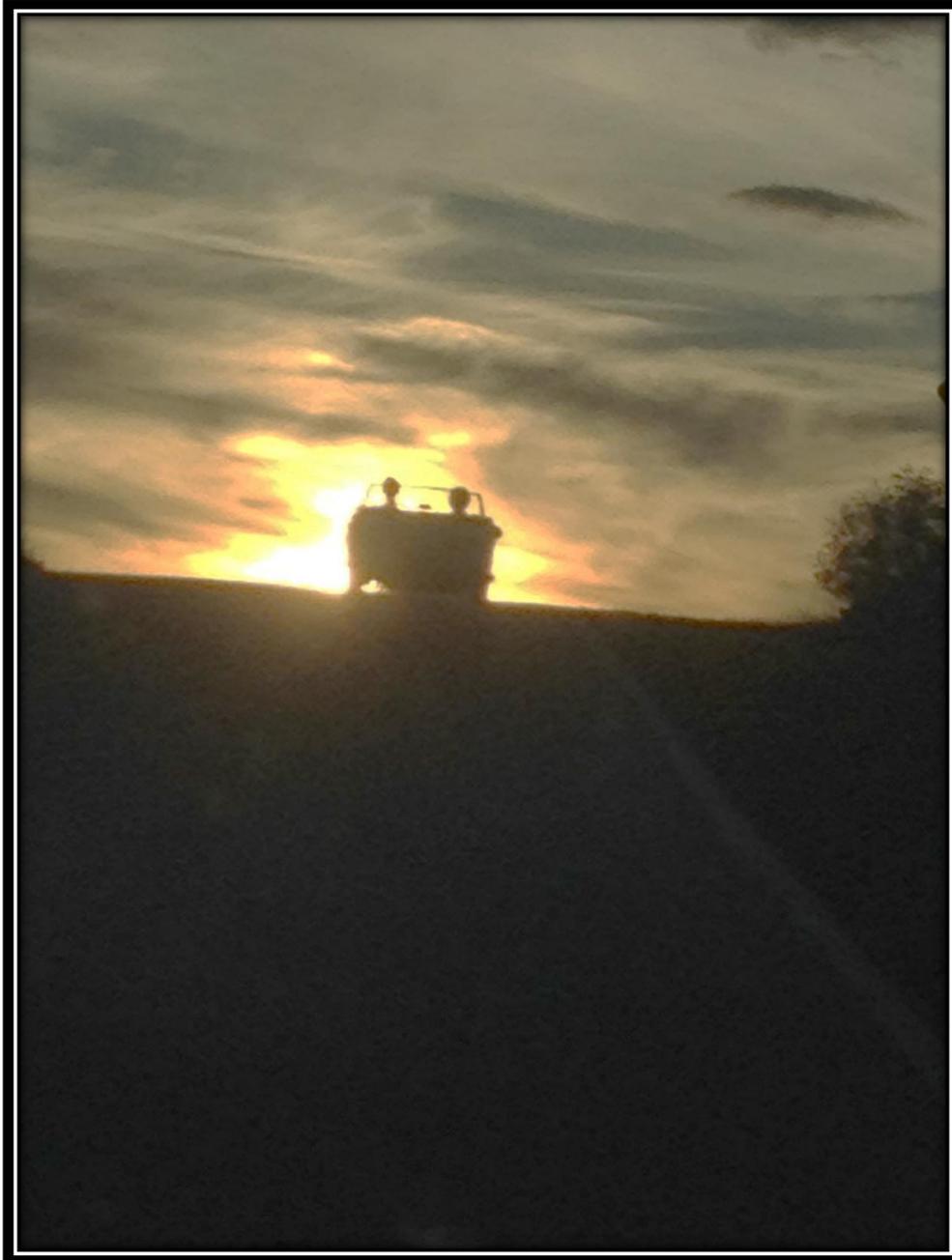




The Healey Enthusiast

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Into the Sunset 'til Next Spring

Jake Powell and Kyle Swanson in the Willodson Healey somewhere near St Anna, Wisconsin - See Page 11

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday	Dec 5	2016 Planning Breakfast – Page 9
Wednesday	Dec 9	PIE – Joseph's Grill (<i>note date change!</i>)

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140 South Wabasha
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435**New location &
December
date change!**

Take I-94 to the Hwy. 52 exit. Go south on 52 to Plato Blvd. Go west (right) on Plato to Wabasha St. and turn right to Joseph's.

Come and enjoy beverages and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news and events, and discuss cars and restorations.

People submitting news, articles and photos for this issue:

Dave Herreid
Greg Lauser
Andy Lindberg
Greg Willodson*Thank you!*

Please send all submissions to both editors:

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lstadther@gmail.com**Remember, you can always find current and past newsletters at the MAHC at:**<http://www.mnhealey.com/mnhealey/newsletter.htm>**THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST**

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The President's Flights of Fancy

Upon the mighty perch of Presidency I look out and say, "What, me worry?" My confidence is not due to hubris; rather it is the knowledge that my fellow club members have my back and that the path forward has been so well prepared by past and present club officers and members. To all I say, "Thank you." The way I see it, my presidential responsibilities are to tend to monthly maintenance, not screw anything up, and possibly tweak this well-oiled machine — the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. To this end I'll do my best to help make the upcoming year enjoyable, laid back, and what you've come to expect from an Austin Healey infused event: a good time. On a personal note I look forward to getting to know all of you better and working at pronouncing all of your surnames correctly.

Speaking of well-oiled machines, let's talk Austin Healeys. I'm a relative newbie on this subject. After years of on and off restoration on my BT7, I thought knew something about Healeys. Yes I read every book Steve Rixen lent me, studied both the MAHC and National publications, and burned the midnight oil scouring eBay. I even trolled YouTube for Austin Healey sightings. But it was only after Daphne and I (on our maiden drive) found ourselves chasing Suzanne and Greg in their BN7 that I fully understood that these cars are fun-machines. Pushing the pedal equals another high-octane jolt of fun, and the club is the invaluable way to amplify that experience.

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But that is not to say that you can't have a gas in the MAHC without an Austin Healey. I did it with a Honda Element for five years. Get involved with the events by participating or helping out. Come to the monthly P.I.E. meetings and catch up on the happenings of old and new friends. Even if you are reserved and drive a sensible car like me, you'll get sucked into the action faster than petrol into an SU carburetor at the redline, and you will start planning your life around the MAHC calendar. To get a jump-start, come to the planning breakfast this Saturday, December 5th.

Wing It,
Dave Herreid



The Presidents Informal Evening

by Dave Herreid

November 4, 2015

On a warm and pleasant November night there was more than one Austin Healey in the parking lot of Joseph's Grill.

President Carlson called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was a review the past months events. Since the driving season is winding down the re-cap was brief.

- Adopt a Highway pickup was a warm and sunny success. 9 folks participated with donuts at the start and a relatively clean section of Highway 61 laying ahead. With the work done, it was off to lunch in Hastings. Greg Lauser who organizes this event noted that it was time to decide if the club wanted to commit to another 2 years of servitude to the State of Minnesota Highway Department. It was decided we do and so we will. Thank you Greg for your effort and taking charge of this road worthy event.
- The Waumandee Fall Color tour was also blessed with beautiful weather. Dan Powell noted the drive was enjoyable; the ice cream almost free, but the show stealer was the Waumandee Canon. It shoots bowling balls and pumpkins out of sight. How can you top that? At about this time Tom Hazen the event organizer arrived. He commented that the non-Healeys slowed us down [read Triumphs], but he cared not because he was at the wheel of beautiful new Jaguar, loaned to him by John Shorrock at Minneapolis Jaguar.

Upcoming Events

- The Banquet is set for Saturday the 14 of November at Joseph's Grill, RSVP to Barbara Ronning as noted in the newsletter.
- The Planning Breakfast will be at Joseph's Grill on Saturday December 5. Breakfast at 9 with the meeting at 10. Let Dave Herreid know if you can't make it, but would like to suggest an event.

President Carlson noted that Fred Ambli is on the mend. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

The Officer's reports

- Gary and Eileen Wetzel will be going to the National Austin Healey Meeting soon. Eileen asked if we had any questions or concerns, not a murmur was heard. A comment about a future conclave was then voiced and not only a murmur was heard, but weeping and gnashing of teeth was detected. Eileen being ever so sensitive to the situation at hand suggested that she would only ask what possible future Conclave years are still available for local chapters to sponsor. To this I heard a distinguish club member suggest "2030, or better yet the 2040 Conclave". Stay tuned.
- Steve Greenway relayed to President Carlson that our finances are sound.
- Jim Kriz, our membership director noted that we have 103 members and membership renewal notices would be forthcoming.
- Greg Willodson wants to know if you would like a nametag.
- Suzanne Willodson noted that InterMarque planning for next year is just getting started. Events will be placed on our club schedule when they are known.
- Gary Ronning has been contemplating the future of club regalia and he has a vision of you taking over the task. Make dreams come true, volunteer!
- Our newsletter Editors Liz Stadther and Suzanne Willodson have not had a problem with lacking good copy. They appreciate the articles and photos that members have contributed, keep it coming.

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New Items

- The December P.I.E. meeting will be at Joseph's Grill.
- Tom Hazen wanted to but an end to the rumor that he is going to pass on to others the responsibly for the Amery Speed events. It isn't a rumor, it's fact...this after only 17 Amery Speed Runs no less.

President Carlson then concluded a very successful and delightful year by adjourning the meeting.

Cheers, Dave Herreid

In attendance:

Eileen & Gary Wetzel
 Stefanie & Phil Dawson
 Kim & Steve Rixen
 Dave & Cheryl Rademacher
 Phil See
 Dave & Susan Jensen
 Greg & Suzanne Willodson
 Daphne Walmer & Dave Herreid

Jeff Lumbard
 Dan Powell
 Dave Hatzung
 Jim Kriz
 Tom Hazen
 Kate & Clarence Westberg
 Greg & Nancy Lauser

Curt Carlson
 Lisa Culver & Dave Lodle
 Gary & Barb Ronning
 Carl & Betty Stine
 Tom & June Moerke
 Rich & Liz Stadther
 Scott McQueen

InterMarque Breakfasts

The tours, rallies and racing are about to start again. Meet friends and learn about events and activities at the InterMarque Saturday breakfasts.

Elsie's Restaurant, Bar and Bowling Center is the breakfast destination every Saturday at 8:30 AM. The second Saturday of the month is Ladies' Day, though of course, they are welcome every week. 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis. Map at <http://elsies.com>.

On the first and third Saturdays, the East Ender's Breakfast Group meets at 9 AM at **Sail Away Café**, 1321 St. Croix Trail, Afton, MN. It's north of County Road 18 and St. Croix Trail.

InterMarque calendar

Check out
 InterMarque's multi-
 marque calendar in
 their latest newsletter
 for even more car
 events!

InterMarque.org



Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Annual Business Meeting and Banquet

Saturday, November 14, 2015

By Dave Herreid

As a perfect Healey driving fall receded in our side mirrors it was time to turn our attention to the Minnesota Austin Healey Club's business, thank all who made and participated in this year's successful edition of the MAHC, and revel in memories of fast cars among good friends and cheer that is at the heart of this club.

*My notes are from memory so excuse my order and accuracy ~ sometimes I make things up.

Just prior to the social hour the room was a buzz of activity. Suzanne Willodson was putting the final touches on the centerpieces she made, with the expert help of Sue Greenway, Daphne Walmer and Nancy Lauser. Barbara Ronning was inspecting the details of the Banquet room and equipment for the meeting, then collecting money. Gary Ronning was setting up the silent auction tables and helping with the money collection. Suddenly as more members arrived and beverages served the social hour was in swing.

President Carlson, relaxed and debonair, presided over the commencement of dinner. I for one quite enjoyed the buffet menu. The food was top notch, the staff helpful, and the room comfortable. The Banquet Committee did it right and all present were grateful, thank you Barbara Ronning, Betty Stine, Susan Greenway, Liz Stadther, and Suzanne Willodson.



As the dinner was concluded President Curt Carlson opened up the business portion of the night. The first item on the agenda was to thank the members and those who contributed over the past year and to comment on what a fun, successful year it was. He then smiled and turned the presidency over to me, your humble scribe, Dave Herreid.

Upon my ascendancy to President I wanted to say, "As your newly elected President, my first order of business is to thank all of you. The members of the

Minnesota Austin Healey Club make this club what it is. Those who have volunteered in this past year did the work necessary to make this club function smoothly. Speaking as one who saw that effort first hand I can attest that effort was always cheerful offered. We all appreciate the officers' and volunteers' effort. Personally, I look at volunteering as a way to say thanks to all who proceeded us and a chance to smooth the path for all that choose to follow."

(Actually I believe I said "Buckle up, it's going to be a bumpy ride", but I really meant the big "Thank You.")

Business matters:

Officers

- Dave Hatzung accepted the role of Vice President/Secretary
- Jim Kriz will remain as Member Director
- Steve Greenway will remain as Treasurer
- Eileen Wetzel will remain as National Delegate

Board Members (two year term)

- Dave Rademacher (mid-term)
- Kim Rixen (mid-term)
- Greg Willodson (mid-term)
- Rich Stadther (new member)
- Suzanne Willodson (new member)



New VP Dave Hatzung and President Dave Herreid

Special thanks to Jeff Lumbard and Dan Powell for serving the past two years on the board.

Special Volunteers

- Liz Stadther and Suzanne Willodson will continue as Newsletter Editors.
- Suzanne Willodson will remain as InterMarque Delegate
- Jeff Johnk will continue as Video Librarian
- John Snyder will continue as Webmaster
- Dave Lee will continue as Email Broadcaster
- Greg Willodson will continue as Director of Name Tags
- Gary Ronning would like to not continue as Regalia Coordinator, but he's just a nice guy and will continue until you volunteer. [read: guilt]
- Technical Resources
 - Chuck Norton for Sprites
 - Curt Carlson for 100s
 - Jeff Johnk for 3000s and Modifieds
 - Tom Politiski for Jensen Healeys



Social hour

Annual Reports

- Eileen Wetzel (National Delegate) gave an update on National Events and issues.
- Jim Kriz (Membership Director) noted our memberships renewal for both the local and national clubs will be sent to us. Note that to be included in the National Directory the deadline for the National Membership is December 31. Please send both memberships amounts to Jim Kriz.
- Steve Greenway (Treasurer) noted that our bank account is stable, an exact year-end total is pending expense receipts.

Sometime around now Gary Ronning and I started awarding door prizes and Regalia. (If you won Regalia and haven't conversed with Gary about selecting it, please do).

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In the midst of all of this activity I attempted, but somewhat fumbled at articulating two big thank you(s) one to Tom Hazen and the other to Curt Carlson. Tom Hazen is an inspiration at creating driving events. His tireless work has overwhelmed bureaucrats, mollified sheriffs and attracted volunteers. His skills at planning, attention to detail, and temperament have made driving events fun, challenging, and safe. This fall, to all who attended, the Waumandee Hill Climb became what I believe to be our club's annual signature event, thank you Tom. Curt Carlson's time as President not only included all the normal activities, but also coincided with the disruptive demise of the Officers Club, aka our Club House. We all like Healeys, but we all come from different points on the map. Successfully negotiating the multifaceted requirements of a clubhouse, while navigating congested roads, poor acoustics, karaoke, and an opinionated crowd like us could not have been easy. But by successfully finding a soft landing at Joseph's Grill, you sure made my life easier. Thank you.

The Silent Auction was wrapping up as the formal meeting adjourned.

Lastly, there was one Austin-Healey in attendance thanks to Suzanne and Greg Willodson.

Healey on, Dave Herreid



Rod Richert, Jan Huston, and Tom Moerke



Just a few of the many silent auctions items



Laurie Powell, Liz Stadther, Betsy Lumbard, and Carol Johnk

2016 Breakfast Planning Meeting

Saturday December 5, 2015
9am breakfast • 10am meeting



Joseph's Grill
140 Wabasha Street South
St Paul MN 55107

Please join your fellow club members in planning our events for the upcoming year!

Calendars provided.

Board of Directors meeting traditionally follows the planning meeting.

It's that time of the year...

A message from Membership Director Jim Kriz:

If you receive a renewal notice from the National Club, please submit payment to:

Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Pkwy
Minneapolis MN 55405

★ Membership renewal form on page 10 ★

Membership / Renewal Form

Minnesota A-H Club Dues New Renewal \$20.00
Austin-Healey Club of America Dues New Renewal \$50.00
BOTH CLUBS \$70.00

Minnesota A-H Club (Local only) Dues New Renewal \$25.00

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: MN Austin Healey Club (or MAHC)

Checks covering AHCA membership renewals must reach Jim Kriz no later than **January 1, 2015**, to assure that your information appears in the 2015 AHCA Membership Directory.

Send form and checks to:

**Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Pkwy.
Minneapolis, MN 55405**

2015 Events Schedule

Sat December 5	2016 Planning Breakfast	9 AM. Location: Joseph's Grill
Wed December 9	MAHC Pie with the President	6 PM. Meeting at 7 PM. Joseph's Grill. Note date change for December

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Future 50

It's Inevitable

At the Fall Vintage races in September of this year, Kyle Swanson and Jake Powell were offered the keys to the Willodson's Healey. Jake's grandfather is MAHC member Dan Powell, which makes him very familiar with the marque. Their mission was to navigate their way from the track to Schwartz's Supper Club, where the Healey entourage was meeting for dinner.

They made the half-hour drive in style and loved every minute of it.

The next day, it was Kyle's turn to drive the Healey around the grounds of the track. We're pretty sure we snapped some photos of Kyle's big smile when they returned to the paddock, but his enthusiasm and comments are more memorable. Something along the line of, "How cool would it be to drive into the parking lot at school with this car?! Nobody would have a better car than this!"

Introducing the Future 50...



Winding country roads. All roads lead to Schwartz's.



Jake in the driver's seat and Kyle riding shotgun. The next day, Kyle was in the driver's seat.

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Road Trip: 5000 Miles for Good Friends and a Good Cause

By Greg Lauser

In the spring of 2014, Greg and Nancy Lauser took a scenic 5,000-mile trip to Seattle and back through Canada in time to hook up with the crew at Rendezvous in Thunder Bay. While on the road, Greg wrote and photographed a series of 18 reports that the Public Library in Prescott, Wisconsin used to create enthusiasm for a library and middle school media center fundraiser. The Lausers call the series "Road Trip for Readers." Here are the fifth and sixth installments.

Road Trip for Readers Report Number 5

After leaving Grand Coulee Dam, we made the long climb up and over a northern pass on State Road 20 through the Cascade Mountains, which had snow on them and were shrouded in a combination of mist, rain and sleet. Due to the tricky driving conditions, I took no pictures of the first really inclement weather we've encountered. As we dropped back down to sea level into Seattle, the weather cleared and we were back in bright sunshine when we arrived at the home of our niece and nephew-in-law in Redmond, a suburb. We stayed with Wayne and Leslie until the night of the wedding. I think you can see the family resemblance in this picture.



It was good to see two of Nancy's sisters, various cousins and their families during the wedding and reception. I gave the memory card with those pictures on it to Wayne, so I'm sparing you the family photos.



Seattle's Space Needle was a nearby neighbor to our downtown hotel the evening of their son's wedding.



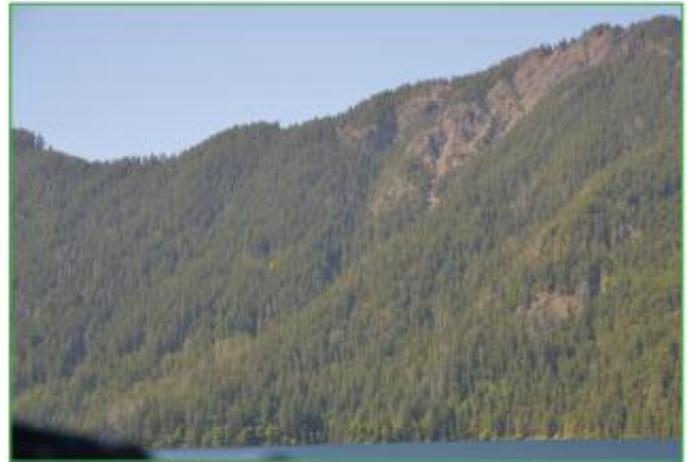
We caught the ferry the next morning to Bainbridge Island on the Upper Peninsula of Washington. We drove to Port Townsend for breakfast and along the way Nancy found a house she liked that was for sale. Of course it had beautiful grounds, including these poppies. Then, it was on to Port Angeles and a feast of beautiful sites on Hurricane Ridge, the Pacific Ocean and Lake Crescent.



Road Trip for Readers Report

Number 6

Our visit to Port Angeles included great drives to the top of Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park, plus great scenery at Lake Crescent while on our way to the rugged Pacific Northwest Coast of Washington. Sometimes it's best to just let the pictures speak for themselves. I will note, though, that no picture can capture the magnitude of the surroundings we saw.



This deer was browsing at a turnout along Hurricane Ridge; Crescent Lake above and Rialto Beach with enormous beached trees and offshore land forms.





Join fellow British Car enthusiasts for 6 days of fun and camaraderie. Leaving Winnipeg, MB on Saturday, June 4th, with stops in Fort Frances, ON; Thunder Bay, ON; Duluth, MN; International Falls, MN; Winnipeg, MB and arriving in Kenora, ON on Thursday, June 9th in time for the Sunset Country Rendezvous!

For more information, please contact Chad Edwards by e-mail (c_g_edwards@yahoo.ca) or call 204-736-2755



MARKETPLACE

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A recommendation from Mike Lynch: The best Austin-Healey parts supplier I have ever known is back in business. He was shut down for a number of years but just reopened after selling his architecture firm. He has a huge supply of good used parts, carries new parts, and is very knowledgeable and dependable.



Hemphill's Healey Haven Ltd.
Gary Hemphill
10 D Winters Lane
PO Box 9460
Baltimore MN 21228
Phone or 24 Hour Fax 410.788.0530
Email: bighealey@msn.com

Price Reduced! For Sale: Set of BF Goodrich Silvertown 6.00-15 4-Ply Polyester Tubeless black tires. They have 0 miles and still have all of the labeling on them. They were purchased from Coker Tires. The cost of new ones from Coker Tire today are \$167.00 each. These tires, although they only have 0 miles on them, are about 5 years old. Will sell these tires for ~~\$100~~ **\$50 each**. Please contact Gene Berghoff at gene.berghoff@gmail.com.

On offer for the owner, '65 BJ8

VIN HBJ8L/32041. Car was unused for last 5 years, but started easily with fresh gas & new battery. Engine sounds good, compression about 150 with 1 low cylinder – could clean up with use. Body is in reasonable shape, maybe painted once before current owner bought it in 1986.

Speedo shows 74000 miles, will put it on the hoist for chassis inspection by prospective buyer. Silver blue paint, blue interior & tonneau – haven't put the top up. Selling on consignment for owner – best offer over \$25,000 by October 31. Come by Quality Coaches for a private assessment. Call Mark Brandow (612) 306-0044





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See details of these items on Page 15:

- **A recommendation from Mike Lynch:** The best Austin-Healey parts supplier I have ever known is back in business.
- **New Listing!** 1965 Austin-Healey BJ8. Best offer over \$25,000 by October 31.
- **Price Reduced!** Set of BF Goodrich Silvertown 6.00-15 4-Ply Polyester Tubeless black tires. Now \$50 each.



1962 Austin-Healey 3000 MK II BT7 For Sale – New price \$40,000

This vehicle has been owned for over 30 years, and it had a complete nut and bolt frame-up restoration with important upgrades as completed in 1997.

The car is sold with a complete picture book of the restoration. All restoration receipts are available to the buyer. This car has been driven to many Austin Healey Conclaves. It has been very well maintained since its restoration and now has 20,000 miles. This car is extremely dependable and a joy to drive Email or call Byron at eaglesptst@msn.com or 651-269-3360 for more information.

Features:

- Black with red interior
- Numerous engine modifications resulted in an increase of horsepower to 170 without a compromise in dependability
- The engine maintains its original appearance
- All four shocks were given heavy duty upgrades
- Austin Healey rally vents were installed in the fenders and louvers were installed to the hood to assist with cooling and keeping hot air from the cockpit
- It features a rally exhaust system with side exit in front of the rear tire
- The interior was upgraded to all red leather with red wool pile carpeting in keeping with the original appearance
- A custom cloth top and tonneau were hand-built to exact specifications
- The wire wheels were upgraded to Dayton 70 spoke center-laced wheels to provide strength, a wider stance and improved handling
- It has new Goodyear GT tires
- An oil cooler was added as an engine upgrade
- A handsome Derrington steering wheel was installed, as was an Aston Gas Cap