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July 2024

Note from the Editor

Hello AHCS D members. Wow, was June overly warm? July is following that trend. June was kind of slow event wise. Well, Robert and Kathleen would not agree.....See later in this issue for details.

We had a good turnout for Mickey Pleasant's Memorial. It was a nice event, Laura has more on it later in this issue.

Ed and Sandy continue to hold a commanding lead in the CoTY race. We could be closer, as Laura and I have a Cars and Coffee pretty close to us, but we are not usually morning people. LOL!

Unfortunately (or fortunately) we had to postpone the wine tour. The temperatures were just too high. These cars run hot and sipping red wine when it's 90 degrees isn't my favorite past time. Look for the reschedule date in the fall.

Speaking of Robert and Kathleen; their feature is just what I am looking for from the members. No, what happened to them is an exception, don't let that happen for the HH sake. A photo and a sentence is all I need for a "Member's Page" feature.

Welcome to our newest members, Peter Greatbatch and Brenda Schulte. Hope to see you at meetings and events.

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the July 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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AHCSD July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sharon Burton	July 10
Bryan Johnson	July 11
John Banales	July 14
Jo-Ann Carberry	July 14
Allie Snover	July 16
John Farkash	July 17
Carol Farnsworth	July 17
Alice Hurley	July 17
Neil Tabachki	July 28
Loreen Wilhelmy	July 30

Anniversaries

Udo & Gisela Putzke	July 17, 1992
Will & Sharon Rogers	July 12, 1964

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

**AHCSD
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From The President

Hello Fellow Club Members,

Happy July all and welcome to summer, the heat came fast this year. What happened to June gloom?

Hope you all had a safe and happy 4th of July. I can recall as a kid participating in a parade with the Healey and at that time we had the back end of one as a trailer and my brother and I rode in it and threw out candy to the onlookers.

Summertime reminds me of so many camping trips with not only the Healey club of Oregon but also the Ford club. Mainly the Ford Panel Vans. We loved those weekends because it meant free soda which wasn't allowed in our house. They would have a RC Cola station set up and it was a free for all. I was in heaven.

Until I see you again get out there and enjoy those Healey's.



June Meeting Minutes



AHCSD June 12, 2024 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

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

There were 23 members in attendance: Don & Pat Benke, John Lee, Howard & Lynne Stark (H), Alex Watt, Sandy & Lily Leon, Robert & Kathleen Reid, Robert & Joan DeYoung (H), Terrey & Laura Leyland (H), Jim Doornink, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Lou Galper & Deborah Durham (H), Terry Cowan (H), Rick & Allie Snover (H), and Lex Dunn

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and welcomed participants. She also expressed gratitude for members' patience in the delay of last month's Healey Hearsay, due to travel commitments.

Old Business: Minutes from the May meeting were approved. Kathleen Reid had no available updates on the webpage redesign at this time. Don Benke made contact with AHCA regarding our club's questions regarding insurance coverage. He requested a summary from Club America as to what types of events and what kinds of things would be included. His contact is Steve Bell. They are working on getting him this requested information. In a conversation he had with Steve Kirby, it was mentioned that events as simple as club organized drives are covered "sponsored" events.

New Business:

Laura Leyland announced that there would be an AHCSD board meeting on June 18th at Wood Ranch in Mission Valley at 7 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Members were reminded of an upcoming memorial for Mickey Pleasant, long time club member on June 22nd. Plans include meeting at Ed & Sandy Matheus' house to arrange a drive of Austin Healey's to the memorial to be held at the Pleasant family home from 1 – 5 p.m. Lynne Stark will be arranging a plant/flowers as a remembrance from the AHCSD (expenditure approved). Mickey Pleasant was an active member whose involvement included Big Bone Sprite Racing and he had years of experience in engine rebuilding. It was suggested that an email be sent prior to the event as a reminder for members that would also include the Matheus' address.

Membership update: John Lee announced that we had 2 new club members. He wants to make sure that everyone is receiving a copy of the club's newsletter.

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

Lynne Stark is continuing to work on our annual holiday party, which will be held in the same location as last year. It's not too early for members to be considering donations of silent auction or raffle items.

Activities Update: Laura Leyland outlined upcoming club events that include a wine tour scheduled for 6/30 to include 3 local wineries, a Pt. Loma tour on July 20, On Friday, August 18th Cruising Grand in Escondido will be featuring British cars, Breakfast by the Bay is slated for 8/24 and a quarterly Ladies Luncheon (8/19) will need a new location because Vintana Restaurant is not open on Mondays. Please mark your calendars for British Car Day in Coronado on October 6th.

There were also suggestions of a possible club meet ups for a happy hour and/or ice cream socials.

John Lee gave a very positive response to his recent attendance at the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show and encouraged club members to consider signing up for next year's event.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

June Board Meeting Minutes



AHCSD June 12, 2024 Board Meeting

Attending: President/Activities Laura Leyland; Vice President John Lee; Treasurer Sandy Leon; Secretary Kathleen Reid; HH Editor Terrey Leyland; Hospitality Lynne Stark; Delegate Don Benke; Representative Howard Stark; Member Eric Graves; Member Robert Reid

Discussion Items:

Holiday Party to be held on December 7, 2024 at the Best Western Island Palms; 11-3 p.m.

Deposit of \$500 has been made. Our minimum attendance is 35 people @ \$73.62 for a total of \$2471.00. The board members present voted to set the price for members @\$70/person, with the AHCSD to cover the difference in cost. Lynne made detailed notes directly after this event last year and will be working with event staff on a better arrangement of food & tables as well as defining separate areas for the raffle and the silent auction. Members interested in also book a room may do so at 10% off the regular rate.

After discussion, it was determined that the club will mail out invitation to this event in September. Lynne will create a flyer, with a bottom portion that can be cut off for members to return in a stamped, preaddressed envelope. Club members will also be offered the opportunity to also renew their club dues at this time. Lynne will receive these envelopes, collect information and pass them to John Lee for membership and checks will be passed to Sandy Leon. It is anticipated that this mailing should fall under the \$200 threshold for general expenses.

Club dues will remain at \$35 for the upcoming year. The board feels that any move to disassociate from the AHCA should be a whole club decision/vote. Members continue to have the option to join the AHCA as individuals.

AHCSD website redesign: Kathleen Reid has reached out to the web developer to request a face-to-face meeting so that she has an idea of that status of the project, what information he may still need, and she will create an action item list to move the project forward. The developer has received \$750, and will receive an additional \$750 when the web page is done. Thereafter, there will be a small annual maintenance fee. It is expected that Rick Snover will continue to manage the webpage on its completion. Our main goal is to make the website more useful to both members and potential members.

AHCA has communicated to Don Benke that their next meeting agenda includes creating a short version of insurance coverage for local clubs as a reference. It may take until July before we have anything in hand. In a general discussion we explored the idea of not being associated with the national club. Do we need the additional coverage if we are not hosted local events? Howard Stark explained that one of the advantages for national insurance coverage is that it would protect board members from being liable for injuries and lawsuits resulting from incidents that might occur, outside of automobile insurance coverage (i.e. someone tripping and falling).

Laura Leyland would like to explore ideas to increase the activity and participation of our local club members. She feels strongly that we should be encouraging people to keep their cars on the road! Some things the board discussed and considered were making sure we have monthly club sponsored drives, occasional weekend meetings during the day light hours (public park/picnic/barbeque), coordinating a ride sharing for those members who would like to come to meetings, but no longer feel comfortable driving at night, and explore another Healey drive with an overnight destination (Idyllwild, Temecula, Pine Valley) with a club sponsored breakfast the next morning. Kathleen Reid said that she would explore what we could organize for the month of October.

Our club has a healthy bank account. Should we consider sponsoring a California Healey Week? In the past, club members have not wanted to make the commitment as it requires a lot of volunteers and volunteer hours. Laura Leyland feels like we should seriously consider interest in this idea, with a timeline that might be a couple years out. Can we contact the sponsors of the last couple of Healey Weeks and request an information/blueprint that they used for planning and organizing so that we have a clearer idea of what this may entail? John Lee feels that if people were asked to fulfill specific roles, they would be more likely to commit, as opposed to a general call for volunteers. Lynne Stark indicated that there are a lot of hoops to jump through and sponsorship of a big event like this requires putting up a bond.

2024 Club Activities

July Events

10– Club Meeting, 6:30pm

20– Tour of Pt. Loma

August Events

14– Club Meeting, 6:30pm

16– Cruising Grand, British Night, Escondido

19– Ladies Luncheon, Yannis, Scripps Ranch

24– Breakfast on the Bay, Crown Point

September Events

11– Club Meeting, 6:30pm

21– South Bay to Coronado Drive, 10AM, Lunch TBD

October Events

6– British Car Day, Tidelands Park, Coronado

9– Club Meeting, 6:30pm

November Events

13– Club Meeting and Board Elections, 6:30pm

18– Ladies Luncheon

23– Winery Tour

December Event

HOLIDAY PARTY! HOLIDAY PARTY!

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th

BEST WESTERN ISLAND PALMS

SUNSET ROOM

Cost: \$70 per person

More info to come



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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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 Healey's, 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 Healey's 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 June 20, 2024

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	106	Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	12
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	66	Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	12
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	50	Galper, L.	1985 Jaguar XJ6	10
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	48	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	10
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	42	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 BT7	10
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	20	Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	6
Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BT7	16	Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	16	Banales, J. & S.T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7 RHD	4
Tabachki, N. & N.	1957 100-6 BN4	16	Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	4
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	14			

Cover Photo

Collage from Mickey Pleasant's memorial. Yes, I know this is not the Corvette Club.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

September Meeting
 Wednesday,, September 11 6:30 PM
 Mimi's Café
 5180 Mission Center Dr
 San Diego CA 92108

Membership Update—John Lee

AHCS D Membership Status - John Lee	
July 1, 2024	
Membership Summary	
Memberships	55
Total Combined Members	101
Austin Healey Club America Members	25
New Members for June & July 2024	
Peter Greatbatch & Brenda Schulte.	2

Please address any concerns regarding:

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

John Lee
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Mickey Pleasant Memorial



On June 22 Mickey's family held an open house to celebrate his life. They had a taco truck there serving up great food. People were everywhere, out front, inside, and in the backyard by the pool. As many of us drove our Healey's over there I think we would have gladly jumped in the pool as it turned out to be a very hot day.

Lots of stories were told and people reminisced over the memories they had of Mickey.

There were lots of pictures on display of all the hobbies he loved and enjoyed.

You will be missed Mickey.

Photos, plus cover, courtesy Terry Cowan.



Mickey Pleasant Memorial

*Dad
had the best
time in life
to be a
father for
his kids*

*Mickey
the master
was the best
times ever had
being with you
enjoying life
Wish you !!
Cool !!*

*Life is not a journey to the grave
with the intention of arriving
safely in a pretty and well
preserved body,
but rather to skid in broadside
thru turn 6 at Riverside
Raceway thoroughly used up,
totally worn out, and loudly
proclaiming*
WOW-WHAT A RIDE!



February 11, 1941 - February 7, 2024

I believe behind the glare, he refers to turn 6

A Perfect Healey Day



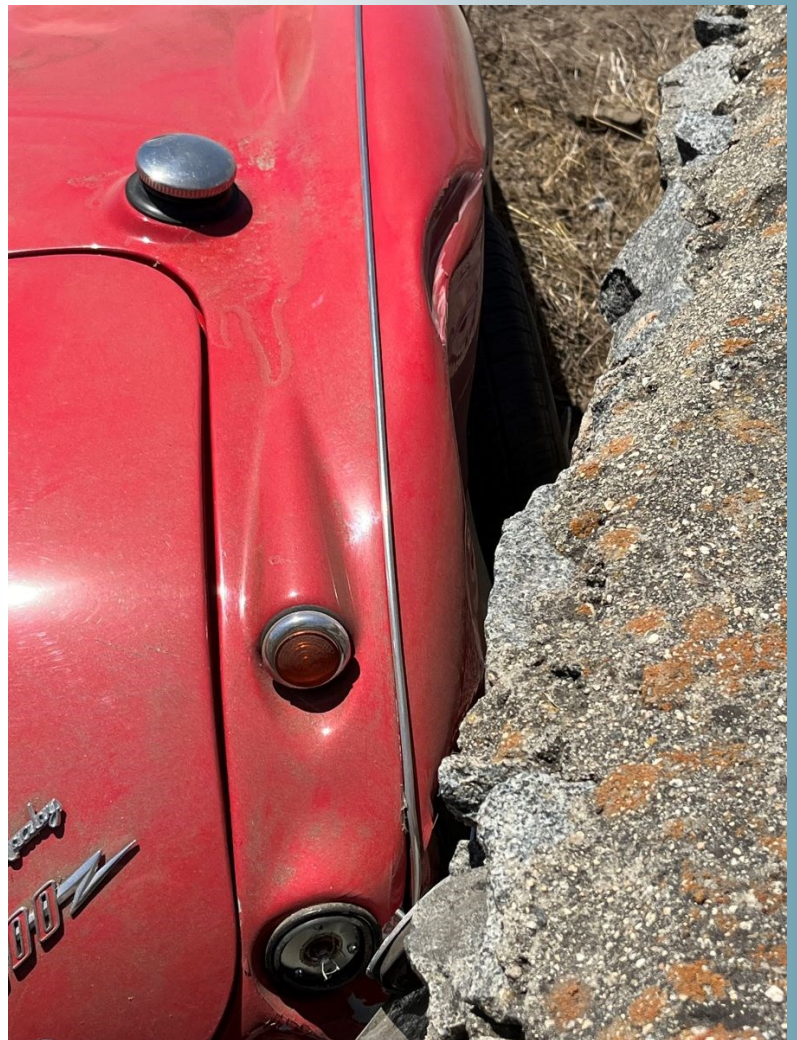
Tales From the Road -- Kathleen Reid

“Oh, it’s such a perfect day, I’m glad I spent it with you. Oh, such a perfect day. You just keep me hanging on, you just keep me hanging on...” Song & lyrics by Lou Reed

This tune repeats in my head as we take a Sunday drive in our Austin Healey. If Robert and I had a theme song, this would be it. Lou Reed, not necessarily known for his tender side, penned a simple song about spending the day with the one you love.

The weather is gorgeous and as I am watching the beautiful scenery along Highway 78, I am recalling all the fun times we have created since purchasing this fun little sports car. It was Robert’s dream, but I feel grateful to be his co-pilot. As we wind through the San Pasqual valley, sun shining warmly, slight breeze in our hair, I’m looking forward to the picnic we are headed to in Ramona. I’m literally singing in my head, “It’s such a perfect day” as I feel the car pulling a bit towards the right side of this two-lane road. And suddenly, instinct kicks in, and I’m grabbing what Lynne had told me was called the “Oh shit” handle on the dash and leaning forward in my lap.

Tires braking, car spinning, dust cloud rising. Impact.



A Perfect Healey Day



I'm covered in dirt, debris, and sticky pieces of tumbleweed. Before I even look up, I ask Robert, "Did we hit anyone?" Thank goodness his answer was "No". My mind is busy racing, trying to make sense of what has just happened. I hadn't been watching the road and had no idea. But we're okay. We are both okay.

As we begin to dust off, Robert explains to me that a car headed in the opposite direction was getting ready to make a left turn in front of us on to Old Milky Way. This is right where the road makes a curve and we don't think they were expecting to see us coming in the other direction. *His* steering to avoid *them* had pulled us to the right, and then, trying to avoid hitting the siderail, over to the left. We had spun out across the highway and ended up on the shoulder, with our car now headed west.

Robert is quickly assessing the situation, hopping out of the car to inspect the damage, while I'm busy pulling out contact information for Hagerty Insurance. Thankfully, we are all the way off the road and out of danger, but unfortunately, pinned next to a stone wall. Poor rear fender. Immediately, other drivers were pulling off the road to check on us and offer assistance. With assurances that we are fine and uninjured, we send them on their way, knowing that we'll probably have a bit of wait for a tow, (which is a story unto itself).

Lots of time for conversation. "Wow, we were so lucky. This could have been SO much worse. We didn't hit anyone, we didn't flip over, we didn't go over the guard rail. We are okay." And the car will be okay too, eventually.

It ended up being a very long wait for the tow truck and I was surprised at just how many people wanted stop and offer help. We grew a stronger appreciation for the kindness that others are willing to show towards us, complete strangers. One gentleman, who was trailering his race car home to Escondido, offered to unload *his* car and have his son drive it, so that he could load our car up to get us to Valley Center. Car people are pretty darn cool. But you already knew that, didn't you?

Maybe it wasn't quite a perfect day, but I'm glad I spent it with you (Robert). For now, we are switching theme songs, (right Willie Nelson?) "*On the road, again. I just can't wait to get on the road again.*"

Pictures from CHW 2024



Neil Tabachki and his '57 BN4 with trailer



Hearst Castle

Pictures from CHW 2024



On the right is Jeff Boysen's BN7




Above: Terry Cowan's B18

Below: Line of Healeys with Morrow Rock in the background.



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