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St. Croix Winery Tour

Sunday Sept 30th some 21 people enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship. The rain did not dampen the spirits of this adventurous group. We so much enjoyed putting this tour together and thank all participants for making this such a pleasant day.

JAN HUSTON AND WAYNE SODERBECK

Attendees: Jeff and Becky Palmer (guests of Jan and Wayne), Tom and June Moerke, Greg and Nancy Lauser, Chuck and Barb Norton, Carl and Betty Stine, Rod Richert, Dale and Barb Martin, Mike and Stacey Manser, Rich and Liz Stadther, Gary and Barb Ronning, Jan Huston, and Wayne Soderbeck



November Events

Saturday Nov 3rd Birthday Open House Quality Coaches 1:00-5:00

Wednesday Nov 7th PIE see page 3

Saturday Nov 10th Charity Event see page 7

Saturday Nov 17th Annual Meeting and Banquet see page 2

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Presidential Polemical Exhortations



By Mike Manser

We will have our Annual Banquet and Meeting Saturday November 17th. As usual, there will be lots of fun, laughter, joking around, and some more serious things like elections, officer's reports, delegate's reports, and more. I and the other officers of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club invite you to attend. This is not just some casual invitation...we really would love it if you joined everyone at the meeting. There will be old members (oh, is it politically correct to say mature members?), new members, and...as they say...friends you have not yet met.

I would like to acknowledge the staff of the MAHC and members who planned/conducted events during this previous year. They have dedicated some of their valuable time in making the club enjoyable, eventful, and interesting. It is due to their efforts that we have club events to attend, meetings at which to gossip, friends to call for car advice, friends to convince you to eat a steak that is significantly larger than your appetite, and more fun things. Me and many other members are greatly appreciative of your time and effort.

This month's joke (now advice): For any of your friends who have never had the pleasure of owning a British car, but want to know what it's like. During the next big rainstorm, wait till dark, roll down all windows, leave off lights & heater & wipers and go for a drive. Stop at every intersection and throw out a twenty dollar bill. It's not exactly the same, but it's real close.

THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST

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PIE (President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday November 7th
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.

PIE REPORT

By Tom Moerke

PIE on Oct 3rd was lots of fun

The meeting was attended by Wayne Soderbeck, Jan Huston, Tom Moerke, June Moerke, Dick Mathews, Larry Nimmerfroh, Greg Lauser, Dan Powel, Jim Kriz, Scott McQueen, Herb Miller, Curt Carlson, NEW MEMBER BOB FEATHERLY @ meeting, John Snyder, Don Heath, Gary Ronning, Barb Ronning, Chuck Norton, Jeff Lumbard, Steve Rixen, and Dale Martin.

Members were requested to RSVP to Pres. Mike Manser if they were attending the Annual Club Meeting and Banquet on Nov. 17th at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Mike's phone no. is 612-237-8078 and his email is mike.santry@yahoo.com. The menu looks excellent and the price is \$21.95 per person.

Greg Lauser talked about the upcoming Highway Cleanup. We will meet at the wayside on the Mississippi just north of Lake City at 9:00 am on the 6th of Oct.

Several people thanked Jan Huston and Wayne Soderbeck for hosting their great Winery Tour. All who attended commented on the wonderful pastries baked by Jan. They were super!

Curt Carlson said Jeff the alignment man has moved to 86th and Lyndale. Several members commented on his excellence in doing alignments on vintage sports cars.

Curt also handed over the club banner to Mike Martin.

In show and tell Jeff Lumbard brought his new wheel which he had gotten direct from England. It looked mighty good.

Tom Moerke showed a volt meter which plugs into a cigarette lighter.

NEW MEMBERS NOVEMBER

Bob and Barbara Featherly 10/3/2007
 Lloyd and Jo Cizek 10/19/2007
 Bill and Ann Degnan 10/19/2007

Next PIE Nov . 7th
 Same time same place
 See you all there.

Breakfast at the Peg

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:00 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 room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

The Square Peg Diner
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.



TECH TIP: Tires by Ernie West

I think the right descriptive word here is “insidious”. Meaning it’s gradual or unnoticed. At least that’s what I want it to mean.

The Subject This Time Is Tires: Looks can be deceiving. It’s like the guy who jumped off of a ten-story building, and yells as he goes past the second story ---- so far, so good. You can have tires that look very good, but may very well be at the “second story” level.

I have a close friend, Tom Politiski, who went out to his garage only to notice one of his performance cars leaning to one side. Upon inspection he found one of the tires blown out. I mean a huge fractured hole with pieces of the tread lying all over. He chalked it up to just a massive tire failure, or bad luck maybe. But just one week later, another tire on the same car did the same thing. Now, here’s the scary part. Just a couple of weeks earlier he’d been to an auto cross event and had many runs with speeds up to 50MPH with all of the usual hazards like trees, buildings, light poles, and spectators. As usual he had the car to all of its limits of RPMS, braking, and cornering. And, yes the tires were the tortured medium between the car and the road.

No, Tom is not the careless type. Quite the opposite. All outward appearance of the tires looked perfect: lots of tread, no cracking of the sidewalls, no bulges, no obvious questionable repairs, normal balance, etc. Only one thing remained of question -----their age. As they were on the car when he bought it their age was unknown.

Therein lies the warning. As your tires age, so does their limits. I can’t tell you an actual curve, and it would probably vary from brand to brand anyway. But there’s definitely a curve downward of what a tire should be expected to do. A new 130MPH speed rated tire today, might not be safe at 100MPH five years from now, and might not be safe at any speed eight years from now. There’s rumor that some politicians are contemplating making laws that no tire will be allowed for use after four years. (I suspect they have heavily invested in tire companies). But all jokes “pun intended” aside, you should pay attention to the age of your tires, or go one step further by checking on the internet or with your tire dealer regarding your tires “safe” lifetime.

Safe motoring!!!!!!! DEAD LAKE MOTORS

REMINDERS FOR DECEMBER

1st Planning Meeting Breakfast see page 9

5th PIE see page 3

8th^h Tech Session arranged by Dick Mathews to be advised

The VP REPORT by Tom Moerke

My mechanical skills are somewhat limited. I can fix a flat tire, oh maybe install an exhaust system, do the interior of our old cars, if a kit is available, change the oil, or as we back in the tire business called a "gof", that is grease, oil, filter. But if the car has a miss or lacks power or has some mysterious ailment, "a funny noise" etc, etc., than I need to go to the pro's.

This past summer I had to go the pro's.

After the first Amery Speed Event, on the way home my Midget had a terrible miss like it was running on three cylinders, and was really noisy. I had heard the noise for some time and I thought it was a manifold gasket leaking. After I got home, I popped the hood because I just knew it had to be a loose spark plug wire. To my dismay all the plug wires were on good and tight. I was stymied. Steve Rindt of Eau Claire British Car had helped me out at the speed run by replacing the fuel pump which had quit pumping, and installing a good SU pump. So I took the Midget to Eau Claire and when I got it back he had replaced the cracked header and the car ran smoothly and with more power than it had had in a long time. Happy camper was I.

Earlier in the year I had taken my Jensen-Healey into Quality Coaches to replace the timing belt. They noticed a leaking wheel cylinder, I had seen it too, and to shorten a long story, I took it there on a not too early Thursday and at 8:30pm Friday eve. Mark called me. They had done a complete brake job, at my request, in two days on a Jensen-Healey. How did they do that? Maybe they have been secretly quietly stocking brake parts for Jensen-Healey's for years now. Happy camper again was I.

With the Midget running smoothly my attention turned to the Jensen-Healey, which had more problems than only needing a paint job. The Gertag 5 speed transmission was a stinker to shift. I could find first gear in maybe 1 out of 4 attempts. I had obtained a kit from Delta Motors to fix this but I didn't have a clue how to install it. I called Dan Iberg at Midwest Motor Sports, Inc. in Sauk Rapids and Dan said bring it up and they would fix it. I did and they fixed. Boy, was I happy. Then Midwest installed new shocks, turn signal switch, wiper switch, a leather covered steering wheel to replace the slippery cracked ugly stock wheel. Now I was really happy. Oh, and they replaced the spark plugs which cured the hard starting which had been a bother. Now I was really happy. Or have I said that already.

Whoops, I almost forgot to mention a big contributor to my Jensen-Healey's well being. When I got the JH the ride was rough and the speedometer was reading too high. It had 205R60-13 tires instead of the correct 185R70-13 size. Dwight McCullough made me a hell of a deal on the correct size Yokohama tires and expertly mounted and balanced them. Now the shake and vibration and harshness is gone and the speedometer is closer to being on. If you see it in a Tire Rack ad Dwight can get it for you in a couple of days. He's not limited to tires for our vintage cars but can take care of our needs for our Fords, Honda's, GM or whatever. Let's keep all of these Healey Club Members busy.

I am telling these stories because I am so pleased that we have these very good shops to go to with our old cars. They all did a great job, in a timely manner, and charged a fair price for the work they had done.

I want to thank Wayne Soderbeck and Jan Huston for their very fine Winery Tour on Sept 30th. Wayne says Jan did all the work and I believe him. The tailgating was great with Jan bringing coffee and orange juice and really good home baked rolls and bars. One of the stops was at a gift shop where they provided us with soup and wine and crackers and cheese. I had never been to a gift shop that did that and this was before they knew if we were cheapskates or not. Barb Martin was the winner of a very nice door prize!

See you all at PIE on the 7th of Nov. and at the Community Service Project in Eagan on Nov. 10th, and of course, our ANNUAL CLUB MEETING AND BANQUET on Nov 17th

Events Schedule 2007

- November 7 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- November 10 **** **Charity Event – FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**
(Sat) 9:00am-11:00am in Eagan. Food packaging for charity foreign children.
see page 7 for details Dale Martin is coordinating.
- November 17 **** **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 6:00pm.
See page 2.
- December 1 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2008 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Tom Moerke has selected location to be same as last December, Old Country Buffet in Woodbury breakfast at 8:00am, meeting at 9:00am sharp see page 9
- December 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- December 8 **** **Tech Session** – (Sat) – Dick Mathews will check into the possibility of our having a Tech Session at a local car museum in Long Lake, MN. Details to be advised at next PIE

Events Schedule 2008

- June 5 – 8** **Rendezvous 2008 Pinawa, Manitoba**
Wilderness Edge Retreat and Conference, Pinawa, Manitoba, Canada
Wilderness Edge is located one hour northeast of Winnipeg. This is the eighteenth annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous and will be all inclusive: room and meals. Hosted by Austin Healey Club of Manitoba. Info: Graeme Lowden 204-575-7043, Wilderness Edge Info:
- June 29 - July 4** **Conclave 2008 San Diego**
- June 28 - Aug 3** **VELOCITY: the Art of Motion**
Automotive Fine Arts Show in Hopkins, Minnesota
<http://www.hopkinsmn.com/hca/velocity.html>

Events Schedule 2009

- June 2009 **** **Rendezvous 2009 Ashland, WI by MAHC**

** Denotes MAHC official club activity

Community Service Project Saturday Nov 10, 2007

The Minnesota Austin Healey Club will be packaging food to be sent to needy children around the world. This is a unique opportunity to help children who are less fortunate than us.

In 2006 nearly 134,000 volunteers visited Feed My Starving Children to manually assemble 30 million meals for hungry children in orphanages, schools and clinics around the world. Feed My Starving Children's powerful program, involving America's adults and youth, working together to help heal the world of hunger.

When: Saturday, November 10, 9 -11AM

Where: Feed My Starving Children Eagan

990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 124 Eagan, MN 651-379-2775

We will meet at their Eagan facility at 8:45AM.

We are hoping to have 30 volunteers.

Make it a family event (unfortunately, minimum age is 8 years old).

So that we can give them a headcount, please contact Dale Martin,

Dale.martin5@comcast.net or (651) 436-5902, to let us know if you are coming.

For more information and directions go to www.FMSC.org.



Annual Meeting
Minnesota Austin Healey Club
Saturday, Nov 17, 2007
Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. National Delegates Report
5. Board of Director's
 - a. Report
 - b. Candidates
6. Officer's Reports
 - a. Regalia
 - b. Editor
 - c. Membership
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Vice President
 - f. President
7. Elections
 - a. Regalia
 - b. Newsletter Editor
 - c. Membership
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Vice President
 - f. President
 - g. Membership Director
 - h. National Delegate
8. Auction
9. Adjourn

Reminder Note !

Editor

At the November annual meeting, it will be time to select new Board Members, Club Officers, and Staff as necessary. Two specific positions for you to consider are a new Vice President (to be President the following year) and new Membership Director, in addition to other staff members that may wish to be replaced. Any other staff members that want to be replaced should make their intentions known to current President Mike Manser or current VP Tom Moerke.

Annual Planning Meeting

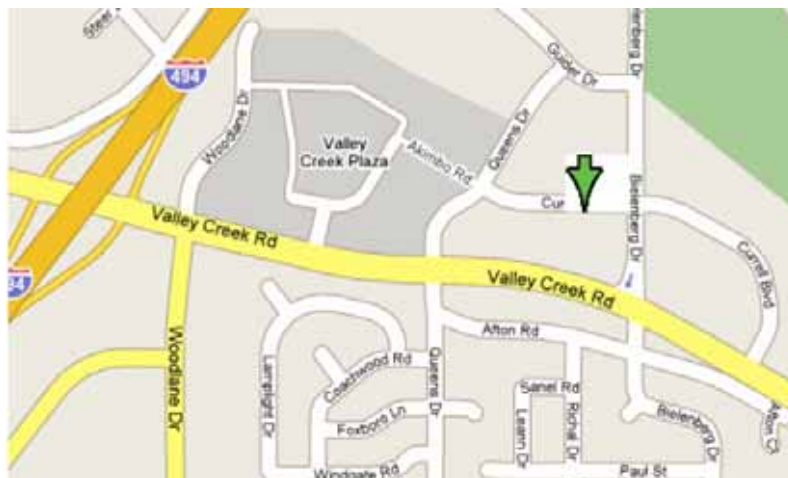
December 1st at 9:00am, breakfast 8:00 am.
Old Country Buffet in Woodbury
7433 Currell Blvd
Woodbury, MN 55125
651.739.3890

DIRECTIONS

FROM South of Mpls
Take 494 east to Valley Creek Rd.
Go east on Valley Creek Rd.
Go north on Queens Dr.
Go east on Currell.

FROM East of Woodbury
Take 94 West to 494 South
Take 494 South to Valley Creek Rd.
Go east on Valley Creek Rd.
Go north on Queens Dr.
Go east on Currell.

FROM Mpls, North Metro, or West Metro
Take 94 East to 494 South
Take 494 South to Valley Creek Rd.
Go east on Valley Creek Rd.
Go north on Queens Dr.
Go east on Currell.



Minnesota Austin Healey Club

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING and BANQUET

Date: November 17th

Time: Drinks 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm, Fun Always

Place: Fort Snelling Officer's Club

Cost: \$22.00 per person

RSVP: By Nov. 9

Email me at 'mike.santry@yahoo.com' or

Phone: 612.237.8078

Remember, your last business meeting? It was dull, boring, and you were falling asleep. Want a change? Our Annual Club Meeting and Banquet will be held again at the Officer's Club in the lower level meeting room. Our Club has selected a delicious menu that will be enjoyable to everyone and...drinks will be served (cash bar).

After dinner, the Annual Club Meeting will be held. The meeting will cover important business topics such as laughing, giggling, and jocularly as well as the less important topics such as \$\$\$, officer's selection, and more. There will be great door prizes and an auction (if you would like to bring along an item for the auction please do). Last year there were quite a number of nice collectables that were sold, with the money going into the Treasury.

Payment can be made at the meeting but please contact me in advance so the MAHC can make appropriate arrangements with the Officer's Club.

InterMarque Picnic at Cherokee Park August 29, 2007



Wings and Wheels September 8th, 2007

Barb and Gary Ronning 3000MK1 Finalist



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