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Tom Wolters' long term project has come to life !!

MARCH EVENTS

WED. MAR. 4	PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING - PIE
SAT. MAR 14	SODERBECK TECH SESSION
SAT. MAR 28	GO KART RACING AT BURNSVILLE

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By Rod Richert

THE AUSTIN-HEALEY "B"

It's good winter fun to look through reprinted Austin-Healey road tests such as "FROGEYE" SPRITE COLLECTION NO.1. Even more fun is reading these reports in the original magazines complete with the cheesy ads for mileage saving gadgets, 401 Pics of "Girls!" for a buck, and the market place ads - where now priceless classics could be purchased for a few hundred to a few thousand dollars with the rare one-of-a-kind racer in the upper four figures.

What caught my eye this go-through were the critical opinions of the reviewers. The November 1962 issue of Road and Track states: "The only thing that bothers us is that the Austin-Healey (BJ-7) is going to have to sit on the same showroom floor as BMC's MG-B, and it is in all respects save performance substantially inferior to that model. Perhaps it is time for an Austin-Healey "B". R&T says of the BN-7, "We still wish that the manufacturer would return to the cleaner styling of the older four cylinder cars".

As to it's critique of the Bugeye styling, Road and Track in it's August 1960 issue refers to the Sprite's "slightly peculiar look" and "Almost everyone objects to the Sprite's perpetually surprised look" and "Appearance not with standing, the Sprite has some very attractive features for the prospective purchaser". Then, at the introduction of the AN-6 saying "The cheerful look is gone" and "The new model may be accused of some minor loss of personality, but no one can deny that the Sprite II is better looking...".

Of course these cars were tested as everyday drivers and second cars. Looking back and appreciating the car's history and personality make them collectible to us. The said shortcomings of fifty years ago are what endears us to these cars today---well maybe not the tooth-rattling stiff suspensions.

Ten years ago this month: A bowling party was attended by nine members and family. Steve Rixen walked the group through some preliminary ideas and plans for what would entail the MAHC acquiring one or two Sprites to be made race-ready according to specs and driven by a club member or rented for racing or sold.

Twenty years ago this month: A tech session at Quality Coaches featured Jeff Ingebritson, President of VSCR and Dave Helms describing how a car is prepared for VSCR events with emphasis on fun and safety.

References: "Road and Track" issues—8/58; 8/60; 8/61; 11/62 and the 1960 "Road Test Annual".

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PIE

(PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING)

Date: Wednesday March 4th
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.

Addresses !

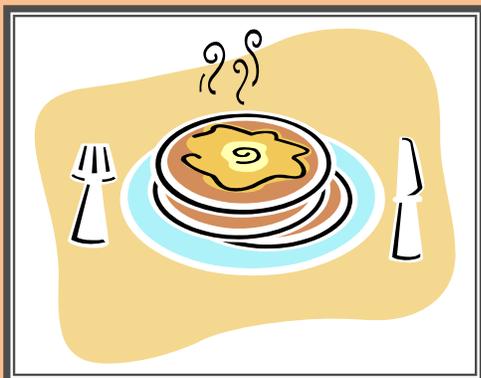
The Members Manual will be printed soon. Please let us know if you have had any changes in name, address, phone number, or email address recently. Also please send **spouse email addresses** to us, so club activities and info can be better distributed to all members. Thank you !

Breakfast at the Peg

Come to this casual event (most) every Saturday morning about 8:00 a.m. for great food, reasonable prices, & lots of Intermarque car enthusiasts. It's a fun way to start off your weekend ! Bring your appetite !

The location:

The Square Peg Diner
 2021 East Hennepin Ave.
 Minneapolis, MN 55414



THE PIE PLATTER

by Katy Olson

Attendees for PIE on Wednesday, February 4th included: **Curt Carlson, John Snyder, Tom & June Moerke, Jack Stein, Wayne Soderbeck, Chuck Norton, Larry Nimmerfroh, Steve & Kim Rixen, Rich Stadther, Gary and Barb Ronning, Jeff Lumbard, Spook Johns, Rod Richert, Dave Lee, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Roger Srauman, and Greg Lauser.**

The meeting was (as others before) filled with playful ribbing, show and tell, a few jokes here and there, and a little bit of 'business'. But above all, it's a chance for us to get together to share information about ourselves, our families, our activities, our cars, and an opportunity to reconnect and lament the long winters of Minnesota.

Rod opened the show with regrets from Jim Kriz, who is recovering from the flu and was unable to host the annual midwinter Wine and Cheese party last weekend. He is feeling better and we're happy for that - but more so, we're happy that he didn't give 'the crud' to us! Get well soon, Jim! Rod continued with a recap of upcoming events....a Pot Luck Dinner at the Moerke's and a Tech Session at Wayne Soderbeck's home. Wayne reminds us to ignore the 'TRESPASSERS WILL BE SHOT' signs which line his driveway in rural western Wisconsin.

Rod re-iterated that the Minnesota Austin Healey Club is a 'Premier Sponsor' of the upcoming Intermarque Banquet. Although there was a little bit of confusion as to our contribution and what it meant, Rod (unnecessarily) apologized for any misunderstanding regarding our club's financial contribution to this very important event. He finished with an acknowledgment that two of our club members - Dan Powell and Jim Kriz - made it into the Healey Marque National Magazine this month!

Tom Moerke promoted the upcoming potluck at he and June's newly renovated house in Hudson. He reminded us to bring a nonperishable food item for the local food shelf in Hudson. Thanks Tom and June!

We were pleased to hear that Kevin Clemens will be at PIE next month to promote his new book. There will be Hot Wheels racing too! Tom M.spent some time promoting Rendezvous 2009. If you haven't made your reservations yet...better do it. At the time of this writing (2/4/09) there were only 5 rooms at the host hotel left.

Tom Hazen topped off the evening by showing us 3 videos. One was a wonderful 12-minute montage' of "Rally in the Valley" that got us all excited about summer driving at a great event. Also a 'Tears for Fears' music video that prominently featured a Healey 3000. Tom finished up with a MN Rollergirls video promo shoot and he confided that his 'rollergirls name' is "UNDY"! Until next month! Curt Carlson (for Katy)

The Veep Beep

by Katy Olson

The end of February is finally here and we're one month closer to spring. The MAHC Facebook group is up and running. Do a search for "The Minnesota Austin Healey Club MAHC" in Facebook and join up if you have an account. We're up to 6 members, 2 of which aren't currently in our club, so this may work as a recruiting tool once folks see all the fun things we put together. A note about event posting on Facebook - I'm listing the events in public spaces as open events that anyone can see, but private events such as the Moerke Potluck will be kept private. Other than spending too much time at my computer, I did get out to the World of Wheels show this month. There were some very nice looking cars, some hot rockabilly to dance to, and I ran into some familiar faces. Mostly it made me wish for better weather though! Till next month...!

Pot Luck Night at The Moerke's

by June Moerke

Attending: Tom and June Moerke, Mike and Gloria Lynch, Curt Carlson with friends Theresa and Henry, Rod Richert, Carl and Betty Stine, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Steve and Kim Rixen, Spook and Britt Johns, Larry Nimmerfroh, Jack Stein, Darrel Pearson and friend Rose, John and Carol Shorrock.

A fresh coat of snow could not dampen the spirit of the twenty two Healey enthusiasts and guests who enjoyed the Feb. 21st "pot luck" dinner party at the Hudson home of Tom and June Moerke. Tom greeted guests at the door and, after carrying off their cloaks, returned to offer a chilled glass of champagne, beer, or fruit punch. Later guests enjoyed the main dish of June's apricot and apple mustard glazed, clove studded baked ham - along with her 6 bean and bacon baked beans. Mike Lynch's twice baked potatoes were great (eat your heart out Tom Hazen) and Jack Stine's BBQ meatballs were also dinner favorites. Large fancy green veggie salads were made by Betty Stine, Carol Shorrock, Darrel Pearson and friend Rose, Kim and Steve Rixen, and June Moerke. Larry Nimmerfroh provided a platter of chicken drumsticks, and Rod Richert a platter of deviled eggs. Curt Carlson and friend Theresa treated us to smoked gouda and other fancy cheeses and crackers. After our Healey dinner and a breather, we enjoyed desserts. Spook and Brit Johns brought 2 lovely key lime pies, and Betty Stine made a special blueberry and sour cream dessert. Eileen Wetzel made a large pan of 7 layer bars. Tom provided an assortment of butter cookies and chocolates. What a spread! After an evening of eating, drinking, and visiting, it was bye-bye, drive, clean up, and bedtime!

Moerke Pot-Luk

by Kim Rixen

Pot Luk attendees: Tom and June Moerke, Mike and Gloria Lynch, Curt Carlson and friends Theresa and Henry, Rod Richert, Carl and Betty Stine, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Steve and Kim Rixen, Spook and Britt Johns, Larry Nimmerfroh, Jack Stein, Darrel Pearson and friend Rose, John and Carol Shorrock

After spending the morning cleaning up from what we hope will be one of the last snowfalls of the season, members of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club gathered at Tom and June Moerke's house in Hudson, Wisconsin, Saturday, February 21, for a potluck dinner.

Despite the cold, spirits were warm. Participants sampled cheese from around the world and down the street, indulged in Mike Lynch's famous twice-baked potatoes, a lot of other goodies, and toasted with champagne. It was enough to guilt some of us into getting on the treadmill the next day. Some folks brought contributions for the local food shelf.

Thanks to Tom and June for their hospitality in hosting another successful event!

RENDEZVOUS 2009 Update

by Tom Moerke

A couple of people have asked me recently - what is the best way to get to Ashland, WI for Rendezvous 2009? I would say there is a fast way and a good way, and they are not the same. The fast way would be to take Interstate 35 north to Duluth and turn right on US Highway 2. This will take you right to the motel parking lot. I think a more scenic road to take is WI Highway 63, which runs from Red Wing to the same Highway 2 - only a couple miles short of Ashland. Turn right on Highway 2 and follow it to the motel.

Take the highway of your choice from MN. If it goes east into WI, it will hit Highway 63, which is a nice winding road going thru lots of interesting small towns. Think Turtle Lake, Cumberland, Barronet, Shell Lake, Spooner, Hayward (with the big fish), Grand View, - the list goes on.

Rendezvous planning seems to be moving along OK. We still need volunteers to greet people as they arrive at the AmericInn Motel. Come on now, that's pleasant duty handing out cold water and soft drinks to thirsty travelers. No one will have to do it for very long.

Greg Lauser tells us that 17 people have registered with the club to attend Rendezvous, and people should be encouraged to mail in their checks. People who mail in their checks early have a lot more fun at Rendezvous - it's a well documented fact ! Just think - in only 3 months and 11 days, the weather will be near perfect; and we'll be on our way. See you all there !!

Healey Video Library Update

by Jim Wojcik

The video library has been in existence at least since 1995, according to the library records. Most of the holdings are intact, and most are always available. You can see the holdings on the website. After being a caretaker librarian for a couple of years, I decided to embark on a campaign of development of the club's resources. I am open to nominations, and the club has capital to invest in appropriate new holdings, so feel free to send in your wish list.

New holdings as of 1-09, purchased from the Moss catalog, include the following:

- #52, 53. New copies of the club's most popular video, BJ7-BJ8 soft trim installation.
- #54. CD ROM of AH 3000 59-68 Original Tech Publications. This is unfortunately in a format that doesn't play on Windows Vista, only on XP software
- #55 CD ROM of AH100-100-6 Original Tech publications. Same as above, XP only.
- #56 CD ROM Paint Prep basics. Word files that will play on Vista
- #57 DVD Overhaul, Tuning, and Maintenance of SU Carburetors. The club also has these materials on VHS tape

Directions to Soderbeck Tech Session

Saturday March 14, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.

Take I94 East to Exit 10 (Hwy. 65 – Roberts & New Richmond)

Go South on Hwy. 65 for about 3 miles.

You will go down a long hill into the Kinnickinnic Valley area (about a mile downhill).

Turn left on County Road J

Go about ¾ mile to County Road JJ (old Church on corner).

Turn right on to County Road JJ

Proceed about 2 ½ miles on JJ.

Go past Oak Road on the left.

Go past Evergreen Road on the left (stay on JJ).

Go 4/10 mile past Evergreen Road – 4th driveway on the left is Wayne's.

Follow the gravel driveway all the way to the end – ½ mile.

You are now in Wayne's World !



A Big Healey

by Tom Wolters

To start, a Bugeye Sprite has been in the family since 1976 and a box Sprite before that. This big Healey project is a look at the other side of the world.

In May, 2004, my son Dan and I rented a trailer and went to Ramsey, Minnesota to look at a 1957 Austin Healey 100-6. The Healey was sitting beside a shed in the back yard just exactly where it had been parked in 1978 with the faded remnant of a blue tarp draped over it. As the tarp was pulled back, a very large yellow cat exploded from the interior of the car. Yikes!! It was hard to say which of us had the larger adrenalin spike. I bought the car that day. Austin Healey BN4L-O-28408 became part of my family.

As we prepared to load the big Austin on the trailer, the previous owner remarked, "God I love that car!" His comment was heard just as the car broke in half while Dan was pulling on the come-along to load it! Sitting on the ground for a quarter century was just too much for the Healey frame and floor. We needed to run an extra chain around the rear axle to get "one" Austin Healey on the trailer. At that moment I knew that when Curt Carlson said, "British car ownership is not for the squeamish", he spoke the ground truth. This was going to be a long term project or maybe even a parts resource for someone else's project. Dan and I optimistically loaded the car with all the extra bits we could find and hauled it to a storage shed in Red Wing.

Disassembly did not take too long. A digital camera, a huge stack of Ziploc bags, assorted destructive tools, lots of modern chemistry, and a bucket of elbow grease were all pretty helpful. By the end of that first summer I had a storage garage full of big parts, boxes and bags of small parts, and a small photo album to show where all the parts went. Unfortunately, I had not taken the actual pictures that would eventually be needed to reconstruct the car! To help the project along, I vacated my storage space and hauled the whole load home to occupy most of my garage for the ensuing 4 years.

As we started to rebuild the car, Dan and I measured, cut, welded, remeasured, recut, rewelded and generally built the Austin Healey's chassis from the ground up. Discount Steel, Mississippi Welding, and Moss Motors became regular shopping experiences for me.

In November, 2006, the completed chassis was taken to Sam's Welding in Red Wing to be sandblasted and then to Hansen's Ornamental Iron in Rice, Minnesota for the "My Favorite Color" green powder coat. Sam did a very thorough job on the blasting and timed the work so I could get the chassis to Rice for the powder coating within a few hours. The Hansen crew applied the high voltage, sprayed powder and baked the whole Healey at 450 F for 25 minutes in their 14 foot oven on a cold windy Thanksgiving morning. Once the chassis cooled, we loaded it back on the pickup and, after a sumptuous dinner, took it back home to Red Wing.

Once home, the hard work began. All of the fenders and doors needed repair. The bottom foot or so of each had suffered the same fate as the frame. The flanges on the rear shroud were gone, eaten by the ghost of Galvani. I bought some aluminum and a shrinker/stretcher and made new flanges and Dan welded them to the shroud. He donated a right rear fender and I called Moss for repair panels, enough parts to get a restorer's discount. All four fenders and both doors had to be massaged quite a bit to make them fit but they are all on the car. It seems that the act of pulling a Healey apart and remaking it results in some misalignments. The doors shut and the fenders fit, 'nuff said.

Mechanically, things were better. The transmission and differential were cleaned, inspected and installed. The gauges were all cleaned and installed. A new wiring harness, and lighting fixtures, more discounts, took care of the electrical. New brake hydraulics were fitted, shoes relined, and drums turned. ReNu made the gas tank as good as new. Suspension, front and rear, and steering were all rebuilt, still more discounts.

When I took the radiator to Hastings Radiator, the first question from the owner was, "What kind of tractor is that for?" He knew what it was and was having some fun with me. He reminisced that he hadn't seen one of these for decades.

The engine was another story. I had a choice to make between the original motor and a 29K from a later Austin Healey 3000. Both were stuck solid. Both were complete, right to the starters and generators. I chose the 29K, because it had an intake manifold with HD6 carburetors. The distributor was taken from the original engine to allow a mechanical tachometer to be used. What a mix-n-match. The first thing the Healey engine needed was a set of hardened valve seats as these would allow me to use unleaded fuel. I took the head to Majerus Motors in Bellchester, Minnesota to have them installed. The head man took one look at it and said, "This is just the same as a Chevy. I have the parts right here on the shelf."

The rest of the block was straightforward except for the piston in #2 bore. While I was taking the engine apart, a 2 pound sledgehammer, a block of white oak and the #2 piston collided, repeatedly. These collisions occurred after months of chemical application to the piston and bore. In the scuffle the block of wood was demolished and the piston lost a land. I had to ask Jeff Johnk to raid his stash for a used piston. After lots of cleaning and measuring and recleaning and remeasuring, the engine went together without further mishap and everything was good, until I started it. I had a knock!

Now I started to wonder. Had I missed something? Was there a gudgeon pin clip lying in a corner of the garage? I pulled the motor, took it apart and found that the crankshaft thrust bearing was carrying just a wee bit more space than is permissible. I fitted a thicker insert and reassembled the engine (more discounts on gaskets and nyloc nuts). I started and ran it on one of the warmer days in February, 2008. All is well.

At this moment, I have done most of the final bodywork, purchased wheels and tires, and fitted the lights and safety equipment so I can drive the car. The original seat frames are on loan to a street rod builder for use as a pattern. He liked the idea of Healey seats in an "Old Skool" rod. I replicated the seats using steel and plywood so I now have uncomfortable seats with boat pad cushions. The interior, upholstery, top, and a lot of miscellaneous trim bits are left to find, make, or purchase. You guessed it, "More Discounts"!

I drove about 500 miles last summer, mostly close to home. When my mother said, "don't drive further away than you want to walk back home", I know what she meant. On the trip to Osceola in September the fuel delivery system forced a turnaround and a switchover to the Sprite for the day. Hopefully that issue is fixed and next summer will see more and longer trips. The car is comfortable and solid on the road.

Did I learn anything? A good first aid kit goes a long way. Don't try to weld after 2 or more cups of coffee. Don't do anything when you are tired or in a hurry. Don't do a Bert Munro and trim your nails or remove calluses with a hand grinder. Projects always take more space, time, and money than is allotted to them. Youth is a valuable asset to any enterprise, as is a very understanding spouse. Thank you Julie and Dan. Yes, I would do it all again. Have fun out there.

Tom Wolters Red Wing, Minnesota



You are cordially invited to compete in the
Fourth Annual Austin-Healey



GRAND PRIX

held at the regular PIE meeting of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
at the Fort Snelling Officers Club
Post Road just off MN Hwy 5, on the southeast edge of the airport

Wednesday, March 4, 2009, beginning at 7:00pm



"Big Daddy" Don Garlits



Della "Funny Honey" Woods

Any vehicle that fits on a standard orange Hot Wheels track is allowed, as long as its sole source of power is gravity. Other than that, it's unlimited! You can run bone stock or modified (fishing weights in the passenger compartment, pennies scotch taped to the roof, etc.) You are free to modify your car between runs, and you can run multiple cars. If you arrive empty handed don't worry, we will have some loaner cars for you, as long as you are willing to sign the collision damage waiver. Cars will be run one-at-a-time by specially trained race officials, using a state-of-the-art electronic timing system (a stopwatch and a thumb).

The top four fastest finishers will receive highly-coveted award certificates and priceless bragging rights.

Questions? Call Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883. See you and your family at the track!



March 28th, 2009
Jaguar Club of Minnesota

9th Annual Classic Go-Kart Challenge

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

Saturday March 28th. All drivers need to be at the track by 8:30 AM. Mandatory drivers meeting at 8:45 AM. Racing begins at 9:00 AM and goes to 11:00 AM. Awards will be presented during lunch at the Buffalo Tap immediately afterwards. The **Buffalo Tap** is located 4990 SW 123rd St., Savage MN Telephone: 952-808-7317

Sold out all previous 8 years!

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 55337 – Phone (952) 808-7223

Check out www.prokartindoor.com for detailed directions



New Racing Format again this year – Position Counts!

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

Drivers meeting at 8:45. If you're late you won't get to race!

Driver #1 (\$40.00 Per Driver)

Please rank realistically, if you sandbag you'll run with rookies...

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

Driver #2 (\$40.00 Per Driver)

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

Events Schedule 2009

- March 4 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Hot Wheels Racing ! See pages 3 & 8.
- March 14**** **Tech Session** - (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. Install Midget engine with new clutch at Wayne Soderbeck's home in Roberts, WI. See page 5 for location instructions.
- March 28** **Intermarque Go Kart Challenge** – (Sat) From 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the race track in Burnsville. This is the ninth year for the Jaguar Club sponsored event. Awards lunch will follow. Dave Meek is Chairing the event. See page 9 for details.
- April 1**** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- April 25**** **Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up** - (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. Arrangements are being made by Greg Lauser.
- April 25**** **Spring Awakening Tour** - (Sat) Meet/leave at 2:00 p.m. Tour is to end at The Laurel Restaurant east of New Richmond WI at 4:00 p.m. Arrangements by Tom Moerke.
- May 6 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- May 9**** **Hill Climb VIII** - (Sat) Afton Alps – Rain date May 10 Details later.
- May 15-17** **Vintage GT Challenge** – (Fri-Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. For more info, email Jeff Johnk at jeffj@centuryrefining.com
- May 16** **Intermarque Car Show** – (Sat) The InterMarque Council will again sponsor the annual Spring car show. New location this year at Como Park in St. Paul. Details later.
- June 3 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- June 13** **German Carfest 2009** – (Sat) Held at Veteran's Park 1801 E. Cty. Rd. 101 in Shakopee, MN. For info, call Paul Bergquist at 952-937-1822
(Sat-Sun.) Very nice showing of Classic Cars at Rice Park in downtown St. Paul. Details to follow.
- June 11-14**** **Rendezvous 2009** - (Thurs to Sun) This will be the 19th year for the annual Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be at Ashland, WI. MAHC will be hosting. Get your reservations in early! See enclosed Registration Form.
- June 20 **** **Amery Airport Autocross V** – (Sat) – For those who love to “fly” ! Details soon.
- June 20**** **Drive-In Movie Nite** – (Sat) Curt Carlson is bringing us back to the 50's with this event in Lake Elmo. Plan to come early and tailgate. Details later.
- June 19-20** **Back to the 50's Car Show** – The annual gigantic car show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. If you want to see 10,000 fancy cars, here's the place!
- June 21-26**** **AHCA Conclave 2009** – The annual gathering of the Austin Healey Club of America will be in Kingston, Ontario this year. If you have not been to a Conclave, you are missing a beautiful event with lots of great Healeys and people. Work it into you summer plans !
- June 28** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00p.m. Drive to Cherokee Park in St. Paul for a friendly casual gathering. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the afternoon with friends.
- June 28 **** **Lynch / Ronning Barbecue Picnic and Easy Tour** - (Sun) Go for a country tour on the west side of town and then enjoy the offerings from Mike & Gloria Lynch's professional kitchen ! Always a feast ! Details later.

** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity

Events Schedule 2009

- July 1 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- July 4** **Chetek Car Show** (Sat.) at Airport, Chetek, Wisconsin mmgg.org
- July 11 **** **8th Annual Healey Gymkhana** – (Sat) Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Brown & Bigelow parking lot at 345 Plato Blvd. in St. Paul. Scott McQueen and Aaron Courteau will be making the arrangements. Details later.
- July 17-19** **The Kohler International Challenge** (formerly called the BRIC) The largest vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. Lots of people, so plan early. A great display of exotic cars. For details, call Jeff Johnk, Dan Powell, or Jeff Lumbard
- July 19**** **Lynch Jaguar - Healey Fiesta Picnic** (Sun) Details tba.
- July 26** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00PM Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN
- August 5 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- August 6-9** **Rally in the Valley** – (Thurs–Sun) This is a European Inter-Marque Sports Car Event sponsored by the Minnesota MG Group. Hosts are Steve & Diane Rindt – phone 715-832-8316. Location is Eau Claire, WI. Hotel reservations at Sleep Inn – 715-874-2900.
- August 8 **** **Lauser / Stine Tour & Picnic** – (Sat) There will be a driving tour ending up at Carl & Betty Stine's for a Picnic at their very beautiful farm in Beldenville, WI. Details later.
- August 15** **BRIT FEST - All British Swap Meet/Car Show** – (Sat) 10:00 a.m. This event has been held at the Ellingson Car Museum on Hwy. 94 in Rogers, MN for the past twelve years. It's a great place to buy or sell parts and show your car. Sponsored by the MMGG.
- August 22**** **Amery Airport Autocross VI** – (Sat) Another Hazen Hodown ! Details later.
- August 30** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Cherokee Park, St. Paul, MN
- September 2 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- September 12** **Wheels 'n Wings** – (Sat) 8:00 a.m. Looks like the event is still alive. Lots of cars and books. Airplanes, a train ride, hot dogs, and friendly people make it an enjoyable day in Osceola, WI.
- September 13 **** **Morgan - Healey Picnic** – (Sun.) Herb and Marsha are hosting again. Details tba.
- September 18-20** **Fall Vintage Race Festival XXIV** - Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to rub shoulders with the drivers and see the race cars up close. Call Jeff J., Dan P., or Jeff L. for details.
- September 27 **** **Huston - Soderbeck Fall Picnic** (Sun) 1:00 p.m. at the Soderbeck home in Roberts WI. Details later by Jan Huston and Wayne Soderbeck.
- October 7 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- October 10 **** **Adopt A Highway Clean-up** (Sat) 9:00 a.m. The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to take place on this date. Arranged by Greg Lauser.
- October 10**** **Fall Color Tour** - (Sat.) 2:00 p.m. The final drive of the year to enjoy the beautiful Fall tree colors. Details later.
- November 4 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- November 7 **** **Charity Event** – (Sat) Dale Martin will schedule our club to take part in a repeat food packaging charitable exercise for Feed My Starving Children. Details later.
- November 21 **** **Annual Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club. Arrangements being made by Mike Martin.
- December 2 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- December 5 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2010 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Katy Olson will select the site.

Welcome to Rendezvous 2009 – A Superior Experience – June 11-14

Where: The pristine shores of Chequamegon Bay on Lake Superior in Ashland, Wisconsin

Ashland accommodations:

Identify yourself as part of Healey Rendezvous 2009 for the Special Room Rates (+ taxes) listed below.

Headquarters hotel: **AmericInn Motel & Suites**
3009 Lake Shore Drive East Phone: 715-682-9950
80 rooms at \$109.00/night (on reservations made by May 11) include complimentary breakfast + pool.

If AmericInn is full: **Lake Superior Lodge (Best Western)**
30600 Highway 2 West Phone: 715-682-5235
20 rooms at \$109.00/night (good through May 11).
Restaurant: Explorer's Point / Blue Heron Bar

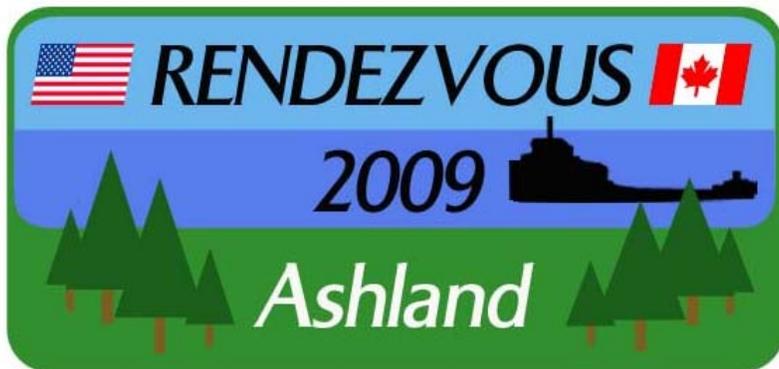
Hotel Chequamegon
101 Lake Shore Drive West Phone: 715-682-9095
20 rooms at \$109.00/night (good through May 23)
include complimentary breakfast + pool
Restaurant: Molly Cooper's Eating & Drinking Establishment
Molly's Fish Fry – Friday - \$10.95 to \$14.95

Ashland Super 8 Motel
1610 Lake Shore Drive West Phone: 715-682-9377
10 rooms at special rates (good through May 11) of:
One Bed Room - \$53.95 Thursday; \$62.95 Friday & Saturday.
Two Bed Room - \$80.95 Thursday; \$89.95 Friday & Saturday.

My wife likes all the car-related activities planned, but what will I do?

- . Visit the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, www.NGVC.org
- . Visit the Ashland Historical Museum, 715-682-4911
- . Visit the Washburn Historical Museum, 715-373-5591
- . Visit the Big Top Chautauqua, www.bigtop.org
- . Take the ferry to Madeline Island, www.madferry.com
- . Rent a moped on Madeline Island, www.madelineisland.com
- . Visit the Madeline Island Historical Museum, 715-747-2415
- . Cruise & explore the Apostle Islands, www.apostleislands.com
- . Visit, shop & dine in Bayfield, www.bayfield.org
- . Visit the Bayfield Heritage Museum, 715-779-3272
- . Rent a kayak & explore Lake Superior from shops in Bayfield
- . Visit Cornucopia, www.cornucopiawisconsin.org
- . Visit the Oulu Glass Studio, www.ouluglass.com
- . Gamble at Islevista Casino, www.redcliff.org
- . Play 18 holes of golf (A Rendezvous Golf coordinator will contact you if register to do so)





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JUNE 11 - 14

Thursday – Registration: 3-7 p.m. Hospitality Reception: 5-8 p.m.
 Friday -- Registration 8 a.m.-Noon, Driving tours to Bayfield & Madeline Island areas, Golfing
 Saturday -- AutoCross, Car Show, Walking Tour & Awards Banquet
 Sunday -- Breakfast & Goodbyes

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
 (PRINT LEGIBLY first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Children Attending _____
 (Include names & ages of each child)

Street _____ City _____

State/Province/PostalCode _____ Club _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____
 (Include e-mail address if you want a confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise.)

Vehicle/s to be registered _____
 (Year) (Make) (Model)

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Registration Fee: \$50.00	After May 15: \$65.00 (All fees in U.S. dollars)	\$ _____
(Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 & one free T/shirt)		
Each additional person: \$5.00 x _____		\$ _____
Each additional vehicle: \$5.00 x _____		\$ _____
Free shirt size _____ 2nd shirt _____ 3rd shirt _____	Added shirts: _____ x \$10.00	\$ _____
(T-Shirt Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL) (For XXL & XXXL – Cost is \$13.00)		
Awards Banquet tickets:	\$25.00/adult x _____	\$ _____
	\$20.00/child under 13 x _____	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

Make checks to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (U.S. funds) and send with completed form to:
 Greg Lauser, W12349 694th Ave., Prescott, Wis. 54021
 Registration questions to: glauser@pressenter.com
 Cancellations before 5/15/05 are subject to a \$10.00 fee. No refunds after May 15.

I want to play golf with a Rendezvous 2009 group _____
 (A Rendezvous Golf organizer will contact you with details & greens fees information)

Contact AmericInn directly for headquarters hotel room reservations in Ashland, Wis. @
 1-715-682-9950 or www.AmericInn.com.



MINNESOTA AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB

2009 REGALIA ORDER FORM



ITEM # / DESCRIPTION	COLOR	EMB.	SIZE	QUAN.	PRICE	TOTAL
#1 - Men's Polo Shirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 23.50	
#2 - Women's Polo Shirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 23.50	
#3 - Men's Denim Shirt - Long Sleeve	Med. Blue	Frt&Back			\$ 34.50	
#4 - Men's Crewneck Sweatshirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 27.50	
#5 - Women's Hooded Sweatshirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 28.00	
#6 - Women's Micro-Fleece Vest	Asstd.	Front			\$ 25.50	
#7 - Men's Micro-Fleece Full Zip Shirt	Asstd.	Frt&Back			\$ 45.00	
#8 - Men's Microfiber Windshirt	Black	Frt&Back			\$ 47.50	
#9 - Men's Fleece Henley Shirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 33.00	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

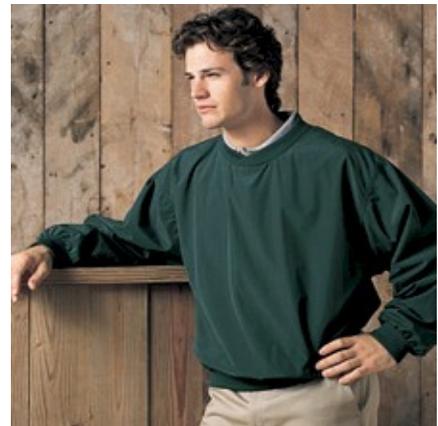
Notes: Please make check payable to: MN Austin Healey Club

Regalia orders will be delivered to Club events, unless arranged.

Most items available in sizes XS - XL. Larger sizes are available at extra charge.

Questions: call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041 Delivery time is about 3 weeks.

Send Form with Payment to: Gary Ronning 1019 Ridge Haven Circle Buffalo, MN 55313



Renewal procedure:

- Local members or local members who desire to join the national organization may renew using the form below.
- Those members who are local and national will receive a notice each December from the national secretary instructing them to renew with the national form while updating any personal information. They should remit payment to the local membership director. The local membership director will process the membership and will forward the payment and information to the national organization for you. This method is preferred for local and national members and helps us keep our records up to date.
 - Membership dues are payable on January 1st of each year.
 - Renewals not received by February 28th, will be subject to a late fee of \$5.00. New members may join at any time.
 - All memberships are considered expired if not renewed by April 1st.

Fill out the membership form and mail along with a check made payable to **MAHC** to:

MAHC Membership Director
Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Membership / Renewal Form

- Minnesota A-H Club** New Renewal \$20.00
- Austin-Healey Club of America** New Renewal \$40.00
- BOTH CLUBS** \$60.00

Name: _____

Spouse: _____ Home Phone () - _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State _____ Zip: _____ Work Phone: () - _____

E-mail address: _____ Receive Newsletter via email? Yes No

HEALEY INFORMATION:

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Color** _____ **Orig. Own. (Y/N)** _____

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Color** _____ **Orig. Own. (Y/N)** _____

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FOR SALE: Set of five **Dunlop Road Speed RS5** Classic Range 6.70H15 tires, almost new. \$400. Call George Arthur at 651-436-3227 or email to garthur1660@comcast.net MN

FOR SALE - New Black Carpet Kit for AH 3000 BT7 Center shift - \$150.00. Used AH BJ8 Windscreen - frame and glass still assembled - \$150.00. Call Gary Ronning 763-684-4041 or email to gtronning@aol.com

FOR SALE - We parted out three Jensen Healeys. No body parts or trim to speak of, but we have engines, transmissions, rear ends, front suspensions, carbs, etc. Send an email to me with your needs, and I will check the supply in Ernie's shed. Tom Politiski Email to HealeyMog@Yahoo.com .

FOR SALE - Original Hardtop for AH 3000 Two-seater. Call Jeff Lumbard at 952-469-6681 or email to lumbard@msn.com .