightway Heritage Upholstery) 100 and it received Healey to receive a medal

the covered parking garage. I (of Rightway Heritage Upholstery) a solid gold. It was the only in the concours event





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