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Well....it's pretty close to a Santa Claus Sleigh!

December Events

Saturday December 2 – Planning Breakfast

Wednesday December 6 – PIE Meeting

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Presidential Polemical Exhortations



By Mike Manser

“Mike”.

It happens to everyone...you make decisions based on limited information and hope that everything works out great. With this in mind I would like to thank Mike Martin for making an array of decisions that resulted in a very enjoyable and productive dinner and business meeting, which was held at the Officer's Club. There are other decisions made that I am convinced will result in favorable outcomes as well. Tom Moerke was nominated and elected Vice-President for the next year and will ascend to the Presidency the following year as long as his tenure is not rocked by scandal, Yes, I know...the name “Tom Moerke” and scandal are virtually synonymous, but I think we made a good decision in this election. Tom ran a very clean campaign with little mud slinging and has indicated he intends to try to get everyone a big Healey. While it sounds like he might be buying votes I contend he is just providing an avenue for everyone to increase their participation (Tom, I will take that white Healey 100-4 with the factory racing package you promised me). I have every confidence in his ability and vision for the club.

The Club also re-elected nearly all of the remaining club officers, and I thank those people sincerely for their continued dedication to the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. It is because of these volunteers and their efforts that we have a club, activities, and great Healey friendships.

The only decision (or indecision in this case) that may be hazardous may be the lack of a formally appointed editor for the newsletter. While we have some members with a slight interest, if you have computer skills and would like to be an integral part of the Club's communication mechanism, I encourage you to volunteer for this position. It is not time intensive, and we are exploring the possibility of having one editor perform the primary duties and one assistant editor to...well...assist in the effort. Email Tom or I if you are interested.

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THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST

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Merry Christmas & HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!



PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday December 6th

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.

Annual Planning Meeting

December 2, 10:00 am.

Old Country Buffet in Woodbury

7433 Currell Blvd

Woodbury, MN 55125

651.739.3890

Directions:

FROM South of Mpls

Take 494 east to Valley Creek Rd.

Go east on Valley Creek Rd.

Go north on Queens Dr.

Go east on Currell.

FROM East of Woodbury

Take 94 West to 494 South

Take 494 South to Valley Creek Rd.

Go east on Valley Creek Rd.

Go north on Queens Dr.

Go east on Currell.

FROM Mpls, North Metro, or West Metro

Take 94 East to 494 South

Take 494 South to Valley Creek Rd.

Go east on Valley Creek Rd.

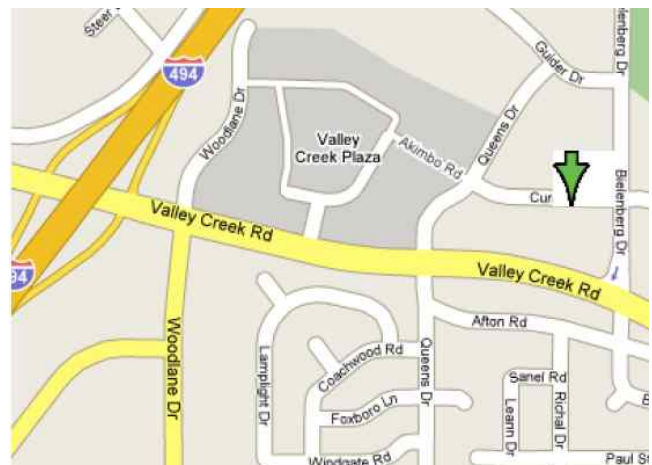
Go north on Queens Dr.

Go east on Currell.

Breakfast at the Peg

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:30 continues to be very popular! Great food, reasonable prices, & friendly LBC car enthusiasts make it a great place to keep in touch. **Meet in the room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

The Square Peg Diner
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.



President's Report continued –

There are a couple items on the horizon with which everyone should be aware. December 2nd at 10:00 am there will be a planning breakfast at the Old Country Buffet in Woodbury. This is the same location as last year, and directions can be found in this newsletter. In addition to some potentially unhealthy foods, OCB actually has a well stocked healthy salad bar and some lean meats for those with concerns about fitting into their Healey next year. For others, it might be of interest to you to note that you can come for the breakfast (and meeting) and stay for the lunch. The array of new foods at lunch is quite an enticing feature, and I intend to partake.

In an effort to increase participation, I will ask everyone to generate some ideas for new events and bring them to breakfast (or email them to me directly previous to the meeting). Think..."Are there social events that you do with other groups of friends that have been successful and that we might be able to adopt?" Wait, let me rephrase that - "Are there social events or other groups of friends that we can adopt?" Yes, I said that correctly. We are looking to add some additional fun events and provide the opportunity for other people to join our group of friends. We want your input, so we can make some decisions that will positively impact our group.

Decisions, decisions, decisions...I find that making and acting on small ones consistently helps me tackle large projects more easily. Over the winter months I will be working little by little on my race car, in an effort to tackle some of the big jobs before summer racing begins. I encourage everyone to consistently work on small projects on your Healey or with the club over the winter months in anticipation of an enjoyable Healey experience through winter and next summer.

"Who was elected President of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club at the most recent business meeting?"

TECH TIP

Doctor Ernie

OIL SCARE !

Like the MN Governor, I'm sitting in my deer blind for this MN Deer Season Opener. It's 1:00PM, and things are slow. In fact, I haven't seen a deer yet. But it's warmed up, and the beauty of the outdoors is all around me.

With time on my hands, it allows time to think. No, not about deer, but oil ! Just last night I received a series of e-mails that, if true, are quite alarming. There are too many pages to put all in print here, so at the end you will find some web sites that you can investigate yourself. The gist of the story was that modern oils (at least most of them) are leaving out critical additives that our older cars need to protect our camshafts and lifters (referred to as flat tappet cams).

It seems that the oil companies are quite negligent (that's not the words I'd like to print) in not informing the public about something this detrimental to our older engines. If they know, and they have to know, this information should be on every container of oil - or at the very least in print somewhere in trade magazines.

All this raises another question. Why hasn't some additive company jumped at this opportunity? If I were a CEO at such a company, I'd be pushing my engine saving product at a rate that would make political ads seem small.

Now for my disclaimer: Is this real or just another E-Mail Chicken Little (the sky is falling) story? I guess we'll just have to keep our ear to the ground and sort out fact from fiction as more information comes along.

This is one of the e-mails I received:

If you have not heard about the problems with the composition of some oils, please read Bud Krueger's web site at www.ttalk.info and check out the "ZDDP" link or the article in the current issue of British Marque – Car Club News page 17. It could save your new or rebuilt engine.

Annual Club Meeting & Banquet

By Tom Moerke

When Club President Mike Martin said the old Pizza Party had been fancied up, he was right. Following a social hour, we had a delicious buffet dinner of prime rib, pork loin, and all the trimmings - including great apple pie for dessert! Mike also handed out a dollar bill to each person attending. The serial numbers would later be drawn for door prizes!

After dinner we went upstairs for the annual meeting. Greg Lauser gave the National Delegate Report. Dale Martin told us about the Board of Directors year. Membership Director Curt Carlson, while a trifle dismayed his dress code memo had apparently not gone thru, gave us a wonderful report on club membership. It's up! Also he gave reports on club membership by area code, pie charts, graphs, etc. etc. They were very interesting despite our heckling of Curt.

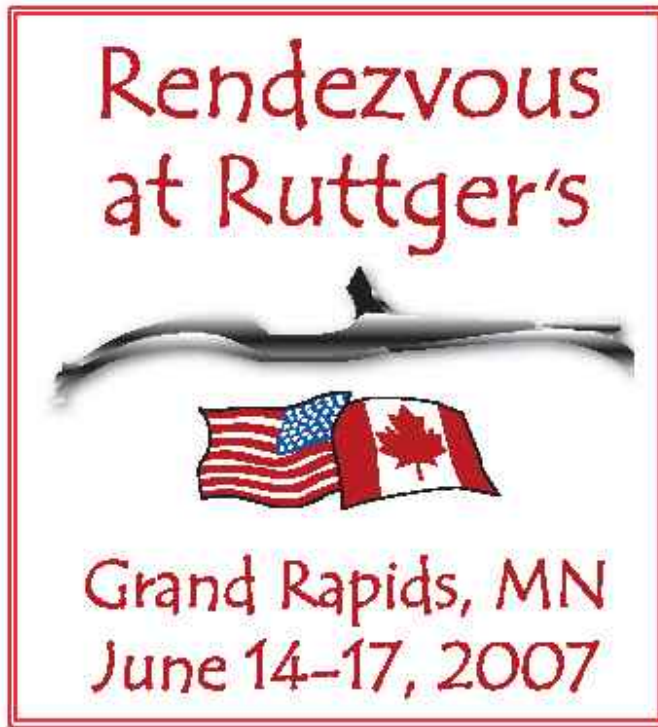
Treasurer Jim Klein gave us his report in a simple, clear format. Our income the past year was about \$8000. with expenses of about \$5500. - meaning our club actually made about \$2500. This leaves us with a cash balance of just under \$11000. Jim's report was a bit more precise than that.

A somber moment came with the mention of the loss of two wonderful club members this year with the passing of Steve Hendrickson and Sandy Rixen. They will be greatly missed. Mike Martin announced that a \$1000. donation in Sandy's memory was made to a worthy charity.

The election of new club officers proceeded with Mike Manser advancing to become President, Tom Moerke to Vice President, and Scott McQueen & Jim Kriz joining the Board of Directors.

Now it was time for the Door Prize Raffle and the Auction. A lot of nice door prizes were handed out, including the last of the old Regalia. Wayne Soderbeck was the clear winner with one of Dale Martin's drop dead gorgeous gear shift knobs. To top off the evening, Tom Politiski the auctioneer, garnered a lot of spirited bidding on donated items of interest. Tom's Good! It was a great evening, and our thanks to Mike, Curt, Tom, Jim, and all the people who put it on for us. See you all December 2nd at the Planning Meeting !





- SIGN UP NOW! -

Please join us for this annual Canadian/American vintage sports car celebration being presented again at beautiful Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, MN. This is the birthplace of Judy Garland, so be prepared for a little Oz. Something for everyone: The Tin Man Gymkhana & Speed Run, Flying Monkeys Rally, Lakeside Charity Car Show, Interesting Tours, a Tech Talk, Ladies Event, Banquet, Auction and other Toto-ly awesome activities are being planned. Please call 1-800-450-4555 to reserve your room at Sugar Lake Lodge (mention 'Rendezvous' for special rates). Three days of nonstop fun and relaxation! Your host - The Jaguar Club of Minnesota

Put the pedal to the metal on the airport runway. Keep the oil can handy for the Tin Man!



Join the Flying Monkeys for a fun road rally through the back roads of Oz. Watch out for Toto!

Follow the yellow brick road to the charity car show on the lake. Win the Ruby Slipper Award!



Rendezvous at Ruttger's



RENDEZVOUS 2007 17TH ANNUAL CANADIAN/AMERICAN CELEBRATION OF VINTAGE SPORTS CARS JUNE 14 - 17 SUGAR LAKE LODGE, GRAND RAPIDS, MN

Thursday 14 3 p.m. Registration begins, at 7 p.m. Hospitality
 Friday 15 Tin Man Speed Run, Guided Tours
 Saturday 16 Flying Monkeys Rally, Bonnets on the Beach Car Show
 Ladies Event, & Awards Dinner
 Sunday 17 Farewell

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(Print first and last name, names as they should appear on badges)

Children Attending _____
(Including names & ages of each child)

Street _____
 City _____
 State/Province/Zip Code _____ Club _____
 E-Mail Address _____ Phone _____
(If you want a confirmation of registration, include e-mail address - none will be sent otherwise)

Vehicle/s to be registered _____

Year	Make	Model	Color
Year	Make	Model	Color

Registration Fee: \$50.00 After April 1, 2007: \$85.00 (All Fees in U.S.\$) \$ _____
(Basic registration fee includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 12 and one free T-shirt)
 Each Additional Person: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____
 Each Additional Car: \$10.00 x _____ \$ _____
 Free T-Shirt Size _____ 2nd Shirt: _____ 3rd Shirt: _____ Added Shirts: _____ x\$10.00 \$ _____
(T-Shirt Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL)
 (For XXL - Cost is \$12.00)

At Otis' Restaurant two Breakfast Buffets are available one Hot @\$12.25, one Cold @\$9.74 which includes tax and tip
 Saturday Awards Banquet:
 \$32.00/Adult Buffet x _____ Vegetarian Meal x _____ \$ _____
 \$18.00/Child (4-12) x _____ \$ _____
 Ladies Event (still working on) number attending _____ \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Make check payable to The Jaguar Club of Minnesota (U.S. Funds) and send with completed form to:
 Elaine Brahms, 4358 Livingston Drive, Eagan, MN 55123

Registration questions to: elaineb@dakcom.org. Other questions to: garthur1860@comcast.net
 Visit our website at: www.jaguarminnesota.org for more information and updates.

Cancellations before May 1, 2007, are subject to a \$10.00 fee. No refunds on or after May 1, 2007. After May 1, registration packages will be sent to those who paid but were unable to attend.

Call Sugar Lake Lodge directly for room reservations @1 800 450-4555.

In addition, The Sawmill Inn (1 800 804-3005) is holding 30 rooms until May 24th at prices about \$79 - \$100 per room, plus tax. Ask for "Rendezvous 2007" for the rooms. Next door to The Sawmill Inn, The Country Inn (1 218 327-4960) is holding 20 rooms until June 1st at a price of \$85 per room, plus tax. Ask for "Rendezvous 2007" for the rooms. If you have a Triple A or AARP Card please present at time of registration.

For those of you that are crossing the Canadian/Minnesota Border you will need a passport!!!!

This event is being hosted by the Jaguar Club of Minnesota

**The MotorCheck
Vintage GT Challenge
at Road America
May 18 ~ 20, 2007**









MOTRAH ~ 007

MOTRAH 007

Morgan, Triumph, Austin Healey Challenge 2007

Mark your calendars! Sportscar Vintage Racing Association has just announced that it will feature Morgan, Triumph, and Austin Healey (MOTRAH) vintage race cars in an all out feature race challenge on the weekend of May 17-20 2007! We thought we would shake (not just stir) things up a bit in the interest of great vintage racing. Therefore, Morgans, Triumphs, and Austin Healeys will not be battling just one marque on the track as in a typical challenge but two! Details of this event are still being developed by HQ but of course we will have a lot of fun with the 007 theme. We will be picking our choice for the next 007 car and driver out of the MOTRAH participants, and who knows, maybe even the next Bond girl. In addition to the great race activities being planned, we have not forgotten about the street car clubs wishing to attend this event. MOTRAH clubs could use the beautiful drive to Road America as your club's spring drive and once you get there we are working hard on many details for a MOTRAH Car Show, Rally, and even a Gymkhana. Also, don't forget about the street car track touring as SVRA will be issuing a complementary touring discount to all MOTRAH cars. Ok participants, this early announcement of MOTRAH 007 will give you plenty of time to get those missile launchers, wheel hub slicers, and ejection seats installed in your MOTRAH of choice (No oil slick generating devices please).

For more info contact: (Morgan) Bob Wilson aka Kermit at Kerm1@aol.com , (Triumph) Joe Alexander at N197TR4@cs.com , (Austin Healey) Jeff Johnk at jeffj@centuryrefining.com , or stay tuned to SVRA's website at www.svra.com.
See you all at MOTRAH 007!



Events Schedule 2006

Dec. 2 ** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat.) The schedule of events for 2007 will be on the agenda for this meeting. See page 3 for time & location.

Dec. 6** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.

** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity

Events 2007

May 18 – 20 **MOTRAH – 007** – The Motorcheck Vintage GT Challenge at RoadAmerica. See page 8 of this issue. Call Jeff Johnk with questions.

June 14 – 17 **Rendezvous 2007** - (Thurs. – Sun.) The Jaguar Club of Minnesota will be arranging the event for next year at Ruttger’s Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids, MN. Make room reservations and registration early!

June 24 – 29 **International Conclave** – (Sun – Fri) The Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA) Conclave will be in Burlington, VT in 2007. This is a beautiful and historic part of our country, which should contribute to an exciting gathering of Austin Healey people and cars. Make plans now. It should be a great event!

Membership / Renewal Form (Local Members only)

- q **Minnesota A-H Club** New Renewal \$20.00
- q **Austin-Healey Club of America** New Renewal \$40.00
- q **BOTH CLUBS** \$60.00

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: Minnesota Austin Healey Club. Send to Curt Carlson (see page 2 for address)

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(Publishers Note)

Attention Minnesota Austin Healey Club Members:

This may be your last issue of the Healey Enthusiast!

Gary Ronning has been serving as our newsletter editor for the past 5 years, and has done an admirable job. He has notified us many months ago of his intention to step down after **THIS** issue, and no one has stepped forward to take the reins as the next Newsletter Editor. I have tried time and time again to convince you that the Newsletter Editorship can be a valuable and rewarding experience and that it is NOT a daunting task requiring MANY hours of work.

- Computer experience with MS Word or publishing software
- Ability to muster cooperation and to solicit members for articles and to edit same
- An eye for graphics and aesthetic design.
- Rudimentary understanding of digital photography and .jpg images, resolutions, and file sizes.

If you have these skills and can invest about 5 to 7 hours per month towards the furthering of YOUR club, please consider getting off your couch and devoting some time and effort into your club instead of letting someone else do it for you. A husband and wife team would be the best fit, as I feel it's important to increase the participation of our female members. Of course, this is only my personal opinion.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Gary Ronning or Curt Carlson. We are looking for a longer-term commitment to last at least 2 years. Training and full support will be provided during the transition. I will be bringing this up during the planning breakfast this coming Saturday.

Thank you. Curt Carlson

MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE - 1961 Bugeye Sprite Completely restored - no nut left unturned or refurbished. British Racing Green with Black Convertible top. Over \$20k invested. Will accept reasonable offers. Also have a Morris 948 engine, Horizontal flow Radiator & other Stuff. Open for offers: Call John Morrison at 763-757-2424 (9/06)

FOR SALE: New Handbrake Cable-BN4 – BJ8 - \$20.00, New Black Carpet Kit – 3000 center shift – \$175.00 One pair of new Bump Stop Boxes - \$25.00 Call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041 or email: gtronning@aol.com (12/06)

FOR SALE: Set of new BJ8 rear leaf springs, BN7 distributor parts, new 3000 heat shield kit, set of rocker panels, trunk floor panel, brake master cylinder for BT7, parking brake cable for BT7, seven - 72 spoke painted wire wheels. Call Rossi at 612 822 7069 or email: casadirossi@hotmail.com (10/06)

WANTED: Wiper Switch with knob for dashboard and Washer Plunger with rubber knob for dashboard. Parts are for a 3000 BT7, however early 3000 or Sprite parts would probably be the same. Also need one 60 spoke wheel with decent tire for spare. Call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041 or email to gtronning@aol.com .

FOR SALE - 1969 Sprite - I'm selling my beloved "Scottie" - to begin work on the new Scottie. No rust, Arizona body - Stock 1275 engine and good ribcase transmission - runs great - good tires - needs cosmetics and interior work. \$2000. Also selling my 1974 Jensen Healey - 5 speed, with Webers and no rust body - needs cosmetics - \$3500. Tom Politiski - healeymog@yahoo.com for more info and pics.

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