

# HEALEY HEARSAY

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March/April '26

## Note from the Editor

Hello AHCS D Members. This is the first official bi-monthly edition of the Healey Hearsay. I would like to get any feedback from the membership regarding the new format. Again, my address is on the right side of this page.

We do have our new website up that contains much of the information found in the Healey Hearsay; i.e.

- Coming Events
- Past Events
- Meeting Dates/Venues



We do have Rolling British Car Day coming up in April as well as California Healey Week in May. We hope to see many of you there. Also, registration fees go up for CHW on April by \$20 per individual, \$40 per couple. Details can be found on the activities page.

March’s weather has been, in a word, unbelievable. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Borrego Springs weekend due to the extreme weather.

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: From British Car Day 2025 at Tidelands Park, Coronado

This is the March/April 2026 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, [leebsmba@hotmail.com](mailto:leebsmba@hotmail.com)

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All advertising and articles for publication must be submitted to the editor no

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later than the 20th of the month for publication in the next month’s issue. [terreyl@cox.net](mailto:terreyl@cox.net)



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

AHCSD  
P.O. Box 17101  
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## AHCSD March/April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Ada Stevens    | March 7  |
| Gisela Putzke  | March 11 |
| Terrey Leyland | March 11 |
| Dave Grundies  | March 12 |
| Nancy Arndt    | March 23 |
| Dolores Garcia | March 27 |
| Lou Galper     | April 10 |
| Hub Rushing    | April 11 |
| Patricia Benke | April 15 |
| Ed McWilliams  | April 25 |
| Steve Hamann   | April 27 |
| Claire Coombs  | April 27 |
| Ed Matheus     | April 29 |

### Anniversaries

None



# February Meeting Minutes

## AHCSD February 11 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

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

There were 24 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid, Howard & Lynne Stark, Ron Richtmyer, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Lex Dunn, John Lee (H), Terry Cowan, Terrey & Laura Leyland, Bob & Joan DeYoung (H), Ed & Alex McWilliams, Don Benke (H), Jim Doornink, Alex & Sandy Watt, Sandy & Lily Leon, John "JR" Hardy

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance. She thanked Bob & Joan DeYoung for hosting our clubs Super Bowl party again this year. She also shared the sad news that the club had recently lost two long term members with the passing of Jan Schmidt and Ada Stevens.

Upcoming activities: [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). Steve Kirby and the So Cal group would appreciate with volunteers for the events that will include a car show at Spanish Landing and a poker run. Our club's planned activities include a drive to Borrego Springs on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The plan is to meet in Santa Isabel at 9:30 a.m. at the Farm House Restaurant for the drive with lunch in Borrego at Rams Hill Country Club. Laura is wondering if members might be spending the night in the desert? There is also a British Car Swap Meet in Lake Forest the same day.

Howard Stark provided details for the next Rolling British Car Day scheduled for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be meeting points for both east and north county. Entry fee is \$20/car. The proceeds go to support British Car Day later in the year (September/October). The Rolling British Car Day end location is Bates Nuts Farm in Valley Center. He also noted a few errors in last month's meeting minutes (monthly meeting time is 6:30 p.m. not 7:00 p.m.). In addition, the vote that was taken in January to approve an additional expenditure for a new website hosting was approved for a year on a trial basis.

John Lee provided a 2026 Membership update. The annual fee of \$35 is due now. He reports about a 40% renewal as of February's meeting date. He also recognized members with February birthdays and anniversaries.

Sandy Leon reported that our club's treasury is solvent.

Lynne Stark cautioned that if you are holding Synergy gift cards (given as raffle prizes) that they should be used immediately as the company is going out of business and the cards will lose their value. See Lynne if you have these and need to have them replaced. Lynne provided updates on memorial services for both Jan Schmidt and Ada Stephens. She will take care of sending flowers from our club.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

# March Meeting Minutes

## AHCSD March 11 Meeting

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

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

There were 16 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid (H), Lex Dunn (O), Lou Galper & Deb Durham (O), Rick Snover, John Hardy (H), John Lee (H), Terrey & Laura Leyland, Ed & Alex McWilliams (H), Don Benke (H), Jim Doornink, and Sandy & Lily Leon

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance. She announced to the members in attendance that the club's website redesign has recently been published. Kathleen Reid had shared the link and was seeking input on issues and corrections. The design took a lot longer than expected, but is looking good. With a few additional "tweaks" we'll be pushing out the link to club members. The website address has not changed and remains SDHealey.org, but it is now being hosted with a security certificate.

Upcoming activities: [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). Steve Kirby and the So Cal group would appreciate with volunteers for the events that will include a car show at Spanish Landing and a poker run. Look for an email with volunteer information soon. If you are planning to attend California Healey Week and would like to reserve a room at the Island Palms hotel, you can get the group block discount by calling the hotel vs. making an online reservation. The club is planning a drive to Borrego Springs on 3/21 with members meeting up at Farmhouse 78 in Santa Isabel to drive out to the desert. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for the next Rolling British Car day. The ending location for the drive is Bates Nuts Farm in Valley Center. The Reids are Valley Center residents and volunteered to bring lunch for the club (similar to the past with bbq or hot dogs, etc.). Otherwise, you are also to bring your lunch with you and enjoy visiting with other local British Car club members.

John Lee provided a 2026 Membership update. The annual fee of \$35 is due now. He reports about a 50% renewal as of March's meeting date. He also recognized members with March birthdays and anniversaries. John brought up the idea for consideration of possibly having a monthly meeting hosted at a club member's home or club house vs. a restaurant. This also led to a discussion of a possible once a year member meeting to be held during daylight on a Saturday. The club had a meeting at San Dieguito County Park that was well received. We should look into repeating again in the future.

John Lee also promoted members who may be interested in the Fallbrook Vintage Car Show to be held on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$40, the event is held in downtown Fallbrook, and awards are given to cars by class.

Sandy Leon reported that our club's treasury is solvent.

Terrey Leyland announced that the Healey Hearsay publication dates have been determined and posted in the HH.

Lou Galper made members aware that Moss Motors has increased their shipping fees.

Our next AHCSD monthly meeting will be held at Bully's East in Mission Valley. Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

# From The President

Hello Members,

Spring has sprung! What a heatwave we had. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Borrego Drive due to how hot it would be out there. As we all know Healey's do not like super hot weather and honestly so do most of us if your top is down and there is no AC.

Planning is going well for CA Healey Week and I am super excited to have it in our fine city. There will be some fun activities and drives planned so I hope you are planning attending.

We have British Rolling Car Day this month which is always a fun event.

Enjoy a nice spring break if you have anything planned and look forward to our upcoming events.

Hope to see you soon in a Healey!

Laura



# 2026 Club Activities

## April

8- Club Meeting

19- British Rolling Car Day, Bates Nut Farm, please refer to their website for starting points.

[San Diego Rolling British Car Day — San Diego British Car Club Council](#)

## 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://](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82390591723?pwd=WXSZltzJCP9m83N23S5Zvi0kiaAoT2.1)

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### **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.

**January 2026 Hawk Watch**



*Don, Lou and Deb*



*Bob and Joan*



*Photos courtesy of Don Benke*

**February 2026 Super Bowl Party**



## 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 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 March 20, 2026

| Member              | Car                  | Pts | Member              | Car                   | Pts |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Benke, D. & P.      | 1967 3000 Mk III BJ8 | 27  | De Boer, A. & V.    | 1974½ Jensen Healey   | 6   |
| DeYoung, R. & J.    | 1967 3000 MK III BJ8 | 22  | Schumacher, K. & A. | 1955 100 BN1          | 6   |
| Lee, J. & Davis, S. | 1967 3000 MK III BJ8 | 21  | Dunn, Lex           | 1970 Triumph Spitfire | 5.5 |
| Galper, L.          | 1955 100 BN1         | 12  | Galper, L.          | 19xx Jaguar 3.8S      | 5.5 |
| Snover, R. & A.     | 1962 3000 Mk II BT7  | 12  | de la Fuente        | 1955 100 BN4          | 5   |
| Hardy, J.           | 1959 Sprite AN5      | 11  | McWilliams, A. & E. | 1966 3000 Mk III BJ8  | 5   |
| Reid, R. & K.       | 1960 3000 BN7        | 11  |                     |                       |     |

**AHCSD Member Info**

**Monthly Meeting Schedule**

**April 2026 Meeting**  
 Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM  
 Bully’s East Prime Bistro  
 2401 Camino del Rio South  
 San Diego, CA 92108

**May 2026 Meeting**  
 Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 PM  
 Bully’s East Prime Bistro  
 2401 Camino del Rio South  
 San Diego, CA 92108

**June 2026 Meeting**  
 Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 PM  
 Chicken Charlie’s  
 12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd  
 San Diego, CA 92128

**Please Attend!**

**Membership Update—John Lee**

| Membership Summary<br>As of April 1, 2026    |     |
|--|-----|
| Memberships                                  | 62  |
| Total Combined Members                       | 108 |
| New Members for CY 2026                      | 0   |
| AHCA Members from Sub Group San Diego/Groups | 18  |

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](http://www.austin-healey.org)



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

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video Now Available**

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

To view the video, go to [healey75.com](http://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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee***

Steve Kirby

**Co-Chairman, AH 75th Anniversary Meet**

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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.

To **Pre-Register**, for more information or to get on the mailing list, go to:  
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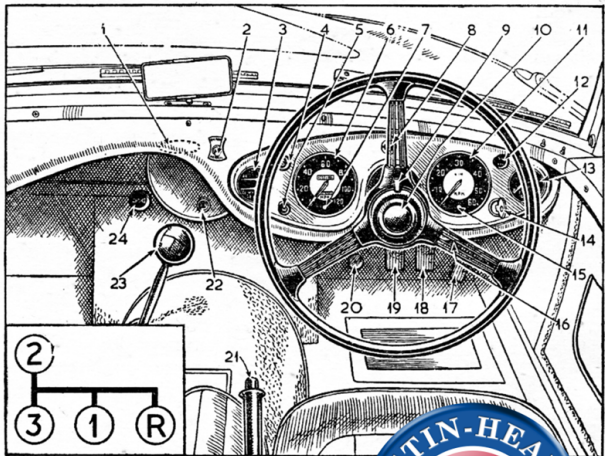


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