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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Wed. Feb. 5

PIE Meeting

Sat. Feb. 15

Wine & Cheese Party

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday Feb. 5th

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.

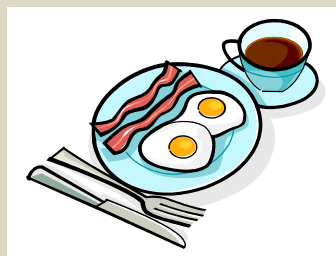
Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.

Breakfast at the Peg

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 !

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



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The Presidential Corner

By Greg Willodson

Wow, what a winter! The house is making boom sounds as the temperature heads well below zero again. Suzanne and I know what happens when you try to fight Mother Nature, so we're not trying to heat the garage when it gets below 15 degrees or so - especially when there's a lot of snow on the roof (like now). We made a lot of ice on the roof last year, and a fair amount of spring runoff decided to take the scenic route through the garage ceiling. What all this means is that nothing is getting done on the car this winter. It's a good thing these Healeys are a lot more reliable than people think.

Luckily the cold weather hasn't caused a lull in Healey related goings-on, as the Rixens have already hosted 2 fun events this year – a New Year's day party and a Tech Session! Thanks, Kim and Steve, for giving us great reasons to venture out!

The Rendezvous 2014 registration website is open for business. There is a link from the Thunder Bay website, <http://www.tbvsc.ca>. This year's Rendezvous will take place June 12 – 15 in Thunder Bay, so browse your way on over there and get signed up.

In the world of Healeys, sometimes the excitement just comes to you. Healey Club member (and Treasurer) Jim Manion was taking a few minutes to look up Healeys for sale. He noticed that one of the listings shared more than just sleek lines and shiny paint with the BJ8 that he bought, oh so long ago. The VIN number in the posting is the same number as the one on the firewall of his big Healey!



Jim has written to Barrett-Jackson to inform them of the situation. The car they sold at their Scottsdale auction in January may have a very interesting past - or maybe it's just a typo. Either way, Jim can sleep nights; as he and his VIN have been together for the last 46 years!

<http://www.barrett-jackson.com/application/onlinesubmission/archivecarlist.aspx?year=1967&make=AUSTIN-HEALEY&model=3000>

February is a fairly quiet month, with just PIE on the 5th and the Wine & Cheese Party on the 15th at the Willodson's. Hope to see you all there!

The Presidents Informal Evening

By Curt Carlson

January 8, 2014

32 brave souls headed out into the lingering effects of the coldest 60 hour period that Minnesota has experienced in the past twenty-four years. At dawn just 3 days earlier, the actual air temperature officially recorded at MSP International was -17f. Over the course of the next 3 days, that temperature would become the high. At times, both the surface of Mars and the McMurdo station on Antarctica would register temperatures warmer than the Polar Vortex induced numbing icebox that kept all but the brave 32 from their beloved car club monthly meeting.

Perhaps it was the promise of cheap beer, decent food, or the chance to commiserate with their **Fellow Frozen Friends** that brought them out on that cold evening. Maybe it was the cupcakes leftover from Gary Wetzel's birthday party. Maybe it was the eternal hope and the promise of Spring not so far away. There weren't any garish science experiments in the uber-cold to bring them out. No hammering nails with frozen bananas. No freeze-dried tee shirts. No instant vaporization of boiling water. In what may go down as the shortest PIE meeting in history, we talked about events past and events future. There were glowing book reviews of our friend John Sprinzel's new memoir, "Lucky John", and reports from Membership and Treasury chairmen. A parolee from the Triumph club (and current MAHC member) came out to reassure us that that esteemed body would likely be joining the select round-table of hosts of the **Rendezvous** gatherings starting in 2015. Amazin' Hazen shocked us all with the announcement of upcoming nuptials! We ended the gathering with our treasured cupcakes.

Participants could be heard humming "God Save the Queen" with the castanet accompaniment of teeth-chattering, as they ascended the stairs at the O-Club to brave the bone-numbing cold once again. Visions of their beloved Healeys danced in their heads. Occasionally, a tinge of fear could be seen to overtake the ascendants as they wondered if they remembered to test their radiator anti-freeze to -30.

Semi-willing Participants: Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Dick Mathews, Rich & Liz Stadther, Gary & Barb Ronning, Jim Manion, Tom & June Moerke, Spence Angel & Donna Kennedy, Carl & Betty Stine, Jeff Lumbard, Mike Martin, Curt Carlson, Spook Johns, Dan Powell, Nancy & Greg Lauser, Steve & Kim Rixen, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Scott McQueen, Jim Kriz, Pat Holt, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Jan Huston, Tom Hazen, Jane Schuler.



Rixen New Years Day Party



New Years day was cold and sunny, but it did not deter the hardy Healey folks from venturing to Shoreview to the home of Kim & Steve Rixen. Many Healey members were there, as well as members from some of the other local clubs. It was a good crowd!

The “No Football” rule was not strictly enforced, as we did see a bit of it going on in the lower level. For the most part, however, people were talking about their holiday experiences. The Rixens have a beautiful home, and there were “pockets of people” in the living room, the kitchen area, and the lower level. Refreshments were flowing !

The dining room table was soon filled with many delightful foods. Salads, potatoes, ham, two different meatballs, and other goodies were eagerly selected. Good stuff ! Later there was an assortment of sweets to cap off the dinner.

People lingered for quite a while. The group contains such genuine friends, that it is hard to “stop the music”! With darkness approaching, we reluctantly donned our coats and gloves and started the long Minnesota goodbyes!

Thank you Kim & Steve !
We are all looking forward to a fun and busy 2014.
Til next time.....!

Healey members attending: Pat Holt, Dale & Barb Martin, Tom & June Moerke, Chuck & Jean Norton, Steve & Kim Rixen, Gary & Barb Ronning, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Carl & Betty Stine, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Greg & Suzanne Willodson.

Editor



Tech Session Recap

By Steve Rixen

Saturday dawned with horizontal snow blowing across the slick Interstate as I drove to the shop to plow the snow in case anyone showed up.

I barely had the coffee going when Dave Herreid arrived carrying all kinds of pastries, followed closely by Hudson and Stillwater area members Tom Moerke, Rod Richert, and Tim Hood. Also attending – Spencer Angel, Greg Lauser, Jeff Lumbard, Dick Matthews, Gary Wetzel, Fred Ambli, Greg and Suzanne Willodson, Steve Greenway, and probably some I can't recall.

Dave Herreid's Tri-carb roadster was the prime exhibit. We talked through the restoration and the modifications performed.

The wiring harness was specially ordered with additional wiring for an alternator, a second fuel pump, Long Range and Fog lamps (front and rear), reverse lamp, and power receptacles for electronics. Additions also include interior footwell lighting, 14 inch electric radiator pusher fan, and low oil pressure engine shut-down switch (just in case), fresh air blower, MSD ignition box, and air horn. Many of the additional electrical items have controls and indicator lamps on a fabricated dash sub-panel.

Suspension and drive train modifications beyond the overhauled and upgraded engine include 5 speed transmission, 3.54 rear gears, MGB front shocks (for negative camber on front suspension) with heavy duty valves, and 7/8 inch sway bar bolt on wheel and hub modification (6 sets available) with 8 spoke Mini-Lite wheels. BJ8 front brake calipers, stainless steel brake & fuel lines and braided hoses are also installed.

Engine accessories include 6 blade tropical fan, Wizard aluminum radiator with polished coolant recovery tank, oil cooler with thermostat control, collapsible steering column, and spin-on oil filter.

A removable trailer hitch for hauling a bike rack or pulling a small trailer is also being installed.

We also talked a little about the 100-6 which is once again sporting long range driving and fog lamps. These are now being actuated by a wiring harness of my design (4 more available) which include rear fog and reverse lamps as in Dave's Tri-carb. We never got to look at the Morris Minor.

The session was scheduled till 1 but lasted until 3 PM

.... and the excess coffee until Wednesday!



Tech Session Recap

By Greg Lauser



Steve Rixen explained to Fred Ambli the customized controls and panel he developed for the upgraded and redundant systems incorporated into the restoration of Dave Herreid's Mark II Healey. In the background, Steve Greenway and Dick Mathews learned from Dave Herreid about added systems within the engine compartment of the car.

Steve Rixen showed where controls would go for the rack-and-pinion steering he is considering installing in his car too. From the left: Fred Ambli, Dave Herreid and Gary Wetzel; while in the background Spencer Angel and Jeff Lumbard discussed progress on restoration of Dave Herreid's car.



Spencer Angel, Steve Rixen, Greg and Suzanne Willodson and Tom Moerke examined the fuse boxes, relays, and other electrical system upgrades in the ongoing restoration of Dave Herreid's Big Healey.

British Arrows Awards at the Walker Art Center

By Suzanne Willodson



A small envoy of club members enjoyed a break from the weather and the busy holiday season and took in a screening of the 2013 *British Arrows Awards* at the Walker Art Center. The winning television advertisements were clever as always and brought each of us through the full range of emotions. Whether the content was serious and sad or ridiculous and hilarious, each ad was creative and thought-provoking. Afterwards, we compared our favorites over a pint or two and some comfort food at Kip's Irish Pub. It was a fantastic afternoon, and we're looking forward to next year!

In attendance: Rich & Liz Stadther, Dave & Cheryl Rademacher, Diane & Geoff Rossi, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Kim & Steve Rixen, Curt Carlson, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, and special guests Barbara Fischer and Sir Seth Johnson III, Esq.



Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Kim & Steve Rixen, Barbara Fischer & Greg Willodson at the Walker

British Arrows Awards at the Walker Art Center



Kim, Liz, Rich, Curt Carlson, Seth Johnson, Dave and Cheryl,
and a side-shot of Eileen's head.



The new President kicking back at Kip's Irish Pub

Back to the Bay

Save the
Date!

24th Annual Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous

EVENTS

FORT WILLIAM HISTORICAL PARK

SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW

DRIVER CHALLENGES

DRIVING TOURS

POKER RUN



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JUNE 12 - 15, 2014 Thunder Bay, ON, Canada



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Events and times may be subject to change.

Thursday June 12

Event	Time	Location
Golf (individual option)	Afternoon	
Registration/Greetings	3pm-7pm	Best Western Plus NorWester- Lobby
Mix, Mingle & Announcements	5:30pm-7:30pm	Best Western Plus NorWester
Dinner on your own	Your choice	Options: Cliffhangers (Hotel), Neebing Road House, Beaux Daddy's. City of Thunder Bay Restaurant Guide

Friday June 13

Event	Time	Location
Breakfast Buffet (Ticket required)	7am-9am	Kaministiquia Banquet Hall (Hotel)
Registration	8am-10am	Lobby (Hotel)
Driving Tours	9am-noon	Thunder Bay Area.
Lunch on your own	Noon to 1pm	Downtown
On the Bay Car Show	1:30pm to 4pm	Prince Arthur's Landing
Registration	4pm-6pm	Lobby (Hotel)
Dinner on your own	4:30pm-6:30pm	Your choice
Celtic Barn Dance	8pm-10pm	Barn on Farm Rd. Directions to follow.

Saturday June 14

Event	Time	Location
Breakfast Buffet (Ticket required)	7am-9am	Kaministiquia Banquet Hall (Hotel)
Registration	8am-9am	Lobby (Hotel)
Fun Rally (with event photo)	9am-noon	Thunder Bay Area.
Photo Shoot for non Rally participants	10am	West side of Hotel
Lunch on your own	Noon -1pm	
Funkhana	1:30pm-4:30pm	Confederation College Aviation Center of Excellence parking lot

Tech Session

Event	Time	Location
Social Hour (cash bar)	6pm-7pm	Kaministiquia Banquet Hall (Hotel)
Rendezvous Banquet	7pm	Kaministiquia Banquet Hall (Hotel)

Sunday June 15

Event	Time	Location
Breakfast on your own		Your choice
Rendezvous Hosts Planning Meeting	9am	Cliffhangers restaurant (Hotel)
Farewells & Goodbyes		

An Afternoon at the Theater
and Potluck Supper
Sunday, March 9th

Meet at the Wetzel Home at 12:45 for pre-theater drinks
and to drop off your potluck contribution.

12605 Resden Road, Plymouth MN 55441



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Plymouth, MN 55441
763-553-1600 x 1

bompp@plymouthplayhouse.com
www.plymouthplayhouse.com

PLEASE RSVP:

Tickets will be \$36.00 for the 2:00pm show.

(if we get at least a group of 12, the ticket price will be \$31.00)

Please call 763.541.9571 to RSVP

or email to econlon@hotmail.com

by February 16th, 2014

Wine & Cheese Party

Saturday, February 15, 2014

2:00 pm

at the Willodson's
12325 30th Avenue North
Plymouth MN 55441
763.390.4133

Bring along your favorite wine and/or cheese to share!

On the menu so far:

cheese fondue • key lime tartlets • Mexican chocolate tartlets • other
assorted hors d'oeuvres & refreshments

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for the February issue:

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Thank you !



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Events Schedule

February 5**	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2
February 15**	Wine & Cheese Party – (Sat) 2:00 pm at The Willodson's. See page 13.
March 5**	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. Hot Wheels Racing Night ! See page 2.
March 9**	Theater & Dinner Party – (Sun) Dinner at The Wetzel's. See page 12.
March 22**	Tech Session – (Sat) 10:00 am. Held at Scott McQueen's garage in Mpls.
April 2 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
April 26	Midwest Motors Sports Tech Party – (Sat) Sauk Rapids, MN. Details later.
May 3 **	Adopt a Highway Clean-up/ Spring Awakening Drive - (Sat) Meet at 9:00 am 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. Arrangements by Greg L.
May 7 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
May 10	InterMarque Spring Kick-Off – (Sat) The InterMarque Council will again sponsor this well attended event in downtown Osseo, MN.
May 16-18	Vintage GT Challenge – (Fri - Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring Vintage races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
May 24-26	BIR Vintage Race Weekend - (Sat. – Sun) In Brainerd, MN.
May 29 - 1	Rally in the Valley – (Thurs – Sun) – Great long weekend event put on by the Rindt's in Wisconsin.
June 4 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
June 12-15	Rendezvous 2014 - (Thurs-Sun) This will be the 24th year for the annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Get your hotel reservations in early!
June 15–19	National AHCA Conclave – (Sun–Thurs) Location this year is Hot Springs, VA.
June 20-22	Back to the 50's Car Show – (Fri-Sun) This huge annual show will be at the MN State Fairgrounds again – 10,000 cars...or more??
June 28	Amery Competition Run – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.
June 29	Cherokee Park Picnic – (Sun) The first Monthly InterMarque picnic of the season.

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July 2 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm.
July 5	Blast from the Past Car Show – Held in Chetek, WI.
July 17–20	“The Hawk” Races at RoadAmerica. (Fri-Sun) This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
July 20	Lynch Mexican Fiesta – (Sun) At Mike & Gloria Lynch’s home. Always great “sparky” food in a beautiful setting.
July 25	Blackhawk Farms Racing – Sponsored by the Midwest A-H Club.
July 26	Picnic at Stine’s Farm – (Sat) Always delicious food in a gorgeous rural setting.
July 27	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
July 31---	MG Gathering of the Faithful – A weekend of MG activities.
August 2	Woodland Hills Winery Event – (Sat) Sponsored by the MN Triumph Club
August 6 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
August 9	The “New” Brit Fest – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
August 16	Royal British Car Show – (Sat) At the Jaguar dealership in Minnetonka, MN.
August 23	Amery Airport Run – (Sat) Tom Hazen will hold a second run at Amery, WI.
August 29--	Vintage Racing at BIR – Held in Brainerd, MN
August 31	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Sept. 3 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
Sept. 6	Wheels n Wings – (Sat) Osceola, WI. Car and Air Show.
Sept 7**	Ambli Norwegian Picnic (Sat) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred’s hospitality.
Sept. 12-14	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., Jeff L., or Rich S. for details.
Sept. 26-28	Waumandee Hill Climb – (Fri-Sun) The third annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen.
Sept. 28	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Oct. 1 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
Oct. 4**	Adopt a Highway Clean-up - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Greg Lauser.
Oct. 12	City Lakes Parkway Tour – (Sun) Enjoy again a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Arrangements by Dale Martin.
Oct. 18	Fall Color Tour - (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.
Nov. 1	Charity Event – (Sat) At the Second Harvest Heartland in Golden Valley, MN. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause.
Nov. 5 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
Nov. 15 **	Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party – (Sat) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer’s Club.
Dec. 3**	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.
Dec. 6 **	Planning Breakfast – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2015 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Curt Carlson at Joseph’s Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

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FOR SALE – Pos. Ground Petronix for 6 Cylinder Healey. \$50.00 Call Greg Willodson-612-805-0814 (11/13)

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FOR SALE – 1960 Morris minor Coupe (w/948 motor)

1958 MGA Roadster

Make offers to Steve Rixen at 612-877-1938 (11/13)

WANTED - Advice—on wire wheels. Who would you buy wire wheels for a BJ7 from? Hendrix, Dayton, or other? Email Barry Wahlberg at geo4bar@gctel.com Thanks ! (12/13)

FOR SALE - Healey engine 29K/RU/H2232. Has a cracked block, but still many good parts. Call or text Tom Wolters at 651-307-3298 . \$1,000. (12/13)