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*.....just waiting for Spring.....*

## **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**WED. FEB. 2**

**SUN. FEB. 12**

**SUN. FEB. 27**

**PIE MEETING**

**SUB ZERO DINNER**

**A NIGHT AT THE PLAY**

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**PIE**

**(PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING)**

**Date: Wednesday February 2nd**  
**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.

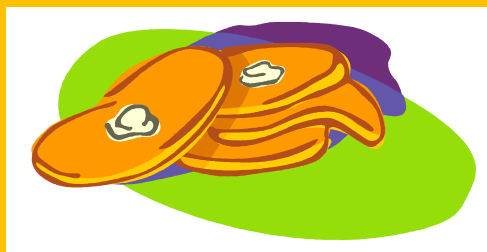
Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.

**Breakfast at the Peg**

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**



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# Presidential Ponderings

By EILEEN WETZEL

Winter seems to be a much slower, quieter time, the silence especially deepened by our heavy blanket of snow. I wish for everyone that likes to work on their cars a nice warm shop. Hopefully, projects are well underway to be finished by spring. Is it just around the corner? Maybe not quite, but time does have a way of sneaking up on us. If a car project isn't in store for your agenda, I hope there is a reprieve somewhere warm and sunny!

I would like to thank those of you who responded to send in their renewal forms and dues. If you still have not renewed, please do so NOW, or your membership will lapse. We value our membership, and do not want to see members fail to renew. Please include your spouse's e-mail address if possible, so they may directly receive the newsletter.

For the hearty souls that are going to be around in February, we have two chances at sharing some good time together. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, Mike and Gloria Lynch will be hosting their SubZero Dinner. Dining at the Lynch's is always a culinary delight, not to mention enjoying their beautiful home, and amazing garage, shop, and wonderful hospitality.

For the 27<sup>th</sup>, 30 tickets have been reserved for the play "The Marvelous Wonderettes". This performance will bring us back in time to the era of our Healeys, the 50's and 60's. This musical promises entertainment and a step back in time for all. Following the production, all are invited to caravan a mile or two to the Wetzel home for a simple dinner.

The snowbirds will be crying that they missed all the fun!!  
**See you at the events in February! Don't forget to RSVP!**

## James Edward "Jim" Taylor(1928-2010)

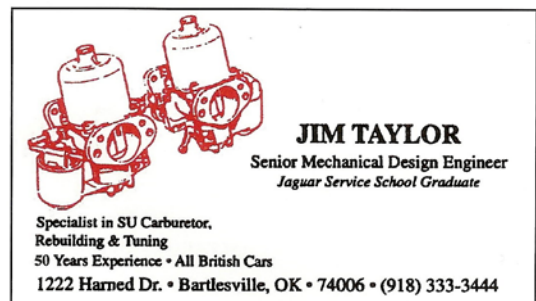
James Edward Taylor (Jim), 82, died Thursday December 9, at his home in Bartlesville. Jim was born September 15, 1928 in Bowling Green, Ohio to Francis E. and Carrie (Plunkett) Taylor. After a short residence in Indianapolis, Indiana the family moved to a small farm near Berryville, Arkansas in 1932. Jim attended school in Berryville graduating in 1946 as valedictorian of his senior class. Jim graduated from the University of Arkansas with honors in 1950. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Jim joined Phillips Petroleum Company in 1950 as a design engineer in the Engineering Department. After a one year assignment at Cactus Plant in Etter, Texas, he spent the remainder of his 35 year career in Bartlesville. Jim retired in 1985.

Jim was a devoted family man always putting family interests above career opportunities.

Jim was an avid table tennis player and formed the Bartlesville Table Tennis Association in 1968. It continues today.

Jim had a passion for British sports cars buying his first MGA in 1957. He owned at least one of many British cars continuously until his death. Jim was nationally known as a rebuilder of the British SU Carburetor. Jim the "Carburetor Man" he was called. He performed this service for enthusiasts from all over the United States for more than 40 years.



## THE PRESIDENTS INFORMAL EVENING

BY EILEEN WETZEL

As winter plods on, we had a nice group at the January PIE. Attendees were: Mike Martin, Dave Rademacher, Jack Stein, Gary and Barb Ronning, Jim Manion, Ed Raschke and guest Wendi Sott, Frank Howard and Jane Southwood, Tom and June Moerke, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Spook and Britt Johns, Kim and Steve Rixen, Curt Carlson, Chris Knowles, Dave Knowles, Rich and Liz Stadther, Jeff Lombard, Bob Featherly, Michael Manser, Dan Powell, Dave Herreid, Scott McQueen, and Jim Kriz.

PIE consisted of reviewing upcoming events for January and February. Some events require a definite RSVP, so please take note and respond accordingly. The Sub Zero dinner is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, not the 12<sup>th</sup> as is written in the last newsletter. The Mexican Fiesta is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be aware of these corrections.

There was also a change to the March calendar. Rixens will not be hosting the wine and cheese party that was scheduled on March 5. They, instead, would like to be a part of hosting a progressive dinner at a later date. If anyone on the north side of the city would like to help in hosting, please contact Kim Rixen.

Andy brought us up to speed on the state of the InterMarque Council. A motion was passed that \$200.00 be donated to IM to help fund the Spring KickOff Car Show scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was also passed to wave local club dues for Larry Nimmerfroh to make him an honorary member.

The meeting was adjourned, but socializing afterwards was brisk !

## News from the Web !

by Curt & John

John and I are pleased to announce that the changes to the website are now active and working correctly.

The new database-driven club roster and photo gallery can be found by navigating to [www.mnhealey.com](http://www.mnhealey.com) and clicking on 'club info' in the main menu and then 'membership roster'.

The former location of our members' gallery is still accessible from the main menu by choosing 'gallery'. Our vision is to use this location for photos from past events (perhaps the most recent event?). Currently there are a few placeholders there to show what might be possible.

John and I are interested in learning the opinions of the club members on the new changes. Suggestions may be emailed to [mnhealey@gmail.com](mailto:mnhealey@gmail.com) and [jvs@consistentc.com](mailto:jvs@consistentc.com).



## LUNCH WITH LARRY

BY JUNE & TOM MOERKE

We had sunshine on our ride to and from St. Cloud on Saturday January 15th. The temp was cool but pleasant. The club had made a date to get together and drive up to visit our fellow member and friend, Larry Nimmerfroh. He is residing at the Veterans Home in St. Cloud, MN.

Sixteen of us enjoyed lunch and visiting together at the Ground Round Restaurant. We were a bit concerned, as we had a three inch snowfall the day before and heard of numerous accidents in the area on Friday.

Tom and I picked up Dale and Barb Martin in Lakeland Township about 8:10 am. Carl Stine and Greg Lauser left their homes in Prescott and Beldenville, WI and met in Hudson at 8:30 am. Curt Carlson was the first to reach the (sort of half way) coffee stop at Denny's in Rogers. Greg and Carl were next to arrive, followed by Frank Howard with Andy Lindberg and Linda Larson as passengers. Eileen and Gary Wetzel arrived just before our planned 10:00 am departure. Barb and Gary Ronning drove directly to St. Cloud from their home in Buffalo.

We met Larry and his sister Mary at the Ground Round about 11:15 am. It was really nice of Mary to bring Larry over to the restaurant. We had a good forty five minutes to stretch, visit, eat popcorn, and order beverages before our meal. The restaurant had a large room set up for us (with a little re-arranging by Frank), and the food and service were great. There was a lot of conversation, and Larry got a chance to visit with his old friends. He was looking good!

The gathering ended around 2:00 pm, and Larry and Mary were wished a warm farewell. We arrived back in Rogers about 2:40 pm, and Tom pulled into the Cabella's Outfitters Store, so Barb and I could shop.....not!

Thanks to all who attended to brighten Larry's day.

## Torque Technique Tip II – Fasteners

By Steve Rixen

Torque is a measure of the turning force applied to a fastener. When assembling parts with fasteners such as bolts, nuts, studs etc., various wrenches, sockets and ratchets or breaker bars are used to tighten the fasteners, but good torque technique is to apply torque to the nut while holding the bolt stationary and using a torque wrench to apply final tension to the fastener.

When torque is applied to a fastener, the bolt or stud stretches in tension. The amount of torque applicable depends on fastener quality, termed as grade, of the fastener. Generally available fasteners vary in quality, whether bolts, nuts, studs. They are classified by generally available Grades such as Grade 2, 5 or 8.

(Please refer to the torque table in January Torque Tech Tip I.)

**Grade 0 to 2** is the weakest, usually low carbon steel, Grade 0 is usually used for cosmetic or non-critical, non-structural installation items. Grade 2 minimum tensile strength is low, 74,000 psi at best. Threads are cold or hot rolled or possibly even cut and of low strength. These bolts carry no or meaningless markings. A nut of grade 0 or 2 is plain with no markings on it.



**Please NOTE that this bolt may be Grade 0 or 2.**

**Grade 5** is a structural fastener of medium carbon, quenched and tempered steel with a minimum tensile strength of 120,000 psi. The original bolts found on our British cars would be classified as Grade 5 or slightly higher. A nut of grade 5 may be plain or have some mark, usually on the face not on the wrenching flats.



**This is a standard Grade 5 Marking, which may have other markings.**

**Grade 8** is a high strength fastener of Medium carbon ALLOY steel, quenched and tempered with a minimum tensile strength of 150,000 psi. These threads are rolled and of high quality. A Grade 8 nut usually has a circular mark on one face.



**This is a standard Grade 8 Marking.**

Washers and nuts are also graded as 0, 2, 5 or 8, and need to be installed with bolts and nuts of the same grade. If a lower grade washer is used it will distort and torque will be lost over time. I suggest you segregate and isolate the fastener component by grade.

BTW, the tensile strength PSI is the portion of the fastener cross section at the narrowest part of the threads, so a ¼ inch fastener is much smaller than ¼ square inch.

Next month's subject will be torque wrenches and their use, care and keeping.



**The Marvelous  
Wonderettes**  
Written + Directed by Roger Bean

**Jan. 21 - July 24, 2011**

A cotton-candy colored, non-stop pop musical blast from the past, featuring your favorite songs from the 50s and '60s, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* takes you to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where we meet the Wonderettes - Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy, four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts and voices to match! See what happens as we discover their lives and loves through their special brand of tightly harmonized "Shing-a-lings" and "shoop-de-doo." It's an evening you don't want to miss!

**Please come one come all to Theater Afternoon and Dinner!**

**Where: Plymouth Playhouse  
2705 Annapolis Lane, Plymouth, MN 55441**

**When: Sunday, February 27, 1:45 pm, show starts at 2:00pm**

**Cost: most likely \$25 per person. (groups 12-29, \$25; 30+ , \$24) reg. \$30  
(price depends on participation, hopefully we can get at least twelve!)**

**Dinner: Complimentary at the Wetzel home following the play.**

**RSVP: By February 13<sup>th</sup>!!! Eileen and Gary 763-541-9571 or  
econlon@hotmail.com**



# *Austin Healey Club*

## SUB-ZERO DINNER

Saturday, February 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

6 pm Cocktail Hour \* 7 pm Dinner

Valet parking available: go to the North Lotus Lake Park (see map) where valet parkers will pick you up and bring you to the house.

*Reservations required by February 16 - Limit of 40 people.*

COST: \$25/Person

LOCATION: Mike & Gloria Lynch  
6630 Horseshoe Curve  
Chanhassen, MN 55317  
952-474-5642

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Please clip and send this RSVP slip with your check to:  
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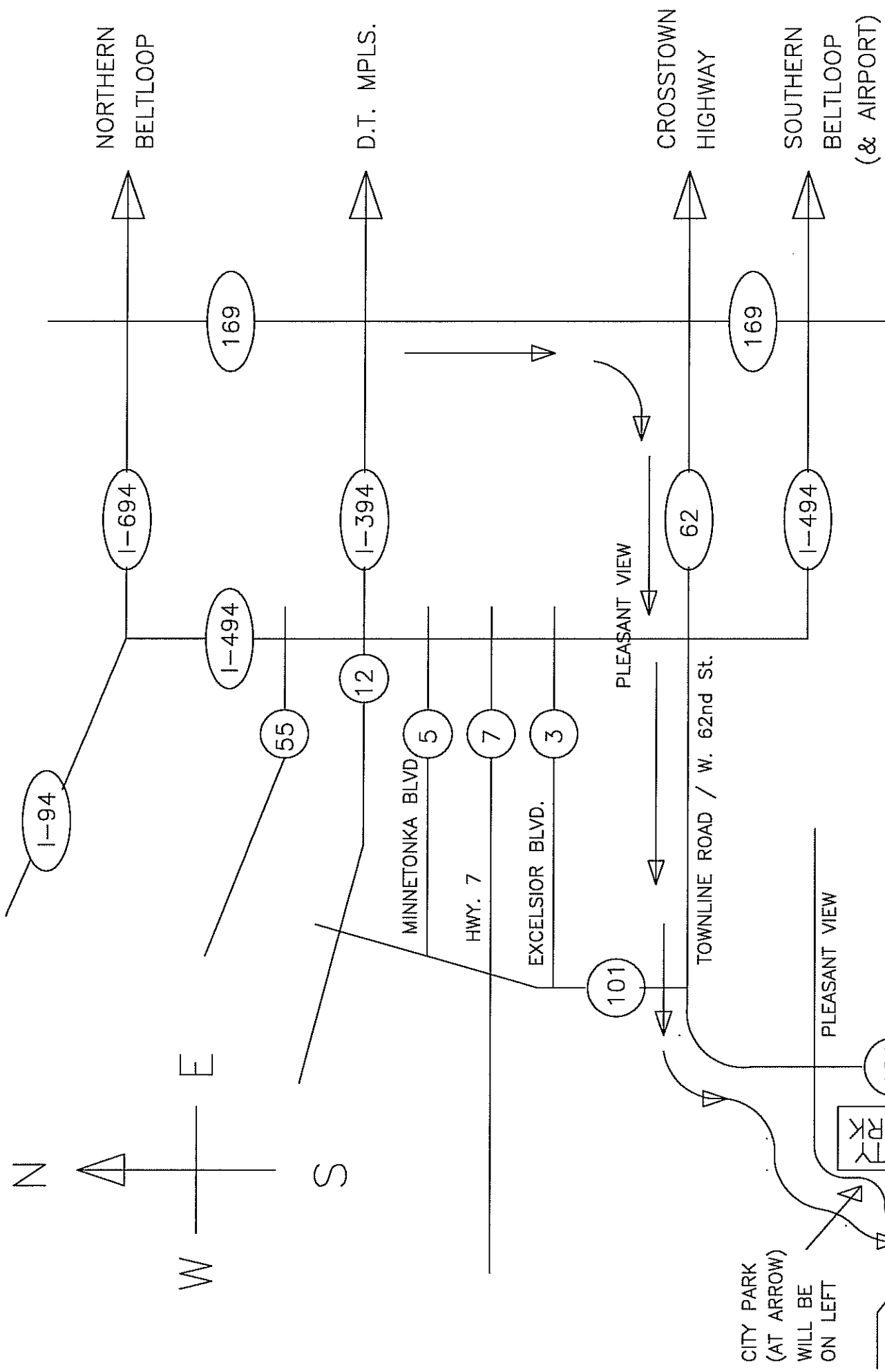
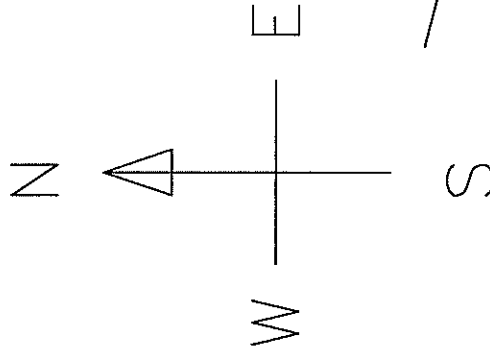
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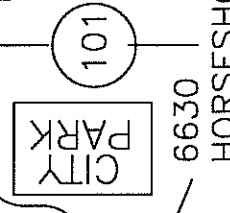
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## Events Schedule.

- February 2\*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- February 12\*\*** **Sub Zero Dinner** – (Sun) Hosted by Mike & Gloria Lynch. See pages 8 & 9.
- February 27\*\*** **A Night at the Play** – (Sun) See page 7.
- March 2\*\*** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Hot Wheels Night ! See page 2.
- March 5 \*\*** **Wine & Cheese Party** – (Sun) Hosted by Steve & Kim Rixen at their home. Details later.
- March 19\*\*** **Tech Session** – (Sat) At Scott McQueen's home in the garage. Details later.
- April 6 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- April 16** **Midwest Motors Sports Tech Party** – (Sat) Sauk Rapids, MN. Details later.
- April 30 \*\*** **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.
- May 4 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- May 13-15** **Vintage GT Challenge** – (Fri - Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 14** **Intermarque Spring Kick-Off** – (Sat) The Intermarque Council will again sponsor the Spring car show. Details later.
- May 15\*\*** **Spring Awakening Tour** - (Sun) "Get Your Cars Out" tour to be arranged by Geoff Rossi.
- June 1 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- June 11** **Amery Competition Run** – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.
- June 16 - 19** **Rendezvous 2011** - (Thurs-Sun) This will be the 21st year for the annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be in Fargo, North Dakota. Get your hotel reservations in early!
- June 17-19** **Back to the 50's Car Show** – (Fri-Sun) This gigantic annual show will be at the MN State Fairgrounds again – maybe 10,000 cars??
- June 26** **Cherokee Park Picnic** – (Sun) Monthly InterMarque picnic, and the MAHC will be hosting on this Sunday.
- July 3 – 7** **Austin Healey Conclave** – (Sun-Thurs) This year the national AHCA Conclave will be in Colorado Springs, CO. Sounds like a great location for the event. Reserve early !
- July 13 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. Note second Wednesday this month only.
- July 15 – 17** **Kohler International Challenge** – (Fri – Sun) This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. For details, call J. Johnk, J. Lumbard, D. Powell, or R. Stadther.

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- July 22** **InterMarque Movie Night** – (Fri) Join your Sports Car loving friends for an evening at the (outdoor) movies. Arrangements by Andy Lindberg.
- July 31** **Lynch Tour & Mexican Fiesta** – (Sun) This will be a combined event with the Minnesota Jaguar Club. There will be a modest Tour before arriving at Mike & Gloria Lynch's home. Always great food in a great setting. Details later.
- July 31** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- August 3 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- August 7 \*\*** **Stine / Lauser Annual Tour/Country Picnic** – (Sun) Take a short Tour and then gather at the Stine Farm for their annual Luncheon on the Lawn. Foods are always delicious.
- August 13** **Brit Fest** – (Sat) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm New location this year in Hudson, WI. Watch for the announcement. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- August 21** **Hudson Rally** – (Sun) An intermarque car show and book sale will be in Hudson. Afterwards we can gather at Moerke's for a picnic.
- August 27** **Amery Airport Run** – Tom Hazen will hold a second run of the summer at Amery, WI.
- August 28** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Sept. 7 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Sept. 9 – 11** **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., Jeff L., or Rich S. for details.
- Sept. 10** **Wheels 'n Wings/ Morgan-Healey Picnic** – (Sat) 8:00 am 31st Year! 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. Afterwards we will drive to Morgan owner John Compton's home nearby for the Morgan – Healey Picnic. Details later.
- Sept. 24 \*\*** **City Lakes Parkway Tour** – (Sun) Enjoy a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis. Arrangements by Jim Kriz. Details later.
- Sept. 25** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Oct. 1\*\*** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Greg Lauser.
- Oct. 5 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 9 \*\*** **Fall Color Tour**- (Sun) A Fall drive to Murphy's Landing is being considered. Further checking and arrangements are being done.
- Oct. 15** **Couples Friendly Tour** - Be out and enjoy the beautiful Fall colors in Wisconsin with our illustrious road event leader – Tom Hazen ! Details later.
- Nov. 2 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 5** **Charity Event** – (Sat) 9:00 – 11:00 am. At the Feed My Starving Children building. Dale Martin arranges this very worthwhile event each year. It is an enjoyable exercise for a very good cause.
- Nov. 19 \*\*** **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. 3 \*\*** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2012 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Geoff Rossi will select the site.
- Dec. 7\*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Dec. 17\*\*** **Video/Testimonials Contest** – (Sat) This will be an interesting new event to be held at Dick & Karla Mathews' beautiful home. Don't want to miss this !

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