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February 2025

**Note from the Editor**

Hello members. It is February already. We have some good activities planned, see the details further in this edition.

As always I am wanting to see some drive details. Where did you go, what photos do you have?

Another drive I have great memories of is when Laura and I drove the Healey from her father’s house in Oregon to Tahoe for the West Coast Healey meet. The weather was hit and miss. Cold and rainy from Truckee to South Lake Tahoe, the 100 degrees going back to Oregon. What fun, wet towels on our laps.

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 February 2025 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, [leebmba@hotmail.com](mailto:leebmba@hotmail.com)

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## AHCSD February Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Terry Cowan	February 4
Joan DeYoung	February 5
Don Benke	February 8
Laura Leyland	February 25

### Anniversaries

Richard and Ada Stevens	February 24, 1957
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All membership renewals and written correspondence, unless "otherwise specified" should be sent to:

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San Diego, CA 92117



# January Meeting Minutes

## AHCSD January 8, 2025 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

There were 20 members in attendance: Sandy & Lily Leon, John Hardy (H), Peter Greatbatch & Brenda Schulte, Lex Dunn, Don Benke (H), Steven Raskin, Dave Grundies (H), Ed & Alexandra McWilliams, John Lee (H), Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), Ed & Sandy Matheus, Laura & Terrey Leyland (H), and Robert & Kathleen Reid

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year. Indicated a short meeting with not a lot to cover. Minutes from the November meeting were approved. In December we had a holiday party in lieu of a regular meeting.

John Lee provided an update on membership. He welcomed new member Steve Raskin and returning member John Hardy. John reminded us that club dues of \$35 were now due. (Some people included club dues when they paid for the holiday party). Local club members who wish to also participate in AHCA should renew their membership with the national club directly. He recommended mailing a check and not renewing online as the club page was also trying to collect local dues as well. John's questions to AHCA about this have not been answered by AHCA. Please let John Lee know if you are not receiving an electronic copy of the Healey Hearsay via email.

Don Benke is our local delegate for Club America. He had received a text message from Club of America, inquiring if he was still our delegate. Don hopes to be able to provide an update soon with clarification on local members renewing/joining the national club.

Sandy Leon confirmed that the club's finances were in order.

Kathleen Reid hopes to have an update regarding the newly designed website soon.

Ed Matheus encouraged members to participate in Temecula's Rod Run. Registration opens up on 2/11. The event runs Thursday – Sunday, with the car show held on 5/2 & 5/3. There is a cruise night on Friday and Ed & Ron host a shrimp boil on Saturday night. The event usually draws about 400-500 cars and he likes that you are able to select your own car site.

Laura Leyland updated activities on the calendar, beginning with a drive to Mt. Soledad and lunch in Del Mar on 1/18. The DeYoungs will once again be hosting an annual Super Bowl Party and Chili Cook Off on 2/9. Members can sign up to bring a chili entry, appetizer, or dessert. Keep in mind that San Diego Rolling British Car Day is scheduled for 4/13. Members are also encouraged to check the newsletter and emails for information regarding California Healey Week in October to be held in the Yosemite area. Plan to book a cabin now, perhaps to share with other members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

## From The President

Hello fellow Healey members,

Hard to believe January is over and February is here. It always seems like January is slow but not this year.

For several years in January I always went out to Scottsdale to the Barrett Jackson car auction. What started as a hobby for my dad when he restored the car that I now have back in 1981 turned into a business when he retired early from Sears. He named it Healey Lane Restoration and he did lots of customer cars but he also did auction cars. He loved the auction and all the action that went with it. Watching the price go up and the way the auctioneers would talk about the cars was his jam, he loved the thrill of the sale. I was usually the driver and got to drive it on stage, sadly they don't let you do that anymore but I also had a thrill doing that. We would spend the whole weekend there and most of the time we stayed in a motorhome on sight, that was a lot of fun. The auction usually went till 10 or 11 each night. I got to know a lot of other Healey enthusiasts this way as well. I have great memories of those years.



We had a nice drive to Mount Soledad last month, more on that in a few pages but I wanted to say congratulations to Lex on his new Triumph, it was great to see him driving a British car as he gets his Healey up and running.

That's it for now, get out there and drive those cars.

Hope to see you in a Healey soon!

Laura





# 2025 Club Activities

## February

- 9– Superbowl Party and Chili Cookoff at the DeYoungs
- 12– Club Meeting– Filippi's in Kearny Mesa

## March

- 8th and 9th– Festival of the Whales with AHASC Club in Dana Point . Dinner on the 8th at Dana Point Yacht Club. RSVP to Steve Kirby at sackirby@pacbell.net
- 12– Club Meeting
- 22– Club Event– Wine Tour

## April

- 9– Club Meeting
- 13– Rolling British Car Day



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



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# Mt Soledad Drive



Heading up the hill. Photo by Alexandra McWilliams

On a very brisk but sunny day we had a lovely drive up to Mount Soledad. Most of us met off Convoy along the 52 freeway. At this location we had Don, John Lee, Ed and Alexandra with their very cute dog, Bob and Joan, Howard, and Lex with surprise a Triumph, what a pretty car it is too. Off we went up the hill to Mount Soledad. I have now learned I should not be the lead car with the directions because I missed the left turn that goes up the mountain. Luckily one two cars followed us as we had a little detour through La Jolla. I finally got it right and met the group at the top. There we were joined by Steven Raskind, Terry Cowan and Will Rogers. Terry was driving Will's car.

We walked up from the parking lot and enjoyed the views. It was a fantastic view since the sky was very clear. There was a big conglomerate of motorcycles having a patch ceremony. It was neat to see. Of course as per usual our cars got lots of looks and questions.

After a while we headed back down the mountain, this time led by Bob and Joan to Del Mar where we met up with Ron and Carolyn, Lou and Deb, and Ed and Sandy for lunch at Pacifica Del Mar.

It was nice to hang out with everyone, we had great conversation and talked about California Healey week and who was going to that. Sounds like as a club we may have a great turnout for that.

On to the next event !!



Some of the cars and members that made the drive. From left: Alexandra and Ed McWilliams with their BJ8, Will Rogers behind Ed. Don Benke's BJ8, the Leyland's BT7, interested by-stander, Laura Leyland, Don Benke and Will Roger's BJ8 with Terry Cowan looking in the trunk.



# Mt Soledad Drive



John Lee and Joan DeYoung



Ed McWilliams demonstrating the new "Lane Assist" fea-



Above; Ed McWilliams and his trusty co-pilot Winston.

Right: The "Lunch Club" at Pacifica Del Mar. Clockwise around the table from bottom left; Lex Dunn, Ed McWilliams, Terry Cowan, Will Rogers, Joan DeYoung, Deb Durhan and Sandy Matheus (kind of hidden), Ed Matheus, Ron and Carolyn Richtmyer, Don Benke, Laura and Terrey Leyland, Alexandra McWilliams, John Lee





## 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.

### COTY Standings 2025 — as of January 20, 2024

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	16	Richtmeyer, R. & C.	1958 BN4 100-6	6
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	16	Rogers, W. & S.	1964 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	12	Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 BT7	6
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 BJ8	12	Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	6
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	10	Williams, G. & V.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	6
Howard, J. & Hays, J.	1962 3000 BT7	6	Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 Ph 2	4
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	6	Hardy, J.	Sprite AN5	4
Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	6	Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	4
Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	6	Dunn, Lex	Triumph	3
Raskind, S.	1966 3000 MK III (BJ8)	6			



**Cover Photo**

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

**Monthly Meeting Schedule**

**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

**April 2025 Meeting**

Wednesday, April 9 - 6:30 PM

Filippi’s Pizza Grotto  
5353 Kearny Villa RD  
San Diego CA 92123

**Please Attend!**

**Membership Update—John Lee**


Membership Summary As of February 1, 2025	
Memberships	64
Total Combined Members	114
New Members for January 2025	
John & Lyn Hardy	1956 100-4 (BN2) 1959 Sprite MKI (AN5)
Steven Raskind	1966 A.H. 3000 MK III (BJ8)

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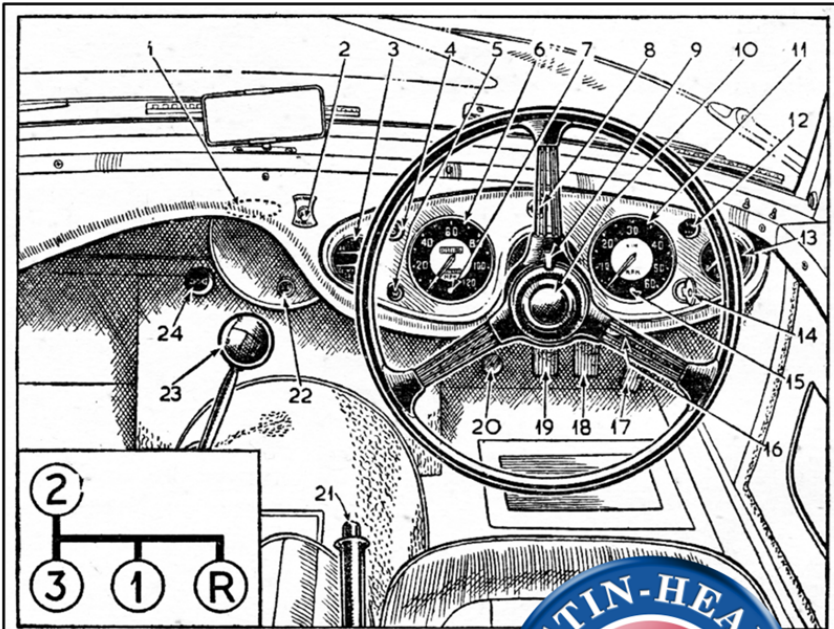
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