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December 2024



*Have a Christmas filled with everything  
warm and wonderful!*

## Note from the Editor

For the last time in 2024: Hello AHCS D members. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Now we look towards the Holidays and the new year.

As this issue will be published after the Holiday Party, I will now thank all who attended. And also thank Lynne Stark for her hard work planning the event.

We don't have any Member Stories to feature this month, unfortunately.

We had the Highland Valley Wine Tour in November. More details on that later in this issue.



Laura and I have been thinking of some different events for 2025. We would also like to hear what events people would like to participate in, in the coming year. We are always open to suggestions.

As always, I will close with: Please let us know of your Healey outings. A photo and caption is what I'd be looking for to create a "Members Page" on a regular basis.

Cheers—Terrey

Welcome to the December 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](http://www.sdhealey.org), or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, [leebmsba@hotmail.com](mailto:leebmsba@hotmail.com)

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## AHCS D December Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Barbara Humphreys	Dec 1
Anne Rast	Dec 5
Randy Wetter	Dec 9
Robert DeYoung	Dec 10
Susan Virden-Slade	Dec 10
Will Rogers	Dec 13
George Hurley	Dec 16
Tom Luckie Jr.	Dec 19
Jerry Donadio	Dec 20
Carolyn Richtmyer	Dec 28
Lynne Stark	Dec 30
Aeint DeBoer	Dec 31
Ron Richtmyer	Dec 31

### Anniversaries

Curt and Nancy Arndt	Dec 21, 1984
Aeint and Virginia DeBoer	Dec 27, 1994

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

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## From The President

Hello Fellow Club Members,

Happy holidays! Can't believe we are at the end of the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your President this past year and look forward to being it again this year.

With that said the elections were held in November and all posts will still be held by the same volunteers as this year. Thank you all for graciously giving your time to this club.

It was really awesome to see so many new members this year and the meeting attendance just keeps getting better. I appreciate you all and this past year has been so fun.

Cheers to 2025!

See you soon and hopefully in a Healey!

Laura



# November Meeting Minutes



## **AHCSD November 13, 2024 Meeting**

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were 20 members in attendance: Thank you all for coming.

### Old Business:

Kathleen is still working on website design for the club but is looking for volunteers to help.

Women's luncheon will start to be held on weekends due to peoples work schedule during the week. These to commence January 2025.

### New Business:

Don Benke mentioned that the Amsterdam museum for Austin Healey's was looking for a yearly donation to help maintain the museum. Discussion was held but no definite plan was made. Will discuss at the next meeting. Don is attending the Austin Healey club of America delagates meeting via Zoom and will ask if other clubs are donating. \

COTY points: this was brought up to change the point values on events for the annual award. Recommendations are to have more points for official club events only. It was also suggested to have multiple awards like second and third place and even a mileage award. More to be discussed at the January meeting.

### ELECTIONS:

Board members will remain the same in 2025. No new volunteers stepped forward. John was asking for someone to take over the finding of meeting places if anyone is interested in that.

### California Healey Week:

It is being held in Yosemite in October of 2025. Book your spots now as rooms are limited.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM

# 2025 Club Activities

## January

8- Club Meeting

18- Mt. Soledad Drive and lunch in Del Mar

25- Ladies Luncheon- Restaurant TBD

## February

9- Superbowl Party and Chili Cookoff at the DeYoungs

12- Club Meeting



*Above: Who wouldn't love to drive a Healey in Paris?*

### **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

## Highland Valley Wine Tour

This year's wine tour consisted of three stops in the beautiful Ramona, Highland Valley area. Thanks for those that joined, The Leyland's, The DeYoung's, The Snover's, The Matheus, The Richtmeyer's, Jerry Donadio, Lex Dunn, Deb & Lou, Eric Graves, and Howard Stark.

First stop was Principe Di Tricase Winery. This winery specializes in Italian varietals of wines made organically. They also have wonderful pizzas and paninis. We mingled and had lunch and then the winery gave us a fantastic tour of their wine making process. We got to taste grapes while they were in the fermenting stage and it was wonderful. There were two different stages and grapes and it was amazing how different they were from each other. I think we were all picking seeds and twigs out of our mouth though.

Second stop was Sky Valley Cellars. Beautiful views here but unfortunately it was starting to get pretty cold and we all huddled around a table trying to keep warm. Great wines though and again great conversation. Some members broke out the snacks for us all to enjoy.

Third and last stop was Speckle Rock where we also stopped last year. By then several members went home as the weather was turning even colder. We were able to get a table that had some wonderful heat lamps to it and we enjoyed some more good wine and the views of this place are just unbeatable.

It has been decided since this is such a great event and the turnout is quite a lot we will do this twice a year. We have so many wineries to choose from and it seems they pop up new ones all the time.

Thank you all who came out.



*From Left: The DeYoung's BJ8, Lou and Deb's BN1, Jerry's BT7, Howard and Lynne's BT7, Eric's BT7, Laura and Terrey's BT7*



# Highland Valley Wine Tour



*Above: Jerry and Eric share a smile at Sky Valley Cellars.*



*Above: Alessandro Gallone of Principe di Tricase Winery explains part of the wine making process.*

*Right: A toast to the sun, which we could have used more of!*



## AHCSD Holiday Party



*Above: Ed Matheus in his holiday splendor*

This year's holiday party was held at the Best Western Island Palms Hotel on Shelter Island, the same venue as last year. It did not disappoint. The day was beautiful without a cloud in the sky. The room was well decorated and once again Lynne Stark did an excellent job in organizing this wonderful event. Nearly 50 members attended.

The food was delicious. We had skirt steak, salmon, couscous, salad with feta and wonderful roasted veggies. For dessert there were lemon bars and an assortment of cookies.

There was a silent auction, raffle prizes and of course the best of all in my opinion is the gift exchange. Ed Matheus played Santa and called the numbers for both the raffle and gift exchange. The gift exchange tends to get rowdy when people start to steal the gifts that were brought. You just never know who is going to fight over what. Is it the wine, the warm blankets, or the gift card? I think everyone was happy what they went home with.

The raffle was a hoot, especially as the end was coming and some people who hadn't won yet were making their feelings known, all in fun of course.



*Above: Deb Durham and Joan DeYoung keeping the sign in table running.*

# AHCSD Holiday Party

The COTY plaque was awarded to Ed and Sandy this year and the President started a new tradition of the “Hard Luck Award”. This trophy is meant in jest. We all have experienced break downs or fender benders but we had 2 car crashes this year. Robert and Kathleen Reid and Terry Cowan. The award went to Terry Cowan for his horrific crash and we are all extremely grateful that he is ok.



**Above: 2024 CoTY winners, Ed and Sandy Matheus**



**Above: 2024 Hard Luck Winner, Terry Cowan with President Laura Leyland**



**Above: Everyone enjoying the festivities**

# AHCSD Holiday Party



*Above: Nancy enjoying her "steal"*



*Above: Beautiful venue, beautiful day*



*Above: The Reids, DeYoungs, Don B Laura and Howard*



*Above: Everyone enjoying the festivities*



*Left: Kathy Luckie looking for a steal*

## 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](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 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.

### Final COTY Standings 2024 — as of November 20, 2024

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	208	Williams, G. & V.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	14
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	130	Williams, G. & V.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	14
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	90	Galper, L.	1985 Jaguar XJ6	12
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	84	McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 BJ8	12
Cowan, T.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	82	Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	10
Kirby, S. & C.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	74	Reid, R. & K.	1960 Sprite AN5	10
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	64	Donadio, J.	1963 3000 Mk II BJ7	6
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	60	Greatbatch, P. & Shulte, B.	1953 100-4 BN1	6
Luckie, T & Cathy	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	58	Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	54	O'Connell, W. & D.	1958 100-6 BN4 1961 Aston Martin DB4	6
Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	28	Watt, A. & S.		5
Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	26	Banales, J. & S.T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	22	Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	4
Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	18	Snover, R. & A.	2009 Mini Cooper	4
Boysen, J. & D.	1962 3000 BT7	16	Voth, W.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	4
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 BT7	16	Stark, H. & L.	1989 Jaguar XJS Conv.	3
Tabachki, N. & N.	1957 100-6 BN4	16			

**Cover Photo**

*The 6 Healeys that made the Highland Valley Wine Tour under a beautiful blue sky*

**Monthly Meeting Schedule**

**January 2025 Meeting**  
 Wednesday, January 8, 2025 6:30 PM  
 Hamburger Fctory  
 14122 Midland Rd  
 Poway CA 92064

**February 2025 Meeting**  
 Wednesday, February 12 6:30 PM  
 Filippi’s Pizza Grotto  
 5353 Kearny Villa RD  
 San Diego CA 92123

**March 2025 Meeting**  
 Wednesday, March 12 6:30 PM  
 Filippi’s Pizza Grotto  
 5353 Kearny Villa RD  
 San Diego CA 92123

**Please Attend!**

**Membership Update—John Lee**

December 1, 2024	
Membership Summary	
Memberships	63
Total Combined Members	112
Austin Healey Club America Members - San Diego	25
New Members for November & December 2024	
George & Virginia Williams	1967 Blue BJ8
Jerry Donadio	1963 Red BT7

Please address any concerns regarding:

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

John Lee  
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**Sweetwater Farms'  
37th Old Fashioned Christmas  
Celebration**

**Please join us for a night of good food and cheer, hay rides and hot cocoa!! Our farm turns into a magical wonderland on this night. You won't want to miss it!**

**\*Sunday December 17th, 2024**

**\*Located at Sweetwater Farms Party Barn**

**\*The farm opens at 6PM.**

**\*Please bring your favorite holiday dish or dessert to share.**

**\*Roasted pig and Richard's famous beans will be provided.**


**\*Bring the whole family and dress warm.**

**\*This year we are asking for a \$20 donation from each family/car.  
The horses will truly appreciate your donation\***

**Sweetwater Farms Pony Club will be hosting a 50/50 raffle to support our region in attending the USPC Championship Festival in Lexington, KY in 2024.**

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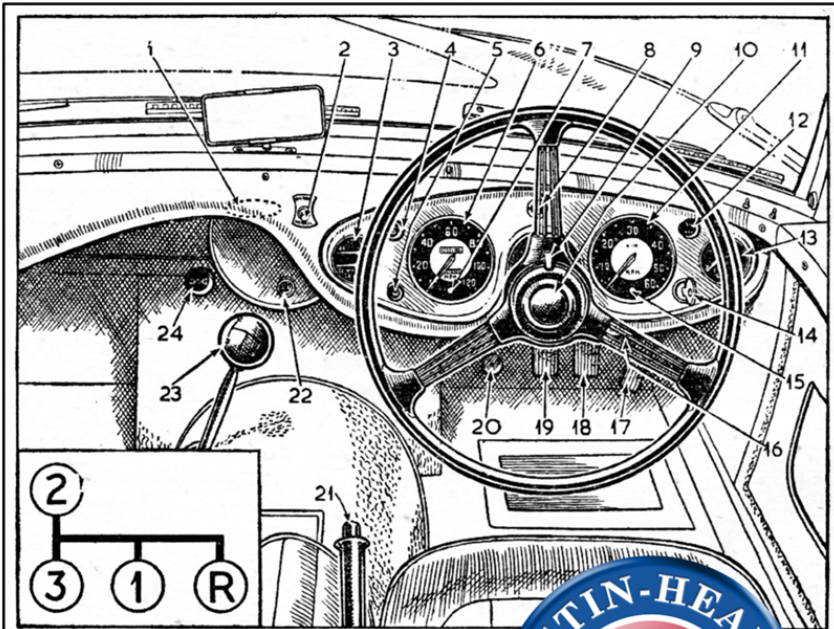
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