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July/August '26

Note from the Editor

Hello AHCSO Members. I hope everyone is having a great, albeit HOT, summer. We had some nice events in June and July. Those are covered in this issue.

We are looking forward to the annual Breakfast on the Bay in August. See details on the events page. Also, remember, British Car Day is on Sunday, September 13. It will be held at Tidelands Park in Coronado again. Registration closes on August 16. I emailed details to AHCSO members.

Last time around, I mentioned that I had installed the new radiator in our Healey. It has not disappointed. On the Pt Loma drive the temperature never got over 190, even droning through multiple stop lights on Rosecrans Ave. Very worthwhile investment!



As I

always ask: 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. Thanks Lou for the pictures from the Cars and Coffee

Till next time, Cheers!

Cover Photo: The Healeys of John Lee, the Leylands, Don Benke and Eric Graves by the Cabrillo Tide Pools

This is the July/August 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 July/August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

John Hardy	July 4
John Banalas	July 14
Alie Snover	July 16
John Farkash	July 17
Neil Tabachki	July 28
Loreen Whilhelmy	July 30
Heidi Farkash	August 1
Rick Snover	August 5
Howard Stark	August 9
Diane O'Connell	August 11
Udo Putzke	August 14
Roland Whilhelmy	August 17
Eric Graves	August 21
Virginia DeBoer	August 27

Anniversaries

Steve & Cindi Kirby	July 4, 1976
Udo & Geisela Putzke	July 17, 1992
Robert & Joan DeYoung	August 6, 1965
Ron & Carolyn Richtmyer	August 21, 1967
John Banales & Sylvia Torres	August 23, 2003
Larry Allredge & Dawn Moore	August 16, 2005
Terrey & Laura Leyland	August 10, 2007



June Meeting Minutes

AHCSD June 10 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

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

There were 15 members in attendance: Robert & Kathleen Reid (H), Ed & Sandy Matheus, Laura and Terrey Leyland, Lex Dunn (O), Jim Doornink, Don Benke (H), John Lee (H), Steve Hamann, Howard & Lynne Stark, and Bob & Joan DeYoung (H)

Laura Leyland opened the meeting and thanked members in attendance.

Laura gave a recap of the club's website which is continuously going through updates. The past newsletters are now available through an archive link. Rick Snover, Terrey Leyland, and Kathleen Reid will be meeting with the web designer via a Zoom meeting to learn how best to keep information current. Please feel free to send in photos, news bits, or other information you may feel inclined to share.

There was a general discussion with updates to the Healey 75th Anniversary Meet Up in the Lake Tahoe area for next year. Registration is open and a block of rooms has been set aside for interested attendees. The event looks to be quite well received so far.

Also, members should be on the lookout for a link to Virtual Tech Sessions held monthly and hosted by Steve Kirby and the national club. Members with tech questions are encouraged to send the questions in ahead of time so that issues may be addressed during the meeting.

Plans were discussed for our upcoming Saturday meeting on July 11th at the Benke's house. The intention is to encourage members who may not be available during the week to enjoy socializing on a Saturday. In addition to the meeting there will be a cookout/potluck, tennis & pool available, and a croquet tournament. Don is hoping for a mini-reunion!

Other club activities include: June semi-annual winery tour and a July drive through Point Loma area.

John Lee gave an update to our 2026 membership. He stated that currently there are 43 families with memberships (78 people combined) with 21 of our members being both local and national members. He recognized June birthdays and anniversaries, and noted that our next regular Wednesday evening meeting will be August 12 at Fillipi's in Mira Mesa. John also gave a recap of Fallbrook Car Show.

Ed Matheus reminded members about the Temecula Car Show that is held on the 1st weekend in May. He really likes that you get to select your parking spot ahead of time. It's a fun time cruising through Old Town Temecula – registration is open in February.

Jim Doornink is interested in current companies available as a supplier for Austin Healey car parts. Several resources were discussed and it was suggested that compiling a referral list would be very useful.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

July Meeting Minutes

AHCSD July 11 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order.

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

There were 34 members in attendance: Don & Pat Benke (H), Ed & Alexandria McWilliams (H), Steve Raskind, Rick & Allie Snover, Tom & Kathy Luckie (H), Roland & Loreen Wilhelm, Ed & Sandy Matheus, John Lee (H), Doug Schmidt & Tristen Billerbeck, Lex Dunn (O), Steve Hamann, Udo & Gisela Putzke, Bob & Joan DeYoung (H), Curt & Nancy Arndt (H), Alex & Sandy Watt, Terry Cowan, Terrey & Laura Leyland (H), JC Mitchell (H), and Sandy & Lily Leon

Laura Leyland held a short business meeting during the Saturday Picnic Meeting at the Benke's house. Minutes are currently unavailable.



From The President

Hello Members,

Summer is heating up, literally. Hope your all staying cool out there. I think I say this every summer but it just seems to get hotter and hotter.

We recently put in a new radiator in our Healey to help it run cooler and that seems to help. Even when we drive it in hot weather it doesn't try to overheat like in the past.

Speaking of replacing things, if you know of good mechanics please let the group know. They seem to be dwindling as more and more mechanics are only being trained on cars with computers.

There is also a monthly tech session that Steve Kirby moderates that is very helpful if you have repairs that need to be made or you are just curious about how things work. We have joined in several times and find it very informative. Our own Terry Cowan has been on of the tech experts on the call. A reminder for this gets sent out each month with the Zoom link to join.

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>

August

8/12- Club Meeting at Filippis in Kearny Mesa, see meeting page for address

8/25- Breakfast on the Bay- 8AM at Crown Point.

September

9/9- Club Meeting at Anny's Burgers, see meeting page for address

9/13- British Car Day at Glorietta Bay in Coronado

October

10/14- Club Meeting at Bully's East, see meeting page for address

10/31- Lunch and pumpkin carving contest at the Leylands. 11AM- 3171 Willow Creek Pl. Escondido, 92027



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.

Winery Drive June 20



We had a very nice day for our winery tour. We started at Orfila where they now have a permanent food truck from the restaurant Amalfi. Such good pizza and burgers but they have salads and sandwiches as well. They also have trivia every Thursday evening if your so inclined to have some fun. We spent some time here before heading out towards Ramona and going to Three Hills Winery. Unbeknownst to myself they are now closed on weekends unless it is a special event. We got very lucky though as they were there cleaning up from the night before and they welcomed our group with open arms. We had the whole place to ourselves. It was great. In attendance were Tom and Kathy Luckie, Rick and Allie Snover, Lex, John Hardy, Ed and Sandy Matheus, Bob and Joan DeYoung, Ed & Alex McWilliams.



July 11 Meeting/Picnic

Thank you to Don and Pat Benke for opening their home and hosting our monthly meeting and then a social event. What a beautiful location and house.

We had our regular monthly meeting and then it was time to eat and play some croquet. I don't think a lot of people knew how to play this game but Don gave it his all in trying to teach everyone. Meanwhile people were still eating and having great conversations while Howard manned the grilling of burgers. Everyone brought side dishes and there was plenty of food to go around. I assure you no one left hungry.

There were lots of Healey's parked out front and Don's driveway was big enough that we got them in a great group shot.

A great day was had by all and we decided that we needed to do meetings more often this way, get out and enjoy our beautiful city and peoples hospitality.

Thank you Don and Pat! What a wonderful way to spend the day.



Pt Loma Drive July 25



We did the Pt. Loma drive two years ago and it was a big hit. We met at Liberty Station in the morning to group up, from there we headed to Pt. Loma Nazarene College, it is a beautiful campus along the ocean in Pt. Loma, not too far from Rosecrans National Cemetery where our hero's are buried. It truly is a beautiful sight as you drive by it.

From the college past the cemetery we entered Cabrillo National Monument and took in the sights down by the tidepools. Of course it wouldn't be a Healey drive if something didn't go wrong. The Leylands car would not start and four of us had to push it to give it a jump start. It's had some starter issues lately. But this worked and we went on our merry way up to the main monument area and walked around.

We then continued back to Liberty station for lunch. It was unfortunately very hot this day even by the water so it was nice to get inside for a nice meal and libations and to cool down.

In attendance were Don Benke, Eric Graves, The Leylands, and John Lee. Rick and Allie Snover met us for lunch in Liberty Station.



Cars and Coffee Saturday August 1



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 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 August 1, 2026

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	84	Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	17
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	79	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	14
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	73	Dunn, Lex	1970 Triumph Spitfire	11
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	48	Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	10
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	42	Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	9
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	38	De Boer, A. & V.	1974½ Jensen Healey	6
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	36	Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Luckie, T & C.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	36	Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Gerow, S. & Fees, N.	1959 100-6 BN6	34	Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1	6
Kirby, S. & C.	1974 Jensen Healey	20	Galper, L.	19xx Jaguar 3.8S	5½
Tabachki, N. & N.	1957 100-6 BN4	20	Galper, L.	1964 MGB	2½

AHCSD Member Info

Monthly Meeting Schedule

August 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 PM

Filippi's Pizza Grotto

9969 Mira Mesa Blvd

San Diego, CA 92123

September 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 PM

Anny's Burgers

5375 Kearny Villa Rd

San Diego, CA 92123

October 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 PM

Bully's East Prime Bistro

2401 Camino del Rio South

San Diego, CA 92108

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

Membership Summary As of July 13, 2026	
Memberships	47
Total Combined Members	82
New Members for CY 2026	1
JC Mitchell	
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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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
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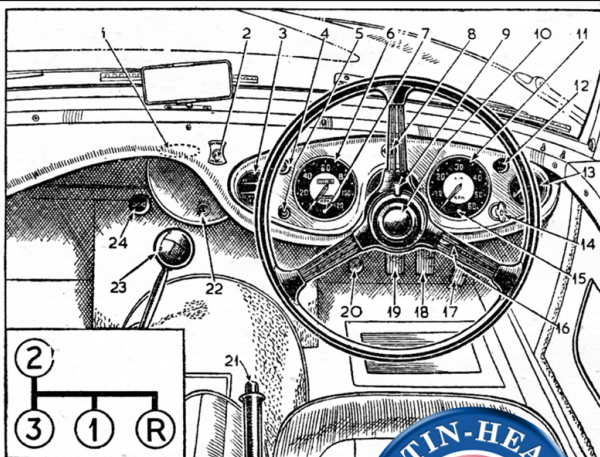
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