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Event Date Changes Since January Newsletter Issue

See calendar pages 6 and 7 for details

Brewery Bottling Session on Feb 24, rescheduled to Feb 3

Wine and Cheese Party on Feb 24, rescheduled to Feb 10

Hill Climb VI on June 20, rescheduled to June 2

Amery Speed Event on June 2, reschedule is to be determined

Tech Session at Precision Restoration on Mar 24, rescheduled to Sept 17

Winery Tour on Sept 23, rescheduled to Sept 30



Healey Fans at Square Peg

February Events

Saturday February 3 – Beer Bottling @ Vine Park Brewery

Wednesday February 7 – PIE Meeting

Saturday February 10 --Wine and Cheese Party

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Presidential Polemical Exhortations



By Mike Manser

Hello Healeyphiles...

?A wheelbarrow.? As you well know it is January in Minnesota and, despite the generally unseasonably warm weather, we are experiencing a cold spell which reminds me how much I miss the warm winters I used to experience when I worked in Texas. Overall, winters were very mild with daytime highs near 60 and on occasion ice on puddles in the mornings. My friends from Texas would complain about the cold and all I could do was laugh. Well, now I am the one complaining about the cold weather and I think Mother Nature is now laughing. Winter here stinks and I would much rather have the mild winters of Texas?but without the scorpions and cactus. All of this reminds me of the various ways to stay warm through the winter months. The first way is obvious?be in a warm building. There are great things to do inside. A friend of mine has a winter project in his den that consists of rebuilding his Porsche engine. I wonder if his friends see the engine as a project or work of art? I say both. I am not fortunate enough to be able to rebuild an engine in the house so I need to work in the garage. To keep warm out there I invested in a couple pairs of flannel lined jeans from Kaplan Brothers (on east Lake Street) which, when combined with a hooded sweatshirt, warm socks, work boots, jacket, hat, multiple shirts, and gloves makes the temperature in the garage almost tolerable. The only challenge is that I walk like I am wearing a body cast with all that clothing on. Lastly is a little beer drinking. I realize after drinking some beer one only feels warmer and is not actually warmer but it is better than nothing. I am glad to say tomorrow afternoon, with the help of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club, I will be keeping warm using all of these methods. We will be at the Vine Park Brewery in St. Paul experiencing a new event in which I will be in a warm building, wearing my flannels, and drinking beer. Best of all? it will be with the Healey people. Stay warm however you can. ?What do you call an MG with a dual exhaust??

THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST

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Cover Picture Courtesy Tom Moerke

PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday February 7th

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.

PIE REPORT

By Tom Moerke

- PIE on 1-3-06 was lots of fun.
- The PIE on January 3rd had the following attendees: Mike Martin, Larry Nimmerfroh, Dick Matthews, Tom Moerke, Dan Powell, Rich Stadther, Michael Manser, Gary and Barb Ronning, Dan Wolters, Tom Hazen, Steve Rixen, Greg Lauser, Dave Lee, Jim Kriz, Paul Weidner, Scott McQueen, John Snyder, Jack Stein, Curt Carlson.
- Curt Carlson spoke about needing 15 people to make beer on January 20th. While 10 people have signed up, he needs 15 or else the event can not be held.
- Several changes in event schedule – see front page.
- Steve Rixen announced his Tech session on March 24th conflicts with other events, so he has rescheduled the session to September 17th.
- Tom Hazen talked about the Hill Climb and Amery dates. The Final date for the Amery event is still to be determined.
- Larry Nimmerfroh thanked Mike Lynch for his help in getting out the newsletter. The entire group thanked Larry for taking on this duty and doing a great job.
- Club president Mike Manser discussed his visit to Orlando to see the Performance Industry Trade Show. He was impressed with a new engine bearing reducing treatment which will make his race car faster.
- Gary Ronning presented new regalia.
- Also: details on the Andy Lindberg Expedition are starting to leak out. Depart from the Square Peg on April 28th, 2 days out, 2 days there, 2 days back
- The “Gary Owen” march will be playing softly in the background as misty eyed ladies wave lace hankies at departure time April 28th. (“Gary Owen” was the song played by the 7th Cavalry band as Colonel Custer with the 7th Cavalry left Fort Lincoln (Bismarck) on their rendezvous with destiny at the Little Big Horn)
- I wish I could tell you more but I’m so excited about the JH-5 and the new computer daughter Katie gave me, I can’t think of anything else. Also, Curt Carlson didn’t drink the 22 bottles at the party: some but not all
- It’s great to turn 70.
- Next event will be Brewery Bottling
- Next PIE meeting is on February 7th, 2007.

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.



Membership / Renewal Form

- Minnesota A-H Club** New Renewal \$20.00
- Austin-Healey Club of America** New Renewal \$40.00
- 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)** _____

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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)

Thanks VERY much to MAHC member Mike Lynch for volunteering his business staff at Controls and Meters, Inc. to accomplish the printing, collation, folding, postage metering, and mailing of the The Healey Enthusiast, effective last month's issue, January 2007.

Gloria Lynch organized the actual printing, folding, metering and mailing.

Dave Sonsalla merged the editor's computerized page editing into appropriate software commands from the office computer to the sophisticated office printer, printing four pages on each sheet of 11x17 paper. Dave also tutored the new newsletter editor in the intricacies of graphics in publishing with Microsoft Word.

This contribution by Mike Lynch::

- 1) has eliminated the approx \$60 formerly spent monthly by MAHC at Kinko's for printing four pages per sheet
- 2) has maintained material costs (paper)
- 3) has shifted the physical work load from the newsletter editor, making the editor work load sharable

VP Report

by Tom Moerke

WOW!! What a wonderful holiday season I've had. My daughter Katie had invited my wife June, my other daughter Laura, and myself to her house in Highland Park for dinner. I was astonished that when we opened the door, the house was full of great friends and relatives wishing me a happy birthday. I was totally surprised. June and my daughters, not to mention friends, kept the secret from me. The food was great and the wine was flowing. While I was greedily opening many exciting and witty gifts, June was off somewhere making a deal with Tom Politiski to purchase a 1975 Jenson-Healey. FOR ME!! Saturday morning the 6th Tom delivered it to the Square Peg and then on to Steve Rixen's garage while plans were being made to house the Healey. Can I call it a Healey or must I always say "Jenson-Healey"? Jenson-Healeys are pretty exciting cars. They were built from 1972 to 1975, with only about 10,500 being made. The first ones had engine problems which were immediate public knowledge and hurt their sales even after the problems "hopefully" were corrected. 0 to 60 in 8 seconds and a top speed of 120-125 top speed was quoted in road tests. As I write this, on the 11th of January, I am sitting in my kitchen watching the new home for the JH5 (it's got a 5 speed tranny) being built.

By the way, daughter Laura kept re-filling Curt Carlson's glass at daughter Katie's suggestion. 22 bottles were empties. They apparently liked Curt.

February is a dangerous month!

By Paul Weidner

My current motor sports addiction is Autocross and British cars, not necessarily in that order. While looking back at my car ownership history I noticed one common point --- all the cars have been looked at and purchased primarily in the month of February. If this month was removed from the calendar I would have considerable more disposable income and the time to spend it.

1984 Marcos Mantula? Purchased in January 2000 (almost February).

1959 Speedwell Sprite ex-racer/project car? Purchased in February 2004.

1973 Tricar? Purchased in February 2006. I got back Saturday December 2nd from a three day round trip journey to Baltimore to pick it up.

I hereby formally ask for the month of February to be eliminated from the calendar; if that is not possible I would like to enlist VSCR and MAHC members to either start a February 12 Step program that I can join, or a phone intervention program that I can call in case I have the same issues in the Februaries to come.

Notice also the spacing of these car purchases:

Time before buying the second one - Four years.

Time before buying the third one - Two years.

The time is shrinking: it appears to be half as long for each new/old purchase. If this holds true I will need your help in February 2007!

Thanks in advance for your help and intervention.

Events Schedule 2007

- February 3 **** **Beer Bottling Bunch** – (Sat.) Meet at 12:00 a.m. at the Vine Park Brewery on West Seventh Street in St. Paul. Curt Carlson will be making the arrangements
- February 7 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. at The Fort Snelling Officers Club located on Hwy. 5 at Post Road - just across the road from the entrance to the Mpls./St. Paul Int'l. Airport. There is always an enjoyable group of members to discuss a variety of topics.
- February 10 **** **Wine & Cheese Party** – (Sat.) From 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. at Dick & Karla Mathews' home at 1301 Waterford Drive in Golden Valley, MN. Bring wine, a snack, photos, videos, memorabilia. It's a wonderful afternoon party.
- March 7 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- March 24** **Intermarque Go Kart Challenge** –(Sat) From 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the race track in Burnsville. This is the sixth year for the Jaguar Club sponsored event. Awards lunch will follow. Call Dave Meek at 952-942-5001 or davemeek@mn.rr.com for more info.
- April 4 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- April 28 **** **Clean-up/Spring Awakening Tour** - (Sat) Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Hwy. Roadside Park at milepost 80 on US Hwy. 61 – just above Lake City, MN for the Spring Adopt-A-Highway clean up. There will be a tour afterwards to an Austin car collector's home nearby in Wisconsin. Arrangements are being made by Greg Lauser.
- April 28 – May 3** **Andy Lindberg Expedition To The Black Hills** Details Later
- May 2 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice
- May 6 **** **Sandy Rixen Memorial Tea** - (Sun.) There will be a Memorial Tea honoring the life of Sandy Rixen. Details will be forthcoming.
- May 12** **MMGG Spring Tour** (Sat.) Meet at 8:00 a.m. Square Peg – details to follow
- May 17 - 20** **MOTRAH 007** – (Fri-Sat) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. Morgan, Triumph, and Austin Healey will be the featured marques. Many events are being planned for the attendees this weekend. For more info, email Jeff Johnk at jeffj@centuryrefining.com
- May 20** **Intermarque Banquet & Car Show** – (Sun.) The InterMarque Council will again sponsor the Spring banquet. It will take place at the Radisson Conference Center in Golden Valley. Car show 10:00 am to noon, banquet noon to 2:00 pm
- May 25 - 28** **Donneybrooke Vintage Revival** – (Fri.–Mon.) – The VSCR will again have their racing and lunch time touring weekend. Memorial Day weekend at BIR in Brainerd. For more info call Rich & Liz Stadther at 651-698-1981.
- June 2 **** **Hill Climb VI** (Sat.) Afton Alps –Details later next month.
- June – TBD **** **Amery Airport Event** – (Sat.) – This event was so well received last year that Tom Hazen and Tom Moerke will be having “another run at it” ! Details later.
- June 6 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- June 10** **Classic Car Club of America/Mercedes Benz Concours Event** – (Sun.) Very nice showing of Classic Cars at Rice Park in downtown St. Paul. Details later.
- June 14 - 17** **Rendezvous 2007** - This will be the 17th year for the annual Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids, MN. The MN Jaguars will be hosting. Get your reservations in early! Form included
- June 22 - 24** **Back to the 50's Car Show** – The annual supersize car show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. If you want to see tons of fancy cars, here's the place!
- June 24 - 29** **AHCA Conclave 2007** – The Green Mountain International Conclave. The event will be in Burlington, Vermont this year. Looks like a beauty! Reserve early. For more information, call Greg Lauser at 715-262-9813 or email to glauser@presenter.com.

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- July 7** **Chetek Car Show** (Sat.) at Airport, Chetek, Wisconsin mmgg.org
- July 11 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- July 14 **** **Gymkhana** – (Sat) Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Brown & Bigelow parking lot at 345 Plato Blvd. in St. Paul. Scott McQueen will be making the arrangements.
- July 19–22** **The Kohler International Challenge** (formerly called the BRIC) This is the big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. For details, call Jeff Johnk, Dan Powell, or Jeff Lumbard.
- July 27 **** **Drive-In Movie Nite** – (Fri) Andy Lindberg is bringing us back to the 50's with this event in Woodbury. Plan to come early and tailgate. Details later.
- August 1 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- August 11** **ALL BRITISH Swap Meet/Car Show** – (Sat) 10:00 a.m. This event has been held at the Ellingson Car Museum on Hwy. 94 near Rogers, MN for the past several years. It's a great place to buy or sell parts and show your car. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- August 18 **** **Lauser / Stine Tour & Picnic** – (Sat) There will be a short Tour ending up at Carl & Betty Stine's for a Picnic at their very interesting farm in Beldenville, WI. Details later.
- September 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- September 8** **Wheels 'n Wings** – (Sat) 8:00 a.m. Always a lot of cars and a lot of books. Airplanes, a train ride, hot dogs, and friendly people make it an enjoyable day in Osceola, WI.
- September 14-16** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Call Jeff J., Dan P., or Jeff L. for details.
- September 17 **** **Tech Session** – (Sat.) Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Precision Restoration In Long Lake, MN (west of Wayzata on Hwy 12) For more details, see page 9. Steve Rixen will be making the arrangements
- September 30 **** **Wine Tour** – (Sun) – We will venture to one of the local Taylors Falls wineries to taste some of the recent vintages. Should be delightful! Details later. Wayne Soderbeck is coordinating
- October 3 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- October 6 **** **Adopt A Highway Clean-up** (Sat.) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to take place on this date. Details later.
- October 7** **Fall Color Tour**- (Sun.) The final drive of the year to enjoy the Fall tree colors. Details later.
- November 7 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- November 10 **** **Charity Event** – (Sat) Dale Martin will check the possibility of our club taking part in a food packaging charitable exercise. Details later.
- November 17 **** **Annual Business Meeting Party** – (Sat.) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer's Club. Details later.
- December 1 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2008 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Tom Moerke will select the site.
- December 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- December 8 **** **Tech Session** – (Sat) – Dick Mathews will check into the possibility of our having a Tech Session at a local shop that does custom mechanical work.

Events Schedule 2008

- June 2008 TBA** **Rendezvous 2008** Winnipeg, Manitoba

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March 24th, 2007
Jaguar Club of Minnesota
7th Annual Classic
Go-Kart Challenge

Organized by Jaguar Club of Minnesota – Open to All Sports Car Clubs

Saturday March 24th. All drivers need to be at the track by 8:15 AM. Mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30 AM. Racing begins at 9:00 AM and goes to 11:00 AM. Awards will be presented during lunch at the Buffalo Tap restaurant immediately afterwards. The **Buffalo Tap** is located 4990 123rd St. W., Savage MN Telephone: 952-808-7317
Event is limited so sign up now! Fastest lap times will determine grid positions for each heat. Each heat group assignment will be based upon prior experience. All club members are welcome to attend to support their drivers.



ABSOLUTELY NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION



Event is limited to licensed drivers. Helmets provided, personal DOT approved helmets with face shield approved. Drivers waiver required. All shoes must be secured to the foot (no flip flop style sandals). ProKART Indoor Racing does not allow kart-to-kart contact, kart-to-barrier contact or dangerous/reckless driving.

ProKART Indoors – 12500 Chownen Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55337 – Phone (952) 808-7223
 Check out www.prokartindoor.com for detailed directions

NOTE BURNSVILLE LOCATION!



Participants are considered signed up when their checks are received. **No cancellations or refunds.** Drivers may find an alternate in event of being unable to drive. **Jaguar Club reserves the right to deny participation to applicants that do not understand the “spirit” of the event or have exhibited inappropriate behavior in the past.**

For questions call: **David Meek – 612-799-5555**

Cost is \$40 per driver, please make checks out to **Jaguar Club of Minnesota.**

Send you checks to: **Jag Club of MN, c/o David Meek, 10267 Meade Lane, Eden Prairie, MN 55347**

Drivers meeting at 8:30. If you're late you won't get to race!

Driver #1 (\$40.00 Per Driver)		Please rank realistically, if you sandbag you'll run with rookies...	
		Slow to Fast	
Name _____	Years Karting _____	Self Rank (1 to 10) _____	
Street Address _____		Prior Go-Kart challenge? _____	
City _____	State _____	Zip _____	Phone () _____
E-Mail _____		Club Membership _____	
Driver #2 (\$40.00 Per Driver)		Slow to Fast	
Name _____	Years Karting _____	Self Rank (1 to 10) _____	
Street Address _____		Prior Go-Kart challenge? _____	
City _____	State _____	Zip _____	Phone () _____
E-Mail _____		Club Membership _____	

TIDBITS

Reminders

Beer Bottling, February 3rd
 Wine and Cheese party, Feb 10th
 MOTRAH 007, May 17th through May 20th
 Hill Climb, June 2nd
 Rendezvous, June 14th through June 17th
 AHCA Conclave, June 24th through June 29th

TECH SESSION

Precision Restoration

The MAHC Tech Session for September 17th is at Precision Restoration in Long Lake, Minnesota at 2415 West Industrial Blvd. This is the outfit that had the BJ8 at Back to the 50's. The time is 10 AM on September 17th. It is a full service restorer with dip tanks and body shop all under one roof. The guide will be the owner, Dan.
 Steve Rixen is coordinating

WANTED:

Good Radios

Looking for donated or very inexpensive used commercial grade Motorola UHF radios, hand-held or in-car, to use for the Healey Hillclimb, Amery Airport Speed Run, and country road tours. Our little Midland FRS/GMRS units just don't have the range we need. Some good Motorola models are CP200, GP300, SP50, Visar, and Radius M1225. Please call Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883.

Thanks!

TECH TIP: Brakes

by Doctor Ernie (Dead Lake Motors)

This is an on going informational series that reflects my own beliefs, experiences, and practices. It's primarily derived from my exposure at repairing British cars for the last 49 years.

In the last issue I talked about turning or not turning rotors (brake discs). While in this same area it's time to talk about brake calipers. The old adage of: If it's not broke don't fix it, works very well in this category. Sure there are some calipers that need attention every time you look at them. But most of them can be reused, as is, over and over through several sets of pads. Three things need to be present to be able to expect normal service out of a caliper for another set of brake pads:

1. No leaking of brake fluid.
2. Even wear evident from the last set of pads.
3. And the caliper pistons should be reasonably easy to pry back into their cylinders.

When prying back the pistons, first open the caliper bleed screw so that the old brake fluid isn't forced back into the master cylinder. I also run a small hose from the bleed screw down into a pop or beer bottle. Failure to do this can overfill the reservoir and the resultant spray out of the vent hole on the fill cap can make your paint job resemble a tie-dyed shirt. Even then it's wise to put a water dampened rag over the reservoir. Next use a caliper piston spreading tool or at least a flat style pry bar being careful to not damage any piston edges or boot seals. It's important to pry on the pistons evenly so that they don't cock or bind going back into the cylinders.

The above statements pretty much cover reusing the "all piston" style calipers. Calipers that have piston(s) only on one half of the caliper with some sort of sliding feature require extra assembly lubes and procedures. These lubricants on pins, bolts, dovetails, etc. can be very application specific. Follow directions supplied is the best procedure.

When finishing up, it's a very wise move to bleed each caliper till clean brake fluid is flowing. Not over tightening the bleed screws and using rubber bleed screw covers will greatly increase your chances of opening them next time without twisting them off.

Safe Motoring!!!!!!

First Class Postage



MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE: New Black Carpet Kit – 3000 center shift - \$175.00. Call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041 or email: gtronning@aol.com. (12/06)

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 wire wheel with decent tire for spare. Call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041. Email to gtronning@aol.com (12/06)

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. Tom Politiski - healeymog@yahoo.com for more info and pics. (12/06)

FOR SALE – 67 blue over white totally reconditioned BJ8 with Toyota 5 speed. Everything either new or rebuilt. Asking \$35,000.00. Jack Stein 651-445-6220 or jbeerstein@comcast.net.

FOR SALE – Lotus Westfield 11, completed by Westfield, GORGEOUS red, 10,000 miles, 2 owner, unique factory options, full paperwork, photo's during assembly, mechanical upgrades include cooling, brakes, ignition, and carburetion, photos available, \$18,000.00 firm. Elanplus2@earthlink.net

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