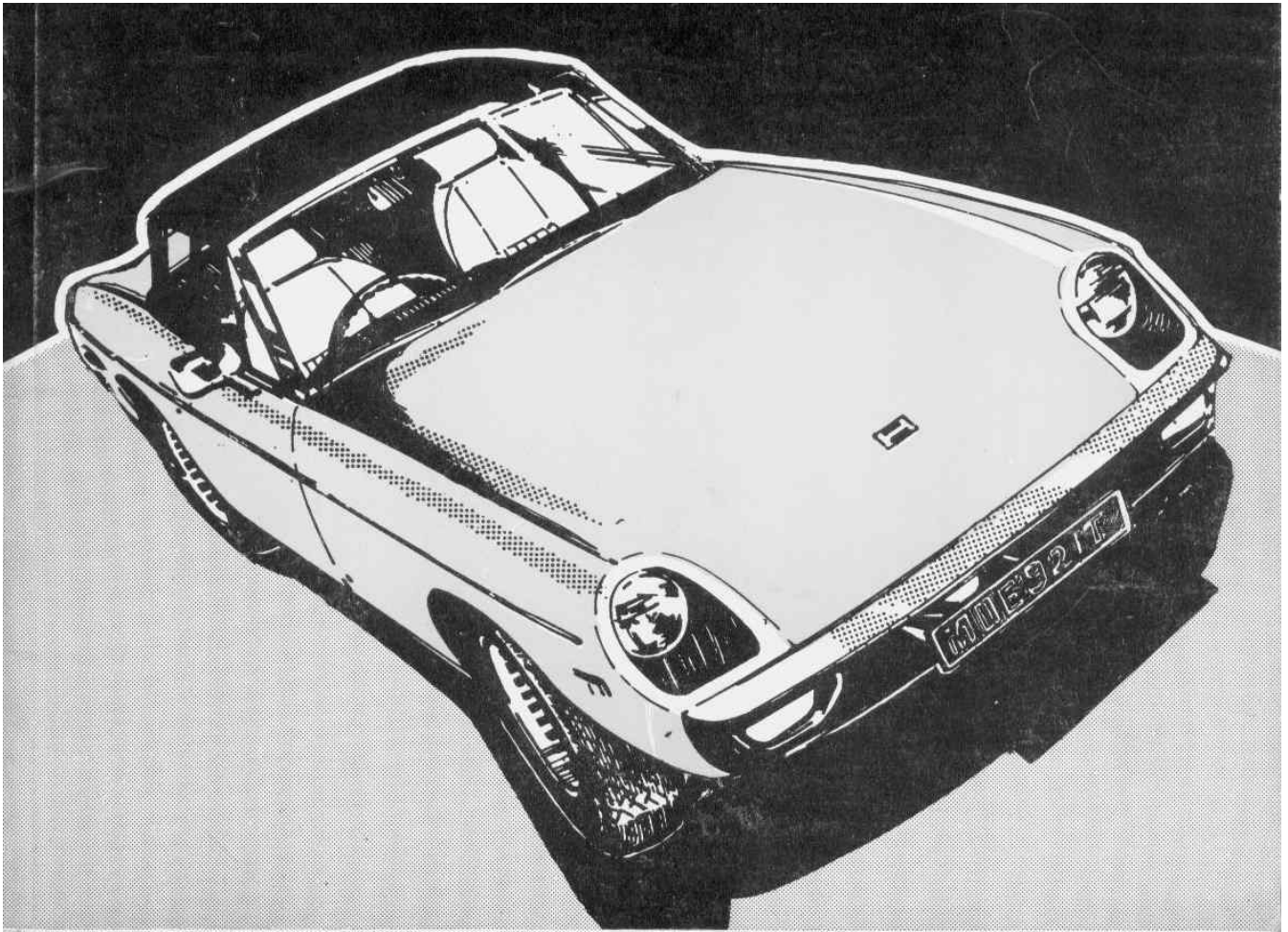




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Is the Jensen Healey being staged for a comeback
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March Events

Wednesday March 1 – PIE Meeting

Saturday March 4 – Tech Session

Saturday March 25 – Go Kart Challenge

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Presidential Mike**By Mike Martin**

Well this month has been an adventure. I've met some nice Healey folks and looked at a few cars. After arriving in Portland, I called our new Healey Marque editor Reid Trummel and arranged a meeting with him. I had already planned to look at a car, so I invited him along. It turns out he knew the car and owner.

While waiting at the house for Reid to show up, I heard a familiar noise. Sure enough - here he came in a BJ8 with the top DOWN. I think it was 5 degrees in MSP but 55 here in Portland, so we went for a short ride to look at the BT7. It needed a lot of bodywork, and I could see the \$ signs adding up. We talked, and it just wasn't a good fit for me. While there he showed me his 100 with the LeMans kit - a beautiful car with many many hours of work on the body to make it look so good.

Had breakfast with some old pals, and what do you know but one of our coworkers has two Healeys. I didn't even know about it. I called him up, and sure enough he is driving a BT7 and restoring a nice 100. We talked a lot about the Healeys in the area, and who is working on the cars. As it turns out, he knew of the car I had just looked at. It's a small world in Healeydom. Everyone seems to advise (and I've heard this before from most of you) that a person should buy the best car he can afford, because it costs big bucks to restore one. I have now called California, Seattle, and many numbers in the area as my search continues.

Looking forward to seeing you when we get back from Oregon. After watching the temps back there, keep your tops up and the heaters on full blast!

**THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST**

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday March 1st

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.



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. **Come see the new room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

The Square Peg Diner
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.



Tech Session

Notice of Change in Venue for March 4 Tech Session!!!

Whereas the Johnk family garage is located out in the sticks of Lakeville's wilds (and that garage has changed little since the last tech session there); and whereas the aluminum Healey race engine may still be at Total Engine for it's 'freshening' by our March 4 date; and whereas Total Engine is a(the) top engine builder in the Twin Cities and has some really COOL and NEAT equipment sitting around that would drive any gear head crazy; and whereas Total Engine has NEVER agreed to a tech session in their 26 years of building engines (They only agreed to do so if I would agree to stop bugging them... forever.); *therefore*, in consideration of the above and on the advice of highly paid consulting firms, it has been determined that the prudent thing to do is to **move the location** of the March 4 tech session from the Johnk's garage to:

Total Engine at 9625 Humbolt Ave S. Bloomington, MN. 55431 at 9:30 A.M. on March 4, 2006.

Directions are: Take 98th Street west off of I-35W to Humbolt Ave, then turn right (north). Go about a block & 1/2, and Total Engine is in a concrete building on the east side of the road on your right. Doughnuts and strong caffeinated coffee will be provided! Do not be late as MAHC has extended an invitation to VSCR (Vintage Sport Car Racing) to join us (meaning the doughnuts will go fast, especially the ones with the sprinkles on top!). **DO BRING YOUR QUESTIONS ON ENGINE BUILDING** for Kenny, Bruce, and Jason!

Intermarque Go Kart Challenge March 25th

Sponsored by The Minnesota Jaguar Club

See page 5 for details

Woodworking Tech Session February 18, 2006

Mike & Gloria Lynch's Home – Chanhassen, MN

By Curt Carlson

13 intrepid souls braved perhaps the coldest day of the winter to get to Mike and Gloria's beautiful home and shops in Chanhassen for an automotive woodworking tech session. The day dawned bright and clear; but with temps in the double-digits BELOW zero the previous night, it made for perhaps a smaller than usual turnout for the experience.

As usual, Mike continues to amaze us with his abilities. He seems to have done more in his lifetime and mastered more trades and skills than most of the founding fathers perhaps. It seems that all the skills come into play somehow. Mike is known amongst many circles: gunsmithing, furniture restoration, automotive restoration, bodywork, design, woodcarving, and metallurgy. He graciously shared some of his knowledge with the rest of us.

As usual, he was Polished, Prepared and Professional with 3 large presentation pages of an outline covering relevant aspects of woodworking. Topics included: Types of wood, removing old finishes, sanding, types of finishes, choosing a finish, repairs, finish application methods, pore filling & staining, applying finish, hand rubbing, final wax and maintenance. Mike spent about 10-12 minutes on each of these topics and added demonstrations on some Jaguar interior test pieces he's currently working on.

After an incredible lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, baked potatoes with fresh chives, and perhaps the 2nd best baked beans I've ever had (I can't insult Mom), and of course, fresh beer on tap, we had a garage tour on the North Wing of the estate holding 2 BJ8's and 4 Jags.

Attendees included: Jeff Lumbard, Dan Powell, Doug Steinbaugh, George Arthur, Dick Mathews, Dale Martin, Dave Knowles, Chris Knowles, Curt Carlson and The Meek brothers: Dave and John with sons Nathan, and Sean as well. Mike and Gloria sure know how to put on a day, even if things were a little bit chilly outside. Thanks Lynch's for a tech session that taught me something!





March 25th, 2006
Jaguar Club of Minnesota
6th Annual Classic
Go-Kart Challenge

Organized by Jaguar Club of Minnesota – Open to All Sports Car Clubs

Saturday March 25th. All drivers need to be at the track by 8:15 AM. Mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30 AM. Racing begins at 9:00 AM and goes to 11:00 AM. Awards will be presented during lunch at a local restaurant immediately afterwards. We will announce the lunch location at the go-kart event.

Event is limited so sign up now! Fastest lap times will determine grid positions for each heat. Each heat group assignment will be based upon prior experience. All club members are welcome to attend to support their drivers.



ABSOLUTELY NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION!!



Event is limited to licensed drivers. Helmets provided, personal DOT approved helmets with face shield approved. Drivers waiver required. All shoes must be secured to the foot (no flip flop style sandals). ProKART indoor Racing does not allow kart-to-kart contact, kart-to-barrier contact or dangerous/reckless driving.

ProKART Indoors – 12500 Chowen Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 56337 – Phone (952) 808-7222

Check out www.prokartindoor.com for detailed directions

NOTE BURNSVILLE LOCATION!



Participants are considered signed up when their checks are received. *No cancellations or refunds.* Drivers may find an alternate in event of being unable to drive. Jaguar Club reserves the right to deny participation to applicants that do not understand the "spirit" of the event or have exhibited inappropriate behavior in the past.

For questions call: David Meek – 612-799-5555

After two hours you will be worn out!

Cost is \$40 per driver, please make checks out to Jaguar Club of Minnesota.

Send your checks to: Jag Club of MN, c/o David Meek, 10267 Meade Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Drivers meeting at 8:30. If you're late you won't get to race!

Driver #1 (\$40.00 Per Driver)

Name	Years Karting	Slow to Fast Self Rank (1 to 10)
Street Address		Prior Go-Kart challenge?
City	State	Zip Phone ()
E-Mail	Club Membership	

Driver #2 (\$40.00 Per Driver)

Name	Years Karting	Slow to Fast Self Rank (1 to 10)
Street Address		Prior Go-Kart challenge?
City	State	Zip Phone ()
E-Mail	Club Membership	

JUNE 15, 16 AND 17 2006 IN THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO, CANADA



We are looking for more than a few good enthusiasts to exercise their classic sports cars and help us celebrate this All Marquee event! In 1991, Thunder Bay was host to the beginning of this traditional vintage sports car "Rendezvous." We look forward to your return *Back to the Bay* for Rendezvous 2006!

We would like to invite you and your friends to join us for a weekend of sports car fun and games at the Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel. Come enjoy our social and driving events and renew acquaintances from years past.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Register at the Nor'Wester Hotel, then head over to the Neelby Roadhouse across the road for a Meet and Greet Social. We will be holding prize draws and have a sign-up for Friday Tours.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Enjoy guided tours starting at 9:00am. We will be holding a Funfest in the afternoon. In the evening, join us for a driving tour with visits to local attractions along the way.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Start off with a Rally in the morning followed by an afternoon Show and Shine. We will also be holding a Pit Stop Challenge during the Show and Shine. Everything wraps up with the evening Awards Banquet.

Feel free to share this information with your fellow motoring enthusiasts! Please contact John Colosimo at (807) 344-7884 for more information, or email us at Info@tbvsc.ca. Check tbvsc.ca for updates.



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Basic registration covers one vehicle, two adults and all children under 18 years of age. Register by May 1, 2006 to receive a free commemorative T-shirt* and to qualify for the Early Bird Draw — one free night at the **Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel!**

Fees are in Canadian dollars. Cancellations will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee. **Refunds will NOT be offered on or after May 1, 2006.** The club will send registration packages to those who have paid the full registration fee but were unable to attend.

Questions? Please contact John Colosimo at **(807) 344-7694**, or email us at **info@tbvsc.ca**. Visit our website at **tbvsc.ca** for more information and updates.

NAME (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE / STATE _____

POSTAL / ZIP CODE _____ HOME PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME OF SPOUSE / GUEST ATTENDING _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

VEHICLES TO BE REGISTERED _____

BASIC REGISTRATION	\$45.00 UNTIL MAY 1 AND \$60.00 FROM MAY 2 – JUNE 15	\$
ADDITIONAL VEHICLES	\$5.00 PER VEHICLE	\$
BUFFET BREAKFAST (SAT. ONLY)	\$10.00 PER PERSON	\$
BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT	\$32.00 PER ADULT	\$
	\$15.00 PER CHILD (12 AND UNDER)	\$
RENDEZVOUS T-SHIRTS	\$15.00 EACH <small>*Remember to mark the size of your free Early Bird shirt. Sizes cannot be guaranteed after May 1, 2006.</small>	\$
PLEASE MARK QUANTITY PER SIZE	SM M L XL XXL	\$
TOTAL IN CANADIAN DOLLARS		\$
IF PAYING IN AMERICAN FUNDS, PLEASE MULTIPLY TOTAL BY 0.85		\$

Please make cheques payable to **TBVSCC** and send with completed registration form to: Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club, C/O John Colosimo, 413 Shuniah Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 3A7, Canada.

Events Schedule

- March 1 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See notice on page 3.
- March 4 **** **Tech Session** – (Sat.) Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Total Engine 9625 Humboldt Ave. So. in Bloomington, MN. There will be a discussion on Jeff Johnk's Race Engine. See page 3.
- March 25** **Intermarque Go Kart Challenge** –(Sat) From 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the ProKART Race Track in Burnsville. This is the sixth year for the Jaguar Club sponsored event. Awards lunch will follow. Call Dave Meek at 952-942-5001 for more info. See page 5.
- April 1 **** **Tech Session** – (Sat.) Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the garage of Paul Weidner – 3730 Hubbard Ave. No.in Robbinsdale. Session will focus on autocross modifications for a Bugeye Sprite.
- April 5 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- April 22 **** **Clean-up/Tour** - (Sat) Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Hwy. Roadside Park at milepost 80 on US Hwy. 61 – just above Lake City, MN for the Spring Adopt-A-Highway clean up. There will be a tour afterwards to an Austin car collector's home nearby in Wisconsin. Arrangements are being made by Greg Lauser.
- April 29** **Midwest Motor Sports Open House** – (Sat.) Info at www.mmqq.org .
- May 3 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice
- 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 26-28** **Donneybrooke Vintage Revival** – (Fri – Sun) – 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 glauser@presenter.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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NEW MEMBERS

Dale & Ginny Sorenson of Red Wing, MN have recently joined. They own an A-H 3000 Mk I BT7. Welcome to the MAHC !

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Susan & David Jensen of Savage, MN have recently joined. They own an A-H AN-5 Bugeye Sprite. Welcome to the MAHC !

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 this 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 Lumbard.
- 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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More pictures from the Woodworking Tech Session



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FOR SALE: AH 3000 BJ8 original Boot Cover. Has slight flaws, but very serviceable. \$

FOR SALE: New Gear Shelves in Exotic Wood in Custom Designs. Call Dale Martin at 651-436-5902

FOR SALE: Set of four Coker Tires, bias ply, size: 685-15, new in 2000, \$50.00. Also 1970 Mission have been removed. Call Scott McQueen at 612-623-4938 eves & weekends or email

WANTED: Sprite or Midget or other British car for daily use and gymkhanas. Prefer complete OK. Call future member MAHC -mPete and Katie Smith 320-983-3243. (1/06)

WANTED: Soft Top Bows for a '59 100-6. Call Darrell Pearson at 952-927-9471

WANTED: LR big Healey fender with swage line beyond wheel opening. Call Dan Wolters at 6

WANTED: Spare tires for Healey in 185/70-13 or thereabouts. Call Rich Stadther at 651-698-1

FOR SALE: Five Spridget Rostyle Wheels in four with Mich. XAS145 tires. With tires in Free. 612-860-8067 or email to thair13@qvc.com

FOR SALE: 958 A-H 100-6 BN4 Completely redone. New paint, Heritage interior, rebuilt engine. Tom Hendel at 507-359-4766 or email to tomhendel@mn.rr.com.

FOR SALE: 975 Triumph TR6a Pars Rusty underneath. Many good parts.. \$1000. Call Tom Hendel (ab

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