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October 2026

Note from the Editor

Hello AHCSD Members. October is upon us, but it sure didn't feel like October weather wise. Hopefully things will normalize so we can get back out on the road.

In September we had British Car Day in Coranado, always a great event and venue. We had a good club turnout. All told, 12 Healeys including non-members. Unfortunately, there were some faux pas in the classifications and therefore, judging, in the Healey category. There have been a few different inputs on this, I will not divulge on them here. I think Howard can provide input should you want more info.

I would like to know if anyone has any comments regarding the decision to go back to a monthly publication of the HH. I am happy we decided to abandon the bi-monthly approach.



We have a pumpkin carving event planned for October, a driving event planned for November and the Holiday party coming in December. I hope to see many members participate. Details on all are listed later in this issue.

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.
Till next time, Cheers!

Cover Photo: The Healey line up at British Car Day.

This is the October 2026 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, or contact our Membership Coordinator, John Lee, 661-714-6899, leebsmba@hotmail.com

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

AHCSD October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Nancy Tabachki	October 1
Susana Davis	October 22

Anniversaries

Dave Grundies & Diane Schneider	10/11/1997
Rick & Allie Snover	10/10/2010

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

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



September Meeting Minutes

AHCSD September 9 Meeting

President Laura Leyland called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

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

Unable to upload information at this time. Will need to be edited to include.

As an ice breaker before the meeting began, Deb Durham used a card draw to select two members present to do a "car talk," inviting Lou Galper and Ed Matheus to introduce themselves to the group and relay background information that connects each of them with Austin Healey cars. Thanks, Lou and Ed!

Laura Leyland brought up old business seeking ideas on how the AHCSD might use some of the funds collected through membership. There was a suggestion of a possible pop-up tent to use at future functions. Laura noted that the club has elections upcoming in November. Our club is in need of a member to act as the Activities Coordinator. Laura can no longer perform this duty.

Upcoming club events include: British Car Day at Tidelands Park in Coronado, a Halloween get together at the Leyland's on Saturday. 10/31 during the day, an unnamed drive for November (interest was shown for a possible drive to Palomar Observatory, and our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, 12/5.

Sandy Leon, club treasurer, was available with the club checkbook for any transactions that needed to be completed. The club remains solvent.

John Lee sought feedback on the meeting location. Members seemed to enjoy the food, but the location was not ideal due to the current heatwave and lack of air conditioning. John encourages members to use the club website SDHEALEY.ORG to access up to date meeting information. Membership rosters are also located on the website in the password protected MEMBERS ONLY tab. John is keeping statistics on membership trends from year to year. As we gain new members, John updates our roster and Rick Snover will keep it updated on the website. John recognized club members' birthdays and anniversaries for the month of September.

Members should contact Lynne Stark to reserve and pay for the December Holiday party. The event is partially covered by the club, and each attending member is $50/each. Lynne is also asking members for donations for raffle/drawing items.

Terrey Leyland announced that the Healey Hearsay will return to a monthly publication, beginning this month.

Deb Durham made many positive comments regarding the club's recent Breakfast by the Bay and overall the event was quite well received. She is grateful to all that participated.

Laura Leyland adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

From The President

Hello Members,



Welcome to fall, the holiday's are officially upon us. We have many things to look forward to. Elections and our always fun holiday party.

Still have a bit of a heatwave but should hopefully subside

November is elections and I hope some of you are thinking about running for positions, it's always nice to get fresh blood as the saying goes.

I really want to thank Deb for hosting some really fun games at the beginning of the meeting's. It really helps get members engaged and its so much fun. Keep up the good work Deb.

If you plan on attending the holiday party please get those checks to Lynne as soon as possible. It's only $50 per person this year as the club is covering more of the cost . I would also like to suggest we donate toys for the Toys for Tot's program through the Marines.

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

October

10/14– Studio Diner, see meeting page for address

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

November

11/11– Club Meeting at Hamburger Factory, see meetings page for address

11/21– Drive up Palomar Mountain. Since we have south and north lets all meet at Dudleys in Santa Ysabel at 10am. Let's make it a picnic up at the top. So bring your sack lunch like you did on field trips in school.

December

12/5– Holiday Party, see page with flyer





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

British Car Day 2026

By Rick Snover

Thirteen current AHCSD members and one former member participated in S.D. British Car Day 2026 on Sunday, September 13th. It was a very pleasant day (almost too cool in the shade when the breeze kicked up), with lots of beautiful and interesting cars on display. Many marques were in attendance from current Aston Martins and Lotus to vintage Jaguars and Land Rovers.

Many thanks to the SD Mini club for putting on a great event, and especially for sharing their extra sandwiches with us!

Congratulations to Alex and Sandy Watt, recipients of the 2026 Founder's Trophy!

As previously mentioned, there were classification and judging issues in the Healey categories. This, unfortunately, led to some of our members not receiving awards as they should have.

Here are the participants with corrected classes and awards:

Austin Healey Other (100/100-4/Sprite):
- Anthony de la Fuenta, 1955 100 BN1
- Lou Galper & Deb Durham, 1955 100 BN1
- Steve Gerow, 1959 100-6 BN6
- Howard Macken, 1954 100 BN1 **(1st place)**

Austin Healey 3000 Roadster (3000 Mk I/II BN7/BT7):
- Laura & Terrey Leyland, 1962 3000 Mk II BT7
- Robert & Kathleen Reid, 1960 3000 Mk I BN7
- Rick & Allie Snover, 1962 3000 Mk II BT7
- Howard Stark, 1960 3000 Mk I BT7 **(1st place)**

Austin Healey 3000 Mk III (BJ7/BJ8):
- Don Benke, 1967 3000 Mk III BJ8
- Dave Grundies, 1965 3000 Mk III BJ8 **(1st place)**
- John Lee, 1967 3000 Mk III BJ8
- Steven Raskind, 1966 3000 Mk III BJ8

Non-Healey entries:
- Alex & Sandy Watt, 1961 Aston Martin DB4
- Lex Dunn ,1970 Triumph Spitfire



British Car Day





Above and left: Line ups of the Healey contingent.



Above: Great display!

British Car Day



Above: Steve Gerow's '59 BN6. I love the grille.



Above/Below: But, of course!



British Car Day



Left: Alex and Sandy Watt's ;61 Aston Martin DB4.
Below: My favorite colors in motorsports, Gulf powder blue and orange.
Bottom: Some vintage Minis and part of the Healey line up.





AHCSD Holiday Party

The Austin Healey Club of San Diego Invites you to our 2026 Holiday Party

Please join us on Saturday, December 5, 2026 from 11 AM to 3 PM at:

Best Western Plus
Island Palms Hotel & Marina
Sunset Room
2051 Shelter Island Drive
San Diego, CA 92106

The party is open to all Club Members, Family and Friends

We will enjoy a delicious Buffet Lunch that includes Iced Tea, Coffee and Dessert – Full menu to follow

Gift Exchange – If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift of approximately $20.00 - $25.00 value. No gag gifts please.

There will also be a Silent Auction and Raffle!

The Sunse Room has a lot of space to mingle & socialize as well as an outdoor patio overlooking the Marina on Shelter Island

Parking is free for our event in the hotel parking lot or across the street in the public lot.

Cost is $50.00 per person

*Don't delay, send your check made out to AHCSD

no later than November 23, 2026

Checks can be mailed to:
Lynne Stark
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El Cajon, CA 92020
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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 smokey.snover@gmail.com within 30 days after the event. AHCSD 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:

- AHCSD Meetings & Tech Sessions 5pts
- AHCSD 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 October 20, 2026

Member	Car	Pts	Member	Car	Pts
Lee, J. & Davis, S.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	110	Hardy, J.	1959 Sprite AN5	17
Benke, D. & P.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	105	Macken, H.	1954 100-4 BN1	16
DeYoung, R. & J.	1967 3000 MK III BJ8	84	Raskind, S.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	16
Leyland, L. & T.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	64	Linnard, T. & D.	1966 3000 MK III BJ8	14
Galper, L.	1955 100 BN1	57	Arndt, C. & N.	1960 Sprite AN5	10
Snover, R. & A.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	54	Galper, L.	19xx Jaguar 3.8S	8
Reid, R. & K.	1960 3000 BN7	52	De Boer, A. & V.	1974½ Jensen Healey	6
Gerow, S. & Fees, N.	1959 100-6 BN6	50	Graves, E.	1962 3000 Mk II BT7	6
Luckie, T & C.	1967 3000 Mk III BJ8	36	Matheus, E. & S.	1960 Sprite AN5	6
Grundies, D. & Schneider, D.	1965 3000 Mk III BJ8	24	Schumacher, K. & A.	1955 100 BN1	6
Kirby, S. & C.	1974 Jensen Healey	20	Rast, R. & A.	1960 3000 BT7	5
Stark, H. & L.	1960 3000 BT7	20	Watt, A. & S.	1961 Aston Martin DB4	5
Tabachki, N. & N.	1957 100-6 BN4	20	Putzke, U. & G.	1961 3000 Mk II BT7	4
Dunn, Lex	1970 Triumph Spitfire	18.5	Galper, L.	1964 MGB	2.5

AHCSD Member Info

Monthly Meeting Schedule

October 2026 Meeting

!Venue Change!

Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 PM

Studio Diner

4701 Ruffin Rd

San Diego, CA 92123

November 2026 Meeting

Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 PM

Hamburger Factory

14122 Midland RD

Poway, CA 92064

December 2026 No - Meeting

Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 5

Island Palms Best Western

2051 Shelter Island Drive

San Diego, CA 92106

Please Attend!

Membership Update—John Lee

2025 vs 2026		
Year	2025	2026
Memberships by Family or Couple	61	50
Total Combined Members	107	89
New Members	11	4
AHCA Members from Sub Group San Diego/Groups	21	21

Please address any concerns regarding:

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

John Lee

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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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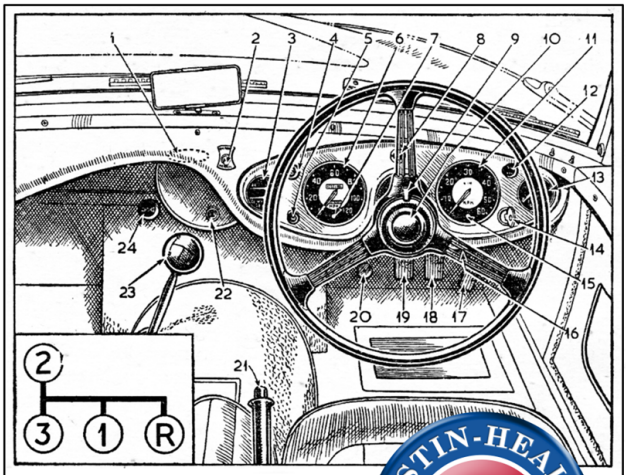


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