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MAHC Presidents – Past & Present !

DECEMBER EVENTS

WED. DEC 2

PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING - PIE

SAT. DEC 12

ANNUAL PLANNING BREAKFAST

SAT. DEC 12

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Presidential Ponderings

By Eileen Wetzel

The time of year has come where we sadly put away our fun cars for the winter. We've had a good run this season with many days available to "drive with the top down". October was a bit of a disappointment, but November offered up a few bonus day opportunities!

Next, we focus on "what improvements will I make on my car"; and what activities can we line up for next year, so that we can enjoy our cars and the company of our friends.

The Banquet and Annual Meeting was a fun night. Thanks to the many of you who contributed time, effort, and resources to make it a success. We have PIE next week and then the planning meeting on December 12th. I hope as many members as possible can make it, so we can plan another exceptional year of events!

p.s. Andy Lindberg has retired from being the Intermarque Delegate. Steve Rixen has volunteered for that post. Thank you Andy and Steve !



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PIE

(PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING)

Date: Wednesday December 2nd

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.

Addresses !

Please let us know if you have had any changes in name, address, phone number, or email address recently. Also **spouse email addresses** are welcome, so club activities and info can be better distributed to all members. Thank you !

THE PIE PLATTER

by Eileen Wetzel

The topics of discussion for the evening were the upcoming events:

Tom Hazen announces Eileen Wetzel as a possible candidate for MAHC presidential position. Jan Huston is considering the vice president position.

Saturday, Nov. 7 there is a charity event for Feed My Starving Children arranged by Dale Martin. We're hoping for good attendance. The MAHC has matched the Jaguar Club in giving the event a \$250 donation.

Saturday, Nov 21 is the Annual Election and Business Meeting Party to be held at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club. Dinner will be provided for \$20 per person with the club picking up any remainder of charges due for each meal. There will be door prizes and auction items.

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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 !

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



Breakfast can be a serious matter !!
(and Curt's finger hurts)

....the **PIE PLATTER** continued...

The Planning Breakfast date has been changed from Dec. 5th, to the 12th, and will be held at *Amore Victoria Ristorante*, 1601 West Lake St. in Minneapolis.

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting will meet following the Planning Breakfast.

We are in need of two volunteers to become board members. Tom Hazen and Mike Manser have finished serving their terms. Please consider joining the team to help make 2010 another great Healey year.

Greg Lauser will be attending the Delegates Meeting of the National Austin Healey Club, in Charlotte, NC. If anyone has any issues or concerns that they would like addressed, please call or e-mail Greg.

Gary Ronning has Regalia available for sale. Please contact him.

We would like to welcome our newest member, Doug Rudnicki. Doug is married to Kitty, and their home is in South Minneapolis. He works at 3M in the construction field. Doug owns two 1965 BJ8 Austin Healeys with serial numbers just 1000 apart! One Healey is undergoing a ground up restoration. We will look forward to meeting his wife and seeing their Healeys!

In Attendance:

Greg Lauser, Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lumbard, Jim Kriz, Dan Power, Dave Rademacher, Tom Hazen, Doug Rudnicki, Dan Stromquist, Ron Corazzo, Rich and Liz Stadther, Tom and June Moerke, Larry Nimmerfroh, Mike Martin, Jack Stein, Scott McQueen, Rod Richert, Gary and Barb Ronning, Kim and Steve Rixen, Carl and Betty Stine, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Wayne Soderbeck and Jan Huston.

Holiday Gift Idea #1



Castrol Oil Collectables

Dual purpose handy pourer for your oil or your pancake syrup !

Holiday Gift Idea #2



Knock-it-off Hammers - need one for the trunk and one under the front seat

Holiday Gift Idea #3

Guaranteed to make you more Shifty !





Feed My Starving Children Charity Event

On Saturday November 7th, Dale Martin organized our members (along with some Jag club people) to meet in Eagan and package bulk food into small sealed plastic packages. These meals are sent around the world to many countries where people – especially children – are starving. The food is distributed by missionaries, so it goes directly to the people who need it.

The meeting started with information and instructions from the staff. We then donned hair nets and washed our hands. There were at least six stations where 4 to 6 people could do the procedure. Other members were labeling plastic bags or working in the warehouse. In about an hour and a half, we were done. Cleaned up our area and re-assembled. Both the Austin Healey Club and the Jaguar Club gave checks to the Feed My Starving Children Foundation. The organization was very thankful for the checks and the work that was done. I'm sure we will do it again.

Members attending were Dale & Barb Martin, Carl & Betty Stine, Eileen and Gary Wetzel, Curt Carlson, Chuck & Jean Norton, Dave Lee, Gary & Barb Ronning, June & Tom Moerke, Steve Shogren, Rod Richert, and George Arthur. Thanks to all !

Editor



2009 Annual Business Meeting Banquet

On Saturday evening November 21st, the members of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club gathered at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club. RSVPs were requested and 47 people attended. This important event is always enjoyable, as it brings the members together for a social evening to celebrate the past year and look forward to the next.

The evening started about 6:00 pm, as people arrived and had refreshments and conversation until about 7:00. Then we made our way to the buffet of salads, vegetables, Walleye, and Roast Beef. What a beautiful spread! Mike Martin and Barb Ronning had made the arrangements at the club, and everything went smoothly. The club subsidized some of the banquet cost, so the attendees realized some perks for being members.

After dinner, President Rod Richert made some announcements and then thanked the officers and staff who served for the past year. Special thanks went to Tom Moerke and the committee that worked very hard putting on the Rendezvous event in Ashland, Wisconsin this year. Over 100 registrations were received for that event. Appreciation was also given to Tom Hazen, Scott McQueen, & Aaron Courteau for speed events and to the couples who hosted picnics at their homes – Lynchs, Millers, Stines, and Soderbeck/Huston.

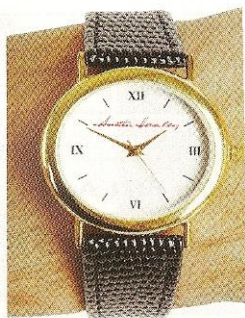
Rod gave out some door prizes which included items donated by members and Regalia items purchased by the club. There were also some nice Silent Auction items donated by club members. He then called for reports. Jim Klein gave the Treasurer's Report, and the club is still healthy on that score. Gary Ronning read the report on the Annual AHCA Delegates Meeting. Greg & Nancy Lauser unfortunately contracted the flu and could not attend the Banquet, so Gary read Greg's report. See a copy of that on page 8. Membership Chairman Jim Kris is going to make a special mailing in January regarding dues renewal. Rod also prepared a Pop Quiz for the audience to determine how many people read the newsletter. That was great fun – and surprised many !

The candidates for 2010 officers were announced by Rod. Thankfully, a lot of the existing staff agreed to stay on for another year. That makes the process go more easily. Tom Hazen was elected Vice President and Eileen Wetzel was elected President for 2010. Congratulations to them both ! Two new Board Members were also elected – Tom Moerke and Gary Ronning - for two year terms.

Eileen then assumed the role as President and gave out some more prizes, including the Table Centerpieces that had been purchased by the club. The Silent Auction items were then awarded to the highest bidders. Rod Richert was given outgoing President gifts of a Custom Dale Martin Screwdriver and a Regalia Windshirt. Thanks Rod, for a great year! Eileen also reminded everyone about the upcoming Planning Breakfast, where the events for 2010 will be decided upon. Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Thanks to all who helped, came, and donated to the event. It was a wonderful evening !

Editor

Holiday Gift Idea # 4



Austin-Healey Watch

Electronic Movement by Lucas

Holiday Gift Idea # 5



The ideal Headwear for those who like to go airborne over Coulee Hills !



2009 MAHC Annual

Business Meeting & Banquet



Holiday Gift Idea #5



Marque Logo Bar Stool



"Hook Mount" Seatbelt

Healey owner's personal
Bar Stool. Seat Belt option
recommended.



2009 Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Delegates Report November 21, 2008

Highlights of Nov. 6-8 Delegates Meeting in Charlotte, N.C.

No dues increase from national – last dues increase was in 1999

Two new national officers – Gary Brierton, of the Triad Club in Winston-Salem, N.C., takes over as President from Carl Brown; Brierton is succeeded in the VP for Club Support position by Gary Feldman of the Northeast Ohio Club

National membership is down another 175 from last year to 3223 at the same time in November; locally overall membership was up 2 to 114, with 78 AHCA/MAHC combined memberships and 36 members of MAHC alone.

Conclave 2010 is at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa near Galena, Ill.; 2011 is in Colorado Springs, Colo., and is being hosted by AHCA since the Rocky Mountain Club did not feel it could muster member support and staff to do it alone. Conclave 2012 is slated for Louisville, Ky. The Conclave 2009 group in Kingston, Ontario, has not finalized results but hopes to show a small profit.

An alert for those who intend to go to Galena July 11-16, 2010: you must register with the Midwest Club before you will be able to make a resort room reservation at the AHCA rate. Greg has registration forms that he will now bring to PIE and the annual planning meeting in December. Meanwhile, you may register online at: <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com>.

The Colorado Springs Conclave in 2011 will be the first time that AHCA has hosted the event since the mid-1970s and will mark the 50th anniversary of AHCA's beginning in June 1961 by the Midwest Club in Illinois. AHCA's hosting of it is intended as a solo situation, not a recurring activity by the national. There will be ample opportunity for local & regional clubs to help with the event.

There was discussion at the delegates meeting of switching Conclaves to every-other year events, so that regional club meets could be promoted more broadly to clubs outside their normal drawing area; no action was taken on that discussion, but will be a subject on the officer's meeting agenda in early 2010.

The final total for the Cross Country Caravan for Kids during 2008, with some contributions coming in during 2009, was \$29,325. Thanks to all who contributed.

Submitted by Greg Lauser
MAHC National Delegate

Ed. Note: Special Thanks to Greg Lauser for representing the MAHC so well for these past years, and also for taking an active part in the Austin Healey Club of America as a Vice President !

THE THUNDER BAY VINTAGE SPORTS CAR CLUB INVITES YOU TO

"WAKE THE GIANT"

AT THE 20TH ANNUAL LAKE SUPERIOR VINTAGE SPORTS CAR RENDEZVOUS
JUNE 17, 18, 19, 20, 2010 IN THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO, CANADA

Basic registration covers one vehicle, two adults, and all children under 18 years of age.
Register by May 1, 2010 to receive a free commemorative T-shirt* and to qualify for
the Early Bird Draw for one free night at the Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel!

Fees are in Canadian dollars. Cancellations will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee.
Refunds will NOT be offered on or after May 1, 2010. The club will provide registration
packages to those who have paid the full registration fee but were unable to attend.

Questions? Please contact John Colosimo at (807) 344-7694, or email us at info@tbvsc.ca.
Visit our website at www.tbvsc.ca for more information and updates.



Name	Spouse/Guest Attending		
Children Attending	(Include names & ages of each child)		
Street	City		
State/Province/Postal Code	Club Name		
E-mail Address	Phone		
(Include e-mail address if you want a confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise)			
Vehicles to be registered	(Year)	(Make)	(Model)
	(Year)	(Make)	(Model)
Basic Registration Fee	\$55.00 until May 1	After May 1: \$70.00	\$
(Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18, & for early registration one free T-shirt)			
Each Additional Person:	\$5 x		\$
Each Additional Vehicle:	\$5 x		\$
Buffer Breakfast - Friday	\$8.00/Adult x	(\$5.00/Child under 13 – under 5 free)	\$
- Saturday	\$8.00/Adult x	(\$5.00/Child under 13 – under 5 free)	\$
Banquet Saturday Night	\$35.00/Adult x		\$
	\$20.00/Child under 13 x	(under 5 free)	\$
Free Earlybird Shirt Size.....	2 nd Shirt.....	3 rd Shirt.....	\$15 for each addl. after the Free Shirt.....
T-Shirt Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL	*NOTE: After May 1 st supply of shirts and sizes cannot be guaranteed		
TOTAL IN CANADIAN DOLLARS			\$

GOLF: I want to play Golf with a Rendezvous group on Thursday June 17th Y / N
(A Rendezvous organizer will contact you with details & green fees information)

HOTEL: Contact Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel directly for headquarters hotel room reservations
@ 1-888-473-2378. A block of rooms has been held until May 1st.

Please make cheques payable to TBVSCC and send with completed registration form to:
Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club,
c/o Chris Pyne, 302 Southgate Court, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 7Z5, Canada.

Events Schedule 2009

- December 2 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- December 12 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) Meet at 10:00 AM. The schedule of events for 2010 will be on the agenda for this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Location is the *Amore Victoria Ristorante* at 1601 West Lake Street in Minneapolis. Phone number is 612-823-0250.
- December 12 **** **Annual MAHC Board of Directors Meeting** – (Sat) The Board of Directors will meet following the Planning Breakfast to ratify the 2010 Schedule of Official MAHC Activities (tentatively set for 11:30 a.m.)
- ** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity**
- June 17-20** **Rendezvous 2010** - (Thurs – Sun) The event will be put on by the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club and the location will be at the Best Western Nor'Wester Resort Hotel in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Reserve early! See page 10.
- July 11-16** **AHCA Conclave 2010** - (Sun – Fri) At Galena, Illinois. See page 9.



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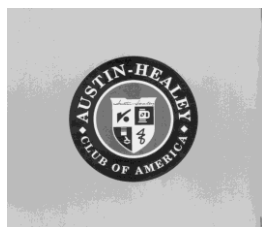
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July 11 - 16, 2010

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FOR SALE: A-H 3000 early Grill – horizontal bars. Used, but very nice. Call Herb Miller at 952-888-2366 or email to: hgmiller3@qwest.net (10/09)

FOR SALE: New Black Carpet Kit for AH 3000 BT7 Center Shift - \$150.00 Call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041 or email to gtronning@aol.com (10/09)

FOR SALE: 1965 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III. Red with Black interior. 37M miles. Original car throughout. Even has the original window stickers and paperwork. Looks like new. Asking \$55,000. Call Gene Berghoff at 612-298-5648 (10/09)

ATTENTION – A-H PARTS SEEKERS !! I have a varied assortment of parts for BN, BT and BJ7s. If you would like to know what they are, email me -- casadirossi@hotmail.com -- and I will reply with a list. (11/09)

WANTED – Set of Steel Wheels and Hubcaps for 1960 AH Sprite. Call Paul Isakson at 715-554-3858 or email to iker@amerytel.net (11/09)