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April 2025

## Note from the Editor

Hello members. Welcome to April and Spring. The weather certainly cooperated for our Highland Valley Wine Tour. A great time was had by all who attended.



This month Ed Matheus contributed to our “Member’s Page” with some photos from the Festival of the Whales and an event he and Ron Richtmyer attended. Thank you Ed. I am happy we are now getting some input from our membership!

We got some bad news recently; Mel’s Auto Repair in San Marcos closed their doors. That was our go to shop to have work done on our Healey.

April brought Rolling British Car Day. Great weather and a good club member turnout. Look for details in the May edition.

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

### Cover Photo

A line of Healeys heading up Highland Valley Rd. Photo by Laura in our Healey. In front of us are Tom Linnard, Don Benke, Tom Luckie and leading the way, Lou Galper.

Welcome to the April 2025 edition of **Healey Hearsay**; the monthly publication of the **Austin-Healey Club of San Diego**. Monthly **AHCSD** 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 [AHCSD 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 April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Lou Galper     | April 10 |
| Patricia Benke | April 15 |
| Ed McWilliams  | April 25 |
| Claire Coombs  | April 27 |
| Ed Matheus     | 29-Apr   |

### Anniversaries

None This Month

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

AHCSD  
P.O. Box 17101  
San Diego, CA 92117



## ***February Meeting Minutes***

### **AHCSD March 12, 2025 Meeting**

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

There were 21 members in attendance: Sandy & Lily Leon, Lex Dunn, John Lee, Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), Ed Matheus, Ron Richtmyer, Howard & Lynne Stark, Laura & Terrey Leyland, Warren Voth, Lou Galpers & Deb Durham, Jim Doornink, Tom Luckie, Rick & Allie Snover, and Robert & Kathleen Reid

Laura Leyland opened the meeting, welcomed all and expressed wishes for a happy St. Patrick's Day. She also apologized for the lateness of the club newsletter due to the Leyland's recent travel. No minutes were yet available for a vote/approval.

Kathleen Reid asked some clarification questions for the club's website project. John Lee (membership) and Lynne Stark (hospitality) agreed to using their emails for contact information. Kathleen will be passing along updated information to the web designer. She is looking at the best way to collect photos for the webpage and considering Dropbox or a Google photo folder.

Laura discussed upcoming Austin Healey drive events that included a Wine tour on 3/22. Rolling British Car Day is coming up on 4/6. There are 2 meet up points that include a south county and north county location. Our club will also have a "sub" meet up spot for members who are more inland at the farm stand on San Pasqual Valley Road. The end spot for the drive is in Julian. Ed Mathius provided an update on the recent Southern California Festival of Whales event. The McWilliams also attended the car show which took place on Sunday only (Saturday was cancelled due to weather). Ed enjoined the show and was impressed with the cars on display.

John Lee provided an update on membership. John reported that 20 families chose not to renew memberships this year. There was an additional discussion regarding the process of local versus national membership renewals. Members are reminded that local and national renewals need to be done in 2 separate transactions. AHCSD is exploring using an online payment service such as Paypal for renewals. John also recognized this month's birthdays and anniversaries. He informed club members that April's meeting will take place at Chin's restaurant in Rancho Bernardo.

Lynne Stark reminded members that Austin Healey merchandise is available to order. She also had some free men's XL or XXL shirts available for free while supplies last.

Robert Reid has been working on a restoration project for his 1960 Bug Eye Sprite. He appreciated Howard Stark and Lex Dunn's assistance at pulling the current engine from the car. Next step is to install a 1275 engine and 5-speed transmission. He'll be narrowing down a date/details for anyone interested in joining in with another mini-tech session at his house in Valley Center on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. He will announce details at the next monthly meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

## From The President

Hello fellow Healey members,

Happy Spring and Happy Easter. It was a cold March but I think we are finally going to get some good weather. Makes it much nicer to be in a Healey.

I hope you enjoyed the wine tour, more on that in the events page. Terrey and I had fun just scouting places. The hills of Highland Valley are such fun to drive on. If you haven't been up there much you really should go.

I'm planning future events and unfortunately I am not sure that Escondido will be having Cruising Grand anymore. I was checking their website and it is no longer working. The city has also had major construction on Grand Ave. More to come on that as we typically have British night in July.

Hope to see you in a Healey soon!

Laura



## 2025 Club Activities

### April

6- Rolling British Car Day

9- Club Meeting

### May

3- KUSI Showcase- See next page

14- Club Meeting

24- Club Event- TBD

### June

11- Club Meeting

21- Club Event- TBD



*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?
- 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

***KUSI TV Live Appearance!***

Club members, we have been invited to show our cars on Dave Stall's segment on KUSI. This is very exciting. While early, we'd love to have as many members bring and show off their Healeys.



**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7am**

**LIVE TV APPEARANCE**

**With KUSI TV's Automotive Expert**

**DAVE STALL**

**Arrive at 7am sharp**

**LIVE Segment at 7:40am**

***KUSI***

***4575 Viewridge Ave.***

***San Diego, CA 92123***

## Highland Valley Wine Tour

Thanks to everyone that made it out to Mia Marie Winery and Mermaid Valley Winery. The drive was beautiful and the temperature was just perfect.

Although I could not get us a reservation at Mia Marie as it was their bi annual club member wine pickup they did let us move furniture around that was not reserved. It was a little tight but overall very pleasant.

The pizza was so good. It is so nice to find wineries that have more than just snacks, although you can bring in your own food. The wine was very good.

I think we had the first Healey mishap of the year. Unfortunately John Lee's Healey was leaking fluid so he ended up going home after Mia Marie.

Our second stop was Mermaid Valley Winery. This one was a little further out by a place we went to last year. Very pretty scenery and good wines. There was a group of ladies sitting by us who were playing a sort of scavenger hunt game but with questions and not objects. That was fun to watch.

Thanks Lex for bringing snacks as always.

I think the consensus is that it was a great day and the best part was spending it with all of you.



Above: Part of the group at Mia Marie.

Right: The mascot at Mermaid Winery.



## Highland Valley Wine Tour



*From left: Deb Durham, Lynne Stark, Allie Stover, Cathy Luckie, Laura Leyland, Ada Stevens*



*Above: The 5 Healeys that went to Mermaid.  
Right: The group at Mermaid.*



## Highland Valley Wine Tour



*It was great to see Richard and Ada.*



*Lynne on the edge!*



*A line of Healeys on Highland Valley Road.*

## Highland Valley Wine Tour



*Group shot at Mia Marie*

*5 Healeys at Mermaid*



*A line of Healeys on Highland Valley Road.*

## Member Page

Some photos of the “Festival of the Whales” in Dana Point and Ed Matheus with Ron Richtmyer at “Motors for Music” at San Marcos High School. Photos Courtesy of Ed Matheus.



## California Healey Week Add On Trip



### CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK ADD-ON TOUR TO VEGAS

The **British Car Club of Las Vegas** is celebrating their 35th Anniversary in October.. They are organizing an event that has been planned so that those attending California Healey Week can segue to their event. Here are the details.

Friday, October 10: California Healey Week ends with breakfast. Depart Yosemite for **Tonopah, NV** via Tioga Pass and Lee Vining, where we will make a lunch stop before continuing the final 2 1/2 hours to Tonopah. Our accommodations will be in the historic **Mizpah Hotel**, built in 1907 and completely refurbished in 2011. We even get a guided tour of this reputed "haunted hotel".

On Saturday we will make our way to the **Red Rock Casino Hotel** outside Las Vegas via historic Beatty and Rhyolite, Nevada arriving in plenty of time to enjoy the hotel's many diversions and great restaurants.

On Sunday, the LVBCC will host their **35th Anniversary Party** at Lone Mountain Discovery Park, after a spectacular 12-mile drive through the **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area**. A BBQ lunch will be served along with other festivities commemorating the milestone. After the gathering, we'll return to Red Rock Resort for the evening and then trek back home on Monday.

If you are interested in possibly joining this post-Healey Week Tour, please drop me an email.

Steve Kirby

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## 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 [smokekey.snover@gmail.com](mailto:smokekey.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 5pts
- AHCSO Driving Events, Parties, etc. 6pts
- California Healey Week, Healey Rendezvous and Austin Healey Conclave 20 pts
- 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 (Cars & Coffee, etc) 1pt. 10 pt limit annually.
- Other non-Healey, British-built cars earn half points, but are not eligible to win the award.

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 March 22, 2025

| Member                | Car                  | Pts | Member                       | Car                       | Pts |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| DeYoung, R. & J.      | 1967 3000 MK III BJ8 | 30  | Donadio, J.                  | 1963 3000 Mk II BJ7       | 6   |
| Galper, L.            | 1955 100 BN1         | 24  | Dunn, Lex                    | Triumph GT6+              | 6   |
| Lee, J. & Davis, S.   | 1967 3000 MK III BJ8 | 22  | Luckie, T & Cathy            | 1967 3000 Mk III BJ8      | 6   |
| Leyland, L. & T.      | 1962 3000 Mk II BT7  | 22  | Matheus, E. & S.             | 1960 Sprite AN5           | 6   |
| Benke, D. & P.        | 1967 3000 Mk III BJ8 | 16  | Raskind, S.                  | 1966 3000 MK III BJ8      | 6   |
| Howard, J. & Hays, J. | 1962 3000 BT7        | 12  | Reid, R. & K.                | 1960 3000 BN7             | 6   |
| Linnard, T. & D.      | 1966 3000 MK III BJ8 | 12  | Richtmeyer, R. & C.          | 1958 BN4 100-6            | 6   |
| McWilliams, A. & E.   | 1966 3000 BJ8        | 12  | Rogers, W. & S.              | 1964 3000 Mk III BJ8      | 6   |
| Snover, R. & A.       | 1962 3000 BT7        | 12  | Grundies, D. & Schneider, D. | 1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 Ph 2 | 4   |
| Stark, H. & L.        | 1960 3000 BT7        | 12  | Hardy, J.                    | Sprite AN5                | 4   |
| Williams, G. & V.     | 1967 3000 Mk III BJ8 | 12  |                              |                           |     |

**Monthly Meeting Schedule**

**May 2025 Meeting**

Wednesday, May 14—6:30 PM

Chin’s Szechwan

15721-A Bernardo Heights Pkwy

San Diego CA 92128

**June 2025 Meeting**

Wednesday, June 11 6:30 PM

Marie Calendar’s Garden Room

6950 Alvarado Rd

San Diego, CA 92120

**July 2025 Meeting**

Chicken Charlie’s

12457 Rancho Bernardo RD

San Diego CA 92128

**Please Attend!**

**Membership Update—John Lee**


| Membership Summary As of April 1, 2025 |     |
|--|-----|
| Memberships                            | 66  |
| Total Combined Members                 | 118 |
| New Members for March 2025             |     |
|  |     |

**Please address any concerns regarding:**

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

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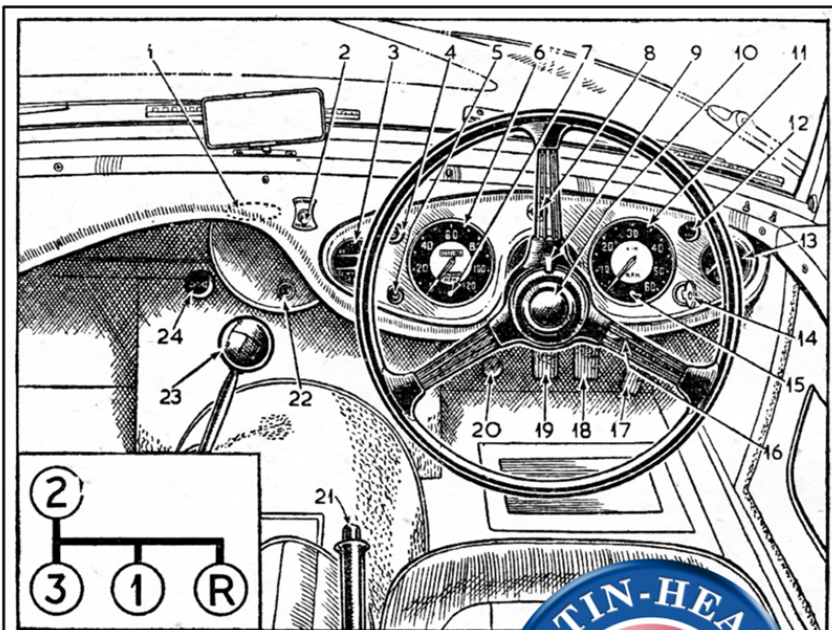


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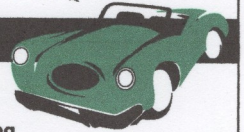
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