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## ANNUAL CLUB MEETING and BANQUET

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Place: Fort Snelling Officer's Club

Cost: \$22.00 per person

RSVP: By Nov. 9

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### October Events

Wednesday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> PIE

Saturday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Adopt A Road see page 6

Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Fall Colours Tour see page 6

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## Presidential Polemical Exhortations



By Mike Manser

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**September Joke.** As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280. Please be careful!" "Darn" said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

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## PIE (President's Informal Evening)

**Date:** Wednesday October 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.

## PIE REPORT

By Tom Moerke

PIE on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> was lots of fun

In attendance were Jan Huston, Wayne Soderbeck, Tom Moerke, June Moerke, Dick Matthews, Larry Nimmerfroh, Rich Stadther, Liz Stadther, Jeff Lumbard, Dan Powel, Mike Manser, Spook Johns, Curt Carlson, Jim Kriz, Tom Hazen, Jeff Sartell, Karen Sartell, Jack Stein, Jim Klein, Rose Klein, Mike Martin, Barb Ronning, Gary Ronning, Greg Lauser, Andy Staebell, John Snyder, Ron Corazzo. and a big welcome to our new member DAN STROMQUIST. GREAT TO MEET YOU AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT MANY EVENTS.

President Mike Manser called the meeting to order and Jeff Lumbard did a show and tell with a nifty new air vent for his Healey's fender. All the way from England.

Wayne Soderbeck and Jan Huston talked about their St. Croix Valley Winery Tour and Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 30th. We all should meet at the "park and ride" on highway 95 just north of Interstate 94(exit 258). Jan is bringing coffee and juice and other goodies. Sounds like a full day of fun activities. Please RSVP to Jan at 651-455-8570 or Wayne at [soderbecksystems@netzero.net](mailto:soderbecksystems@netzero.net) prior to Sept. 28th.

Tom Hazen talked about the Amery Event with 60 cars entered! The net proceeds will go to Make A Wish Foundation as was voted on at an earlier PIE meeting.

Rich Stadther talked about the upcoming Elkhart Lake Vintgaze Festival Sept 14, 15,16. In addition to Rich racing there, Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lumbard, Mike Manser, Dan Powell, and Randy Byboth will be racing too.

The most discussion centered around the menu for the annual Banquet on Nov. 17th. After a long and at times heated dialogue it was decided to have beef and chicken as the two main meats. When the desert subject came up President Manser wisely decided to make that decision by himself.

Next PIE is Oct. 3rd Same time same place  
See you all there.

## 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 room added on just for us!!**

The location again is:

**The Square Peg Diner**  
**2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.**



## TECH TIP: Winterize by Ernie West

*As usual I was searching my mind trying to come up with a suitable subject to write about, when in desperation I asked Sandy, a neighbor lady, if she had any ideas. She said; "Well, it's getting cold out". -----DUH----- Why couldn't I think of that.*

I know there's been dozens of articles, including some of mine, about preparing your car for winter. But for those of you that are prone to forgetting birthdays, insurance payments, or that the cat is out, like me, this article is aimed at you.

The most obvious thing in preparing for winter is having enough antifreeze in the cooling system. But you should carry it one step further --- is it still clean and able to keep the cooling system clean? I just finished disassembling a Barrett-Jackson Auction 50 to 100 thousand dollar type car that is flawless. Except it had antifreeze that looked like chocolate milk that was allowing more growths to accumulate inside the engine than you see on week-old meatloaf. If its over four years old in a cast iron engine, change it. Shorten that to 3 years if its aluminum. Of course this is a good time to check the belts and hoses too.

The next most important thing is to change the oil. Judge your driving so you do this within 200 miles of putting the car away. Always change the oil after a good drive, while the engine is still warm. This fresh oil will have a minimum of moisture in it and still have most of its antirust properties intact. If possible, kill the engine by fogging the carburetor (this can be difficult with engines that have multiple carburetion) or you can pull the spark plugs and squirt about one half teaspoon of oil in each cylinder. Then spin the engine over for three or four seconds, then put the plugs back in. **DO NOT** start the engine periodically till ready to use it next spring.

Next, I disconnect just one of the battery cables and wipe off any dirt that's on the top of the battery with a water damp rag. (Dispose of this rag in a plastic bag and wash your hands thoroughly to remove any acid.) I don't see any advantage, at least up here in Minnesota, to remove a battery and take it in the house. In fact, being it's a chemical device, I believe it will hold a charge longer outside in the cold. Of course, it doesn't hurt to put a self-adjusting battery charger on it every three months.

Never put a car away with wet brakes, and don't put the emergency brake on. If the storage area is prone to sweating, park the car on top of a plastic sheet. If possible put the car up on jack stands or blocks, or at least air up the tires to the maximum amount that's stated on the tire sidewall. Duct tape up any openings like the tail pipe or air cleaner inlet.

There are a dozen more tricks to protect the finish, chrome, and upholstery, as well as protect against rodents, but I'm not sure how effective each is so I'll leave that up to you to research.

I prefer to either: Drain the gas tank and then run the engine till the carb's empty, or have the gas tank as full as I can get it. I don't like the idea of adding an additive to a half full tank.

Check on your insurance coverage, especially if your car is stored somewhere other than on your own property.

Before next spring, I'll cover things you should do when getting your car out.

P.S. Some of these tips apply to other seasonal equipment you might own too.

Safe motoring!!!!!! Dead Lake Motors

## REMINDERS FOR NOVEMBER

7th PIE see page 3

10<sup>th</sup> Charity Event see page 6

17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting see page 6

## **The VP REPORT by Tom Moerke**

The alarm clock went off at 5:30 am on the 14th of Sept. It was here... the day I had been waiting for, the day June and I would drive the red midget to Elkhart Lake, Wi., for the Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival. The car was packed and filled with gas the night before. Still, it was tough getting up. Good thing I had made a deposit on the motel and had already purchased the weekend tickets.

Anyway, we got on Interstate 94 about 7:30 and headed down the highway to Osseo, Wi. where we stopped for breakfast. Only when we got out of the car did we realize how cold it was. 47 degrees and windy. The Midget was warm and comfy but when I got out of the car, I understood wearing shorts wasn't a bright idea. We stopped for gas in Mauston and I could only get 4.2 gals in the tank. We had driven 180 miles which means I was getting 42.86 MPG. Thanks to Steve Rixen who had rebuilt my engine 4 years ago and Curt Carlson who had installed the 5 speed transmission.

We arrived at the Victorian Village in Elkhart Lake about 1:30, unloaded the car, and drove out to the track. I was still wearing shorts, not too bright. All our racing heroes were there, except Rich Stadther, who had gone on a parts run to Berlin, Wi to get some parts for his open wheel race car. Jeff Lumbard kindly offered us the use of his golf cart, which I stupidly declined, but I was freezing and thought walking might make me feel warmer. It didn't.

Walking thru the pits was great as usual, looking at all the beautifully prepared race cars. There was a great Jensen-Healey there set up with the Huffakker Outfit that looked just wonderful. We saw a Ford Model A speedster and even a T speedster with the original two speed Model T transmission and a Frontanac Head. Usually these are in dusty old museums but here they were racing. A lot of MG TC's racing and at least one 1934 MG. In the time trials on Saturday, the one Bugati there dominated the field.

Saturday was sunnier and not as cold and I was finally wearing long pants. We ran into Rich who had returned from Berlin with the needed parts and while running along just fine in the time trials his race car just quit running out on the track. He felt pretty bad about this and talked to his engine builder about it. This fellow walked over and quickly found the problem. The battery cable came loose from its terminal fitting. An easy fix. Oh, happy day.

Later in the day we met up with old racing buddies Doran Ventrucchi and Chuck Clostner. Forty years ago Doran raced Porches and Chuck and I were on his pit crew; Chuck for his mechanical ability and me for having a tow vehicle.

That evening, June and I drove to St. Anna's to the big steak house. It was the usual madhouse and I had a little temper tantrum and refused to wait the usual 1 to 3 hour wait. We ate at a good restaurant in Elkhart Lake, one block south of the stop sign on Highway 67.

We left early on Sunday. June had a miserable cold and we had promised to visit our daughter in Whitehall Wi. on the way home.

Did we have a good time? Of course!  
Will we go next year? You bet!

## Events Schedule 2007

- October 3 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- October 6 \*\*** **Adopt A Highway Fall Clean-up** (Sat.) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to take place on this date. 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. Arrangements are being made by Greg Lauser.
- October 7\*\*** **Fall Colour Tour-** (Sun.) The final drive of the year to enjoy the Fall tree colors. Breakfast at 8:00am Machine Shed in Woodbury Inwood Drive at I 94  
Leave 9:00am from Machine Shed  
To Stillwater, Taylor's Falls, St. Croix, lunch at Taylor's Falls.  
Arrangements by Tom Hazen
- 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.  
More Details at PIE October 3. see page 7 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. See page 1.
- December 1 \*\*** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2008 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Tom Moerke will select the site.
- 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 shop that does custom mechanical work.

## Events Schedule 2008

- June 5 – 8** **Rendezvous 2008 Pinawa, Manitoba**
- 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.hopkinsmncom/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](mailto: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](http://www.FMSC.org).



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