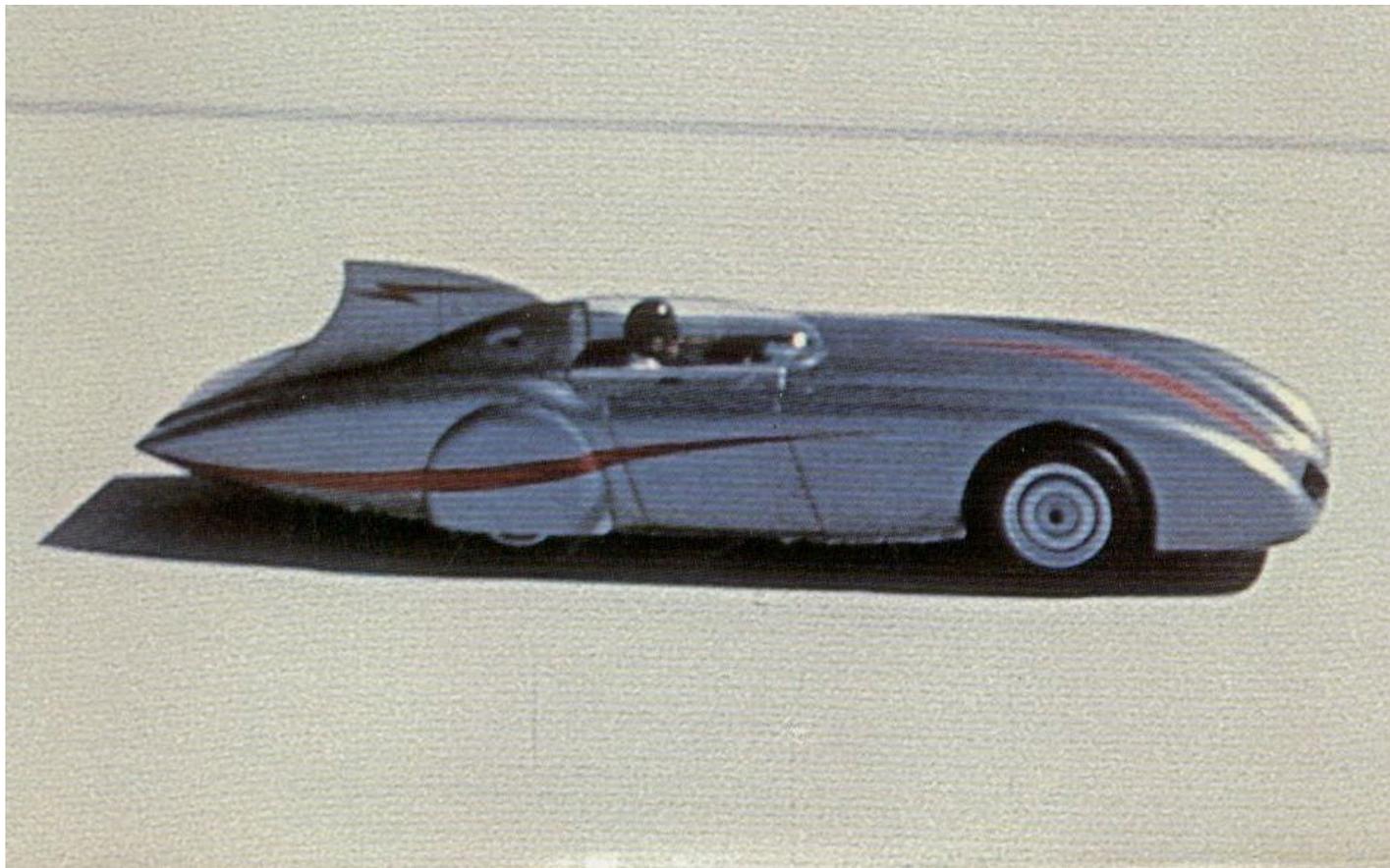




The Healey Enthusiast

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It's hot at Bonneville in August !

AUGUST EVENTS

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| Wed AUG 7 | PIE Meeting |
| Sat AUG 10 | Brit Fest |
| Sat AUG 24 | Dawson Patio Party |
| Fri-Sun AUG 24-25 | Racing at BIR |
| Sun AUG 25 | InterMarque Picnic |

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President's **I**nformal **E**vening**Date: Wednesday August 7th****Time: 7:00 p.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:

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Presidential Ponderings

By Kim Rixen

Race Day

I never saw myself as a fan of auto racing. To me, it meant NASCAR--lots of Southern machismo and nonstop left-hand turns. Or the crushing sounds of the stock cars piling up at Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, near where I grew up. I didn't understand the appeal. But nearly 10 years ago, Steve talked me into a trip to Elkhart Lake. At the time, I was reading *The Last Open Road*, which takes place in Elkhart Lake in the early 1950s and chronicles the nascent days of what is now vintage racing. The history gave the place a certain appeal. I wanted to see Siebkens and find Kimberly Corner.

Being there brought the book to life. On the drive through the old circuit, you could imagine yourself in 1951 taking the corners in a ratty MGTD. Getting to know and cheer on our own club racers proved to be even more of a bonus. At the time, I didn't know many of them well. They, however, graciously welcomed me to Camp Healey, the warren of trailers, RVs, and tents that became their homes away from home on race weekends.

Carol Johnk gave me the golf cart tour, then took me up to the controls, where daughter Jessica was working. I got to see where the timing took place and meet the people who were the first to know who was sitting in the lead. I didn't even need a press pass to get the inside tour. Watching people you know duke it out for seconds on the track makes it real—and fun. That's why I've tried to get to a race every year.

This year, my race weekend took me to Brainerd. It was my first visit to BIR - Brainerd International Raceway. The Healey contingent was well-represented. Eileen Wetzel in 202, Scott McQueen in 106, Dan Powell in 33, and Rich Stadther and Jessica Johnk in non-Healeys. Steve even got our car out for track touring and stayed out until the last possible moment. The scene was more casual and intimate than Elkhart Lake. Not as many participants, but just as much camaraderie. That Saturday, everyone had a good race—good times, and no major incidents or breakdowns. Jessica even brought home more hardware for her SCCA race - (I told her that Jeff was going to have to build her a trophy room). At the end of the day, everyone gathered under Wetzels' awning for G&Ts, snacks, and stories. We kept making our circle of camp chairs larger as other drivers and crews from Minnesota, Canada, and elsewhere joined us.

Sure, the cars are a big part of racing. But really, it's all about friendships.



BIR

*The official
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Center Plaque*



*The Tools
of the Trade*

The Excitement !



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Daphne Walmer

Happy Birthday, Donald! Our meeting took place on the anniversary of Donald Healey's birthday, which was July 3, 1898. Steve & Kim Rixen brought cupcakes to celebrate.

New members and visitors

- Bill Pullman from Plymouth has had a 100M for a year. Steve Rixen is helping Bill to get it roadworthy. He traded another car for the Healey 100. It is black over white coves, and it drives nicely.
- Lori and Larry Freking have Nomads and El Caminos as well as their Austin Healey. Larry worked in bank service work, and a colleague called him about an Austin Healey. The owner was going to junk the car, and he paid \$100 for it. It's still sitting in the barn where he parked it 20-30 years ago. He and Lori live between Emily and Remer, MN, 40 miles from Brainerd. It's a red 67 Big Healey, probably a late phase BJ8 with a wood dash.
- Tim Sarver, Nancy Lauser's brother, joined us after coming north to escape the heat and humidity in Missouri.

Past events

• Amery

Thanks to Greg and Suzanne Willodson for hosting the Amery Airport Autocross on Saturday. The heat and humidity didn't scare away people driving the 64 cars that participated. They were unable to do five runs; corner workers were falling over from heat. Jay Griggs, the airport manager, who is instrumental in the event, showed up Friday night with his Mustang and helped test the course. He also showed on Saturday. Griggs was also responsible for removing Sand Hill Cranes from the course.

Next time we need to make sure that when people leave the airport that they aren't continuing the speed event. That note will be part of the drivers' meeting in the future.

We are cancelling the August Amery event, news of which was met with tears and temper tantrums. Greg is thinking about maybe doing one in October; Kim suggests getting through Conclave before committing to that. Currently volunteers make the lunch.

Phil Dawson commented about what a fun day it is. There was a driver with a little MG who had owned his car for three weeks, and he was a good driver.

Thanks to the people who helped. Eileen and Gary showed up Friday night for organizing and testing the course. Another stranger from New Zealand (not Phil Dawson) helped out, and club members volunteering included Phil Dawson, Dave Herreid, and the Hatzung brothers, Dave and John. Dave Hatzung had a problem with his car, which Steve Rixen fixed.

- **Rally:** Clarence tested a rally app at a recent rally. Gary and Eileen were there. Clarence would like to hold rallies more frequently. They went to a winery and had wine and pizza. Clarence is planning another rally on the 13th or 14th. He will send an email announcement for Dave Lee to distribute.
- The **Intermarque picnic** was scheduled for Sunday, but we're guessing it was cancelled due to storms.

Upcoming events

• Racing

- Brainerd International July 6-7.
- Elhart Lake July 18-21.

- **Lynch's Mexican Fiesta** will be Saturday, July 27. RSVP by July 22. \$15/person. Lots of fun and great food. Austin Healey and Jaguar Clubs will be attending.

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The Presidents Informal Evening

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- **Future Rendezvous:** Tom Politiski talked the Minnesota Triumph Club into hosting Rendezvous for 2021. Thunder Bay will host in 2022, and we host again in 2023. The Canadians like Ashland as a location.
- The **Dawson's party** is August 24 starting at 2:00 p.m. MAHC members are welcome to invite someone from another sports car club, but the Dawsons need to know how many people are coming. The Dawson's invitation includes a photo with Phil's grandfather in the car.

Other business:

Conclave Update

Registrations: We now have 274 registrations for about 470 people. Greg Lauser reported that the largest past Conclave ever was in 2007 in Vermont with over 400 people.

Upcoming preparation days: Greg Lauser reported that before the Deadwood event:

1. People leading events should attend an August 17 presentation practice at Gary Wetzel's office in Boat Works on the lake. The address and more details will arrive by email.
2. Volunteers are needed on August 25 to pack everything in registration packets at Gary and Eileen's home. Go directly from Phil and Stefanie's party to the registration.

Silent auction: Nancy Lauser and Betty Stine have been acquiring items for the silent auction. Tom Politiski brought some donated items this evening. Eileen requested members to donate additional items.

DMH fund: Greg Lauser reported on two ways to support the DMH fund, which provides a scholarship for auto repair students to work on Healeys. A school in Kansas now provides such a program.

1. Make Your Healey a 'Calendar Girl' or 'Handsome Brute' in the 2020 AHCA Calendar
Healey Marque editor Reid Trummel will accept up to four \$250 donations to the DMH Fund from owners who want their Healey pictured in the 2020 AHCA Calendar. Calendar candidates will be selected on a first-come, first served basis. If you are interested, email Reid at editor@healeyclub.org to arrange details.
2. Take a Selfie with DMH in Deadwood
Minnesota AHC member Tom Politiski is bringing a bronze bust of DMH to Conclave 2019. He is asking people taking selfies to make a "free-will" cash or check contribution to the DMH Fund. Have your cameras ready during the Welcome Reception, Wild Bill BBQ & Dance, and Banquet Social Hour for a photo opp with DMH.

Greg also distributed a color-coded map of Deadwood.

Eileen brought vests for people to try on to verify sizes for those who were not at PIE last month. MAHC members get a black vest with a badge, red bandana, and a cowboy hat.

Samples of Conclave Regalia were for sale at the meeting.

People who attended this month:

Dave & Cheryl Radamacher, Tom & June Moerke, Andy Lindberg, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Dan Powell, Jeff Lumbard, Jeff Johnk, Tom Politiski, Carl & Betty Stine, Stefanie & Phil Dawson, Dave Hatzung, Rick & Liz Stadther, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Kim & Steve Rixen, Greg Lauser and brother-in-law Tim Sarver, Bill Pullman, Gary & Barb Ronning, Dick Leighninger, Lori & Larry Freking, Kate & Clarence Westberg, and Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer.

Amery Airport Autocross

By Suzanne & Greg Willodson

It was bound to be a scorcher but everyone, and we mean *everyone*, showed up early on Saturday morning June 29 ready to run the **24th Amery Airport Autocross and Speed Run!**

This story, however, begins on Friday night. We arrived at the Amery Municipal Airport late Friday afternoon and started hauling cones out to the course. We were only a few minutes into it when none other than Jay Griggs, Amery Airport Manager, showed up with three friends, John Grage, Jean Luke Delport, and Keith Triebold who jumped in and helped with cones. Not long afterwards, Ryan Buck and Nick Lingua were on the scene making final adjustments and getting the course ready for testing.

Fortunately, Eileen and Gary Wetzel arrived and – just like that – we had our lineup of course testers. We had Jay Griggs in his new 2019 Ford Mustang, his buddy John Grage in his incredible Acura NSX supercar, Ryan in his 1968 Camaro, Nick in his 1967 GTO, and keeping it real in her 1963 Austin-Healey 3000 BJ7 was Eileen! Satisfied our course was ready, we fired up the BBQ, cooked up some hotdogs, and marveled at our work while the sun set.

The following morning was a whirlwind. We checked in 62 drivers and made a total of 223 starts. First place in the autocross went to Jeremy Fohrenkamm in his 1976 Triumph Spitfire. Jeremy's time was 43.712 seconds! Mike Roush was the fastest on the straightaway, hitting 136 mph in his 2015 Mustang GT!

We want to thank our club members for being there to support this event:

- Phil Dawson helped cook up lunch and worked radar all afternoon
- Dave Herreid worked at the entry gate, helped cook lunch, and worked corners
- Dave and John Hatzung worked radar all morning
- Gary and Eileen Wetzel helped get things organized on Friday, and worked tons again on Saturday
- Phil Ethier spent half the day photographing the drivers. His photos can be viewed here: www.flickr.com/photos/pethier/albums/72157709456383366

We want to thank these very important people who made this event a success:

- Tom Moerke, Jay Griggs, Tom Hazen – The autocross at Amery simply would not have happened without these three guys
- Heidi Halverson and granddaughter Lex – Heidi managed the leaderboard and Lex ran the entry gate during the morning rush
- Jay Silverberg – Suzanne says Jay was helping out everywhere. Jay is the reason Andy Diesen got to come and drive his new MG in his first autocross!
- Nick Brett worked end zone and corners, all day long. Thanks for doing so much Nick!
- Don Gettinger, as always, worked the end zone all afternoon.
- Derek Diesen worked his tail off at corners all day long
- Terry Tobin didn't drive much, which would suggest he spent quite a bit of time helping manage the course
- Sarah Buck and Merlin Schwaiger helped prepare lunch, and Merlin helped immensely at clean up time



Greg Willodson and Phil Dawson
making sure the corner workers and end zone were well hydrated and fed.



Eileen Wetzel on the course.



Andy Diesen, new owner and driver of an MG Midget. We thank our friend and driver, Jay Silverberg, for introducing Andy and his dad, Derek Diesen, to our event.



Andy driving with Lex, granddaughter of Heidi Halverson who makes this event run so smoothly.

FULL THROTTLE GYMKHANA

&

GOLD STRIKE FUNKHANA

Turn right when you see this Easy Rider!

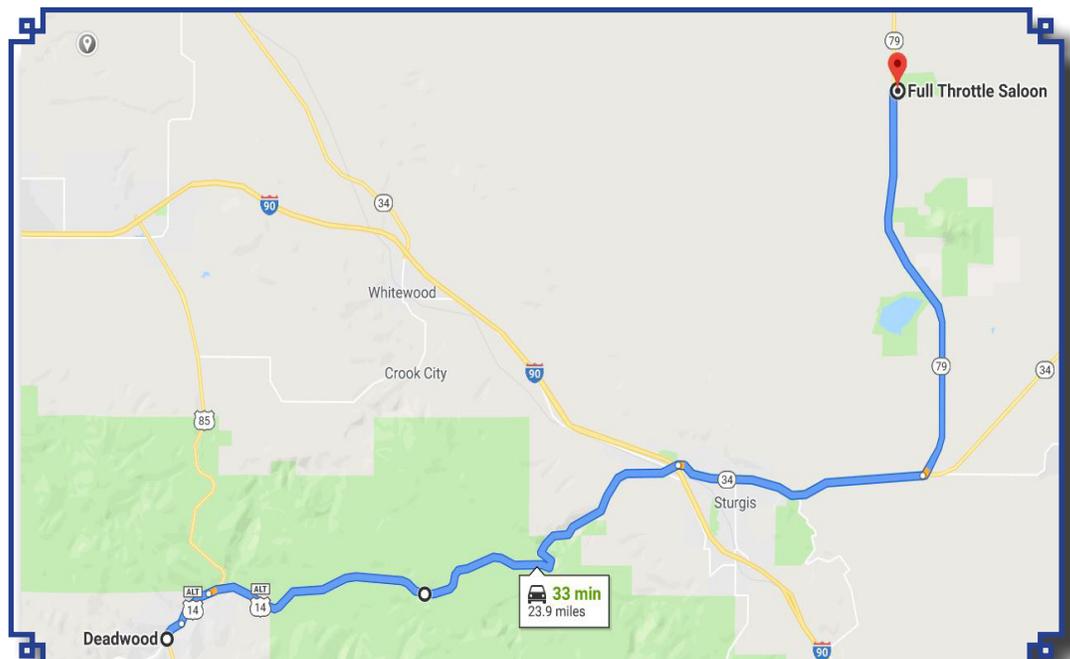


Drivers and spectators will enjoy what awaits at Full Throttle Saloon. In addition to gymkhana thrills and chills on the course, all can spend Eight Minutes with Healey Expert Steve Day, who'll offer solutions for what ails your classic. Don't miss the saloon interior's impressive sculpture and machinery display. It also offers intriguing libations when you are done competing or watching the action.

Gold was first discovered here in 1874 and the Black Hills' population swelled by 10,000 miners, muleskinners, madams, gamblers and gunslingers invading Deadwood Gulch. But don't despair, there is still gold to be panned during the Gold Strike Funkhana. Finding it and keeping it won't be easy. There are some desperados on the prowl. Be part of the "Gold Strike Fever" fun!

Directions from Deadwood

- Take US 85 North/ US 14A East.
- At Y, bear right on US 14A to Sturgis.
- Follow US 14A into Sturgis.
- At junction US 14A/ SD 34 in Sturgis go straight on SD 34 East.
- Turn left onto SD 79 North.
- Full Throttle is seven miles north.



THEY'RE AWAITING YOU IN DEADWOOD!

Don't miss your chance to embrace nature in all of its forms while enjoying the "wildlife" of Conclave 2019. Ranging from encounters like this one in the Lodge at Deadwood parking lot to Mount Rushmore and on to Custer State Park, the Black Hills teem with scenic views best seen from behind the windscreen of your Healey.



Minnesota Austin-Healey Club members join native wildlife in welcoming Conclave 2019 guests. Gymkhana/Funkhana for speed aficionados, a variety of touring or rallying options and a bus tour are designed to get you outdoors, up close and personal with national and state parks, national monuments and cultural memorials.

All that plus an 1890s hotel ballroom tea, museums and exposure to the economic and cultural significance of the Black Hills are part of Conclave 2019 planning. We want you to revel in the Wild West.

Register before it's too late at:

[www.mnhealey.com/conclave 2019](http://www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019)

See you in Deadwood!



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Brit Fest 2019

Vintage British Car Show



FREE ADMISSION to Show your Car!

August 10th, 2019

**on Walnut Street in Hudson, Wisconsin
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9:00am to 2:00pm

Awards presented at 1:00pm

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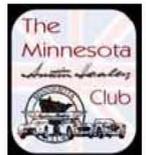
**Attention British Bike Clubs/Owners!
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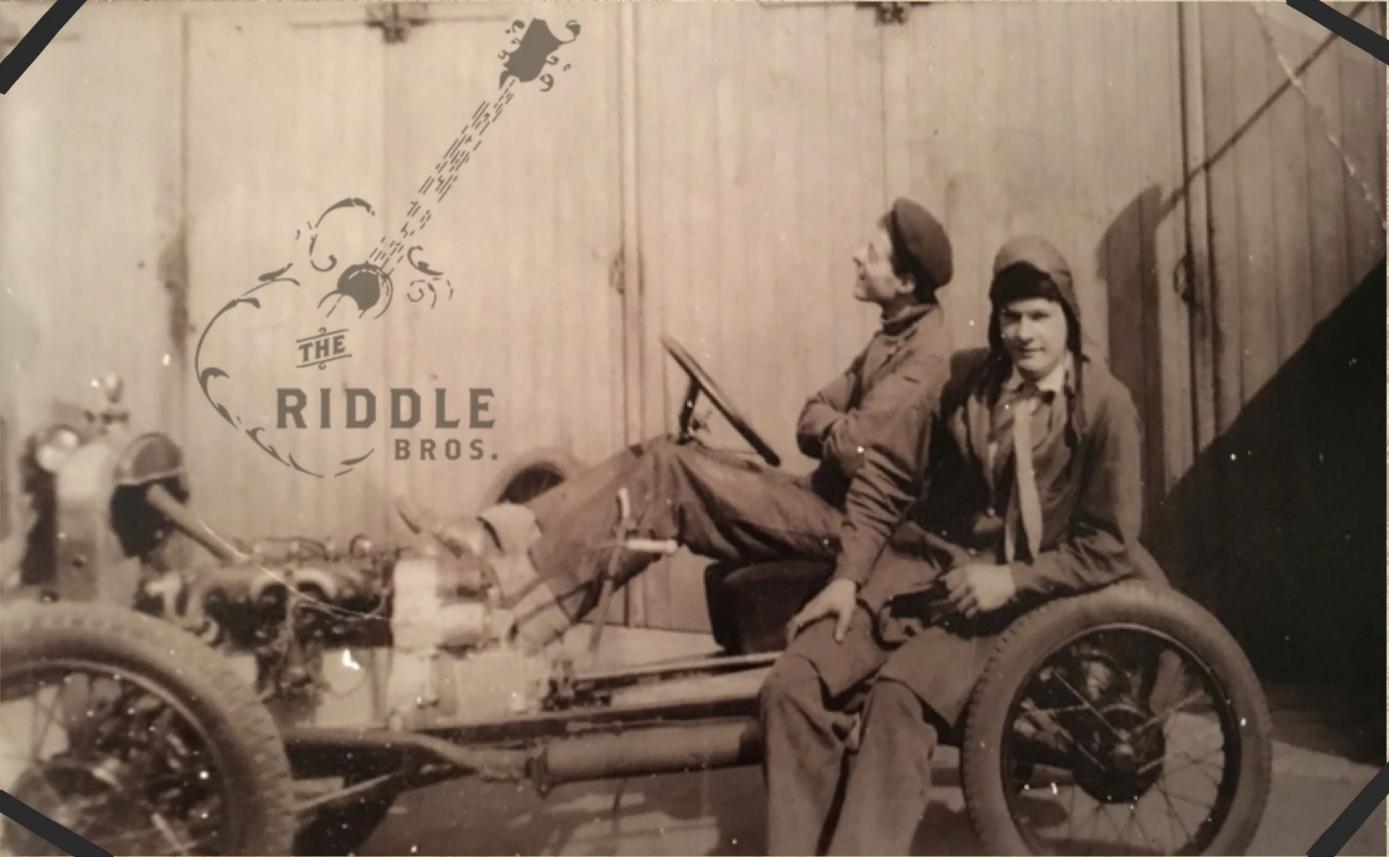
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IF YOU JUST WANT TO DRIVE, RSVP TO CLARENCE.WESTBERG@GMAIL.COM



Come share your favorite car stories at the Dawson's Patio Party Saturday, August 24th at 2pm, N8569 635th Street in River Falls
RSVP Stefanie at 651-747-6516 or stefphil1972@hotmail.com

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

- August 7** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- August 10** **The "New" Brit Fest** – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group. See pages 12 and 13.
- August 17** **Amery Airport Run – CANCELLED FOR 2019**
- August 24** **Dawson Party** – (Sat) Phil & Stefanie Dawson are planning to have another party at their home in River Falls, WI. Please RSVP. See page 14.
- August 24-25** **Racing at Brainerd International Raceway** – (Fri – Sun) The SCCA will again be heading up the regional racing on the Road Course.
- August 25** **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. 4** **PIE Meeting** – There will be no PIE Meeting this month.
- Sept.. 6-11** **AHCA Conclave 2019** – (Fri – Wed) The Minnesota Austin Healey Club will be sponsoring the National AHCA Conclave in Deadwood, SD. All members of our club are encouraged to attend and assist at the event.
- Sept. 13-15** **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 competing in their cars !
- Sept. 27-29** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. **CANCELLED FOR 2019**
- Sept. 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.
- Oct. 2** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting 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 be on this date. Arrangements by Dave Herreid.
- Oct 12** **MG Fall Color Tour** – (Sat) Enjoy touring for colors with our MG friends.
- Nov. 6** **PIE Meeting** – (Sat) Club meeting at 8:30 a.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 8-10** **AHCA Delegates Meeting** – Our club representatives will be attending this meeting.
- Nov. 16** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual dinner, election of officers, and business meeting will occur on this evening.
- Dec. 7** **PIE/Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2020 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Daphne Walmer. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

Please note that the 2019 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete. Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.



MARKETPLACE

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For sale: 1999 Volvo, V70 XC, Silver with light tan leather interior.
Make offer or will trade for Sprite/Midget 5 speed conversion kit, something else???
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