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From the Conclave 2019 Downtown Car Show

January-February Events

Wed	Jan 1	Hudson Champagne
Wed	Jan 8	PIE Meeting
Wed	Feb 5	PIE Meeting
Sat	Feb 15	Second Harvest
Sat	Feb 29	Leap Year Potluck

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, Jan 8
Wednesday, Feb 5
Time: 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00
Place: Joseph's Grill
140 South Wabasha
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435

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

Thank you to people who submitted news, articles, and photos for this issue:

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President Dave Hatzung's Very Presidential Column

I can't wait for the warm weather – for a bunch of different reasons. One is to get my red Healey out of storage. It could use some interior work – carpeting and seats (suggestions welcomed).

Most of you have been at my house and seen the large garage that I am lucky to have where I can keep my cars year around. Except I have a little problem. I have one extra car this year, so I had to find a place to put it for the winter. I found a storage place and then had to do "eenie meenie minny moe" to figure out which car went there. The red "Cahbra" lost. I think I've explained where that name came from—it's my Austin Healey with the Cobra 302 V8 in it; the "O" from Cobra becomes "AH," and I hope you know what initials those are for! The place where the Cahbra is stored has 50+ cars that sit bumper to bumper, and they all get taken out at the same time, so no early out.

What got me going on this subject was a visit to the **Wetzel's** house and garage. **Gary** has his garage all dressed up, and it's a pretty nice place to work. Besides heat, tool storage, and a lift, he's got a huge TV out there. Super comfortable. Gotta look into the heat thing for my garage. First, I'd have to get rid of a bunch of junk out there. Anyone need rear exhaust parts, or 4 wire wheels and tires from a BJ8? But enough with the whining.

We need to send out a big thank you to **Gary & Barb Ronning** for putting together this newsletter for so many years. It wasn't your normal one either, but probably one of the best car club newsletters in the country – even the world! Please take a minute to call or write the Ronnings and let them know how much we appreciated the great job they did. It's always been a treat to get that each month. A huge thank you to **Daphne Walmer** for taking over this task. Her photo contest at the Conclave was a big success, as I am sure her version of the newsletter will be also.

I just got my Hagerty 2020 calendar, as many of you did. If you didn't get one, let me know and I'll try to scrounge one up for you. The monthly pictures are great, but no British cars this year. 😞

One of Hagerty's focuses is something that **Eileen Wetzel** talked about a couple of years ago at a **PIE** meeting, and that is getting young people interested in cars. That's a big deal. I think that is something we might consider this next year as a club project – spreading the word about how much fun we have owning and driving our cars. Would someone bring that up at our next meeting? In the meantime, put your thinking caps on. Maybe even a scholarship of some sort for a British car mechanics school. It would be fun to get young folks involved, as it would increase our club membership, and probably help stabilize the values of our cars.

I wish you all a HEALTHY and HAPPY 2020. May your cars always run smoothly, may they never leak oil, may rust never attack them, and may deer stay away from any road you drive on.



Dave Hatzung's "Cahbra"

Planning Meeting Notes

by John Hatzung



December 7, 2019

President Dave Hatzung brought the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Dave and Daphne Walmer facilitated the planning process. See the Events List on pages 14-15. Highlights:

- No January party is currently scheduled, but if anyone has anything in mind ...
- Suzanne Willodson determined the date in February at Second Harvest Heartland for our volunteer activity packing food. John Hatzung will assist as needed. A Leap Year party is a possibility on the 29th
- March 7 is the tentative date for the Tech Session at Scott McQueen's Dinkytown garage. Steve Rixen may present.
- April is the usual month for Adopt a Highway clean-up, but travel distance to the site is becoming a growing issue, along with more difficulty picking up trash as members age. Tentatively scheduled for the 18th.
- May 9 is the Intermarque Spring Kick-off in Osseo.
- June is highlighted by Rendezvous and the Amery Autocross. Amery date (27/28) may conflict with the Jaguar Club's Coulee Classic.
- July: Road America & Mexican dinner party ...
- Another autocross in Amery in August (2nd)
- September: Road America and the Waumandee Hillclimb (25 – 27)
- Fall tour October 17
- Annual meeting & banquet November 21

Present: Barb and Gary Ronning, Dave Herreid and Daphne Walmer, Tom Politiski, Dick Mathews, Kate Westberg, Cheryl and Dave Rademacher, Chuck and Jean Norton, Liz and Rich Stadther, Ronald Corazzo, Dave Hatzung, Geoff and Diane Rossi, Steve Rixen, Tom and June Moerke, Suzanne and Greg Willodson, Dan Powell, John Hatzung



Top: Buffet at Planning Breakfast.

Middle: members enjoying each other's company.

Bottom: Tom Politiski giving Daphne Walmer some pointers about the newsletter.



P.I.E. Meeting Minutes

by John Hatzung



January 8, 2019

MAHC President Dave Hatzung opened the meeting at 7 pm.

Upcoming events

- Second Harvest volunteer event is February 15: contact Suzanne Willodson or John Hatzung for questions and if you plan to attend.
- Next PIE meeting: Wednesday, February 5th

Waumandee/Timed events

Several members were concerned that in its January meeting the board decided that MAHC will no longer sponsor Waumandee. Dave Hatzung explained that the problem is insurance. He reviewed the current insurance policy and was surprised to see that the current policy appears not to cover/excludes "timed events," which would include Amery and all gymkhanas. Dave Hatzung ran this by the commercial staff at Hagerty. The insurance agent Fred believes there is coverage, but he needs to confirm that.

Former board chair Cheryl Rademacher mentioned the decision had been delayed in 2019 because of Conclave. The idea of discontinuing Waumandee had been discussed in previous years. It does not usually generate revenue, and very few MAHC members compete. On the other hand, the timed events are good exposure for MAHC and are very important to a segment of the club. Eileen Wetzel noted that it would be important to review current safety and liability protocols and update them in any case.

It's possible that alternative coverage options may be available. Dave Hatzung will move forward by talking to the agent, Tom Hazen and other groups sponsoring timed events.

Club Website and Newsletter

Daphne Walmer reported that she is leading a project to refresh the website and the newsletter to make both of them easier to use and maintain. Daphne is on the Technical Communications Advisory Board of the Writing Studies Department at the University of Minnesota, and students in those classes need real world projects. The plan is for graduate students to work on this project over the next couple of semesters. Please contact Daphne if you want to provide input and feedback in the design of the website and newsletter.

Conclave regalia

Dave Hatzung brought Regalia that Gary Ronning provided. Let Dave Hatzung know if some of it is yours.

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P.I.E. Meeting Minutes (... continued)

Humor

Tom shared a great joke that involved aging. Some laughs were delayed as it was a bit subtle for the younger attendees. "...because he had to."

Club meeting standard agenda/status report:

- Club Humorist: Tom Politiski
- New board member: Jim Manion
- Membership: Jim Kriz
- Treasurer: Liz Stadther
- Web page: Greg Willodson
- National delegate: Eileen Wetzel
- Intermarque delegate: Jay Jacobson
- Regalia: Gary Ronning
- Race directors: Greg Willodson (Amery) & Tom Hazen (Waumandee)

Present: Dan Powell, Jeff Lumbard, Daphne Walmer & David Herreid, Dick Mathews, Tom Politiski, Tom & June Moerke, Dave & Cheryl Rademacher, Rich & Liz Stadther, Jay Jacobson, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Scott McQueen, Kate & Clarence Westberg, Greg Lauser, Steve Rixen, Dave Hatzung, John Hatzung

Refreshed MAHC website and newsletter Current and desired states by Daphne Walmer

I am undertaking a refresh of the club's website and newsletter together. My goals include making both of them easier to maintain. I want to still email a newsletter to all members every month, and also to make it easier to add content to both.

My plan is to collaborate with students at the University of Minnesota who are taking classes in Information Design and related topics. As a member of the Technical Communications Advisory Board, I know that students are always looking for good real-world projects to practice what they are learning. This project is perfect for them.

Please contact me at daphne.walmer@gmail.com if you are interested in providing input and/or feedback. What do you like about the current website and newsletter? What suggestions do you have for improvements?

See the table on the next page for my preliminary ideas. Thanks!

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Current and desired states of website and newsletter (... continued)

Component	Current State	Desired State
Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Originally designed to be printed onto paper, stapled or saddle-stitched (stapled along the spine), and mailed via US post. Now built monthly in Word, published in PDF, emailed, and manually uploaded onto current website by newsletter editor. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> "eZine" designed for electronic distribution and consumption, with working links, color, variable page lengths Ability to add announcements, events, articles, and other content to website as soon as it is ready, so latest info is always available. More automatically build monthly newsletter from website content by sweeping for articles since the last newsletter, active marketplace items, upcoming events, list of the year's events. Add officer info and other standard info automatically. Email automatically to members from membership database on updated website.
Website	Built on Go-Daddy 20 years ago; hosted on Go-Daddy	Refreshed site designed for easy maintenance, built on inexpensive/free modern software platform. Continue to host on Go-daddy?
Webmasters and administrators	Controlled by a small number of members who are IT professionals (Suzanne and Greg Willodson)	Easily updated by a small group of lay people (not computer experts) with minimal training, including Newsletter Editor and possibly others, with administration privileges
Calendar	Website-based calendar tries to cover all marques, doesn't work well [Daphne doesn't know details], hard to administer?	MAHC only calendar? Other??
Website user interface	User interface designed by Steve Rixen 20 years ago with incremental improvements; some info at 2-3 levels of clicks; some info out of date	User interface designed by Technical Comm graduate students collaborating with Daphne Walmer and interested MAHC members
Membership Roster	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Member list owned by Jim Kriz. Database and user interface built in MicroSoft Access by Curt Carlson. Membership list published by retyping into Word to be published with Events List. Reports from database sent to national Membership list on public website is badly out of date, including nonactive members, some of whom have died Old photos of former and current member's cars 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> One single membership database used for automated distribution of emails, newsletters, and reports. Easy to maintain and use. Excel? Consider adding club member privileges, so they can see addresses, phones, etc., (only of members who agree). Ability to download all or part of membership roster to member phones? LATER ADDITION? Easier to maintain database means more current? ?? on car photos; maybe delete current ones and add maintainable photo capability in later phase?
emails	MAHC members and/or officers email PDFs files or simple emails to Dave Lee, who sends announcement.	Ability for member with admin privileges to send email announcements automatically to membership list connected to the website
Vendor list on website	May be out of date	Relatively easy to update by member with appropriate privileges.

Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2019

by Geoff Rossi

Present: Jim Manion, Dan Powell, Geoff Rossi, Gary Wetzel. **Absent:** Clarence Westberg.

Chair: The first order of business was to Elect Chair. The honor went to Dan Powell. Board then confirmed the slate of officers elected at the annual November meeting, and approved the MAHC 2020 event calendar as presented.

Event Coordinator: A discussion on a suggestion of creating a club officer position of "Event Coordinator" to provide liability insurance coverage for those who take responsibility for putting a MAHC event together. Jim Manion will be in contact with Fred Dabney of AHCA for advice on how to correctly establish that. Approved by the Board.

Redesign of the MAHC website: Board briefly discussed a future redesign and update of the club's website with Daphne Walmer and the Willodsons. Daphne agreed to work with U of M students to come up with a proposed new design for our website. Until that is completed, Greg and Suzanne will continue to keep the site functional. Once the design proposal is completed and Daphne and the Willodsons are in agreement, it will need to be presented to the Board for approval prior to any changes being authorized.

Amery autocross: There was discussion about the Amery autocross. The speed portion distance has been shortened to decrease speeds and create a longer braking distance. Willodsons will look for a location nearer the cities to decrease travel time, and with that the possibility of establishing an all British or Intermarque event. Any possible location suggestions by Club members are welcome.

Cost of accountant: The cost to the Club of the accountant was raised. It seemed to be higher than expected. The treasurer shall be consulted before a decision is made.

Insurance: As part of the insurance analysis below, Jim Manion will review the Club bylaws for possible impact and suggest revisions. Apparently, there were also bylaw revisions reviewed and suggested by prior Boards that have not been incorporated into the published bylaws. All of these proposed changes should be consolidated and reviewed prior to being published for Club approval. Note that any bylaw change requires them to be published in the club newsletter 30 days prior to any Board approval.

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Board Meeting Minutes (... continued)

Waumandee Hill Climb: The continuation of MAHC sponsorship of the Waumandee Hill Climb was taken up by the Board in 2018 and discussed at length then. With MAHC's involvement in Conclave 2019 Waumandee was cancelled for 2019. That simply delayed the action the Board was debating in 2018. Past Board Chair Cheryl Rademacher brought the current Board up to speed on those 2018 discussions. A great amount of time was spent evaluating MAHC's sponsorship of the hill climb. There were a number of aspects to consider. The two important elements were: The negative cost to the Club each year, and the low participation of MAHC members as drivers: only six in 2018. The Board voted to end sponsorship of the Waumandee Hill Climb.

Boot and Bonnet Pub Party/ Leap Year Get Together

Please bring a dish to share,
such as a casserole, salad, or appetizer,
and a bottle of wine or beverage of your choice.

Social hour 6:00 – 7:00

Dinner at 7:00

Tom and June Moerke's home

910 Ridge Pass
Hudson, WI

RSVP to Tom at email tcmoerke@att.net
or cell phones (715) 402 - 2153
or (715) 402 - 8592

Kenora, ON

June 11-13, 2020



Accommodations

Host Hotel

Clarion Lakeside Inn
470 1st Ave South
1-807-468-5521

Alternate Hotel

Travelodge
800 Highway 17 East
1-807-468-3155

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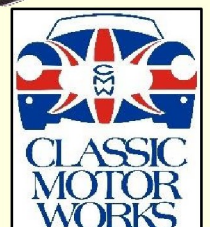
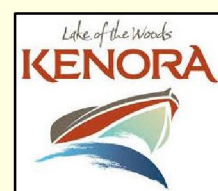


Activities

- Meet & Greet at Lake of the Woods Brewing Company
- Scenic Driving Tour & Pickerel Lunch at Smith Camps
- Art Gallery & Museum Tour with lunch at Boston Pizza
- Evening Cruise on the historic M.S. Kenora
- Fun Rally
- Harbour front Charity Car Show
- Awards Banquet at Lakeside Inn



Event Sponsors



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Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

Volunteer Day *at*



**Second Harvest Heartland
7101 Winnetka Avenue N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428**

**Saturday February 15, 2020
at 8:45am**

**We'll work from 9am-1030am sorting and packaging donated food such
as rice, vegetables, tortillas and pasta.**

We need 16 volunteers!

Please sign up by contacting either:

John Hatzung
[**johnhatzung@usfamily.net**](mailto:johnhatzung@usfamily.net)

Suzanne Willodson
[**suzanne.willodson@gmail.com**](mailto:suzanne.willodson@gmail.com)

lunch on the club afterwards

Membership / Renewal Form

Minnesota A-H Club Dues	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$20.00
Austin-Healey Club of America Dues	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	\$50.00
BOTH CLUBS		\$70.00

Minnesota A-H Club (Local only) Dues ☐ New ☐ Renewal \$25.00

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

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

HEALEY INFORMATION:

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ Original Owner (Y/N) _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ Original Owner (Y/N) _____

Condition: ☐ Show Quality ☐ Nice & Roadworthy
☐ Could be running with help ☐ Restoration Project

Make checks payable to: **MN Austin Healey Club (or MAHC)**

Checks covering AHCA membership renewals must reach Jim Kriz no later than **January 1, 2015**, to assure that your information appears in the 2015 AHCA Membership Directory.

Send form and checks to:

Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Pkwy.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

MAHC Events Schedule 2020

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
January				
Wed	1-Jan	Champagne & Breakfast	7:30AM	Birkmose Park, Hudson, WI
Wed	8-Jan	PIE Meeting*	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
February				
Wed	5-Feb	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	15-Feb	Second Harvest Volunteering	8:45AM	7101 Winnetka Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN
Sat	29 Feb	Leap Year Potluck		June & Tom Moerke home
March				
Wed	4-Mar	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	7-Mar	Tech Session		Scott McQueen's Dinkytown Garage
April				
Wed	1-Apr	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	18-Apr	Adopt a Highway Pickup		
May				
Wed	6-May	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	9-May	Intermarque Spring Kickoff		Osseo
Fri-Sat	16-17 May	Vintage Racing Road America		Elkhart Lake, WI
Sun-Thu	17-21 May	Conclave 2020		The Plantation at Crystal River, Florida
Sat-Mon	23-25 May	VSCR Vintage Race		Brainerd International Raceway
Sat	30-May	Hatzung Party		Mary & Dave Hatzung home
June				
Wed	3-Jun	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Thu-Sun	11-14 Jun	Rendezvous 2020		Kenora, Ontario
Fri-Sun	19-21 Jun	Blackhawk Race		
Fri-Sun	19-21 Jun	Back to the 50's Car Show		Minnesota State Fairgrounds
Sun	21-Jun	Stone Arch Bridge		
Sat	27-Jun	Amery Autocross?		Amery, WI airport
Sat	27-Jun	<i>Coulee Classic?</i>		
Sun	28-Jun	Intermarque Picnic	1:00PM	Cherokee Park, St. Paul
July				
Wed	1-Jul	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	10-12 Jul	VSCR Vintage Race		Brainerd International Raceway
Fri-Sun	24-26 Jul	Vintage Racing Road America		Elkhart Lake, WI
Sat	25-Jul	Lynch Mexican Fiesta		Mike & Gloria Lynch home
Sun	26-Jul	Intermarque Picnic	1:00PM	Cherokee Park, St. Paul

NOTE: Insurance and potential safety issues may affect timed car events including the Waumandee Hill Climb and Amery. See the P.I.E. Meeting Minutes in this issue for more information.

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MAHC Events Schedule 2020 (... continued)

August

Wed	5-Aug	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	8-Aug	BRIT FEST all British Car Show	9:00AM	Hudson, WI
Sat	22-Aug	Amery Autocross?		Amery WI Airport
Sat-Sun	29-30 Aug	SCCA Brainerd Racing		Brainerd International Raceway
Sun	30-Aug	Intermarque Picnic	1:00PM	Cherokee Park, St. Paul

September

Wed	2-Sep	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	12-Sep	Pizza Party		Herreid cabin, Afton, MN
Fri-Sun	18-20 Sep	Vintage Racing Road America		Elkhart Lake, WI
Fri-Sun	25-27 Sep	Waumandee Hillclimb		Waumandee (near Alma, WI)
Sun	27-Sep	Intermarque Picnic	1:00PM	Cherokee Park, St. Paul

October

Wed	7-Oct	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	10-Oct	Adopt a Highway		
Fri-Sun	16-18 Oct	Blackhawk Racing		
Sun	10/17? Oct	MG Fall Color Tour		

November

Wed	4-Nov	PIE Meeting	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	6-8 Nov	AHCA Delegate's Meeting		
Sat	21-Nov	Annual Banquet/Business Mtg		

December

Sat	5-Dec	Annual Planning Breakfast	7:00PM	Joseph's Grill
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* PIE = President's Informal Meeting, Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM

InterMarque Breakfasts

The Saturday morning location has been changed to:

The 400 Tavern

1300 Industrial Blvd (near I35W)
Minneapolis, MN

Phone: (612) 455-6312

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Check out InterMarque's multi-marque calendar in their latest newsletter for even more car events!

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