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January Events

Wednesday January 4 – Pie with the President

Saturday January 21 – Tech Session

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Presidential Mike

By Mike Martin

Here comes 2006 ready or not !

I was reviewing the year's activities, and there is something for everyone. Speed, Tours, Intermarque events, Tech Sessions, GoCart Racing, and of course our Monthly Meetings at the "O" Club - where we swap stories of mythical proportions. Now that our schedule is in print, plan on attending more than a few events this year.

Winter is a time to start a project or two. Might even finish them! I know where two factory 100M's are located and awaiting facelifts. Maybe we can coax their caretakers to put them on the front burner of their project list. Dan Wolters is working on his hybrid 100 coupe, and I think there might be a 100-6 coupe close by! This leads me to believe that there are many more projects than we know of that are lurking out there. Give me a call and fill us in on all of these beauties in the rough.

Are there any BJ-8 dash panels that need refinishing out there? Mike Lynch is having a Tech Session at his place in February that will cover wood refinishing. A must do, with lunch promptly at noon. There might be a beer around the place - if you put your hand out!

**Hope you had a Merry Christmas
and a great New Year celebration !!**

**THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST**

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Tech Session



Date: Saturday January 21

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Rixen's Strictly British Garage
729 Paul Burch Drive
Hudson, WI
Phone: 612-251-7492

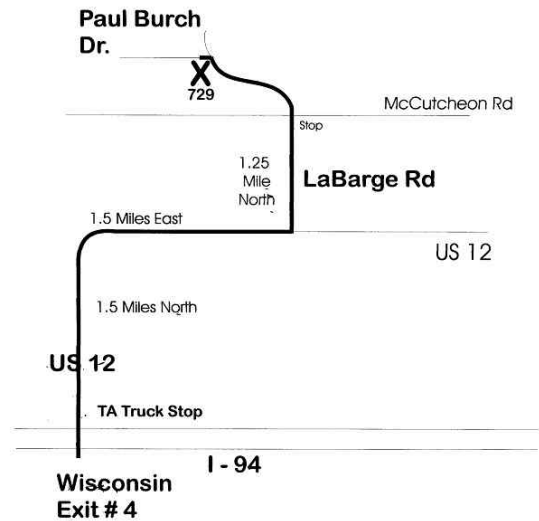
Subject: Tom Hazen's
Modified Sprite Engine

PIE (President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday January 4th
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.

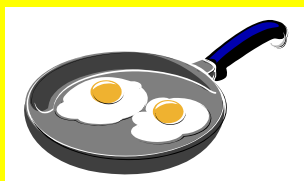
Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.



Breakfast at the Peg

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:30 continues to be very popular! Great food, reasonable prices, & friendly LBC car enthusiasts make it a great place to keep in touch. **Come see the new room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

The Square Peg Diner
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.



New Member

Harry & Jean Reynolds of Buffalo, MN joined the club recently. They are looking for a Bugeye Sprite. Welcome!!

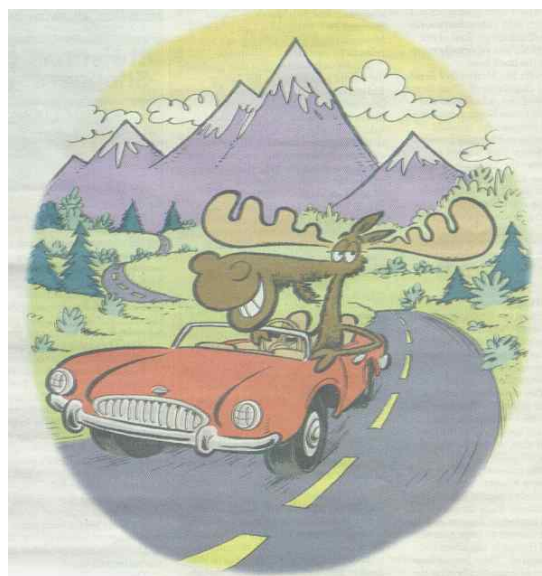


Annual Planning Meeting Breakfast

The Planning Breakfast was held this year at the Old Country Buffet in Woodbury, MN. There were about 25 people that came out to lay down the plans for 2006. There was plenty of good food, and the Calendar filled up with all kinds of fun things to do next year. Mark down those dates now, so you won't miss out!



This guy is coming in from the West and planning on being at every meeting!



Vice President's Report

By Michael Manser

"Paddy O'Furniture." There are only three things to report this month. First, at the recent Annual Minnesota Austin Healey Club business meeting, I was elected Vice-President while I was distracted by my wife. At first, I thought it was a coordinated effort orchestrated by my wife with a host of accomplices to get me out of the house more often. However, by the end of the night several other people had been voted into offices in not dissimilar manner. I am the quiet guy in the back of the room. I own a 3000 BJ8 that is not used often enough (will strive for more miles next summer), race a Datsun 240Z in vintage and SCCA, and look forward to meeting the rest of my new friends in the Healey Club.

The second item is 'events'; and it is really a culmination of efforts at the business meeting, planning meeting (which was held very recently), monthly PIE with the Prez, and conversations amongst a wide variety of people. This all helped to plan and offer a variety of activities for members throughout 2006. Virtually every month of this year there will be at least two events that all members, regulars and non-regulars, are invited and welcome to attend. These events include tech sessions for the gear heads, tours to antique stores to lure the ladies, hillclimbs for those with motor oil in their veins, wine and cheese parties for the sociables, and well, you get the point...there is something for everyone.

Please, if you are a non-regular, consider attending an event with or without your Healey. This is a "people" group who just happen to have in common an appreciation of a certain car marque (several prominent and active members don't even own Healeys).

Third, some philosophy I think is important to consider. Recently, a friend of mine who has gained some hard earned wisdom said that there are two things to remember in life: 1) don't sweat the small stuff, and 2) its all small stuff. What's Irish and stays out all night?



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Tech Tip:**by Doctor Ernie****Subject: Silicone Glue In Place Of Gaskets**

First off I'd like to dispel a myth. Many times this feature is started with the moniker "Doctor Ernie". Maybe this is some fantasy that my wife has. While I fancy that I could do the first part of the heart transplant, ok I'd probably not pull off the second part too well. So if your engine sputters, I'll bet I'd be able to save it; but if your aorta blows, you'd be better off dialing 911.

As long as I'm in the disclaimer mode, let me say that this is my own idea. It's a product of lots of years of trial and error (some people call this experience), and you yourself are the judge in deciding to use these ideas on your own kazillion dollar cars.

The subject is Silicone Glue In Place Of Gaskets. My preference of silicone sealer is Permatex Ultra Black. It seems to fit the requirements of most automotive repairs that I do. This isn't my invention. New cars have been adopting this idea for years now. I'm simply applying the same idea to older cars. GM, as well as other car makers, has been using a rather large bead of silicone glue around the tin and cast valve covers (instead of cork type gaskets), and it works very well. Many cars don't use one gasket in their trans axle units, and I'd dare to say they are the dry ones.

At the other end of the spectrum are the early British cars. They delighted in the use of every conceivable cork, paper, copper, aluminum, and even wood gaskets. And of course they enjoy the title of the most leaky cars in the world! There are some limits as to silicone use. Some that come to mind are related to gasoline, brake fluid, and space shuttle tiles (read the instructions); but most low-pressure lubricant and coolant sealing situations can be handled with just silicone glue instead of a gasket.

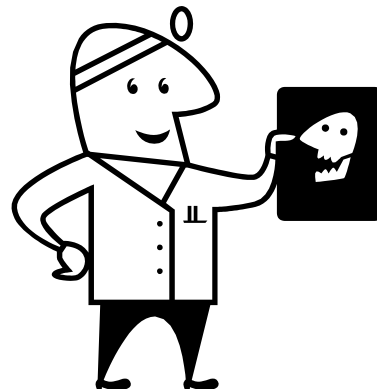
A prime example of the use of a far superior seal is to throw away the paper valve cover gasket on any E-Type Jaguar engine. Then just use a 1/16th inch bead all the way around the top, bottom, and front, and a 1/4th inch bead around the O-Ring area at the back end. Wipe off any excess that is squeezed out immediately. I even stipple a little coating of silicone on each side of each copper washer or under each screw head.

One time I even filled in a quarter size hole with silicone that a broken timing chain had punched through the timing cover of a 240-Z Datsun. That was only a temporary fix that the customer ignored repairing for over a year, because it didn't leak a drop. What I'm getting at, is if it (Silicone Glue) can seal a one inch hole, it certainly can seal a tiny gap.

The keyword to success is to have all the surfaces clean and dry (I use Brake Clean). Then allow adequate time for the silicone to dry. Thick applications require overnight drying.

Don't use silicone glue in high pressure applications (brakes, power-steering, air-conditioning, etc.) or areas that would be sensitive to a loose piece that would plug critical passages (automatic transmissions, carburetors, etc.).

Again, read the instructions and limitations that come with the product. One last thing - some gaskets actually are used as shims, and may have multiple layers. Silicone glue can't satisfy this requirement.



Annual MAHC Dues

The MAHC Board of Directors has voted to bring the local club dues more in line with our expenditures and costs of doing business.

Local club dues will increase by five dollars to \$20.00 per year beginning with the 2006 membership year. National Dues (*as of the date of this writing) remain at \$40.00 per year, which brings local AND national dues to \$60.00 for renewing members.

You may pay your dues at one of our meetings, or you may wait to renew once you receive your membership renewal form from the National Club. Please always renew all memberships through me, your local club membership director, rather than mailing them to National directly; as this often results in a delay, which could jeopardize your receipt of the local newsletter. Lastly, please remember to renew prior to the end of February to avoid the \$5.00 late fee.

Thank you. Curt

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Membership / Renewal Form

- Minnesota A-H Club** New Renewal \$20.00
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Original Owner (Y/N)___

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Events Schedule

- January 4 **** **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.
- January 21**** **Tech Session** - (Sat) Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Rixen's Strictly British Garage in Hudson, WI. Work will be done on Tom Hazen's Sprite Modified Engine. Coffee and donuts will be served. See page 3 for details.
- February 1**** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- February 18**** **Tech Session** - (Sat.) Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the garage of Mike Lynch - 6630 Horseshoe Curve in Chanhassen. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. Subject will be Wood Refinishing. Phone: 952-474-5642.
- February 25 **** **Wine & Cheese Party** - (Sat.) From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Dick & Karla's Mathews' home at 1301 Waterford Drive in Golden Valley, MN. Bring wine, a snack, photos, videos, memorabilia.
- March 1 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- March 4 **** **Tech Session** - (Sat.) Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the garage of Jeff Johnk - 9505 Aspen Road in Lakeville, MN Phone: 952-461-2720 Jeff will discuss the Aluminum Engine in his race car.
- March 25** **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 for more info.
- April 1 **** **Tech Session** - (Sat.) Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the garage of Paul Weidner - 3730 Hubbard Ave. No. in Robbinsdale. Session will focus on autocross modifications for a Bugeye Sprite.
- April 5 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- April 22 **** **Clean-up/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 29** **Midwest Motor Sports Open House** - (Sat.) Details later.
- May 3 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice
- May 6**** **Spring Blossom Tour** - (Sat.) Another sparkling drive to be arranged by Tom Hazen.
- May 19-21** **Vintage GT Challenge** - (Sat.) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 21** **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.
- May 26-28** **Donneybrooke Vintage Revival** - (Fri - Sun) - The VSCR will again have their racing and touring weekend at BIR in Brainerd. For info call Rich & Liz Stadther at 651-698-1981.
- June 7**** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- June 11** **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 15 - 18**** **Rendezvous 2005** - This will be the 16th year for the annual Lake Superior Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Get your hotel reservations in early!
- June 18 - 23** **AHCA Conclave 2006** - "Ohio Odyssey" The event will be in Akron, Ohio this year, and it should be a good one. Reserve early. For more information, call Greg Lauser at 715-262-9813 or email to glauser@pressenter.com.
- June 23 - 25** **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!

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- July 5 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- July 14 – 16** **The BRIC – The Brian Redmond International Challenge.** 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 Lombard.
- July 29**** **Tour & Picnic** – (Sat.) This will be another Tour ending up with a picnic at Carl & Betty Stine's beautiful farm in Beldenville, WI. Details later.
- Aug 2 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Aug 12** **Swap Meet/Car Show** – (Sat) 9:00 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.
- Aug 13 **** **Healey Morgan Picnic** – (Sun) Annual event. Jeff & Karen Sartell will host the picnic this year at their home in Princeton, MN. Details later.
- Aug 19 **** **Gymkhana** – (Sat) Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Brown & Bigelow parking lot at 345 Plato Blvd. In St. Paul. The pylons will be set up, and you can test your driving skills. For more info, call Scott McQueen at 612-623-4938 or email to smcqueen@mn.rr.com .
- Aug. 27** **Antique Tour** – (Sun.) This will be a shopping tour that is being arranged by Mike and Stacey Manser. Details later.
- Sept. 6 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Sept. 9** **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.
- Sept. 15 – 17** **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.
- Sept. 18 – 23** **Black Hills Tour** – (Mon. – Sat.) A multiple day event is being organized by Dale Martin and Tom Politiski for a beautiful road tour through the winding roads of the Black Hills in South Dakota. Please let them know if you are interested in participating. Call Dale at 651-436-5902 or Tom at 218-367-2168.
- Sept. 30**** **Adopt A Highway Clean-up** (Sat.) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Details later.
- Oct. 4 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Oct. 7** **Fall Color Tour-** (Sat.) Come out and enjoy the beautiful Fall colors with our Jaguar Club friends. George Arthur will be arranging the event. Details later.
- Oct. 21** **Final Fall Tour** – (Sat.) – Details later.
- Nov. 1 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Nov. 18 **** **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.
- Dec. 2 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat.) The schedule of events for 2007 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Mike Manser will select the site.
- Dec. 6**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.

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