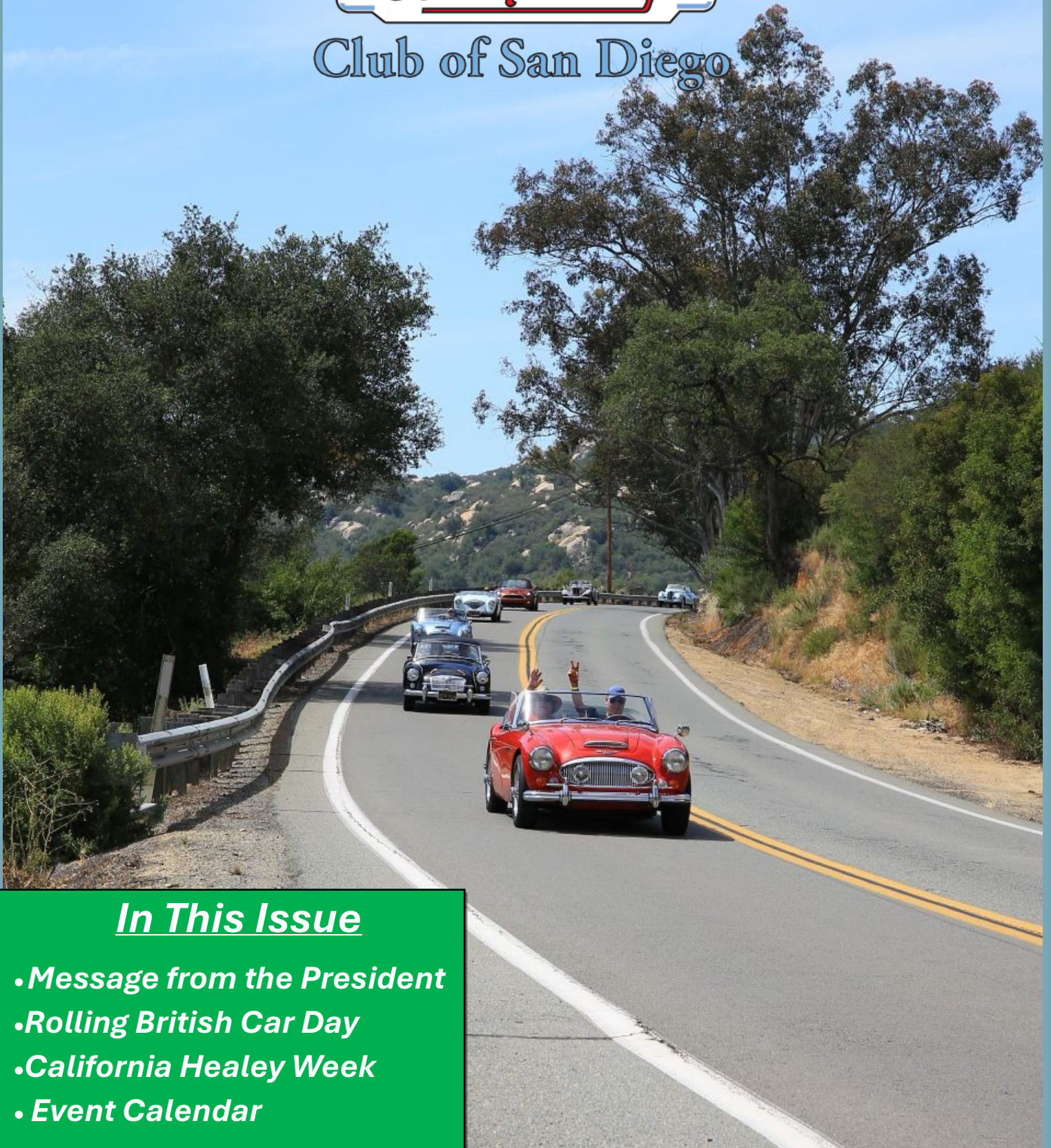


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May/June '26

Note from the Editor

Hello AHCSO Members. This is the second official bi-monthly edition of the Healey Hearsay. April and early May brought 2 great events. Rolling British Car Day, and California Healey Week.

The new Website is getting better. We are always looking for content to add to it. It will have details on;

- Coming Events
- Past Events
- Meeting Dates/Venues

If you haven't visited yet, do so at the AHCSO Website listed on top right of this page.



Coming in June will be a North County Winery Tour. Details later in this issue.

My last writing in March, the weather was exceptionally hot. Recently it has just been exceptional. Oh, in April I FINALLY got the Wizard Cooling aluminum radiator installed. It's really pretty and keeps the car about 10 degrees cooler. I must say, it wasn't a lot of fun installing it, but if anyone is thinking about it, I have a few tips.

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: Tom Linard and Howard Stark lead a group of British beauties.

This is the May/June 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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AHCSD May/June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Kathy Luckie	May 3
John Felt	May 18
Robert Reid	May 21
Howard Macken	May 29
Yolanda Ventura	June 2
Dawn Moore	June 3
John Lee	June 11

Anniversaries

Robert & Anne Rast	May 29, 1969
Tom & Debbie Linnard	May 9, 1998
John McCuiston & Carolin Fallon	May 14, 2015
Roland & Loreen Wilhelmy	June 26, 1965
Don & Pat Benke	June 26, 1971
Howard & Lynne Stark	June 25, 1978
John & Heidi Farkash	June 24, 1984
Tom & Kathy Luckie	June 29, 1985



April Meeting Minutes

AHCSD April 8 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

There was no sign in sheet available to report attendance at this meeting included with the meeting notes.

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance. Thank you to Deb Durham for taking notes in Kathleen Reid's absence.

California Healey Week is the first week in May. Our club has been asked to provide volunteers, perhaps to man the Poker Run. Laura asked members in attendance if perhaps our San Diego Club would like to offer money to sponsor an event during Healey Week.

Other upcoming events include Rolling British Car Day on April 19th. The drive ends at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center. Robert Reid can provide barbeque lunch plates for interested club members at the cost of \$15 each. At the end of May there is a Car Show in Fallbrook. In June, the club will plan a Healey Drive for a local winery tour. In July, we will be planning on attending a Padre game.

John Lee gave an update to a membership. He received more memberships that were late. He's providing a list of members who have yet to renew. John also announced that May's meeting will be a Bully's and in June we will meet at Chicken Charlie's in Poway. John has been going to Association meetings as the Austin Healey representative. He is looking for another volunteer to join him, as we need 2 representatives. Robert Reid volunteered to attend as well.

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

Howard Stark gave an update for Lynne Stark regarding the club's 2026 Holiday Party. We will book the Island Palms hotel again for December 5th. The cost should remain about \$70/person, with a minimum of 35 attendees.

Our next AHCSD monthly meeting on May 13th will be held at Bully's East in Mission Valley at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Meeting was adjourned at ~7:50 PM.

May Meeting Minutes

AHCSD May 13 Meeting

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

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

There were 22 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid, Ed & Sandy Matheus, Laura and Terrey Leyland, Lou Galpers & Deb Durham (O), Lex Dunn, Dave Grundies (H), Jim Doornink, Tom & Kathy Luckie, Don & Pat Benke (H), John Mitchell, Howard & Lynne Stark, Rick Snover, Sandy & Lily Leon, and John Lee (H). There were also 2 perspective members, JC Hardy (recently located to San Diego from Fremont, Juan Jose (JJ) Rebaza (looking to purchase an AH) accompanied by a friend.

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance and welcomed our visitors.

Laura gave a recap of our recent California Healey Week where many members participated either as attendees or volunteers. It was a fun filled week, complete with the poker run, a drive to Julian, and a fantastic car show at Seaport Village. She recognized AHCSD members' cars receiving awards in their car classes: Lou Galpers 2nd place, Robert Reid 1st place, and Tom Luckie 1st place as well as Best of Show. We are not sure about a 2027 California Healey Week due to the Healey 75 Meeting to be held at Lake Tahoe June 6 – 12, 2027.

Deb Durham spoke to the members in attendance about some ideas that she had to inject activity into our monthly meetings. She was thinking of perhaps games such as identify a “Car Part in a Bag” and “Car Talk” where members would be encouraged to get to know each other better through “Car Talk” stories and experiences. It could be like having a guest speaker during each meeting. Her ideas were greeted with enthusiasm.

Don and Pat Benke also offered to host a monthly meeting at their home near SDSU. Previous discussions had included the idea of moving a regular second Wednesday of the month meeting to a weekend. This is an opportunity to encourage members to attend during daylight hours when more members might be available. The Benke's have hosted club members in the past and Don is looking forward to reviving his tradition of swimming, tennis, and best of all: a croquet tournament. The date for this meeting will be Saturday, July 11th. Look for an invitation in the mail to you soon!

John Lee gave an update to our 2026 membership. He recognized May birthdays and anniversaries, and noted that June's meeting will be at Chicken Charlie's in Poway, July meeting will be at Don Benke's (special Saturday meeting), and August will be at Fillipi's in Mira Mesa. John encouraged members to sign up for the Fallbrook Car Show for a great experience.

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

Howard Stark asked about whether the club's historical information will be available on the redesigned website. Kathleen Reid reported that we are working on providing a link to Rick Snover's files of past Healey Hearsay editions. It was also suggested that past events also be noted with both the name of the event as well as year. Kathleen is working on setting up a Zoom meeting to include Rick Snover, Terrey Leyland, and herself to meet with the web designer so that we can transition to making more timely edits and additions.

An informal poll was taken to garner interest in members who plan to attend the Healey 75 Anniversary Meet Up at Lake Tahoe in June of 2027. For members interested in attending, registration is now open for the event. Sign up soon!

Meeting was adjourned.

From The President

Hello Members,

Halfway through the year already, oh my! What a fantastic even in May, CA Healey Week sponsored by the AHCSC.

We had a very good turn out from our club. I really want to thank those that volunteered at the event. More on the event in the event section.

We have some fun events coming up. We have our semi annual wine tour and then Pat and Don Benke are opening up their home in July for some croquet play and our regular monthly meeting. Take note that the date will be Saturday July 11th so no normal Wednesday meeting.

Hope to see you soon in a Healey!

Laura



2026 Club Activities

Virtual Tech Sessions

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

The recurring Zoom log in is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82390591723?pwd=WXSZltzJCP9m83N23S5Zvi0kiaAoT2.1>

June

6/10– Club Meeting at Chicken Charlies in Rancho Bernardo

6/20– Semi Annual Winery Drive

- Start at Orfila Vineyards in Escondido for some lunch at 11:30. 13455 San Pasqual Rd, Escondido 92025
- Second stop will be Three Hills Winery most likely at around 2. 16805 Highland Valley Rd, Ramona, 92065

July

7/11– Meeting at Pat and Don Benke's house. 4775 Yerba Santa Dr. San Diego, 92115. More details to be discussed at June's meeting.

7/25– Pt. Loma Drive through Nazarene College. Meeting point will be the Von's at Liberty station around 9:30.



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!

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 activity.

Rolling British Car Day April 19



Rolling British Day is always a fun event because it's not just Healey's but all British cars. The turnout was pretty good and the weather was very nice. I don't hear of anyone's car overheating this year. Two years ago when we had the event also at Bates Nut Farm Robert and Kathleen Reid graciously cooked lunch for those that wanted, I think we all took up on the offer. He makes the best cookies. This time around he included the MG club that he also belongs to.



California Healey Week May 6 - 8



There were over 60 cars

What a great event this was. I can't even imagine the planning that goes into this but I got a little insight as Terrey and I helped plan the poker run. Being in May you just never know what kind of weather you will get especially by the Bay. The car show was a huge draw to just bystanders that like to relax or take walks at the Embarcadero.



Some of the many Poker Run participants

The poker run wasn't that long of a route but I think everyone had a good time. Again as the cars went through the stop at the USS Midway there were lots of onlookers. People were coming up to the cars asking to take pictures. The last stop was the new Gaylord Resort in Chula Vista. There were several restaurants to choose from both there and across the street.



End of the Poker Run at the Gaylord Resort

California Healey Week May 6 - 8



A line of Healeys in Julian



Couldn't ask for a nicer day



A group of us at dinner at Ketch after the Julian drive.

The next drive was out to Julian and then through San Pasqual Valley and out to Del Mar and back along the coast to the hotel. Many people stopped in Julian just to stretch their legs and maybe get some pie. Only a few cars broke down but there are plenty of experts around to help.

Later that day there was a tech session and a ladies event where we met each other and had a glass of wine or two.

The big banquet dinner was on the last night after the car show. The hotel did an excellent job of putting that together. There was a silent auction at the banquet as well and awards given out to the cars in various classes. We had three members win. Robert and Katheen Reid took 1st place for the BN6/BN7, Lou Galper took 3rd place for BN1/BN2, and finally Tom and Cathy Luckie won two awards for their car, and BJ8 Dual Light and "best In Show". Congratulations to all you winners.

It was a great event overall and sad to go home because being in our own backyard it's like a staycation.

Next year a lot of folks are looking forward to the 75th Anniversary in Lake Tahoe.

California Healey Week May 6 - 8



The AHCS D attendees following Friday's award dinner



Our award winners! Congratulations to all

Windsor Castle Show

Jerry Donadio submitted these photos of a Healey show outside of Windsor Castle. His friend, Bill Kohlepp was there and sent Jerry these photos. His email to Jerry said: "We just walked out of Windsor Castle and came upon an Austin Healey Club car show in an enormous park. Incredible cars. Over 1600 of them placed throughout the grounds. So wished I could have teleported you here to this very place and moment. But then again, your head would have exploded." Many of you may notice "the enormous park" as the "Long Walk" from the Queen's funeral and Harry & Megan's wedding. Thank you Jerry!



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 May 20, 2026

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	62	Tabachki, N. & N.	1957 100-6 BN4	20
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	57	Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	11
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	52	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	10
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	32	Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	9
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	32	De Boer, A. & V.	1974½ Jensen Healey	6
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	31	Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1	6
Gerow, S. & Fees, N.	1959 100-6 BN6	30	Dunn, Lex	1970 Triumph Spitfire	5.5
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	30	Galper, L.	19xx Jaguar 3.8S	5.5
McWilliams, A. & E.	1966 3000 Mk III BJ8	25	de la Fuente	1955 100 BN4	5
Kirby, S. & C.	1974 Jensen Healey	20	Putzke, U. & G.	1959 100-6 BN4	4
Luckie, T & C.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	20	Galper, L.	1964 MGB	2.5

AHCSD Member Info

Monthly Meeting Schedule

June 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 PM

Chicken Charlie's

12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd

San Diego, CA 92128

July 2026 Meeting

Saturday July 11 Time TBD

Don and Pat Benke's House

4775 Yerba Santa Dr. San Diego, 92115

August 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 PM

Filippi's Pizza Grotto

9969 Mira Mesa Blvd

San Diego, CA 92123

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

Membership Summary As of June 1, 2026	
Memberships	43
Total Combined Members	78
New Members for CY 2026	0
AHCA Members from Sub Group San Diego/Groups	21

Please address any concerns regarding:

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

John Lee

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Registration Now Open!

Austin Healey 75th Anniversary Meet

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Your deposit is fully refundable until June 1, 2026.
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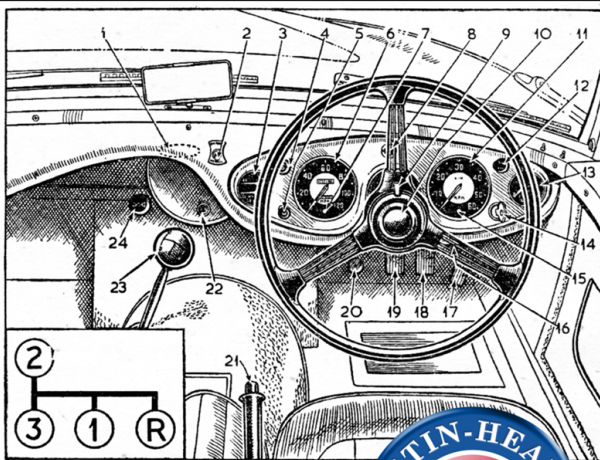
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