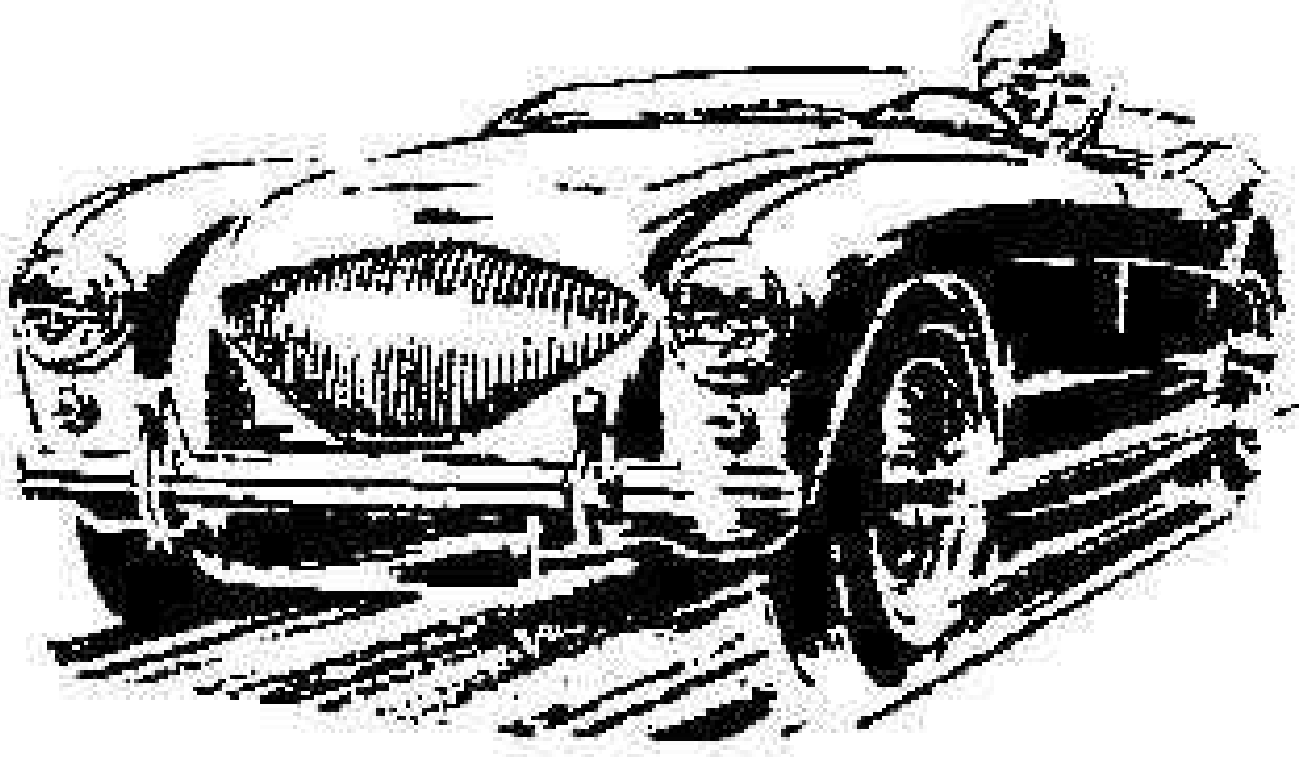




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Presidential Mike



By Mike Martin

Its spring!!!!!!

I know you are all working at a feverish pitch getting ready for a great 2006 driving season. At the peg on Saturday, there were quite a few little cars without tops running around, but no Healeys. What's up with that? I can't wait to see them lined up and snarling to go.

I promised last month that I'd fill everyone in on transporting my (& your) pride and joy. I started shopping prices in Hemmings. Transport pricing ran the gamut from \$1200 to \$800. I talked to a middle eastern gentleman, who didn't know a Healey from an apple, and wondered just where the car would end up. Then I talked to a couple of companies that promised to get a contract to me - one on Email, the other by US Postal Service. Nada, none, missing! I called one company back, and they thought they would pick up in the wrong city and deliver somewhere else. I said thanks, but no thanks. The other hasn't called me back. After three calls in three days, needless to say they're toast.

I finally called the guy who has all the answers - Jeff Johnk. He said to call Passport (Fed Ex). I did; and not only did the price match the low bid, but they took care of it over the phone! They not only knew what a Healey was, but when I told them Cedarburg, Wisconsin, they said "Going to Fourintune?" Sounds like no problem here. It takes 7 to 10 days to pick up, and 2 to 6 days to deliver. Seems that these thing don't happen overnight. More on this adventure next month.

I guess the lesson here is to find a known firm that knows the car and knows the car business. Hope to see you all at PIE or on the road for the Spring Blossom Tour on the 6th of May. Get 'em out and dust 'em off!



Mike's new Pride & Joy!

THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST

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PIE**(President's Informal Evening)**

Date: Wednesday May 3rd
Time: 7:00 p.m. (or before)
Place: Fort Snelling Officers Club

This location is on Hwy. 5 (east of I-494) on the southeast side of the Mpls./St. Paul Intl. Airport. Exit at the Post Road ramp, turn south (east) towards the river and proceed on to the road heading for the park, take the first left and wind around to the Officers Club building.

Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.

NEW MEMBERS:

The newest members of the MAHC include **Philip Galberth** of Lakeville, MN. He currently owns a Mini, so hopefully we can "help" him find a Healey!

Also, **Mitch and Deb Ackmann** of Buffalo, MN have a Blue BJ8 they've owned for a year. Their car was only 20 cars in front of Dave Lee's car on the line so it's time to re-acquaint the long lost cousins!

Lastly, but not least, Scott McQueen helped match us up with **Craig and Karen Lee Groth** of Winona, who have a MKII 3000 and maybe a Bugeye too!

**THE HEALEY
SPRING BLOSSOM TOUR**

Date: Saturday May 6th

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: The Pickle Factory
Pepin, Wisconsin



This will be our "Spring Awakening" event and bodes to be another well articulated tour arranged by Tom Hazen. Please see page 5 for details. See you there!

**The InterMarque
Spring Car Show and
Banquet**

Date: Sunday May 21st

Time: Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Radisson Conference Center
I494 & Hwy. 55
Plymouth, MN

This is the Inter-Marque Council's annual signature event. It is well attended with well over 100 cars of many marques. The event is free. The later lunch is \$16.00 per person. Please see page 7 for more details.

Breakfast at the Peg

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:30 continues to be very popular! Great food, reasonable prices, & friendly LBC car enthusiasts make it a great place to keep in touch. **Meet in the new room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

The Square Peg Diner
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.

**Thank You!!**

Recently, we completed the two day disassembly of our '59 AH Sprite with the help of club members Harry Reynolds, J. D. Strand, and Curt Carlson. Steve Rixen allowed us to use his trailer to transport the car to and from storage. A big THANK YOU to all of you for your help. This is, in part, what car clubs are all about. We could not have done it without you.

Dave and Susan Jensen

Weidner Tech Session

Editor

Paul had his Marcos parked right inside the garage door as we entered. Its sculptured lines were looking very appealing to the “end of winter” eyes of the guests. Off to the side was another car body, covered, so as not to show its colors yet.

First we were treated to some sports car tire lore from Tom Moerke. He pointed out the advantages gained from the old “split rim” wheels to the newer “drop center” wheels. A wire wheel with a deflated tire was used as a model for removing the tire from the rim with two tire irons. It was decided that a cell phone was a much preferred tool to repair flats! He also displayed several items to carry in your car for road emergencies. Good show, Tom!

Next we proceeded to the “mystery car” that was under cover. Voila! It was Paul’s mechanically enhanced and recently painted Speedwell bonneted Mk I Sprite! It has indeed been worked on this past Winter and looked ready to Motocross come Spring.

Steve Moss described how he had worked on the car – removing old bondo and bullets from the body. With a new coat of BRG paint – stripes and all – it was looking very sharp.

Paul then thanked Curt Carlson and Steve Rixen for their work on the mechanicals. In appreciation, Paul presented Curt with a large framed composite work of art detailing some of the activities that transpired while dealing with the car. This was good for some laughs. Back to business, Curt passed out a sheet of paper listing all the improvements that had been done to the car – and it filled the page. Rest assured, it will be hard to overtake this bundle of metal and power. It not only looks fast, it is!

There was a good turnout of members with much hovering and questioning going on. Also we were treated to Crunchies, Cold Cuts, and Colas! Garage get togethers are great fun. Thank you Paul for hosting the session and providing the goodies!



THE HEALEY SPRING BLOSSOM TOUR



Saturday

9:30 AM

May 6, 2006

The Pickle Factory Pepin, Wisconsin

(rain date Sunday May 7)

FREE BLOSSOMS for the first 20 ladies who grace us with their presence!



Is that your favorite road sign? You will cruise by **dozens** of them on this tour. We'll be driving the most scenic, hilly, curvy, and wooded roads in the area. Guaranteed fun for you and your sweetie!

The Healey Spring Blossom is a **"couples friendly"** tour, not a competitive rally. Complete and easy-to-follow route instructions with road names, mileage, and a detailed map will be provided. To reduce tailgating and passing, cars will line up in order of anticipated driver enthusiasm, according to their self-chosen spot on the Official Scale of Driving Effort. The most motivated drivers will be in front, **7/10ths maximum**.

Breakfast at the Pickle Factory will be a "pay your server" affair, then after a short meeting, the **tour will depart at 10:30**. It takes about two hours when driven at **Happy Speed**. The route is about 100 miles, but you'll rack up about 250 miles for the day, round trip from the Cities. The tour will end with victuals and libations at the **Monarch Tavern** in Fountain City.

The tour is FREE!



Directions: From 494, it's a scenic 60-minute drive to Pepin. Take Hwys 10 and 61 south and east out of the Twin Cities. Turn left to stay on 10 East, heading toward Prescott, WI. Cross over the drawbridge in Prescott and turn right onto Wisconsin Hwy 35 South. Pass through Diamond Bluff, cross Hwy 63, go through Bay City, Maiden Rock, and Stockholm. In Pepin, turn right at the BP gas station (good time to fill your tank) onto Prairie Street, then over and down the hill, jog left on First Street over the tracks into the Pickle Factory and marina parking lot. See you there!

Questions? Contact Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or libertytrans@mn.rr.com

The Official Scale of Driving Effort

- 0/10 - Up on blocks or, more charitably, a crouching tiger in the garage
- 1/10 - Get out and push (damn Lucas!)
- 2/10 - Grandma going to church on Sunday
- 3/10 - Just out for a leisurely jaunt
- 4/10 - Rev it up a little on the straight-aways
- 5/10 - Honey, slow down! You'll wake the baby!
- 6/10 - **Happy Speed**
- 7/10 - Promise you won't tell anybody?
- 8/10 - Zoom Zoom Zoom
- 9/10 - Third in class at Elkhart Lake
- 10/10 - Wide open 'til you see God, then BRAKE!

Sponsored by:



PIE w/Partners Night!

Editor

One of the most exciting PIE nights ever occurred the first Wednesday of April. First of all, it was Partners/Family night, and a very friendly group of the female gender came along to join the evening's festivities. They are always welcome and hopefully will join us more often.

The long tables set up were in a rectangle for the evening, and that worked nicely for conversation during the discussion period. Rich Stadther talked about the Donneybrooke event at Brainerd, Dwight McCullough announced another attempt at constructing a race track in northern Minnesota, Greg Lauser encouraged people to attend Conclave in Ohio, Tom Hazen brought up the May Spring Blossom Tour, and there was some discussion on the size and content of the Members Manual coming out soon.

Then it was on to RACING! Tom Hazen had brought and set up an extreme Hot Wheels track. It started in the ceiling, proceeded down to a loop-de-loop, a 90 degree turn, down a straightaway to vault over a bridgeless gap, and finally to the finish line. It was a great layout.

Each car was timed with a stopwatch to determine the fastest cars. People brought their own, and Tom had some extras for those that didn't. You could run your car as often as you liked. There were a lot of heated contests and a lot of DNFs! Much jockeying and track adjusting went on when a car was being readied for the run. Lots of laughter too! Thank you Tom, for the great idea and for your efforts at making it happen!

Winners were as follows:

- 1st Place – Curt Carlson @ 3.69 sec. - in an Aurora
- 2nd Place – Paul Weidner @ 3.85 sec – in Crazy 8S
- 3rd Place – Steve Rixen @ 3.94 sec – in a Classic Mini
- 4th Place – John Snyder @ 3.97 sec – in Crazy 8S Mod.



13th Annual INTER-MARQUE CAR SHOW & BANQUET May 21, 2006

1. Vintage Foreign Car Show (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

The famous spring kick-off show returns to its pastoral setting on the walking path surrounding the Radisson Plymouth, at the north-west corner of I-494 and Hwy 55. As always, the show is **FREE** for both participants and spectators. This year's theme is "Of Mice and Mooses," and a special invitation is extended to our petite brethren (under 1,000 cc's) and our well-endowed compatriots (over 5,000 cc's).

(No RSVP is required for the show, but it'd be nice if you did so anyhow.)

2. Awards Banquet & Get-Together (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Following the show, at 3:00 p.m., there will be an Awards Banquet and Intermarque get-together at the Radisson. The price is only \$16 per person. *Please RSVP if you wish to attend the Banquet, as the Radisson needs an estimate of how many people will attend.*

RSVP form:

Name(s): _____

Car(s): _____

Club (if any): _____

Banquet Attendees: _____

Please send to:

Phyllis Galberth

19390 Judicial Road

Lakeville, Minnesota 55044

(or email her at kgalberth@visi.com)

More Road Signs to watch for.....



Events Schedule

- May 3 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See notice on page 3.
- May 6**** **Spring Blossom Tour** - (Sat.) Another sparkling drive to be arranged by Tom Hazen.
- May 19-21** **Vintage GT Challenge** – (Sat.) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 21** **Intermarque Banquet & Car Show** – (Sun.)The Intermarque Council will again sponsor the Spring banquet. It will take place at the Radisson Conference Center in Golden Valley.
- May 27-29** **Donneybrooke Vintage Revival** – (Sat – Mon) – The VSCR will again have their racing and touring weekend at BIR in Brainerd. For info call Rich & Liz Stadther at 651-698-1981.
- June 7 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- June 11** **Classic Car Club of America/Mercedes Benz Concours Event** – (Sun.) Very nice showing of Classic Cars at Rice Park in downtown St. Paul. Details later.
- June 15 - 18**** **Rendezvous 2006** - This will be the 16th year for the annual Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Get your hotel reservations in early!
- June 18 - 23** **AHCA Conclave 2006** – “Ohio Odyssey” The event will be in Akron, Ohio this year, and it should be a good one. Reserve early. For more information, call Greg Lauser at 715-262-9813 or email to glouser@pressenter.com.
- June 23 – 25** **Back to the 50's Car Show** – The annual supersize car show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. If you want to see tons of fancy cars, here's the place!

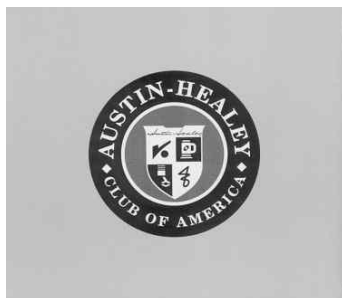
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Team Jensen Healey Report

By Tom Politiski

As you may have read in the last issue, I have been given the task of forming Team Jensen Healey. I can report that progress has been great. Interest in the marque is on the upswing. Parts are being sold and swapped amongst members - just ask Rich Stadther, a charter member. Two of the best British car mechanics in the area have enthusiastically joined the ranks as charter members - Yes, Ernie West of Dead Lake Motors and Dan Iburg of Midwest Motor Sports.

Team Jensen Healey has a supply of parts cars from which parts are available. Ernie has already made at least four specialty “service tools” to use on the J-Healeys. Knowledge of the marque is growing everyday. Membership is open to anyone who can swear alliance to the J-Healey marque. You do not have to be an owner - just an appreciator and supporter at the events that Team Jensen Healey will be attending this year. We plan to compete in the hill climb, gymkhana, speed run, and several car shows. **To join now, just send an email to healeymog@yahoo.com**



Events Schedule

- July 5 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- July 8 **** **Healey Hill Climb** – (Sat.) This is the projected date for the exciting annual event at Afton Alps Ski Resort. Details forthcoming.
- July 14 – 16** **The BRIC – The Brian Redmond International Challenge.** This is the big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. For details, call Jeff Johnk, Dan Powell, or Jeff Lombard.
- July 29**** **Tour & Picnic** – (Sat.) This will be another Tour ending up with a picnic at Carl & Betty Stine's beautiful farm in Beldenville, WI. Details later.
- Aug 2 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Aug 12** **Swap Meet/Car Show** – (Sat) 9:00 a.m. This event has been held at the Ellingson Car Museum on Hwy. 94 near Rogers, MN for the past several years. It's a great place to buy or sell parts and show your car. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- Aug 13 **** **Healey Morgan Picnic** – (Sun) Annual event. Jeff & Karen Sartell will host the picnic this year at their home in Princeton, MN. Details later.
- Aug 19 **** **Gymkhana** – (Sat) Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Brown & Bigelow parking lot at 345 Plato Blvd. In St. Paul. The pylons will be set up, and you can test your driving skills. For more info, call Scott McQueen at 612-623-4938 or email to smcqueen@mn.rr.com .
- Aug. 27** **Antique Tour** – (Sun.) This will be a shopping tour that is being arranged by Mike and Stacey Manser. Details later.
- Sept. 6 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Sept. 9** **Wheels 'n Wings** – (Sat) 8:00 a.m. Always a lot of cars and a lot of books. Airplanes , a train ride, hot dogs, and friendly people make it an enjoyable day in Osceola, WI.
- Sept. 15 – 17** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Call Jeff J., Dan P., or Jeff L. for details.
- Sept. 18 – 23** **Black Hills Tour** – (Mon. – Sat.) A multiple day event is being organized by Dale Martin and Tom Politiski for a beautiful road tour through the winding roads of the Black Hills in South Dakota. Please let them know if you are interested in participating. Call Dale at 651-436-5902 or Tom at 218-367-2168.
- Sept. 30**** **Adopt A Highway Clean-up** (Sat.) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Details later.
- Oct. 4 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Oct. 7** **Fall Color Tour-** (Sat.) Come out and enjoy the beautiful Fall colors with our Jaguar Club friends. George Arthur will be arranging the event. Details later.
- Oct. 21**** **Final Fall Tour** – (Sat.) – Details later.
- Nov. 1 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Nov. 18 **** **Annual Business Meeting Party** – (Sat.) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer's Club. Details later.
- Dec. 2 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat.) The schedule of events for 2007 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Mike Manser will select the site.
- Dec. 6**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.

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FOR SALE: Parting out three Jensen Healeys. Email your needs to Tom Politiski at healeymog@yahoo.com . (4/06)

FOR SALE: 1975 Jensen Healey – 5 speed, no rust, good engine, weber carbs, needs cosmetics. \$3500. Email Tom Politiski at healeymog@yahoo.com (4/06)

FOR SALE: 1963 AH Sprite. 1275 engine, 205 x 60 tires, flared fenders, 4 sp. trans., rebuilt rear end, roll bar. Asking \$3500. Call Al Carlson at 763-783-8494 (4/06)

FOR SALE: 1958 Austin Healey 100-Six - We have just found a vintage "Nasty Boy" out in Dakota – 302 Mustang engine with a three speed stick. Solid straight body with a factory hardtop. Not run since 1989. For more details, email Tom Politiski at healeymog@yahoo.com . (4/06)

FOR SALE: 1959 Bugeye Sprite parts car, original, (no title), solid tub. \$1200 Call Keith Beseke 507-263-5018

FOR SALE: Healey 100-4 BN1 Project. Fresh Barn find. CA title. A few parts missing, some new parts. Definitely restorable condition. Car is located in Duluth, Mn. Please contact Rick at 218.260.9215 or cyfied@uslink.net . Couple this car with Curt's (mnhealey@gmail.com) BN1 parts car and you have a complete car ready for restoration. Curt has photos available or phone/email Rick directly.

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