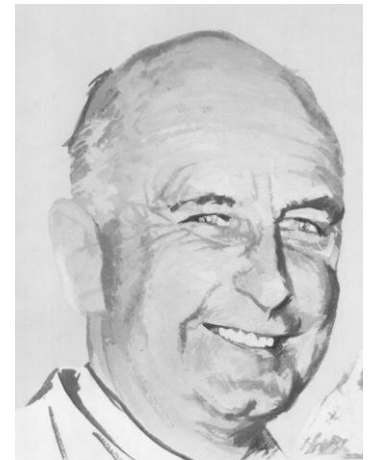




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Austin Healeys...

Still going strong...

*25 years after DMH
departed.*

JANUARY EVENTS

Wed.	Jan. 2	PIE Meeting
Sat.	Jan. 26	Tech Session

Happy New Year !

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PIE**(President's Informal Evening)**

Date: Wednesday January 2nd

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 !

Bring your appetite !

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



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from a photograph by Bill Meade.

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The Presidential Corner

By Suzanne Willodson

Lately I've been thinking about how far we should go to restore and update our Healey. When my mother placed the car in our care a few years ago, it was given to us without conditions. She was always passionate, however, about keeping the car as original as possible.

For about the first four months driving the car, we aimed to honor those wishes. When it became clear, however, that the car would be ruined if I continued to drive it with its original side shift transmission, a project to convert to a five-speed was the given the green light. Greg did the conversion with the goal of making it 100% reversible. He even bought a flywheel on eBay and a fiberglass tunnel from AH Spares, so the original pieces would not meet up with a drill bit or a hack saw.

When my mother would come by for a visit, Greg would take her out to the garage to see how the "repairs" were going - the resurfaced flywheel, the new 9 ½ " clutch, the rear seal kit. No need to mention that the shiny transmission she was looking at was actually from a Lexus SC300, or that the aluminium bell housing was ordered from a guy in North Carolina.

We finally came clean after we had completed the project, because surely she would notice that the carpet had a hole from which a crazy bendy long shifter no longer sprouted. She thought it was just great! Driving the car confirmed that it was indeed the best idea we've (he's) had in ages.

We go back and forth between renewing the original features of the car and upgrading the car to make it easier to drive. Greg has plans in the works to reconfigure the batteries back to the original pair of 6-volts. Other upgrades we've discussed include replacing the rear end gears (to lower rpm when cruising), sealing up exhaust leaks (we're killing off brain cells when the top is up), and a valve job (we gave up smoking; the car should too).

It seems what's most honest about taking care of our car is what works for us – what will allow us to drive the car more frequently and with greater enjoyment. There are years of projects ahead, but my initial belief that the car must be strictly preserved in its original state is fading away. What really inspires us to make improvements to our Healey is seeing what other members have done to their cars to make them mechanical and aesthetic masterpieces. Stay tuned...!

(Ed. note: See photo on page 5)

The Presidents Informal Evening

By Greg Willodson

The December PIE meeting was called to order around 7:02 pm by President Suzanne Willodson.

The meeting started out with a brief recap of recent events, which included Feed My Starving Children, the Waumandee Town Board Meeting, the 2012 Annual Banquet, and the 2013 Breakfast Planning Meeting.

Tom Hazen announced that the 2013 Waumandee Hillclimb will be held Sept 20 – 22. This year's event should be bigger and better than last year. At least 10 members of the Wisconsin Healey Club are planning to participate, and the age restriction (for the cars) was liberalized slightly - now allowing cars built up to 1983. Restrictions for the drivers remain unchanged - with participants required to wear a helmet, agree to operate their vehicle in accordance with safety rules, and exhibit non-specific signs of a pulse!

Barb Ronning announced that the auction which was held at the Annual Banquet raised approximately \$1500 for the Healey Club.

There was a short discussion about the Annual Breakfast Planning Meeting, which was held at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul on Dec 1. About 35 members attended this event, and several commented that the location and the accommodations were excellent.

Curt Carlson informed the group that 2013 events have been entered into the MNHealey website calendar, (www.mnhealey.com) and that more events would find their way out there as they materialize.

- Gary Ronning has been working the keyboard, emailing potential hosts to pull together a time and place for a Healey-Morgan picnic.
- Greg Lauser has been in contact with member Jim Johnson, original owner of a 100-4 BN1, to see if we could hold a Tech Session at his home. The objective of this session would be two-fold: to spend time with Jim, and to do what we can to help Jim get out and enjoy his Healey.

Jeff Lumbard and Dan Powell will be hosting a Tech Session on Jan 26th at Jeff's shop. Suggested arrival time is somewhere in the 9:00 to 9:30 A.M. vicinity. Jeff and Dan will enlighten us on a variety of Healey-related issues, and Jeff assures us that the parts retail operation will be open for business.

Suzanne Willodson brought up the "Arrows Awards", aka "British Advertising Awards" as an excuse for members to get out of the house for a few hours. This is an annual event, and many members attested to it being an entertaining show.

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The Presidents Informal Evening continued

Reports

Jim Kriz explained that the cutoff date for the Austin Healey Club of America dues has been moved up from Feb 28 to Dec 31. Payment must be processed by Jan 15 in order for members to be listed in the National Directory.

Jim Klein and incoming treasurer Jim Manion each gave financial reports - mentioning Waumandee, the Banquet auction, and a reservation deposit for Rendezvous. These events had notable positive/negative effects on the Club bank account. (Thanks to Jim Klein for his valued service as past Club Treasurer!)

Rendezvous 2013 was reported on by Eileen Wetzel. Greg Lauser has been working on registration forms, and Gary Ronning is working on the solicitation of money and merchandise from various suppliers.

Gary Ronning took orders for regalia.

The meeting ended at 7:51 pm.

Those attending PIE this night included –

Suzanne & Greg Willodson, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Greg Lauser, Kate & Clarence Westberg, Mike Martin, Carl & Betty Stine, Rich Stadther, Dan Powell, Jeff Lumbard, Barb & Gary Ronning, Tom & June Moerke, Dick Matthews, Andy Lindberg, Jim Kriz, Jim Manion, Curt Carlson, Kim & Steve Rixen, Tom Hazen, Mike Manser, Jeff Johnk, Jim Klein, and Dave Herreid.



Wyoming – 1967. Photo taken by Jim Fischer.
The Healey shown belonged to Jim & Barbara Fischer.
It now is being well-used by daughter Suzanne
with husband Greg Willodson!

2013 Planning Breakfast Meeting

By Greg Willodson

The AJ Room at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul was the chosen venue for the 2013 MAHC Planning Breakfast. The location seemed to meet the approval of most of the 34 members in attendance. Suzanne Willodson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, and members set about the serious business of scheduling club events for the next 12 months. 2013 should be quite a year!

Driving activities may slow to a crawl this time of year, but we can still get together to share some good times. Here's a few of the upcoming events that will be taking place while our cars are sleeping...

- Jan 26 – Tech Session hosted by Jeff Lumbard & Dan Powell
- Feb 3 – Wine & cheese party at the Rixen's
- Mar 6 – Hot Wheels competition at the March PIE meeting
- Mar 9 – Tech Session hosted by Steve Rixen
- April 20 – Highway Clean-up (maybe some Healeys will show up for this one ?)
- April 27 – Tech Session hosted by Dan Iberg of Midwest Motor Sports, Sauk Rapids, MN

Check the calendar on the MN Healey website (www.mnhealey.com) to see all of the 2013 events. Also, check back periodically for additions.

In attendance:

Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Nancy & Greg Lauser, June & Tom Moerke, Andy Lindberg, Suzanne & Greg Willodson, Gary & Barb Ronning, Jeff Lumbard, Dan Powell, Mike Manser, Barb & Dale Martin, Betty & Carl Stine, Tom Hazen, Jean & Chuck Norton, Clarence Westberg, Kim & Steve Rixen, Dick Matthews, Curt Carlson, Byron Peterson, Jim Klein, Dave Herreid, Scott McQueen, Jim Manion, Gloria & Mike Lynch, and Jim Kriz





By Suzanne Willodson

The annual British Arrows Awards filming (formerly the British Television Advertising Awards) was once again held at the Walker Art Center in downtown Minneapolis, and a group of MAHC members got together on December 22 to attend an afternoon screening.

Everyone had their favorites, but we never really did discuss them in any detail. There were many subjects (beer, cars, etc.), and most were "quite jolly good"! Afterwards, the whole group met at Kip's Irish Pub (on Hwy. 394) after the showing for a lively time over drinks and dinner. It was an enjoyable afternoon !

In attendance: Rich and Liz Stadther, Gary and Barb Ronning, Steve and Kim Rixen, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Dave and Cheryl Rademacher, Greg and Suzanne Willodson and guest Barbara Fischer

*Remember to make plans
for*
RENDEZVOUS 2013
June 6 - 9, 2013



A note of passing...

Rita Politiski, mother to Tom and Jane Politiski, passed away on November 26, 2012. She was 94 years of age.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.



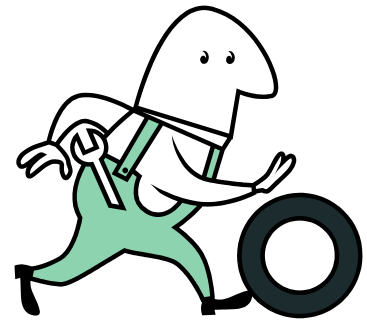
Tech Session

Date: Saturday January 26, 2013

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Jeff Lumbard's home (garage)
22875 Ridge Circle
Lakeville, MN 55044

Home Phone: 952-469-6681



Subject: Front Suspension (and other tasks)

Notes: Come to the side door of garage. The driveway is large, so a number of cars can park up there to the right as they come up towards the garage at an angle. If parking in the street, make sure not to park in front of anyone's driveway or in front of the mail boxes.



Raise a glass to February

It's always cocktail hour somewhere in the world...and on Sunday, February 3, that place is the Rixens' house.

Join us for wine, cheese, noshes and the tall tales that go hand in hand with Healey ownership. There might even be some tech fun and tire kicking.

Date: February 3, 2013

Time: 2-5 p.m.

Location: Steve and Kim Rixen's
5995 Highview Place
Shoreview, MN 55126

Phone: 651-490-0923

Email: kimberlykiser@yahoo.com

Bring your favorite wine, cheese, noshes (appetizers, desserts, whatever you like)

Membership / Renewal Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota A-H Club | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austin-Healey Club of America | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <u>\$50.00</u> |
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City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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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 form and checks to :

Jim Kriz

2000 Kenwood Pkwy.

Minneapolis, MN 55405

Events Schedule

- January 2 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm 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. Visit with members and get the latest club news!
- January 26**** **Tech Session** – (Sat) Meet at 9:00 am at Jeff Lombard's garage – 22875 Ridge Circle, Lakeville, MN. Phone: 952-469-6681. See page 8.
- February 3**** **Wine & Cheese Party** – (Sun) at Kim & Steve Rixen's home. See page 8.
- February 6**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- March 6**** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Hot Wheels Racing Night ! See page 2.
- March 9**** **Tech Session** – (Sat) Held at Steve Rixen's garage in Hudson, WI.
- April 3 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- April 20 **** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up/ Spring Awakening Drive** - (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. Arrangements by Greg L.
- April 27** **Midwest Motors Sports Tech Party** – (Sat) Sauk Rapids, MN. Details later.
- May 1 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- May 4**** **Spring Awakening Tour** – (Sat) St. Croix River Valley Tour with a stop at Jim Johnson's home being arranged by Greg Lauser.
- May 11** **InterMarque Spring Kick-Off – (Sat)** The InterMarque Council will again sponsor the well attended event in downtown Osseo, MN.
- May 17-19** **Vintage GT Challenge** – (Fri - Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 26**** **Spring Tour** - (Sat) Tom & June Moerke will arrange a Spring drive and end up at the Laurel Inn in Wisconsin.
- June 6 - 9** **Rendezvous 2013** - (Thurs-Sun) This will be the 23rd year for the annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be in Grand Rapids, MN and sponsored by the MN A-H Club. Get your hotel reservations in early!
- June 12 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2. Note: Second Wednesday.
- June 21-23** **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 23 – 27** **National AHCA Conclave** – (Sun – Thurs) location this year is Quebec, Canada.
- June 29** **Amery Competition Run** – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.
- June 30** **Cherokee Park Picnic** – (Sun) The first Monthly InterMarque picnic of the season.

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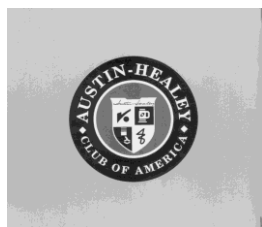
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July 6	Blast from the Past Car Show – Held in Chetek, WI.
July 10 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Note second Wednesday.
July 14**	Progressive Dinner – (Sun) – West Side. This year Ronnings, Willodsons, and Wetzels will be hosting this “travelling” event.
July 18–21	“The Hawk” Races at RoadAmerica. (Fri-Sun) This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. For details, call J.Johnk, D.Powell, R.Stadther, or J. Lumbard.
July 28	Lynch Mexican Fiesta – (Sun) At Mike & Gloria Lynch’s home. Always great “sparky” food in a great setting.
July 28	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
August 7 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
August 10	The “New” Brit Fest – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
August 17	Stine/Martin Picnic – (Sat) A perennial favorite held at the Stine Farm in Beldenville, WI.
August 24	Amery Airport Run – (Sat) Tom Hazen will hold a second run at Amery, WI.
August 25	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Sept. 4 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Sept. 6–8	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. 14	Wheels n Wings – (Sat) Osceola, WI. We assume this long time event will be held.
Sept. 15 **	Ambli Norwegian Picnic (Sat) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred’s hospitality.
Sept. 20-22	Waumandee Hill Climb – (Fri-Sun) The second annual vintage car hill climb will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. Stay tuned.
Sept. 29	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Oct. 2 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Oct. 5**	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. 6	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. 12	Fall Color Tour - (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.
Nov. 2	Charity Event – (Sat) At the Feed My Starving Children building in Eagan. Curt Carlson will arrange this very worthwhile event. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause.
Nov. 6 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Nov. 16 **	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. 4**	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Dec. 7 **	Planning Breakfast – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2014 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Greg Willodson at Joseph’s Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

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