



# The Healey Enthusiast

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*A group of MAHC members at Rendezvous 2014 in Thunder Bay*

## JULY EVENTS

Wed. July 2	PIE Meeting
Sat. July 12	Amery Competition Run-new date
Thurs-Sun July 17-20	Races at RoadAmerica
Sun. July 20	Lynch Mexican Fiesta
Sat. July 26	Stine Farm Picnic
Sun. July 27	Cherokee Park Picnic

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**PIE**

(President's Informal Evening)

**Date: Wednesday July 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**

(See page 5)

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## The Presidential Corner

By Greg Willodson

After a long stretch of events not involving cars, we've suddenly had quite a few driving events. The "Easy Days of Summer" have finally arrived; but just so we don't too comfortable, summer this year has started with a healthy dose of spring flooding.

Diane & Steve Rindt (with lots of help from MMGG members) hosted Rally in the Valley in Eau Claire, WI. The weekend included a rally, car show, funkhana, banquet, and even a lengthy electrical outage, in honor of Joseph Lucas. Steve's **Night Hawks** band provided live music. Everyone had a great time!



Diane Rindt lining us up for photos



Sue & Steve Greenway's MGB

Our hosts in Thunder Bay came through on their promise that we'd have a dry Rendezvous 2014, but the weekend was book-ended by rain on Thursday and Sunday. Ronnings are going to write about Rendezvous, but I have to include a photo of our Saturday side trip!



Suzanne Willodson at Kakabeka Falls



# The Presidents Informal Evening

By Curt Carlson

More Healeys were seen in the parking lot of the Officer's Club last month than in the previous 8 months combined! Hmmmm....could the weather be a factor?

Now that our President and his First Lady have returned to Minnesota from their late winter travels, I can relinquish the laborious duties of leading the monthly PIE meeting back to your duly-elected magistrate.

In recapping May's events - The Adopt-a-Hwy. clean up went well, however the weather discouraged the Spring Drive that was planned. The InterMarque Spring Kick-off had good weather for a change, so the event was well attended. Dan Powell gave a summary of the Vintage GT Challenge and Rich Stadther reported on the BIR Race Weekend.

Lots of things are happening in June. The Rally in the Valley occurs the last few days of May and ends June 1<sup>st</sup>. Rendezvous 2014 in Thunder Bay looks to be well attended. Many folks are staying Wednesday night on the North Shore before continuing on to Thunder Bay on Thursday. Unfortunately there does not appear to be anyone attending Conclave in Virginia this year. There is interest by many in going to Gettysburg for Conclave 2015. Tom Hazen said that the upcoming Amery event is sold out – except for AH owners with vintage cars. The MAHC is sponsoring the June Cherokee Park Picnic, so please contact Suzanne Willodson about details. Also the October 12<sup>th</sup> City Lakes Tour is back on the schedule, with Geoff Rossi and Dick Mathews assuming the planning.

We welcomed Jan Berghoff as a special guest. Jan drove his beautiful Healey Blue BN2 to show us. This month he's driving it to Elkhart Lake. I hope all goes well for him! Kim Rixen and Tom Moerke brought books and magazines to give and share (it must be spring cleaning time). Suzanne brought birthday cake, and we sang Happy Birthday to her and June Moerke. Happy Birthday to you both! Coincidentally, they were both born in 1985. WhoDaThunkIt?

Associates present: Andy Lindberg, Jan Berghoff, Carl & Betty Stine, Mike Martin, Dick Mathews, Tom & June Moerke, Joe & Sue Werner, Gary & Eileen Wetzell, Gary & Barb Ronning, Jim Kriz, Kim & Steve Rixen, Dave Herreid, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Steve & Sue Greenway, Rich & Liz Stadther, Dan Powell, Scott McQueen, Jane Schuler, Tom Hazen, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Curt Carlson (33)





*A message from Phil Vanner -*

It is with some sadness - but with a hopeful eye toward the future - that I am closing the Square Peg effective today (6/30/14). I have a good job offer back in IT and couldn't come up with a way to operate absentee. So there it is.

I have removed all of the various clubs' and members' art and plaques. I have them in my garage, so everybody will get their stuff back. I just have to figure out a time, place, or event to get them out.

I was hoping you could help get the word out that the Saturday gatherings are over. If anybody wants their art, they can contact me.

### Dual-Carb Breakfasts –

Not carbohydrates, **carburetors** (of course we do serve low-carb meals by request). On Saturday mornings, car guys from all over the Twin Cities gather to talk cars and enjoy breakfast. During the winter we tell tales of last season's exploits, brag about the cars we have in storage, and trade tips on how to justify the next purchase to our wives. During the warmer months the cars come out, and we offer "portable" food so customers can check out the cars during breakfast.



Square Peg Diner is serving up ordinary food made fantastic every day.

*Many Thanks to Phil and his staff!  
Best wishes from the MAHC*



## *Back to the Bay*

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous

By Barb & Gary Ronning

Wednesday was a pretty nice top-down day for driving up the North Shore of Lake Superior. Many of the MAHC members started the weekend this day and stayed that night at places between Two Harbors and Grand Marais. It got a little cool later in the day, but Thursday dawned with heavy fog and even cooler temps. Naniboujou Lodge and Grand Marais were stops where people ate and shopped. The lake and the forests were peeking through the fog up to the Canadian border and on into Thunder Bay.

The Nor'Wester Motel was the headquarters, and TBVSCC members were there to help with registration and directions. We got our packets plus a very nice Cooler Bag as a gift. Thursday evening was the time for the meet and greet mixer. There was a cash bar with lots of free appetizers – pizza, snacks, and even desserts! President Tony Gillies then gave a power point presentation of the weekend events. Even the Mayor of Thunder Bay stopped by to welcome us! It was a very enjoyable evening with friends from both countries !

Friday there was a nice breakfast buffet and several options for touring were suggested. There was a Museum/Car Collection tour, an Artisan Shops tour, and a Finnish/Italian area tour. Some people chose to go to the old Fort William Village or to the Kakabeka Falls area. Friday afternoon the On the Bay Car Show took place at the waterfront. One could eat lunch in the area, take a Walking Tour with questions to answer, and hang out with the people and their cars. Voting was done by buying tickets and placing them in the containers by the cars. Over \$500. was raised for a local charity this way.

In the evening we drove to the River Valley Farm for a real Celtic Barn Dance – with a caller and a live band ! There was complimentary beer and snacks, and many people joined in the dancing. Bag Pipes were played, and Glenn Paterson sang and played a couple of Celtic songs. It was a fun new event !

Saturday after breakfast, we lined up for car photos before driving off to the Fun Rally. There were roadside questions as well as some tricky car trivia ones. Lots of cars going every which way ! In the afternoon a Funkhana was held at an area near the airport. Lots of tricky moves there too! Back at the hotel people were checking the billboard to see if they had won a door prize. Lots of nice prizes were available, and numbers were posted every day.

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Rendezvous continued...

Saturday evening commenced with a social hour before the Rendezvous Banquet. It was a beautiful buffet with plenty of food choices and multiple desserts. MC Tony Gillies started the awards with the Longest Distance Travelled. Greg and Nancy Lauser won hands down with their roundabout tour to the west coast and back through Canada to Thunder Bay. Congrats to them ! Patricia Gillies helped Tony by showing pictures of each winner and their car whenever an award was given out. Other awards were given for the Fun Rally, the Funkhana, Hard Luck Award, Car Show Walking Tour, and the Car Show cars.

The Minnesota Triumph Club then gave a presentation of the plans for Rendezvous 2015. Larry Berg announced that it would be held at Ashland, Wisconsin. There was a nice visual power point presentation about the area showing all of the scenery and things to do in Ashland. It looks to be another enjoyable event.

There had been items to bid on for a Silent Auction, so that auction was closed. Jean Caron had donated some very nice artwork that he had done, so these were now auctioned live. Also, the Winnipeg group donated some beautiful Grill Badges, and these were put up for bids too. There was active bidding on all the items, so everybody was happy !

The evening ended with more camaraderie. A big thank you to Chairman John Colosimo and the members of the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club for a wonderful weekend !

Sidenote: A total of 47 members attended from the Minnesota Austin Healey Club !



**Kleins, Petersons, and Ronnings enjoying a card game Wednesday night on the way up to Thunder Bay.**



**Wetzels, Amblis, and Petersons taking part in the Thursday night Meet & Greet event.**





The Russ WanWanzuk Race Car Museum



Car Show by Lake Superior



The Celtic Barn Dance



Glen Paterson a- strummin'



Rademachers, Gaus, Schaeffers, Lausers, Moerkes, and Dale Martin –  
enjoying the Saturday evening Banquet !





Come to the Lynch's for the annual

# Mexican Fiesta!

**ARRIVE HUNGRY!**

Diane's fabulous tacos, enchiladas, and tamales  
Authentic sides and salads by Mike  
Sopapillas by Wendy  
Plenty of Mexican beer, Margaritas and Sangria  
for those who indulge



Please RSVP by July 16

952-944-3666

952-474-5642

[emi@cmeters.com](mailto:emi@cmeters.com)

Time: 3:00

Date: SUNDAY July 20

Cost: \$20 per person

See map attached

# The Stine Farm Picnic

*Hosted by Carl & Betty Stine and Dale & Barb Martin*

Date: Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:30 pm

Place: W6347 710<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Beldenville, WI 54003

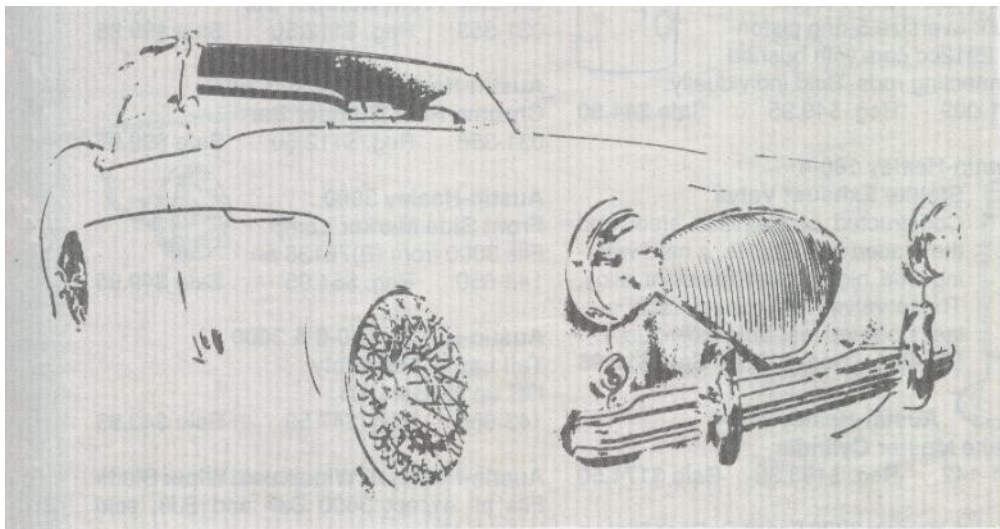
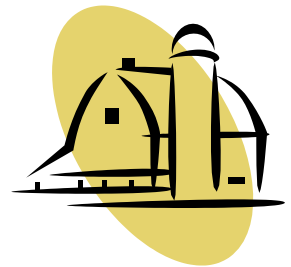
Cost: \$15.00 per person

RSVP: By Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Email to: [bstine2@dishup.us](mailto:bstine2@dishup.us) or [cstine1@outlook.com](mailto:cstine1@outlook.com)

Bring: Folding Chairs

Attractions: Excellent Food and Free Garden (or Barn) Tours.





**Saturday August 2nd, Noon to 4pm**

# **5th Annual British Sports Car Display**

Hosted by Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club  
at Woodland Hill Winery

731 Cty Rd 30, Delano, MN...4.5 miles west of Delano  
on Cty Rd 30 <<http://woodlandhillwinery.net>>

- Intermarque event
- Display your little British sports car. Some Swedes & Germans.
- See Triumphs, Lotus, Austin Healeys, MGs, Minis, Jaguars
- Live music
- Lunch available
- Enjoy the beautiful grounds including a picnic arbor area
- Select from over 20 wine varieties, taste 12-varieties for \$7
- Olive oils and vinegars for sale
- Available tour of the vineyard & winery



**Please join us for a fun day!**  
<[mntriumphs.org](http://mntriumphs.org)>

Any questions contact: Steve Shogren, Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club  
mail to:<[steveshogren@yahoo.com](mailto:steveshogren@yahoo.com)>





# BRITISH INVASION OF HUDSON

# Britfest 2014

## Vintage British Car Show

presented by



# FREE ADMISSION to Show your Car!

### - 100 CAR LIMIT SHOW SPACE - ARRIVE EARLY! -

## August 9th, 2014

on Walnut Street in Hudson, Wisconsin  
between 1st and 2nd Streets  
*(in front of Dick's Bar)*

9:00am to 3:00pm

Awards presented at 2:00pm

Cars will be judged by Charity Voting  
proceeds benefiting Boy Scout Troop #148

### See the areas Finest British Car Marques and Clubs

### Attention British Bike Clubs/Owners! You are also invited & encouraged to participate!

sponsored by



111 Walnut Street  
Hudson, WI 54016

for more information contact Tom Belongia 715.781.0361



## August 16<sup>th</sup> Drive and Picnic.

Hosted by Sue and Steve Greenway

Meet in Hudson at Dick's Bar on Walnut Street. Be ready to drive at 10:00 am, come earlier if you want to eat breakfast there.

We have a wonderful drive that Tom Moerke helped us find. Total driving distance is about 80 miles from Hudson to our cabin. We'll have a short stop in Star Prairie (about the halfway point). We should get to Cumberland around 12:30.

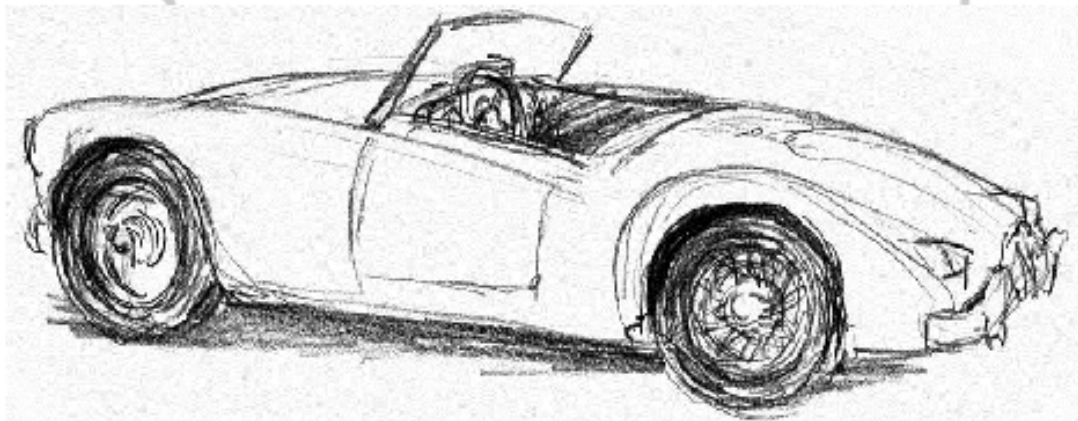
(The return trip is shorter – 66 miles – all highway.)



Let's hope for good weather, we'll have a BBQ in the yard with some lawn games and perhaps boat rides.

Bring folding chairs and your beverage of choice. We'll have hamburgers and brats for the grill, plus a host of snacks.

If you want to stay over and make a weekend of it, we can point you to a numbers of antique stores, a winery or two, a brewery and more than a few cheese shops. There are several nearby motels.



Enjoy a nice ride in the country and a relaxing day at the lake. Please RSVP by August 9<sup>th</sup> to Steve at [1974GreenMGB@gmail.com](mailto:1974GreenMGB@gmail.com).

## Events Schedule

- July 2 \*\***            **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm.
- July 5**                **Blast from the Past Car Show** – Held in Chetek, WI.
- July 12**                **Amery Competition Run** – This popular event was cancelled due to weather in June. It has been re-scheduled for July 12 – with July 13 being the rain date. Drivers and workers please make note of this change. Check with Tom Hazen if there are any questions.
- 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 at their beautiful home. See page 9.
- July 25**                **Blackhawk Farms Raceway** – (Fri) 12:30 – 4:30 pm. Sponsored by the Midwest A-H Club. For info, call 815-389-2000 or email cantrall@wcresearch.com .
- July 26**                **Picnic at Stine’s Farm** – (Sat) Always delicious food in a gorgeous rural setting. See page 10 for details.
- 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.

\*\* - Denotes an official MAHC club activity

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Thank you !



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# Events Schedule

- August 2**  
**August 6 \*\***  
**August 9**  
**August 16**  
**August 16**  
**August 23**  
**August 29--**  
**August 31**
- Woodland Hills Winery Event** – (Sat) Sponsored by the MN Triumph Club  
**PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.  
**The “New” Brit Fest** – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group. After the event, Jon Cumpton from the Minnesota Morgan Club has asked the MAHC to join him and his wife at their home nearby for a picnic. More info later.  
**Royal British Car Show** – (Sat) At the Jaguar dealership in Minnetonka, MN.  
**Wisconsin Drive** – (Sat) 9:30 am – Take a tour from Hudson to Cumberland and arrive at Steve & Sue Greenway’s cabin for a picnic and bonfire. Info – call 952-828-1019  
**Amery Airport Run** – (Sat) Tom Hazen will hold a second run at Amery, WI.  
**Vintage Racing at BIR** – Held in Brainerd, MN  
**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 \*\***  
**Sept. 6**  
**Sept 7\*\***  
**Sept. 12-14**  
**Sept. 26-28**  
**Sept. 28**
- PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.  
**Wheels n Wings** – (Sat) Osceola, WI. Car and Air Show.  
**Ambli Norwegian Picnic** (Sat) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred’s hospitality.  
**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.  
**Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The third annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen.  
**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 \*\***  
**Oct. 4\*\***  
**Oct. 12**  
**Oct. 18**
- PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.  
**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.  
**City Lakes Tour** – (Sun) Enjoy a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Arrangements by Geoff Rossi and Dick Mathews.  
**Fall Color Tour**- (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.
- Nov. 1**  
**Nov. 5 \*\***  
**Nov. 15 \*\***
- Charity Event** – (Sat) At the Second Harvest Heartland in Golden Valley, MN. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause.  
**PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.  
**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\*\***  
**Dec. 6 \*\***
- PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 pm. See page 2.  
**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** - SPRITE PARTS: Doors, chrome bumpers, brake pressure failure switch, speedo, tach, dampers, grille, many other parts from a 1968 Sprite. Call Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883. Please leave a message if I do not answer. (6/14)