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Get ready for a Big Time.....!!!

APRIL EVENTS

Sat. April 7

PIE Meeting

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President's **I**nformal **E**vening**Date: Saturday April 7th, 2018****Time: 8:30 a.m. (or before)****Place: Joseph's Grill**
140 So. Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435

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

Thank YOU

To the members that submitted news, articles, and photos for this newsletter issue:

Dave Hatzung
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President Dave Hatzung's
Very Presidential Column

About the cars we have and buy...**"Mid-life maybe, crisis, hardly"**

I love the car magazines and calendars I get every year. They contain so many adages, or are they platitudes, or even truisms? I've had one on my email signature for a month now; **"They say you can't buy HAPPINESS, but you can buy horsepower, and that's kinda the same thing"**. It made me think of our club friend, **Jeff Lombard**, who unfortunately had his beautiful car damaged last fall at Road America. After he told me what happened to his car, I came up with the platitude **"well, at least you weren't hurt"**. Well, I have to imagine he was. I was not there, but I can imagine he felt terrible.

Ever since I bought my Spriterod, all I've done is whine about the thing. The thing is basically a piece of junk that I paid hardly anything for, compared to what **Jeff** (and the other racers in our club) has invested in his car. And I mean not only the money, but the **TIME** he's put into it! I know he loves to work on his car, but not so much a second time.

Another platitude..**"Well, at least he has the memories"**. Memories??? So I was imagining that I had a sweet race car. I'm on the track. Been on it a hundred times before, right? My car is running really nice. Then, **BOOM**, something happens, maybe get hit by another car; and now my very nice, beautiful race car is not beautiful anymore. That's misery. Being in the insurance business, the first thing I'm thinking as I twirl around in circles on the race track is "this isn't covered, is it"?

Well, it could have been worse". Platitudes or no platitudes, it doesn't fix bad things. That being said, I have added respect for the people that work and spend time on their cars. I'm talking about both the people that don't race, and the ones that do. I'm going to make a concerted effort this Spring to make my cars look the best they can.

On another note, a special thanks to **Scott McQueen** for hosting his Annual Tech Session again. He sure has some sweet cars, and the ones he had there this time were spotless. Another good example of how people in our club take pride in the cars they own and spend endless hours taking care of them. For those of you that went, I hope you took the time to peruse his large collection of photos and model cars. He's got that place decorated to the hilt. It's his own automotorplex/man-cave rolled into one. This time when I was there, I noticed even the ceiling in the garage part was paneled and stained.

Steve Rixen did another excellent job with the tech session on "electronics". He popped up with a couple of platitudes. The first one was about crossing wires in our cars...**"where there's smoke there's fire"**, and told the story of how a wire in my BJS shorted out. Even though I took and got an "A" in my Junior High Electricity Class, he was wrong in saying **"It's not rocket science"**. I, however, think it comes close. All in all, he did do an excellent job explaining things.

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Very Presidential Column continued

One last thing. **Mary and I** stumbled across a show lately on Netflix and want to recommend it - **Jerry Seinfeld's "Comedians in Cars Having Coffee"**. I think it is **Season 1** and maybe the **3rd** episode, where he drives a "67 A/H 3000. It's fun to hear him describe the car and what fun it is to drive. All his shows only last 15-20 minutes and are a lot of fun to watch. They each involve a different car (from the Healey to a TR3 to a Saab, and even a beautiful Buick Riviera) that he drives. He then picks up a comedian, and they go have coffee and joke all the way.

I also happened to be watching a "**Wheeler Dealer**" episode where they buy and redo a '65 3000. They paid \$37,000, and put in about \$15,000 of parts, plus labor of untold hours, and sold it at auction for over \$70,000. Talking to all the motorheads in our club at **Scott McQueen's** tech session and watching these shows sure pumps you up for a spring-time ride in the Healey.

Should be just around the corner...right?!!!!

Take care, and keep those engines revving. Dave



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Kim Rixen

Twenty-two people came out for the March PIE gathering, Saturday, March 3, at Joseph's Restaurant. The morning started with some acknowledgements.

Hats off the Suzanne Willodson for hosting a successful Second Harvest volunteer event last month. Fourteen MAHC members spent the morning breaking large sacks of rice into one-pound bags, having fun while helping others. In addition, the club made a donation that will provide 1,500 meals.

Thanks to Gary and Barb Ronning for the awesome job they do managing the newsletter every month.

One MAHC member, Gary Oster, drove all the way from Stillwater to tour Warren Herreid's monster man cave (garage). The tour was sponsored by Mount Olivet Church.

Suzanne and Greg Willodson, who manage the club's website, mentioned that some current and past club officers have been getting phishing emails. If you get one, DO NOT REPLY or open any attachments.

Upcoming events discussed included:

- Scott McQueen's Tech Session March 10. Steve Rixen from Strictly British will talk about the electrical system and other topics.
- Greg and Nancy Lauser are hosting a Chili Feed March 24. On the agenda: recruiting volunteers for the 2019 Conclave in the Black Hills.
- Dave Herreid reminded club members to save the morning of May 5 for the semi-annual Adopt a Highway clean-up.
- The Intermarque Spring Kick-off will happen May 12 in Osseo. The club will donate \$100 toward the event. Intermarque Rep Suzanne Willodson said volunteers will be needed for set-up, registration, and tear down.

Clarence Westberg noted that the Intermarque Rally that will take place in conjunction with the Kick-off. Each sponsoring club will get two free entries. The club with the best times will get a prize -- it may become a traveling trophy.

Tom Politiski brought his bronze bust of Donald Healey. It was made by sculptor Paul Nesse. Tom proposed bringing it to Conclave 2019 and letting people take their picture with it in exchange for a donation to the Donald Healey scholarship fund. This will be discussed further.

The next PIE will take place Saturday, April 7. PIE will go back to the first Wednesday of the month after that (with the exception of the December combined Planning Breakfast/PIE gathering).

In attendance: Dave Hatzung, Tom and June Moerke, Dick Leighninger, Gary Wetzal, Kim and Steve Rixen, Dave Herreid, Nancy and Greg Lauser, Barb and Gary Ronning, Tom Politiski, Scott McQueen, Rich and Liz Stadther, Tom Hazen, Suzanne and Greg Willodson, Clarence and Kate Westberg, and Ron Corozzo.

Mc Queen's Spring Break Tech Session

By Eileen Wetzel

Saturday, March 10th, a large group gathered at Scott McQueen's man cave in SE Minneapolis. There was much drooling over Scott's cars and donuts. Steve Rixen then gave us all a crash course on troubleshooting electrical problems in an Austin Healey.

Define, analyze, and solution were the three basic principles to one of Steve's first "slides" of his power point presentation. This was good stuff– I could apply that to troubleshooting any of life's problems. Steve then proceeded with the basics of a complete circuit and all that it entails in an Austin Healey. He made a point to emphasize the importance of using color coded wires. Don't skimp out on a proper wiring harness and make your own from the "reel deal" from Harbor Freight. That will only lead to endless headaches! Steve's knowledge sharing was extensive. He also demonstrated various tools that can be invaluable to carry for analysis while troubleshooting and explained the importance of dielectric grease.

I have often pondered what I would do if I were alone on a drive and had electrical problems. It seems so daunting. I have been present for electrical problems in each of our three Healeys, and I am happy to be married to a genius that can troubleshoot and figure these things out! I think just for insurance I will keep Steve's number on speed dial.

Mc Queen Tech Session attendees:

Phil See, Spencer Angel, Jeff Lumbard, Rod Richert, Andy Frye, Ron Corazzo, Steve Hagen, John Snyder, Greg Willodson, Andy Lindberg, Chuck Norton, John Hatzung, Rich Stadther, Dave Hatzung, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Greg Lauser, Dick Leighninger, Dave Herried, and Scott McQueen.



Mc Queen's Spring Break Tech Session



Scott the Host, welcoming...

Steve the Instructor,
lecturing...



These guys must have
passed the Test....

Conclave 2019 Chili Feed

Editor

On Saturday March 24th members of the MAHC gathered at Greg and Nancy Lauser's home for lunching and for planning of the 2019 National AHCA Conclave. As you probably know, the Minnesota chapter of the AHCA has offered to host the 2019 Conclave. Deadwood, South Dakota will be the headquarters, and activities will be held there as well as in the surrounding areas. There will be need for planning and volunteering by the MAHC to host this large and important event. Our club did host the 2001 Conclave in Grand Rapids, MN.

On Saturday, the Lausers were well prepared with refreshments and snacks. Then we had a choice (or all) of four different Chilis – with salad – that the Lausers had prepared. All were delicious, and people enjoyed lunch and conversation together. Then we adjourned to the lower level to discuss and plan.

Greg and Nancy, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, and Fred and Sandie Ambli had visited the Deadwood area last year. There was a visual presentation with beautiful scenery from the area. The theme for the Conclave will be for people to be out driving their cars to enjoy the many scenic spots in and around Deadwood. There certainly are many including Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, and more.

Proposed Registration Forms and lists of volunteering opportunities were shown. This is a major undertaking, so many MAHC members will be needed. This was a kick-off event to supply information and encourage people to get involved. Many thanks go to Greg and Nancy for hosting and to Gary and Eileen for their research.



Conclave 2019 Chili Feed



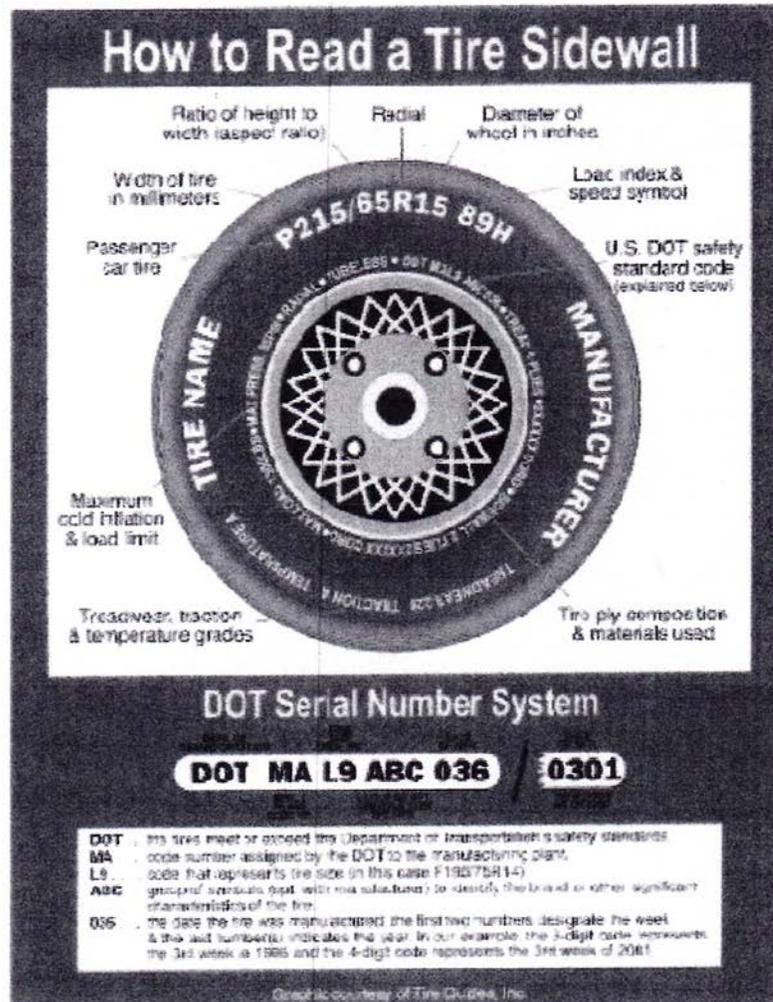
**Lots of information, discussion,
and volunteering !**

Tire Basics for Austin Healey Owners

Continued from the March issue...

By Magnus Magnusson

6. What are the markings on the sidewall?



7. What pressure should I have in my tires?

- Never refer to the tire sidewall - that is the maximum pressure limit.
- Most vehicles have the tire pressure recommendation on a sticker in the door jamb, trunk compartment or fuel door.
- Most vehicles have the tire pressure recommendation in the owner's manual.

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Tire Basics for Austin Healey Owners

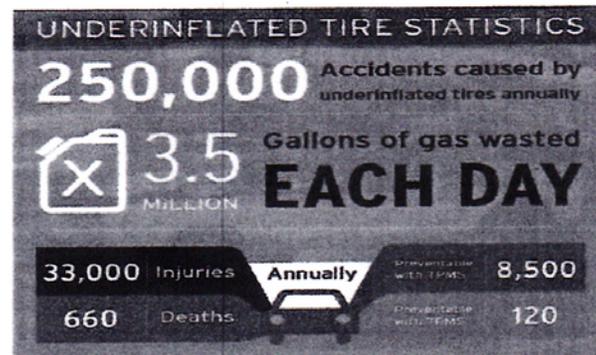
Continued from the March issue...

By Magnus Magnusson

TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION		RENSEIGNEMENTS SUR LES PNEUS ET LE CHARGEMENT	
SEATING CAPACITY TOTAL 5		FRONT 2	REAR 3
NOMBRE DE PLACES TOTAL 5		AVANT 2	ARRIERE 3
The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed 500 kg or 1102 lb. Le poids total des occupants et du chargement ne doit jamais dépasser 500 kg ou 1102 lb.			
TIRE PNEU	SIZE DIMENSIONS	COLD TIRE PRESSURE PRESSION DES PNEUS A FROID	
FRONT AVANT	225/45 R17 94H	280 KPA, 41 PSI	
REAR ARRIERE	225/45 R17 94H	260 KPA, 38 PSI	
SPARE DE SECOURS	T125/70 R18	420 KPA, 61 PSI	

SEE OWNER'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
VOIR LE MANUEL DU PROPRIETAIRE POUR PLUS DE RENSEIGNEMENTS

8. What about nitrogen filled tires?
- Normal "air " is 79% nitrogen already.
 - Nitrogen molecules are larger and less likely to leak through the inner liner.
 - Nitrogen filled tires tend not to increase internal pressure when they heat up.
9. Importance of pressure maintenance.



- Replacement of valve stems or grommet and nut and valve core (TPMS) with new tire installation.
 - Use good quality metal valve caps with rubber seal.
 - Check tire pressure monthly when tires are "cold".
 - Normal air loss is about 1 psi per month.
10. Tire balance.
- Tires should be balanced when they are replaced on the vehicle, or if the tire was demounted to perform a repair or if a wheel weight is dislodged.
 - Dynamic computer spin balance (not bubble balance) is best.
 - There is no prescribed periodicity for balance.

*Adopt-a-Highway Pick-up
~The Spring Fling Edition~*

Come see and collect the treasures that winter has bestowed on our little section of highway heaven this year!

*We will meet on Saturday May5,
9 a.m. @
Veterans Highway Roadside Park
U.S. Hwy 61*

(from there we will go to north to our highway section)

- *Gloves, and vests will be provided*
- *Lunch at will be provided by MAHC*

*Questions? Contact Dave Herreid @ 651-334-3879 or email:
david.herreid@gmail.com*

MAHC Notes Corner:

We now have a dedicated PayPal account for the MAHC ! Registration for events such as Amery and Waumandee, purchasing MAHC apparel, even dues, may now be paid through this PayPal account - healeymn2018@gmail.com

At this time, the Board has decided that we will not be charging a service fee for the convenience of PayPal, however that will be reviewed after we have tried it for a while.

Questions? Contact a Board member.

*Watch for the new Members Manual
coming to you soon via postal mail !*

**DOWNTOWN
OSSEO, MN**

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**10AM-3PM
RAIN OR SHINE**

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26TH ANNUAL VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR SHOW

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**MAY 12
2018**



AWARD PRESENTATION AT 1PM*
CRAFT SHOW
+ AFTERNOON RALLY
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Mercedes-Benz Club of America-MN MB Section • Metropolitans from MN
MN United Minis (MUM) • MN MG Group • MN MG T Register • MN Triumphs
Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) • North Coast Borgward Club

This is a FREE* event open to 1998 OR OLDER, FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles, scooters, and racers. FIRST COME FIRST PARKED. Placement starts at 9 am. Parking staff will be on hand to direct arrivals. Groups wishing to park together MUST ARRIVE EN-MASSE.
*Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Visit InterMarque.org for a map + updates.

*Girl Scouts Traveling Europe (GSTE) will be handling the voting to help raise funds for their trip to Europe.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
THE CITY OF OSSEO!**

Events Schedule

- April 7** **PIE Meeting** - (Sat) Club meeting at 8:30 a.m. See page 2.
- May 2** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- May 5** **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 by Dave Herreid.
- May 12** **InterMarque Spring Kick-Off** – (Sat) The InterMarque Council will again sponsor this well attended event in downtown Osseo, MN.
- May 18-20** **Vintage GT Challenge** – (Fri - Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring Vintage races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 24-27** **Rally in the Valley** – (Thurs – Sun) Diane & Steve Rindt will be putting on their popular road rally once again this year. Sure to be a fun weekend.
- June 2** **Greenway Retirement Party** - (Sat) Join Sue & Steve Greenway at their home in Cumberland, WI to help them celebrate their retirements !
- June 6** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- June 7-10** **Rendezvous 2018** – (Thur-Sun) The location this year is in Thunder Bay, Ontario. It's always a beautiful trip up the North Shore to meet old friends.
- June 22-24** **Back to the 50's Car Show** – (Fri-Sun) This huge annual show will be at the MN State Fairgrounds again – 10,000 cars...or more??
- June 24** **InterMarque Picnic** – (Sun) The first monthly InterMarque picnic of the season, and the MAHC will be the sponsoring club ! Join your fellow British enthusiasts for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul.
- June 30** **Amery Competition Run** – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Greg Willodson at the Amery WI airport.

InterMarque Breakfasts

Elsie's Restaurant, Bar and Bowling Center is the breakfast destination every Saturday at 8:00 AM. The second Saturday of the month is Ladies' Day, though of course, they are welcome every week.

Location: 729 Marshall St. N.E.
Minneapolis.

Map at <http://elsies.com>.

InterMarque Newsletter

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

InterMarque.org



Events Schedule

- July 11** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2 for details.
- July 15–19** **AHCA Conclave** – (Sun-Fri) This huge annual event will be held in French Lick, Indiana this year. Lots of cars, lots of people, lots of Healey talk ! Reserve early.
- July 19–22** **Races at RoadAmerica.** (Thur-Sun) This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- July 29** **Mexican Fiesta Party** – (Sun) Mike & Gloria Lynch will again host their annual Fiesta !
- July 29** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- August 1** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- August 4** **Herreid Pizza Party** – (Sat) Dave & Daphne's home on the river near Afton will again be the place for wood-roasted Pizza!
- August 11** **The "New" Brit Fest** – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- August 18** **Royal British Car Show** – (Sat) At the Jaguar dealership in Minnetonka, MN.
- August 25** **Amery Airport Run** – (Sat) Greg Willodson will hold a second run at Amery, WI.
- August 26** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Sept. 5** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Sept. 8** **Wheels n Wings** – (Sat) Osceola, WI. Car and Air Show.
- Sept 9** **Huston-Soderbeck Outing** – (Sun) join Jan & Wayne for a fun back-woods party!
- Sept. 14-16** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - (Fri-Sun) Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Watch our members racing !
- Sept. 21-23** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. Not to miss !
- Sept. 30** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Oct. 3** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 6** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Dave Herreid.
- Oct 13** **MG Fall Tour** – (Sat) Enjoy the colors of Fall on the WI roads with the MG friends.
- Oct. 20** **Mathews Model Train Event** – (Sat) Come and watch what Dick has accomplished in the past year ! Multiple trains, beautiful buildings, & bridges.
- Nov. 7** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 17** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual dinner, election of officers, and business meeting will occur on this evening at Joseph's Grill.
- Dec. 1** **PIE/Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2019 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Kim Rixen at Joseph's Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

Please note that the 2018 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete. Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.



MARKETPLACE

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For Sale: 1 set of vents - Steel - front wings with flanges
\$250.00/pair --- (Moss price \$439.00/pair)

1 set of 4 – Octagonal Safety Knock-offs. (2/L & 2/R)
Includes removal Tool - for BJ8
\$100.00 for all.

1 New Everflex Black Top – For BJ7 or BJ8
Window does not zip out.
\$100.00 – (a steal !)

2.6 Liter Engine - Nice for rebuilding. The hot price of \$1900.00

2.6 Liter Engine - Stuck and for sale at a hot price of \$750.00

Contact Fred Ambli – email to: fred@liftpro.com (2/18)

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See website below for details. (2/18)

<https://www.hemmings.com/parts/item/Body--Exterior/all/Austin-Healey-3000-Parts-45-year-Accumulation/14182.html>