



The Healey Enthusiast

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Merry Christmas - Happy Holidays

**From the Past Presidents of
The Minnesota Austin Healey Club !!**

Shown left to right (kneeling) – Mike Manser, Rod Richert (2009 President Elect), and Tom Hazen.
Shown left to right (standing) – Jeff Johnk, Dan Powell, Mike Martin, Dick Mathews, Greg Lauser,
Chuck Norton, Steve Rixen, Dave Lee, Gary Ronning, and Tom Moerke (retiring 2008 President).



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The President's Report

By Rod Richert

The year began early for the fifty Minnesota Austin-Healey Club members and officers. The annual banquet and business meeting gave president Tom Moerke a chance to thank all the dedicated and hard working members that opened their homes and organized and hosted events. He gave special thanks to Tom Hazen (speed events), Larry Nimmerfroh (newsletter) and Barb and Gary Ronning (Rendezvous planning kick-off).

Reports were heard from Jim Klein, treasurer; Greg Lauser, National Delegate; and Gary Ronning, regalia. Background slide shows were projected by Jessica Johnk and Barb Ronning. After a brief run down of all the opportunities afforded participants at Rendezvous 2009 in Ashland, Wisconsin, officers were elected. Katy Olson vice president and yours truly, president.

As newly elected president, I had the pleasure of overseeing the election of the board of directors. Last, but not least, I had the honor of presenting the gift of a wooden, hand tooled Dale Martin screwdriver to Tom Moerke for his tireless service to the MAHC in 2008.

Mike Martin did his usual outstanding job organizing the banquet. The food at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club was supreme. We are so lucky to have the "O Club" as our banquet and monthly PIE meeting venue. Which reminds me, as your new president, I'll be convening my first President's Informal Evening on December 3rd, about the time you receive this. The only other event scheduled is our annual planning meeting, 8am, Saturday, December 6th at Old Country Buffet in West St. Paul.

See you there!

Rod

THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday December 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

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:00 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.



PIE REPORT

By Rod Richert

Tom Moerke began PIE with a reminder of upcoming November events. Rendezvous 2009 committee progress was discussed, and attending Rendezvous planners stayed and talked at the end of the evening.

The December 6th, 2008 Planning Breakfast for 2009 is incorrectly listed as tentative on page 7 of the November newsletter. Page 5 has the correct time & location: Saturday, December 6th at 8am, Old Country Buffet, 2000 South Robert Street, West St. Paul 55118 651-457-0701

Guest Roger Strauman was introduced to members present. Curt Carlson asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell about their cars. Curt inquired "Who has Named their car?" (expletives were deleted, with laughs all around!)

To make new members feel more welcome, Curt asked those members present who have been members less than 5 years to raise their hands.

Attending: Mike Martin, Dale Martin, Curt Carlson, Steve Chirpich, Jack Stein, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Betty & Carl Stine, June & Tom Moerke, Greg Lauser, Larry Nimmerfroh, Ron Corazzo, Dick Mathews, Scott McQueen, Katy Olson, Barb & Gary Ronning and Dan Stromquist.

NEXT PIE IS AT FORT SNELLING

DECEMBER 3, 2008



Rod signing legislation for Chuck already !



Tom proudly showing his new gift !



Laurie & Carol are all smiles !

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

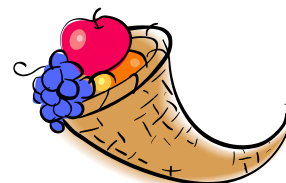
FT. SNELLING OFFICER'S CLUB



The Martin Brothers !



Great Food – Good Friends !



The VP REPORT

By Katy Olson

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you all this coming year!

Our next PIE will be on December 3 and our planning meeting will be Saturday, December 6. Please come and share your ideas for what I am certain will be another wonderful year with the Minnesota Austin Healey Club.

Adopte-A-Highway by Rod Richert

Saturday October 25th was cloudy and predictably cool as one would expect for late October as I pulled into the gas station in Red Wing. Filling up at the new low price of \$2.11 a gallon, I walked up to the counter and handed the clerk exact change. She gave me back \$.31, telling me that I qualified for the discount. "Cash discount?" "No, senior discount--are you over 55?" "Yes, I'm 56 today".

I'd rather she kept the \$.31.

Participants met at the Veterans Memorial Park, then proceeded one mile north to Villa Maria Wayside Rest and then hit the ditches. In April, twelve of us policed both sides of the one mile stretch in a little over an hour. This fall it took Chuck Norton, Tom Moerke, Dave Lee and your V.P. three hours to complete the task.

Special thanks to Larry Nimmerfroh for rolls, shuttle service and use of the warming house (Larry's Buick).

The day turned so beautiful that it seemed to me to be the perfect day to end a great season of Healeying. I took the last drive of 2008, topped the tank, changed the oil, washed the skin, vacuumed the carpets, blanketed the floor with drier sheets (to discourage Mickey), filled the tires to maximum p.s.i., raised the top, disconnected the negative battery cable, and pulled the cotton cover over everything.

Sleep tight Healey!

Feed My Starving Children by Dale Martin and Rod Richert

It was a cold, blustery Saturday, November 8th as 73 folks gathered at Feed My Starving Children's Eagan facility. The Austin-Healey and Jaguar Clubs spent less than 2 hours of work that will have an impact on lots of kid's lives. In that short amount of time we were able to put together 23,000 meals. Feed My Starving Children has sent 72 million meals to 50 3rd, 4th and 5th world countries. Minnesota Austin-Healey Club members attending with friends and family were: Barb and Dale Martin, Stacy and Mike Manser, Dick Mathews, Dave Lee, Ron Corazzo, Betty and Carl Stein, Chuck Norton, Dan Powell, Curt Carlson, Mike Martin, Tom Hazen, Bob Featherly, Dan Stromquist, Katy Olson, George Arthur and Andy Straubel.

ANNOUNCING

Rally in the Valley 2009

August 6 - 9, 2009

What is the definition of "Rally"?
(A gathering of people intended to arouse enthusiasm!)

"Rally in the Valley" is a European InterMarque sports car event.

Sponsored by: The Minnesota MG Group.

Hosted by: Steve and Diane Rindt

2009 Theme, "Those were the Days"



All New Location:
The Eau Claire Travel and Business Center
Sleep Inn and Suites / 29 Pines

Beautiful Wisconsin Roads for the scenic drives:
These Rallies are not for the serious rallier. They are fun with easy directions & questions, "Spouse friendly"

Tentative Schedule:

- Thursday – Registration & Natter – N - Noggin
- Friday – Rally (part 1) / Lunch / Rally (part 2).
- Saturday - Car Show, Funkhanna (w/cars), Awards Dinner / Ceremony.
- Farewell breakfast.

The registration form and more information will be posted on the MMGG web site. www.mmgg.org in the upcoming weeks.

For questions please contact Diane Rindt (715) 832-8316 or email drindt5953@hotmail.com

Make your reservations at: Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center / (715)874-2900.
Mention "Rally in the Valley 2009" for a special rate.

Event Schedule 2008

December 3**

PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 PM. See page 3.

December 6**

Planning Breakfast – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2009 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Rod Richert will select the site.

**** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity**

Event Schedule 2009

January 7**

PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 PM. See page 3.

June 11-14**

Rendezvous 2009 (see January issue)
AmericInn in Ashland, WI
Hosted by MAHC

August 6-9

Rally in the Valley

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MINNESOTA AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB

2009 REGALIA ORDER FORM



ITEM # / DESCRIPTION	COLOR	EMB.	SIZE	QUAN.	PRICE	TOTAL
#1 - Men's Polo Shirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 27.00	
#2 - Women's Polo Shirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 27.00	
#3 - Men's Denim Shirt - Long Sleeve	Med. Blue	Frt&Back			\$ 34.00	
#4 - Men's Crewneck Sweatshirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 30.00	
#5 -Women's Hooded Sweatshirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 30.50	
#6 - Women's Micro-Fleece Vest	Asstd.	Front			\$ 26.00	
#7 - Men's Micro-Fleece Full Zip Shirt	Asstd.	Frt&Back			\$ 45.00	
#8 - Men's Microfiber Windshirt	Black	Frt&Back			\$ 48.50	
#9 – Men's Fleece Henley Shirt	Asstd.	Front			\$ 37.00	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City,State,Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Notes: Please make check payable to: MN Austin Healey Club

Regalia orders will be delivered to Club events, unless arranged.

Most items available in sizes XS - XL. Larger sizes are available at extra charge.

Questions: call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041 Delivery time is about 3 weeks.

Send Form with Payment to: Gary Ronning 1019 Ridge Haven Circle Buffalo, MN 55313



Renewal procedure:

- Local members or local members who desire to join the national organization may renew using the form below.
- Those members who are local and national will receive a notice each December from the national secretary instructing them to renew with the national form while updating any personal information. They should remit payment to the local membership director. The local membership director will process the membership and will forward the payment and information to the national organization for you. This method is preferred for local and national members and helps us keep our records up to date.
 - Membership dues are payable on January 1st of each year.
 - Renewals not received by February 28th, will be subject to a late fee of \$5.00. New members may join at any time.

Fill out the membership form and mail along with a check made payable to **MAHC** to:

MAHC Membership Director
Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55405

All memberships are considered dead if not renewed by April 1st.

Membership / Renewal Form

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota A-H Club | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austin-Healey Club of America | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH CLUBS | | | \$60.00 |

Name: _____ Spouse: _____ Home Phone ()- - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____ 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

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WANTED: 1966 Cylinder Head Austin-Healey 3000 late BJ8. Call Paul 612-306-0608

FOR SALE: '61 Bugeye spare parts (sold car 2 years ago). it came to me with a bunch of used parts, engine block, transmission case, radiator, 2 carbs w/ air cleaner housings, fly wheel, clutch plate, etc. They can be had for the taking. Call me at 763/427-8334. Dwight Pollard