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Note from the Editor

Hello AHCSO Members. This is the February edition of the Healey Hearsay. I think I say this every month; I can't believe January is already behind us.

I'd like to open with information about the Healey Hearsay: Laura and I are planning to move to a bi-monthly publication format beginning with a March/April edition. There are a number of reasons for this change,



which I am not going to cover here. If you have questions or concerns, please email me. My address is on the right side of this page.

So far the weather has been pretty decent. Laura and I realized a week or so ago, we hadn't driven our Healey since the "mini" winery tour in early November. So on Sunday, February 1, we jumped in and drove to Santa Ysabel and had lunch at Farmhouse 78. It felt good to get behind the wheel again!

This month we have the Super Bowl event at Bob and Joan DeYoung's house. March will bring a Borrego Springs drive. Details can be found on the activities page.

Please don't hesitate to send photos and descriptions of any drives you do. I would love to have a "Members Page" in each edition.

Till next time, Cheers!

Cover Photo: One of John Wilson's restorations in line at Barrett Jackson, Scottsdale.

This is the February 2026 edition of **Healey Hearsay**; the monthly publication of the **Austin-Healey Club of San Diego**. Monthly AHCSO 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 [AHCSO 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, leebmba@hotmail.com

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Advertising Information

Classified Ads (Market Place) are free to AHCSO members. Classified ads for items wanted or small items for sale are free to members and non-members. Ads may be placed at any time. Submit artwork and payment to the Treasurer. Annual display and monthly non-member "Car For Sale" classified ads pricing:

Full page 8" x 10.5"	\$150.00 Annually
Half page 5" x 8"	\$100.00 Annually
Quarter Page.....	\$75.00 Annually
Business Card.....	\$50.00 Annually
*Non-Member ¼ Page.....	\$50.00 3 Months
*Only available for 3 month term	

All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of the month for publication in the next month's issue. terreyl@cox.net



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

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

AHCSD February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Terry Cowan	February 4
Joan DeYoung	February 5
Caroline Fallon	February 6
Don Benke	February 8
Laura Leyland	February 25

Anniversaries

Richard and Ada Stevens	February 24, 1957
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January Meeting Minutes

AHCSD January 14 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

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

There were 26 members in attendance: Rick & Allie Snover, Alex Watt, John Lee (H), Dave Grundies, Terry Cowan, Laura & Terrey Leyland, Jim Doornink, Don Benke (H), Lex Dunn, Joan & Bob DeYoung (H), Howard & Lynne Stark, Tom Luckie, Sandy & Lily Leon, Steve Hamann, Lou Galper & Deb Durham, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Anthony de la Fuente (H), and Kathleen & Robert Reid.

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance, recognizing the success of December's Holiday Party.

Old Business: Kathleen Reid reported that the club's redesigned website has been finished. The website has been designed using an updated WordPress software. In order to publish it we need to move the website to a new hosting site that supports the software used. In addition, we need to obtain an SSL certificate to ensure security. The web designer, Design Grotto, is an option for both of these. A motion was made and approved to spend \$215/year for hosting that would include annual updates from the designer. With this approval, Kathleen will coordinate with the Design Grotto and Rick Snover to begin the transition.

Upcoming activities include a drive to Ramona for the Hawk Watch presentation with the possibility of lunch at a local winery at its conclusion. This year's Super Bowl party is again being hosted by Robert and Joan DeYoung. They passed a sign-up sheet around to members interested in bringing an appetizer or a dessert. The chili contest is being put on hold for now. We will have a Super Bowl squares game for \$1/square, so bring your single dollar bills. Good Luck, all! [California Healey Week](#) is being held this May in San Diego. The Austin Healey Association of Southern California is hosting the event May 5 – 9, 2026 at the Island Palms Resort & Marina (same location as our Holiday Party). Registration is open now. It is also suggested to make hotel reservations early.

John Lee recognized this month's meeting was well attended. He recognized members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. John wanted to ensure that all members are receiving timely communications through the club's email blasts. He noted that our yearly membership dues are due immediately. Members who wish to participate in our local club only will pay \$35. Payment by check should be sent to the club's P.O. Box.

There was a general discussion about the frequency publication of the Healey Hearsay. Terrey Leyland, Healey Hearsay editor, suggests that we change the publication to bi-monthly, mainly due to limited input and content to publish. Monthly emails containing timely information can be sent out to members in order to communicate timely information about meetings, activities, and Car of the Year (COTY) points. When the new website is published, this information will also be readily available. A motion was made and approved to change to bi-monthly publication, with monthly emails sent out as reminders to members. Terrey would love to have more participation from members for content to publish. Information and pictures should be submitted by the 20th of the month.

Sandy Leon reported that our club bank balance is holding steady.

Lynne Stark reviewed the club's Holiday Party and asked for input on the way the raffle was organized this year. She thanked everyone who donated and contributed prizes. She appreciated all that volunteered to help with the logistics. Lynne has a soft hold on same location for 2026 and will bring it up for discussion again in March. Lynne also provided an update on 2 club members who are dealing with health issues and asked members to offer well wishes with greeting cards.

Our next AHCSD monthly meeting will be held at The Hamburger Factory in Poway on Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

From The President

Hello Members,

Welcome to February, time is already flying by.

Sadly in January two long time members of our club passed away, Jan Schmidt and Ada Stevens. Jan and her husband were founding members of the club. Ada was a lovely lady that I enjoyed talking to. Our hearts go out to their families. It's never an easy time.

At the meeting in January it was voted to publish the newsletter bi-monthly. The newsletter will be published in February, April, June, August, October and mid December so that the holiday party can be covered in that issue.



We have our Superbowl Party coming up and next month is a drive to Borrego Springs which should have some nice flowers with all the rain we received recently. Hope you enjoy these events.

Hope to see you soon in a Healey!

Laura



2026 Club Activities

February

- 8– Superbowl party at Bob and Joan De Youngs House.
- 11– Club Meeting

March

- 11– Club Meeting
- 21– Borrego Springs Dr.

April

- 8– Club Meeting
- TBD– British Rolling Car Day
- * Date has not been published for this yet

May

- 5-9– CA Healey Week
- 13– Club Meeting

Virtual Tech Sessions

Last Thursday of each month. 6:00 PM Pacific.

The recurring Zoom log in is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82390591723?>



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 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 gathering?
- 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, its Board Members, AHCA and Affiliate Clubs, Representatives and/or Members are not liable for outcomes resulting from your participation at any club activity.

In Memoriam

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



ADA JEAN STEVENS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH AT 10AM

SERVICE TO BE HELD AT
GLEN ABBEY
CHAPEL OF THE ROSES

FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION AT
SAN DIEGO COUNTRY CLUB
88 L STREET, CHULA VISTA, CA



Jan Schmidt



Right: Ada Stevens with Richard at Breakfast on
the Bay 2023

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 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.

2026 COTY Standings — as of January 24, 2026

Member	Car	Pts
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	12
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	11
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	11
De Boer, A. & V.	1974½ Jensen Healey	6
Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	6
Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1	6
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	6
de la Fuente	1955 100 BN4	5
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	5

AHCSD Member Info

Monthly Meeting Schedule

February 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 PM
Hamburger Factory
14122 Midland Rd
Poway, CA 92064

March 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 PM
Chin's Szechwan
15721-A Bernardo Heights Parkway
San Diego, CA 92128

April 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM
Bully's East Prime Bistro
2401 Camino del Rio South
San Diego, CA 92108

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

AHCSD Membership Status - John Lee Membership Summary As of January 1, 2026	
Memberships	62
Total Combined Members	108
New Members for CY 2026	0
AHCA from San Diego Membership/Group/Families	21

Please address any concerns regarding:

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

John Lee

Phone or Text 661-714-6899



CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2026

May 5-9, 2026

Island Palms Resort, Shelter Island

San Diego, CA

Join us for our next great Healey Week in tropical San Diego. All your favorite activities including a car show at Spanish Landing Park (on the grass with views of the San Diego skyline and shade).

Registration is Now Open!

More info and to register go to:

www.austin-healey.org



SAVE THE DATE!
Austin Healey 75th Anniversary International Meet
June 6-12, 2027

75th Anniversary Video Now Available

Please enjoy our new four-minute video, highlighting all the fabulous events and venues to be featured at the 2027 75th Anniversary Meet.

To view the video, go to healey75.com and scroll down to find the red button.

If you have not already completed your Pre-Registration, we invite you to do so now on the website.

Please direct any questions to:

Steve Kirby, Co-Chairman

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Thank You.

The Austin Healey 75th Anniversary Committee

Steve Kirby

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Save the Date!

Austin Healey
75th Anniversary Meet

June 7-11, 2027
Lake Tahoe, CA USA

Pre-Registration Now Open

A \$100 deposit guarantees your place at the event.
We only need to collect contact information and
ask a few questions to better serve you.

Your deposit is fully refundable until June 1, 2026.
We will notify you as soon as Early Registration opens.

If registered and paid in full by June 3, 2026, you will
receive a \$100 discount (singles \$50) on your
registration fee.

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for more information or to
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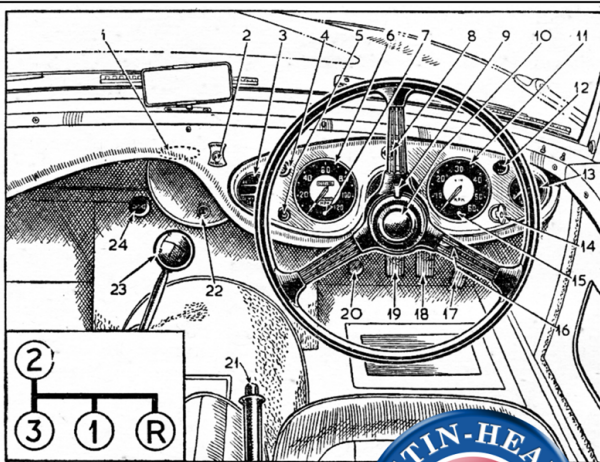
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