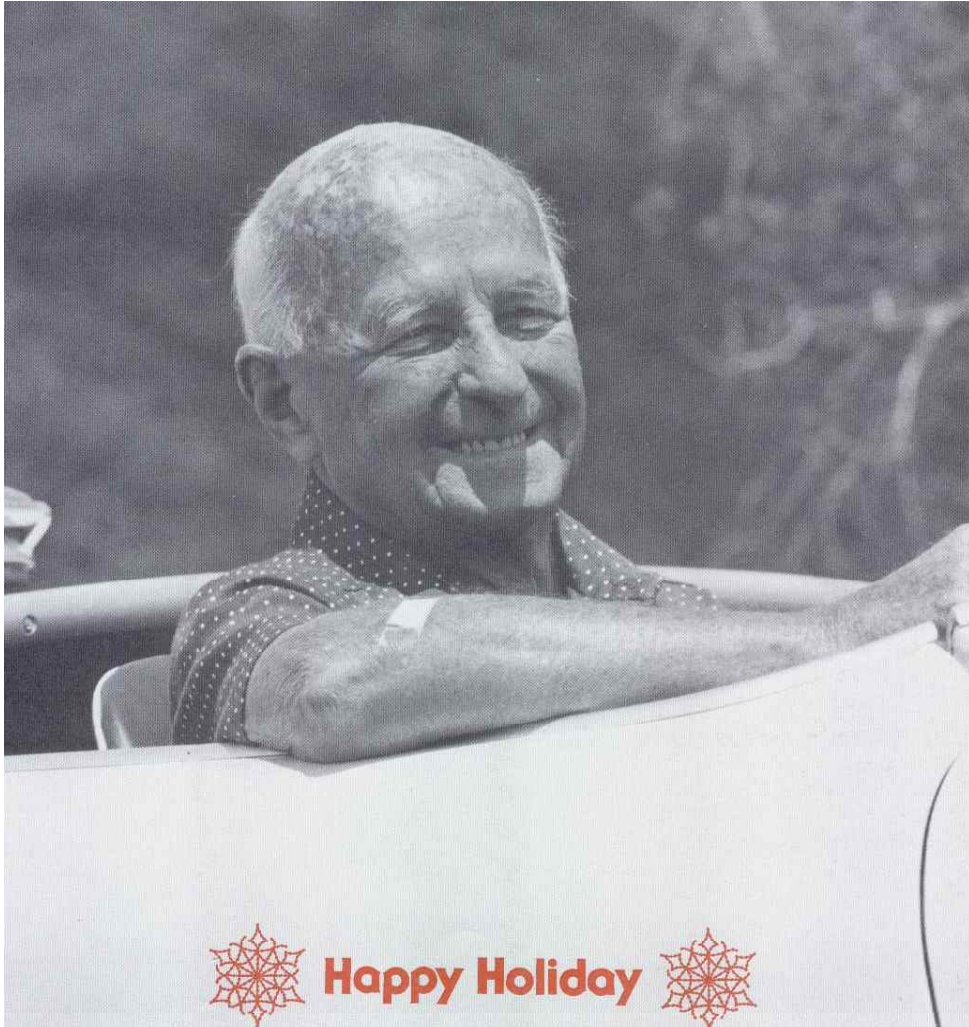




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“Warm wishes from an old friend.....”

January Events

Wednesday January 6 – PIE Meeting

Saturday January 20 – Beer Making @ Vine Park Brewery

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Presidential Polemical Exhortations



By Mike Manser

Hello Healeyphiles...

This was an exciting month for me in that I learned a great deal about engines and racing components. This happened in two separate events. The first event occurred in my garage and consisted of pulling apart an engine to be used for my vintage race car. Ya' see...I have worked primarily on the outside of the engine and on the head but never actually pulled the engine apart so it was great fun when Curt "Carb Linkage" Carlson and I pulled out the crank, pistons, bearings, caps, etc. I think I become frostbitten in the unheated garage (I know Curt did) but it was great fun and a great learning experience especially for me...a person who learns more readily by doing than reading. The second event occurred in Orlando Florida. I attended the Performance Racing Industry trade show which is an event that covers over 1 million square feet and is an opportunity for companies to display their racing associated products. In but feel that this technology will help our older cars become more reliable and perform at their best. As I explore these technologies and materials more I will share the results with you.

Know why the British don't make computers?
They can't figure out how to make them leak oil.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday January 3rd

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 12-6-06 was lots of fun. In attendance were Donna Kennedy and Spence Angel, Karen and Jeff Sartell, Tom Hazen, Dan Wolters, Curt Carlson, Herb Miller, Paul Weidner, Larry Nimmerfroh, Rich Stadther, George Arthur, Dale Martin, Dave Lee, Mike Martin, Mike Manser, John Snyder, Jack Stein, and Tom Moerke.

We were pleased to welcome a return PIE visit by Donna Kennedy and Spence Angel. Spence still has the Healey he bought new. Hope to see them at many events this coming year!

Paul Weidner got us all excited about his recent import from Merry Old. But we had to wait till after breakfast Saturday 12-9-06 at the Square Peg to see it, can't wait!!

Andy Lindberg was reluctant to expand on the rumors floating around about THE ANDY LINDBERG EXPEDITION TO THE BLACK HILLS.

Andy was also the winner of the drawing; got to keep half of the dollar bills put in the pot; the other half goes to postage costs on the newsletter. A peachy keen, nifty idea.

Next event will be PIE on Jan 3, 2007.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

PS I'm pretty sure Gary Ronning was there even if he didn't get to sign the attendance sheet.

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.



TECH TIP

from Doctor Ernie

BRAKES !

This subject is the result of an incredible number of requests. Requests to speak about brakes. The incredible number is just one. That gives you an idea of how I struggle to come up with a subject.

But here are my thoughts about brake work. As usual, it's your choice of how you work on your own brakes, and you are ultimately responsible for your own decisions.

On the subject of brake repairs / maintenance, I believe the biggest mistake most mechanics do is to always turn the brake rotors. At least on the cars I work on, about two-thirds of the rotors do not need to be turned. It's amazing how scratched up the rotor face can be and still work completely normal if just new pads are installed. The new pads will bed into the slight irregular surface of the rotor in just a few miles. A couple of other reasons to not turn rotors are: that some shops insist on turning a disc till absolutely all traces of roughness or rust are gone; or worse they don't turn them true to center. You can understand that every thousandth that's unnecessarily removed brings the rotor closer to, if not past the minimum limit. And if, because of sloppy machining, you have to have them turned again to straighten them out, you're really wasting material.

There are times though when turning a brake rotor is mandatory. If a rotor is warped it causes pulsing with the resulting on and off brake feel and many times it's felt even at the steering wheel. Another reason to turn a rotor is if spot rusting damages it. Storing a car with wet brakes most often causes this damage. The resulting rust spot, actually a hole or low spot on the rotor face, causes a thumping feel each time it passes the brake pad.

If I do have rotors turned, here's what I do: I make sure there is no rust on the rotors mounting surface and if the disc is part of the wheel bearing hub, I make sure the bearing races are tight in the hub. Then, most important, I choose a machine shop that's careful in chucking up the rotor on their machine.

More on other parts of the brake system later

Safe Motoring!!!!!!

Dr. Ernie

Thanks for your service to all the club directors, officers, staff, and technical resource volunteers of 2006

Especially we thank last year's members who have shifted their responsibilities within the MAHC family:

Jessica Johnk from Regalia to MOTRAH 007

Gary Ronning from five years as newsletter editor to Regalia.

The VP Report

by Tom Moerke

On December 2 twenty five people met at the Old Country Buffet in Woodbury to plan the MAHC schedule for 2007.

They were Mike and Stacy Manser, Andy Lindberg, Tom Hazen, Curt Carlson, Jeff Johnk, Jessica Johnk, Jeff Lumbard, Scott McQueen, Tom Politiski, Gary and Barb Ronning, Larry Nimmerfroh, Ron Corazzo, Steve Rixen, Carl and Betty Stine, Greg and Nancy Lauser, Brian McCullough, Wayne Soderbeck, Mike and Gloria Mike Lynch, Jack Stein, Mike Martin, Dick Mathews, Dale Martin, and Tom Moerke.

In addition to the 2007 schedule which is printed elsewhere in this newsletter, the members decided the following;

The Officers Club at Fort Snelling will continue as PIE Headquarters, Mike Martin will make the reservations. Thanks again to Mike for using his influence as a member of the club in arranging our use of the facilities

Brian McCullough will design a MAHC event to be held during the All British Car Show on Aug 11 at Ellingsons Car Museum in Rogers. The object is to increase MAHC attendance at one of the big Inter-Marque events of the year.

Mike Martin mentioned his concerns about safety at the Afton Hill Climb. Most members agreed that the flat runs at Amery were safer but they were reluctant to drop the Hill climb. President Mike Manser appointed a committee. The members are Brian McCullough, Larry Nimmerfroh, Jeff Johnk, Dale Martin, Steve Rixen, Mike Martin, and Tom Hazen. They will see if safety could be improved and will recommend the future of the hill climb.

And, most importantly, Larry Nimmerfroh, bless his heart, offered to become the newsletter editor. Thank you Larry, and a great amount of thanks is due Gary Ronning for the superb job he has done for 5 years as editor.

The big un-answered question remains, however. Did the people who had breakfast and also lunch at the Old Country Buffet, pay once or twice?



Events Schedule 2007

- January 3 **** **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 20**** **Beer Brewing Bash** – (Sat) Meet at 12:00 noon at the Vine Park Brewery on West Seventh Street in St. Paul. See page 8. Curt Carlson will be making the arrangements.
- February 7**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- February 3**** **Beer Bottling Bunch** – (Sat.) Meet at 12:00noon. at the Vine Park Brewery on West Seventh Street in St. Paul. Curt Carlson will be making the arrangements.
- February 24 **** **Wine & Cheese Party** – (Sat.) From 2:00 to 5:00 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 **** **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 10. Steve Rixen will be making the arrangements.
- 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.
- 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-Sun) 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**** **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 glouser@presenter.com.

Events Schedule 2007

- 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.
- Aug 1 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Aug 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.
- Aug 18 **** **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.
- Sept. 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Sept. 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.
- Sept. 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.
- Sept. 23 **** **Wine Tour** – (Sun) – We will venture to one of the local Wineries to taste some of the recent vintages. Should be delightful! Details later.
- Oct. 3 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Oct. 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.
- Oct. 7** **Fall Color Tour**- (Sun.) The final drive of the year to enjoy the Fall tree colors. Details later.
- Nov. 7 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Nov. 10 **** **Charity Event** – (Sat) Dale Martin will check the possibility of our club taking part in a food packaging charitable exercise. Details later.
- Nov. 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.
- Dec. 1 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2008 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Tom Moerke will select the site.
- Dec. 5**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See previous notice.
- Dec. 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 TBA **Rendezvous 2008** Winnipeg, Manitoba
 ** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity

January Event: Beer Brewing



*This year, the MAHC will try something new for a mid-winter event; beer brewing at Vine Park Brewery in St. Paul! We'll be meeting twice, once to brew (on Saturday, January 20th, 2007), and once to bottle (on Saturday February 3^d, 2007). The event is limited to 15 persons who **MUST** pre-register with Curt Carlson no later than January 13th, 2007. Pre-registrations may be sent via email to:*

spritemann@hotmail.com

or call 612-721-8667.

3 Beers have been selected for brewing: a Stout, a Lager, and an Ale, so everyone can bring home something they like. I challenge everyone to come up with some catchy names and logo ideas. The 15 brewmeisters will choose their favorite names and logos on the brewing date, and we will produce custom labels which we'll affix on the bottling date. We **MUST** have 15 pre-registrants by January 12th or the event may be cancelled. This is Vine Park's policy, not mine. Cost per person with 15 registrants will be \$39.77 (\$40.00) and this allows each brewmeister to bring home the equivalent of 4-1/2 six-packs of beer (\$9.00 per six-pack) However, Vine Park brews in 22 oz bottles so each brewmeister will bring home 14 bottles of the three varieties.

PLEASE you **MUST pre-register** with [Curt Carlson](#) Prior to January 12th!

Brewing: January 20, 2007 12:00 Noon – 2:00pm

Bottling: February 3, 2007 12:00 Noon – 2:00pm

Vine Park Brewery, 1254 W 7th St, St Paul, MN (3 blocks south of Randolph)

Cost: \$40.00/person (4-1/2 six-packs, three varieties of beer, custom labels)

**The MotorCheck
Vintage GT Challenge
at Road America
May 18 ~ 20, 2007**



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MOrgan, TRiumph, Austin Healey Challenge 2007

Mark your calendars! Sportscar Vintage Racing Association has just announced that it will feature Morgan, Triumph, and Austin Healey (MOTRAH) vintage race cars in an all out feature race challenge on the weekend of May 17-20, 2007! We thought we would shake (not just stir) things up a bit in the interest of great vintage racing. Therefore, Morgans, Triumphs, and Austin Healeys will not be battling just one marque on the track as in a typical challenge but two! Details of this event are still being developed by HQ but of course we will have a lot of fun with the 007 theme. We will be picking our choice for the next 007 car and driver out of the MOTRAH participants, and who knows, maybe even the next Bond girl. In addition to the great race activities being planned, we have not forgotten about the street car clubs wishing to attend this event. MOTRAH clubs could use the beautiful drive to Road America as your club's spring drive and once you get there we are working hard on many details for a MOTRAH Car Show, Rally, and even a Gymkhana. Also, don't forget about the street car track touring as SVRA will be issuing a complimentary touring discount to all MOTRAH cars. Ok participants, this early announcement of MOTRAH 007 will give you plenty of time to get those missile launchers, wheel hub slicers, and ejection seats installed in your MOTRAH of choice (No oil slick generating devices please).

For more info contact: (Morgan) Bob Wilson aka Kermit at Kerm1@aol.com , (Triumph) Joe Alexander at N197TR4@cs.com , (Austin Healey) Jeff Johnk at jeffj@centuryrefining.com , or stay tuned to SVRA's website at www.svra.com.
See you all at MOTRAH 007!



Tidbits of Possible Interest

Rolling Engine Cart - \$20.00

Rolling Engine cart with steel wheels

Seller has 100 of these

Call: Tuesday-Friday 10AM to 4PM 763-533-2401

Location: Crystal, MN

See picture on website:

Sale-236454465@craigslist.org

Austin Healey 3000 Rental

Received by MAHC 12/15/2006

I recently stumbled upon your website while searching for Austin Healey enthusiasts and/or rental opportunities in Minneapolis. Here is what I am after. I am getting married next September. It has been a dream of mine to drive around in the black Austin Healey 3000 on that day. At this point in time I have been unsuccessful in finding a place to rent such a vehicle. The closest I have come is a friend who owns a '65 3000 (green) in pretty rough shape. Could you possibly steer me in the direction of a rental or would any of your members be willing to rent a vehicle for that day/weekend. Ideal vehicle would be black 3000.

It may be an odd request, but I am willing to pay very well. I manage a repair garage in NE Minneapolis and have had experience with many fine automobiles throughout the years. I understand legalities and would take every step necessary to ensure proper handling of a rental should one of your members be interested. Please contact me with any information.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Tom Archambault

Manager , St. Anthony Mobil, Inc.

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TECH SESSION

March 24, 2007

Precision Restoration

The MAHC Tech Session for March 24th 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 March 24th. 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



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) _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ Original Owner (Y/N) _____

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)



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MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE: New Handbrake Cable-BN4 – BJ8 - \$20.00, New Black Carpet Kit – 3000 center shift – \$175.00 One pair of new Bump Stop Boxes - \$25.00 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. Also selling my 1974 Jensen Healey - 5 speed, with Webers and no rust body - needs cosmetics - \$3500. Tom Politiski - <mailto:healeymog@yahoo.com> for more info and pics. (12/06)

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