

# The Healey Enthusiast

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The New BT7, Jeff, Betsy, and the Elkhart Award!!

# **AUGUST EVENTS**

Wed.	Aug. 7	PIE Meeting
Sat.	Aug. 10	Brit Fest
Sat.	Aug. 17	Royal British Car Show
Sat.	Aug. 24	Amery Airport Run
Sun.	Aug. 25	InterMarque Picnic

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#### PIE

#### (President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday Aug. 7th

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!

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



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# The Presidential Corner

#### By Suzanne Willodson

We were at a wedding in Warroad Minnesota, a small town in Northern Minnesota just a few miles from Canada. It was a perfect weekend and we were going through Healey withdrawals, with no relief possible as we were almost 400 miles away from home. Before we were to leave town, our friend the groom told us to swing by "The Shed." The instructions were that if there was a car or two parked outside, they were open for tours.

The Shed is a large outbuilding with a welcoming front entrance right on the main drag of this town of 1500 people. Inside there are about 90 immaculate classic and vintage American cars. At the very back of the building was a 1963 Cobra, which I took a liking to right immediately. It didn't take long to find the owner of The Shed, Bob Marvin, and strike up a conversation. He encouraged me to jump into the Cobra and he'd take a photo. I was sure he didn't really mean for me to sit in his million dollar car (I think more like \$1.2 million), but he assured me that I was welcome to do so.

I searched online for some other photos and information on The Shed and was shocked to discover that other people had been permitted to sit in the Cobra to have their photo taken. None of them, however, had posted their photo taken with Bob Marvin AND the Cobra. Here we are:



Mr. Marvin never mentioned that he was also the *Mayor* of Warroad. It's a perfect match, of course – Mr. Marvin and his Shed are true gems in the middle of the wilderness, something you'd never expect to find. We were so glad to have had our fix of remarkable cars that afternoon, even if there wasn't a Healey in the fleet!



Photo courtesy of The Shed



# The Presidents Informal Evening

By Greg Willodson

July 10, 2013

President Suzanne Willodson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

#### Recap of recent events

#### June 28 - Conclave

• Eileen & Gary Wetzel, and Mike Lynch represented the Minnesota Austin Healey Club at Conclave, which was held in Charlevoix, Quebec. That location is about 1470 miles from Minneapolis, which is a long trip in any vehicle, never mind a Healey. Eileen said they spent 6 ½ days travelling to and from the event. Mike Lynch knew of a few scenic "Healey roads" along the way, which helped make the trip seem a little bit shorter.

#### June 29 – Amery Autocross

• Tom Hazen talked about the latest Amery autocross. As usual, the event sold out. The weather started out pretty rough in the early morning; but the rain stopped, and it turned into a really nice day. The biggest mishap of the day was that the local Girl Scouts were not available to provide food and beverages because of a softball tournament. Tom had to scramble to find another source to provide lunch. Formalized food service procurement contracts are rumored to be in draft phase for the next Amery event - to be held on August 24th.

#### July 6 - Blast from the Past Car Show in Chetek, WI

• Tom & June Moerke attended this car show. There were about 20 classifications, with 1 of them being for "Imports". Approximately 10 British cars were at the show.

#### **Upcoming events**

#### July 14 - Coulee Classic Rally

 This is an Alfa Club Event, led by Ed Solstad. Ed knows the Wisconsin back country as well as anyone, and leads the group from Village Park in Maiden Rock, WI, through the stunningly beautiful hills and valleys of western Wisconsin. Meet at Village Park at 10am.

#### July 18 – 21 – RoadAmerica at Elkhart Lake, WI

 Jeff Lumbard and Dan Powell have been going since 1982, and started racing there a couple of years later. Jeff said that as many as 500 cars have shown up for this event.

#### July 21 - Progressive Dinner

• The Ronning's, Wetzel's, and Willodson's will be hosting. This event starts in Buffalo at the Ronning's for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, then back to Plymouth for the main course at Wetzel's, and finishing up with dessert at the Willodson's, also in Plymouth.

#### July 26 - Track Education Day at BlackHawk Farms

• Sponsored by Chicago area Midwest Austin Healey Club for the last 4 years. Participants will receive lunch and 2 hours of track time for \$115. Instructors are available to ride along to help you navigate the course. No roll bar is required, and modern cars are acceptable. Drivers must be checked in by noon, driving starts at 12:30.

## The Presidents Informal Evening... continued

#### July 26 - Vali-Hi Drive-In Night

- Intermarque sponsored event
- Starts at 7:00 pm at Vali-Hi drive-in theater in Lake Elmo

#### July 27 - Woodland Hills Winery British Car Show

- Noon to 4pm
- Sponsored by The MinnesotaTriumph Club

#### July 28 - Mexican Fiesta

- Hosted by Mike & Gloria Lynch
- A perennial crowd favorite Lynch's will be opening their home in Chanhassen for this event.

#### July 28 - Intermarque Picnic at Cherokee Park

Starts at 1pm

#### Aug 10 – Britfest

- Starts at 9am on the waterfront in downtown Hudson
- Sponsored by Minnesota MG Group

#### Sept 6 -8 - Fall Vintage Festival at Elkhart WI.

• Jeff Lumbard says this is one of his favorite events. Close to 300 cars (and their owners) show up for this event, and there are usually quite a few Healeys.

#### Sept 20 – 22 – Waumandee Hillclimb

• Tom Hazen is still looking for more course workers, so please help out if you can. This was a great event last year, and promises to be even bigger and better this year. There is a fishing tournament the same weekend, so we'll have some competition for lodging. Book soon!

#### **Reports & Miscellaneous Highlights**

Treasurer's report – Jim Manion reported that, after some exciting moments in the world of high finance (due to Rendezvous), club finances have stabilized at a healthy level. We made a modest profit from Rendezvous, which is right where we'd want to be.

Gary Ronning reported that Mike Lynch received a Thank You card from the Grand Rapids Scout Troop. They evidently made about \$1000 at the Downtown Car Show which will help them out for an upcoming trip to Florida.

Tom Hazen's Sprite, after an 8 year dirt nap, is in Steve Rixen's shop. Hopefully it should be ready in time to compete at Waumandee!

June Moerke brought home made cherry pies to share with PIE attendees. They were wonderful!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 PM

#### In attendance:

Dick Mathews, Tom & June Moerke, Jim Manion, Greg & Suzanne Willodson (accompanied by guest Barbara Fischer), Andy Lindberg, Jim Kriz, Rich & Liz Stadther, Mike Martin, Jack Stein, Carl & Betty Stine, Jeff Lumbard, Dan Powell, Steve & Kim Rixen, Gary & Barb Ronning, , Greg & Nancy Lauser, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Tom Hazen



## **Fourth Annual Progressive Dinner**

By Greg Willodson

The fourth annual progressive dinner was held on Sunday, July 21.

The day started out with a drive through the countryside, to Barb and Gary Ronning's home in Buffalo. Our Healey had never been driven west to get to a Club event before, so it was a first for Suzanne and me. The Ronnings had a wide variety of drinks and some really terrific hors d'oeuvres that Barb had prepared.

Gary Wetzel led our caravan back to the city, taking a meandering route on roads that he knew from years ago, when he grew up in the area. At one point, I was concerned we were going to have to portage our cars, as high water in one of the lakes had flooded over the road. Watching oncoming cars, it appeared to be about 4 - 6 inches deep, which in a Healey, could quite literally be pushing it. But Gary had conducted a not very dry run earlier, and knew a shallower path through the puddle. Everyone stayed dry.

The next stop was at Wetzel's house, where we found Eileen Wetzel and Kim Rixen in the kitchen. Mike Lynch was busy at the grill preparing tenderloins to perfection. Eileen had it all well under control; but when you get a chance to have Mike Lynch do your grilling, you take advantage of it! The meal was terrific! I wish Suzanne and I didn't have to rush off before I could sneak back for a second helping.

Dessert was at our house. Suzanne made a couple of Key Lime Pies, which turned out to be very popular. There was an ample supply of our second favorite desert, a chocolate torte, which I'm actually still eating as the ink dries on this article.

Thank you to all of our hosts (and guests) for making it such an enjoyable day! Once again, Suzanne and I felt blessed that her Dad's old Healey brought us together with such a kind and fun group of friends!

Attendees: Dave & Cheryl Rademacher, Tom & June Moerke, Dick Mathews, Kim & Steve Rixen, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Mike & Gloria Lynch with their two guests, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Gary & Barb Ronning, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Wayne & Maria Buchholz, Jim & Patty Manion, Barb & Dale Martin, and Rose & Jim Klein.

# Fourth Annual Progressive Dinner continued











## **Elkhart RoadAmerica Weekend**

by Scott McQueen

Racers: Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lumbard, Dan Powell, Mike Manser, Rich Stadther. Spectators: Johnk, Powell, and Lumbard families, Scott McQueen, Steve Shogren.

Jeff debuted his BT7 Healey race car (Sebring competition inspired livery...white roof next season). Car ran well all weekend...happy driver all weekend!

Dan Powell and Jeff Lumbard exhibited their "new healeys" to much acclaim, and Mike Manser also exhibited (not a Healey, but still way cool).

All attended the Friday concours which was very popular. The town turned out for the event. Race cars on the road......what a sound!

Fourintune hospitality suite Friday night where Tom and Kaye Kovacs hosted MAHC friends. Saturday improved on the weather (less hot and humid).

20-28 cars per run group...fantastic! Johnk keeps chasing the little Porsches and keeps them honest. Manser almost collected in the afternoon session by a "wrong way" stalled racer on the racing line mid track just after turn 6.

Powell received award from the concours....he calls it "miss congeniality" surprise, in typical humble deadpan.....well deserved.

Saturday - racers went to Schwartz's Supper Club (as usual). I went to the street car concours in downtown Elkhart Lake (first time...worth it). Lots of Jags, 4-5 at the show....couple of Healeys, and a super nice GT6 and two nice TR3's

Sunday more racing and the surprise award for Jeff Lumbard at noon. The award brought a smile to all. Great to see a twinkle in Jeff's eye and a smiling Betsy....son Scott proud of his dad too. Brian Redmond handed over the hardware (glass plaque)....we all clapped wildly. A long well- deserved journey for Jeff. That car is really cool!!

Great cars, great race course, great weather, great friends, great event.... All MAHC members should attend the July event at least once! We are well represented by our club racers.

## Big Healey's score at RoadAmerica

**By Dan Powell** 

As usual, the Austin Healey marque was represented at the July vintage race at Road America by Jeff Johnk and Dan Powell. But this year, after a seven year restoration and recreation project, Jeff Lumbard made his big Healey racing debut in his absolutely stunning Healey blue BT7.

All three cars ran strong all weekend (except for my car which decided to have a flat battery just prior to the Sunday race). Jeff Johnk continued to race at the pointy end (fast end) of the grid, giving the Porsches headaches. Jeff Lumbard's times dropped every session (meaning his speed increased each session), indicating a well sorted car and a cautious driver wanting to be sure everything was bolted down and working properly.

Friday evening ended with the annual race car parade into downtown Elkhart Lake with the concour judging of race cars. After several years of entering, my car received one of three or four Reserve Awards in my class - which is sort of like being told you are "the best of the rest", but it felt like I had won the beauty contest.

Saturday evening ended in Elkhart Lake with the annual judging of street cars. A fresh restoration by Tom Kovacs of Fourintune won best in class... it was a beautiful light green over white Healey 100 that is now on its way to Boston.

Sunday featured a noon time concour award presentation by Road & Track magazine at the track, at which the Fourintune Healey 100 won best in show for street cars. The big surprise was that the Road & Track judges selected Jeff Lumbard's new racecar as "The racecar they would most like to drive", which is a very special honor given the approximately four hundred racecars from which they have to choose. Jeff and Betsy accepted a rather large award from Brian Redmann and the R&T staff. Jeff is now looking for a larger helmet (just kidding). Hopefully Jeff will either bring his Healey to a monthly PIE meeting or arrange some other "coming out party" to show off his handiwork.





Dan Powell

**Jeff Lumbard** 



Host Chairman Steve Shogren and Pres. Suzanne

## Woodland Hills Winery British Car Show

Editor

The Minnesota Triumph Club again hosted this very relaxed and enjoyable event for the fourth year. Weather was a bit cool and threatening, so the attendance was not quite as high as past years. The wine tasting and lunch were still very good, and the various club members are always fun to see. There are so many people that belong (or have belonged) to several British car clubs, that the smiling faces are all familiar.

The Triumphs, of course, were plentiful, and some of our Healeys made their appearance. One additional and interesting car was a vintage (1967?) Morgan. The original owner was considering parting with his old friend, so is anyone interested in a vintage Morgan??

It was a busy afternoon for the Winery – lots of non-carclub people too – and the nifty two man band was playing when we left. Thanks to the Minnesota Triumphs for hosting!





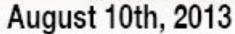


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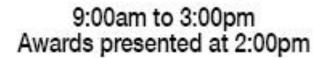




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# Royal British Car Show and Classics Revival

for all British Cars

August 17th

9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

Jaguar Land Rover Lotus Garage at 394 and General Mills Blvd./SW Corner

Photo with Car
Twiggy Look Alike Contest
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#### RENDEZVOUS RAPUP!

Boy Scout Troop 4041 from Grand Rapids sent a nice Thank You note for the funds raised at the Rendezvous Car Show in downtown Grand Rapids. They realized about \$1,000. from the event – which will be used to help finance their trip to the SeaBase unit in Florida. The Car Show was a great event for a good cause. Thanks again to Mike Lynch for the arrangements.

There were many people that worked on the Rendezvous event and also many that donated items for the Door Prizes and Silent Auctions.

A big **THANK YOU** to all concerned!





#### **Healey News at other sources:**

From Rich Stadther - This is an interesting blog of Healey people who took part in the Great Race. <a href="http://techworkshop.com/roadrace/">http://techworkshop.com/roadrace/</a>

From Tom Politiski - I just received my copy of the "Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car". Three Sprites are on the cover and an 8 page article about all three cars in different stages of tune. September 2013 issue.

People submitting photos for the August issue:

Scott McQueen
Dan Powell
Barb Ronning
Suzanne Willodson

Thank you!



# **Events Schedule**

August 7 ** August 10  August 17  August 24 August 25	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.  The "New" Brit Fest – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group. See page 11.  The Royal British Car Show and Classics Revival – (Sat) 9:00 – 1:00 pm.  At 394 & General Mills Blvd. See page 12.  Amery Airport Run – (Sat) Tom Hazen will hold a second run at Amery, WI.  Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Sept. 4 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Sept. 6–8	<b>Fall Vintage Race Festival</b> - 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. 7	Wheels n Wings – (Sat) Osceola, WI. Note date correction from previous listing.
Sept. 15 **	Ambli Norwegian Picnic (Sat) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred's hospitality.
Sept. 20-22	<b>Waumandee Hill Climb</b> – (Fri-Sun) The second annual vintage car hill climb will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. See page 13.
Sept. 29	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Oct. 2 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Oct. 5**	Adopt a Highway Clean-up - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to
Oct. 6	be on this date. Arrangements by Greg Lauser.  City Lakes Parkway Tour – (Sun) Enjoy again a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the
0-4-40	beautiful parkways of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Arrangements by Dale Martin.
Oct. 12	Fall Color Tour- (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.
Nov. 2	Charity Event – (Sat) At the Feed My Starving Children buildingin Eagan. Curt Carlson
Nov. 6 **	will arrange this very worthwhile event. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause.  PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Nov. 16 **	Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party – (Sat) The annual business meeting,
	election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer's Club.
Dec. 4**	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Dec. 7 **	Planning Breakfast – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2014 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Greg Willodson at Joseph's Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.  ** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity

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WANTED TO BUY - Austin-Healey 100-4. Call Tim at 612-810-7606. (6/13)

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