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# AUGUST EVENTS WED. AUG. 3 PIE MEETING SUN. AUG. 7 STINE/LAUSER TOUR & PICNIC SAT. AUG. 13 BRIT FEST SUN. AUG. 14 PROGRESSIVE DINNER SUN. AUG. 21 HUDSON RALLY/MOERKE PICNIC SAT. AUG. 27 AMERY COMPETITION RUN SUN. AUG. 28 CHEROKEE PARK PICNIC

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## PIE

## (PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING)

Date: Wednesday August 3rd Time: 7:00 p.m. (or before)

**Place: Fort Snelling Officers Club** 

This location is on Hwy. 5 (east of I-494) on the southeast side of the Mpls./St. Paul Intl. Airport. Exit at the Post Road ramp, turn south (east) towards the river and proceed on to the road heading for the park, take the first left and wind around to the Officers Club building.

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

## **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!

Location: The Square Peg Diner

2021 East Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55414



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# Presidential Ponderings

### By EILEEN WETZEL

"Come for the cars, stay for the people". That phrase was never so true as the week in Colorado Springs at Conclave. Hosted by the national AHCA with the help of local clubs, it was well orchestrated with non-stop action. Including all the events with the back drop of Pike's Peak and the surrounding mountains, it was impossible not to thoroughly enjoy driving your Healey.

This was Gary's and my second Conclave, and it was fun to get reacquainted with people we met last year. I could see that a lot of people were relishing in the friendships that have been forged at Conclaves over many years. It was not possible to leave without meeting someone who touched your heart.

Some of the following highlights for me are the following:

- -Working registration for just one hour I met lots of people from all over-including one man from Australia. I asked him cheekily if he had brought a Healey. He said "no, but I have bought two while in the states and have shipped them home." Way cool!
- -Dining out for "tapas" with Mike and Gloria Lynch. It was a great food experience along with great company. Thanks to you, Mike and Gloria!
- -Car shows especially at the Air Force Academy, followed by the most spectacular fireworks display I have ever seen. I got such a kick out of helping interested kids and teenagers in and out of our car (I should say Gary's car, but he didn't seem to mind).
- -Race day need I say more? Yes, I must. No DNF, STD for me on that day! Woo hoo! Thanks go to my pit crew husband, Gary; my teacher, mentor Steve Rixen; and the MAHC gallery! Thanks to the Ohio AHC for a well timed event and to Steve Rixen for keeping us all in the shade!
- -Dinner with the family the MAHC in Steve & Kim's back yard Thank you !!
- -Beautiful drives Royal Gorge, Cripple Creek, Pike's Peak, Garden of the Gods and for Golden Eagles screaming over our heads. Thank you, Greg Lauser!
- -Valve cover races were so much fun. Susan Joppa, my racing idol, coached me to kiss my valve cover for good luck, which resulted in winning two heats and causing Udo Putske to squirm in bewilderment.
- -Our trip home We went out of the way to spend a day in the Black Hills. A perfect day, perfect in a Healey, with breathtaking beauty.

Conclave in Louisville next year promises to be a wonderful venue. The Louisville members, along with their twenty five year old president, are energetic, kind, and fun. It is sure to be another memorable experience.

What is in the planning future for the MAHC? 2013 Rendezvous-time to put our thinking caps back on!! Don't forget to check the calendar and RSVP to upcoming events.

See you at PIE! Happy Healeying!!



## THE PRESIDENTS INFORMAL EVENING

By Geoff Rossi

July 13, 2011

Fort Snelling Officers' Club

19:10 Meeting convened by Madame President.

First portion of the meeting was spent discussing upcoming events and dates. In particular, the 2012 Louisville Conclave was briefly mentioned. Drive-In Movie Night is July 22 at Cottage Grove's Cottage View Theater; and it is suggested that you arrive at 6:30, if you want to park with the group (not next to a pick-up with a load of kids). Reservations are needed for the Lynch Mexican Fiesta by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Next, Aug 7th presents the Annual Stine/Lauser Picnic and Betty challenged everyone to attend. The Amery Speed Challenge on August 27 (28<sup>th</sup> in case of rain) has a need for volunteers (contact Tom Hazen). It is sold out, but there are open slots for anyone driving a vintage Healey. Also brought forward was the Progressive Dinner Drive of August 14. An RSVP by August 7<sup>th</sup> is required to Jean & Chuck Norton. It is strongly advised to bring folding chairs, as no host will have two-dozen lawn chairs. Steve Rixen added a final note concerning the Chicago area Healey club sponsoring a track event at Blackhawk Farms on Aug 5. Last year it was \$110 for four-and-a-half hours of track time. There was then a brief review of Rendezvous 2011 in Fargo.

The second portion of the meeting consisted of a critique of the just concluded Colorado Conclave. There were 12 members who made the trek: Greg Lauser (drove his Healey), Gloria & Mike Lynch, Dick Mathews, June & Tom Moerke, Kim & Steve Rixen (drove the Healey), Barb & Gary Ronning and Eileen & Gary Wetzel. Three 1<sup>st</sup> place Gymkhana driving event trophies travel back to Minnesota. Eileen placed 1<sup>st</sup> in her class in the Women's Gymkhana. Kim Rixen also took 1<sup>st</sup> in her class, and Steve captured 1<sup>st</sup> in his class. He also had the 3<sup>rd</sup> best overall time. Mechanical problems on two runs handicapped Steve, but he came through on his final run. June added that Eileen's time was faster than 85% of the men.

The meeting was adjourned for some casual conversation.

Attendees: Curt Carlson, Rich & Liz Stadther, Tom & June Moerke, Jack Stein, Jim Manion, Betty & Carl Stine, Jim Kriz, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Tom Politiski, Andy Lindberg, Scott McQueen, Kim & Steve Rixen, Tom Hazen, Dave Herreid, and Geoff Rossi.





Eileen likes Cozy Cars too!



## INAUGURAL INTERMARQUE PICNIC June 26

By Geoff Rossi

Some say the Brits and the French have an animosity towards each other. Had you been at Cherokee Park in Saint Paul on Sunday, you would have found Healeys and Triumphs right alongside an abundance of Citroens. With the weather perfect for a picnic – clouds holding the sun at bay – three dozen or so people participated in the First Intermarque Picnic of 2011.

There were two tables covered with an assortment of goodies. Everyone brought something to share; and after eating, June Moerke (Taskmaster of the Day) directed a regiment of challenges. There were two teams chosen by designated captains. Those would be Team A and Team B. Team B won the "three-legged-tied-together" race and the "run-while-shouting-car-names" race. Team B evened the competition with a 7–5 score at the Ladder Toss (we didn't actually toss ladders). Unexpectedly, a live band was playing at a nearby family reunion; so we had some Johnny Cash, Eagles, Elvis and more, all afternoon!

This picnic is a monthly summer event. Plan to bring your French, your British, or your other car to Cherokee Park on the last Sunday of each month. It's fun!

# InterMarque Movie Night By Steve Rixen

The IMM movie night was attended by 2 Healeys and 6 members. Organizer Andy and Linda Lindberg-Larson, Eileen and Gary Wetzel, and Kim and I.

There were 3 MGs and 5 Triumphs there as well. Andy and Linda came in their Miata.

Andy brought Candyland Popcorn, and Doug Burch's (TR) wife brought brownies.

The movie was the Harry Potter Deathly Hallows part 2 and was engaging. This was my second HP movie as I had seen the first on a flight to Japan years ago. The Zoo Keeper was the late show; but most of us left, as it was then 11:30 PM.



























## 2011 Conclave notes...

### By Editor

This was the first time that the AHCA Conclave was put on by the National officers and staff. They did a super job! It was a nice two day drive through South Dakota, dropping down into Nebraska, and then entering Colorado. The Crowne Plaza Hotel was a large beautiful facility where we gathered. Colorado Springs is a big city, but we could see the mountains standing nearby.



Monday was the Fourth of July, and it was a busy one. The car show was set up at Old Colorado City in a park area. After walking through the show and doing your voting, you could wander down the quaint old main street. Then it was off to the Air Force Academy. Another line-up was in the athletic stadium parking lot with many food vendors and the public gazing at the cars. Towards evening, there was music being played inside the stadium followed by a spectacular fireworks display after dark.

Tuesday was Gymkhana and Funkhana day. The Wetzels and the Rixens represented our club in fine fashion! In the afternoon, there was a Ladies Tea for the women. The Rixens rented a private home for their vacation week, and the Minnesota group gathered there Tuesday evening. Great food was cooked up, and we had a pleasant time relaxing in their back yard.

Wednesday was Rally Day. We got our directions and took off into the back country. The Garden of the Gods outstanding! In and around, up and down, answering questions along the route, all made it a fun time. That evening, we drove to the Flying W Ranch for "grub" and western music. Yahoo!!

Thursday there was an Air Force Academy Tour and a special "Fuel Economy Run". In the evening, the Awards Banquet took place. A wonderful Conclave – lots of fun and scenery!

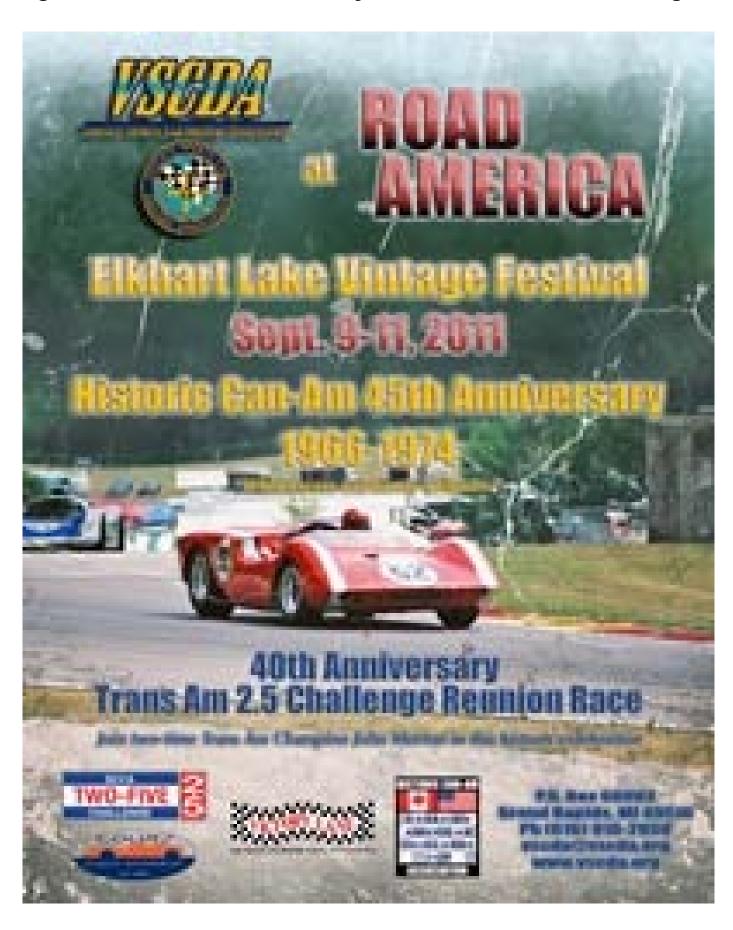
## 2011 Conclave notes ...

#### By June Moerke

We had a very nice time at Colorado Springs. I enjoyed the quaint cities of Manitou Springs and Old Colorado City. Garden of the Gods was breathtaking. We had seen it before, about 14 years ago, but it still took my breath away with awe.

Although I often balk at going to museums, it was the perfect way to spend the last day at Conclave. We went to the Colorado Pioneer Museum located in the historic old Colorado Springs Court House. I read about early settlers and the native peoples of the area. Later Tom went to the Money Museum, and I went to the Fine Arts Museum and Exhibit.

We left Colorado with more than we came with; as I visited two "used stuff" stores, and we brought home gifts and souvenirs.



## Get Your RSVPs in for Pierce County Parade, Stein Ranch Roundup Set for Sunday, Aug. 7

The Seventh Annual Pierce County Parade & Picnic hosted and catered by Betty & Carl Stine and Nancy & Greg Lauser is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 7 at the Stine Ranch in Beldenville, Wis. The day's festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the driving tour parading through Pierce County. The picnic starts at 2:30 p.m. Those who want to make the drive should meet at Pt. Douglas Park on the shore of Lake St. Croix – just before you cross the U.S. Hwy. 10 bridge into Prescott between 1-1:30 p.m.

At \$15 per person you get a catered picnic at the beautiful Stine Ranch and a 60-minute tour of scenic Pierce County back roads around Prescott, Oak Grove, Trimbelle and Beldenville.

To be sure there are plenty of beef brisket and brats for everyone attending, reservations are required. If anyone leaves Betty's house hungry it's their own fault. Make your reservations by e-mail at <a href="mailto:glauser@centurylink.net">glauser@centurylink.net</a>, or call Greg & Nancy at 715-262-9813 no later than 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3. If you're planning to skip the driving tour, Greg can provide directions directly to the Stine Ranch. See you in Wisconsin!



# PROGRESSIVE DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>

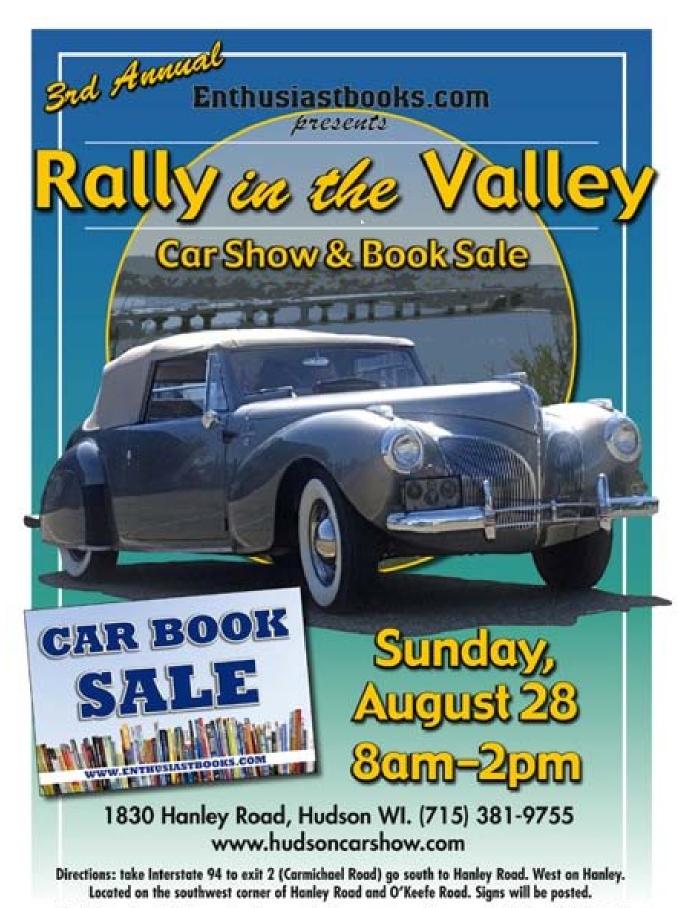
Meet at Curt & Teresa's home in Shoreview at 2:00 pm 296 Oakwood Drive, Shoreview, MN 55126

- Appetizers Curt & Teresa's 2:00- 3:15pm
- Drive
- Main Course Rixens 4:00 5:30pm
- Drive
- Desserts Nortons 6:15 7:30pm

RSVP - by August 7th to Chuck and Jean Norton at 651-483-0836 or ah59carm@aol.com

COST - \$10.00 / person, payable at event.





All vehicles welcome, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, buses, tractors and fire apparatus. If it has wheels, bring it!

No entry fee. Awards for the top 15 vehicles. Free dash plaques for the first 150 entries. Rain or shine.

The

course is run entirely on pavement. Drivers will run in the order their

paid registrations

are received. We

everyone five runs,

more if time permits.

will try to give

AMERY AIRPORT AUTOCROSS
AND STRAIGHT-AWAY SPEED RUN IX

Saturday, August 27, 2011 (rain date Sunday, Aug 28)

Registration opens at 8:00am, closes at 9:00am MANDATORY DRIVERS MEETING 9:00am



Turn quickly through the orange cones of the autocross, then straighten 'er out for the 1/2 mile taxiway top speed run. Our state-of-the-art stopwatch/thumb system will measure your time on the course, and a radar gun will capture your top speed on the straight-away.

Drivers must be 18+, sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (Bring a Snell 90 or newer - we'll have some loaners)



CORNER WORKERS NEEDED! Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats and lunch provided to all-day volunteers, so call Tom now to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Directions: The simple route is 94 East into Wisconsin, take the Baldwin Hwy 63 exit, turn left heading north on Hwy 63 which eventually becomes Hwy 46. For a more scenic drive, from the northeast corner of 694, take Hwy 36 East into downtown Stillwater, turn right and take the old drawbridge over the St. Croix into Wisconsin, following Hwy 64 East. Stay on 64 past Somerset and through New Richmond, then turn left onto Hwy 46 North. The airport is on your left before you get to Amery. Mapquest or GPS: 531 State Hwy 46, Amery, WI.









Despite all precautions taken, this event remains dangerous and may result in property damage, serious injury, or death. Drivers, spectators, and workers enter at their own risk.

Advance registration (deadline Aug 24 or sell out) \$30 per driver. \$15 for Austin-Healey Club members. Make check payable to the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Mtka Mills Rd, Mtka, MN 55305. Or pay via PayPal adding \$1 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry, no refunds. Day of event payment will be \$10 more.

Driver:

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Year, make, model, color, requested car number:

Email and phone:

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## A Dan..dy Idea!

by Dan Powell

I've been rummaging around my garage workshop and realized that I have some tools and equipment that I use occasionally, but that others in the club might not know about or feel comfortable asking to use/borrow. I was thinking that a section at the end of the newsletter similar to the want ads could be developed to list tools, special skills, etc, that club members would be willing to share with others. I'm sure that other club members would also have specialized Healey tools or equipment that others could find helpful. All that would be required would be a list of items and a contact name & number... just like the regular want ads.

Examples that I have include: engine hoist (very experienced at removing big Healey engine/tranny units), a bead blaster, a MIG welder, front & rear hub nut sockets, a socket for the cam nut, a "tranny tester" that can be hooked up to a ½" drill to bench test a tranny, a double-flaring tool for brake lines, and an engine stand that bolts to the motor mount holes rather than the end of the block.

Let us know if you like the idea and have tools / info to share!





## **Events Schedule**

August 3 ** August 7 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.  Stine / Lauser Annual Tour/Country Picnic - (Sun) Take a short Tour and then
August 13	gather at the Stine Farm for their annual Luncheon on the Lawn. See page 10. <b>Brit Fest</b> – (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 14**	Progressive Dinner – (Sun) At Carlson's, Rixen's and Norton's. See page 11.
August 21	<b>Hudson Rally</b> – (Sun) An intermarque car show and book sale will occur in Hudson. Afterwards we can gather at Moerke's nearby home for a picnic. Brats, beans, potato salad, and soft drinks will be furnished. See page 12.
August 27	<b>Amery Competition Run</b> – (Sat) Tom Hazen will hold a second run of the summer at the Amery, WI Airport. See page 13.
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. 25 **	<b>City Lakes Parkway Tour</b> – (Sun) Enjoy a sunny Saturday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis. Arrangements by Jim Kriz and friends! 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**	<b>Adopt a Highway Clean-up</b> - (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 **	<b>Fall Color Tour</b> - (Sun) A Fall drive to Murphy's Landing is being considered. Further checking and arrangements are being done.
Oct. 15	<b>Couples Friendly Tour –</b> (Sat) 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	<b>Charity Event</b> – (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 **	<b>Annual Business Meeting Party</b> – (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 **	<b>Planning Breakfast</b> – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2012 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Geoff Rossi will select the site. BOD Meeting will be held afterwards.
Dec. 7**	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Dec. 17**	<b>Video/Testimonials Contest</b> – (Sat) This will be an interesting new event to be held at Dick & Karla Mathews' beautiful home. Don't want to miss this!
	** - Denotes an MAHC club activity

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Marketplace policy: All ads are free to current members. For non-members, the charge is \$5.00 per month. Ads will be run for three months after which time the advertiser needs to submit new ad copy. Please inform the editor if your item or items have been sold during the three month period so the ad can be removed.

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- **FOR SALE -** A-H BJ8 Overdrive unit. Assembly is complete, but has not been tested. Call Roger Strauman at 612-720-1776 or email to <a href="mailto:rstrauman@netscape.net">rstrauman@netscape.net</a> . (5/11)
- FOR SALE 1969 Merlyn 11A Formula Ford Vintage Racecar. Call Rich Stadther at 651-698-1981 (6/11)
- **FOR SALE -** 1950 Studebaker Champ 2 door. Fresh motor. From Wyoming. Call Ed Raschke at 612-331-0082 (6/11)
- FOR SALE Four used original A-H wire wheels. These are from a 1967 3000 Mark III and are 15" wheels undamaged. Currently with Michelin 165 HR 15 XAS tires, but this rubber is old. Contact Valdi Stefanson @ 651 462 4497. Stacy, MN (6/11)
- FOR SALE 1975 Triumph TR6 convertible. White with lite blue interior and black top. 54,000 miles. In good condition, with substantial parts replacement over last 10 years. \$8,500. Call Jim Klein at 763-559-1607 or email: <a href="mailto:abmake@citilink.com">abmake@citilink.com</a> (7/11)
- FOR SALE New -AH Spares steel right front fender Qty 1. BN4-BJ8 -- \$ 800 New -AH Spares steel right rear fender Qty 1. BN4-BJ8 -- \$ 750 Smoothline Composite Body Panels New still in the box, never mounted Qty 1 each. Right front, Left front, Right rear, Left rear fenders for BN4-BJ8. List is \$ 475. each. Selling for \$ 300. each. Call Jeff Lumbard at 952-469-6681.