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RENDEZVOUS 2017 Lakeside Car Show

JULY EVENTS

Wed.	July 5	PIE Meeting
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Sun.	July 16	Mexican Fiesta Party
Thur-Sun	July 20-23	Races at RoadAmerica
Sat.	July 22	Stine/Martin Picnic
Sun.	July 30	InterMarque Picnic

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Date: Wednesday July 5
Time: 7:00 p.m. (or before)
Place: Joseph's Grill
140 So. Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435

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

Thank You

To the members that submitted news, articles, and photos for this newsletter issue:

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President Dave Hatzung's
Very Presidential Column

July already ! Time goes by so fast; pretty soon I'll be writing my Christmas column. Time passage does point out one major thing. That is how precious our time is, and how we need to be thankful for every day with which we are blessed.

The **Moerkes** are what made me reminisce about how fortunate I've been. I know the **Moerkes** are forever thankful for their lives, as they just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! They are both blessed with good health. I think there are several reasons for that, including their constant smiling, their positive attitude, their willingness to always help others, and their energy and enthusiasm. On Saturday June 10th, over 125 people attended their Anniversary party. I don't think I saw **June or Tom** sit down once during that time. Besides their relatives, members of 4 different car clubs were there.

One of the highlights for me was when **Tom** asked me to have my photograph taken with three of the other club presidents – **Holly Richmond** of the Jaguar Club (**June** has a Jaguar XK8 with a vanity plate that states "JUNZJAG"), **Gene Cooper** from the MG Club (**Tom** bought June an MG Midget, which was one of the first cars they owned after a multi-year hiatus from vintage cars), and **Jon Meier** of the Triumph Club. The story behind **June and Tom** joining the Triumph Club starts with **Tom Politiski** asking **Tom** to see if he could talk to some of the people he knew in that club about sponsoring the 2014 Rendezvous. Well, they agreed to do that; so **Tom and June** joined their club to help them with the Rendezvous...and they've continued to be active members since.

I think you all know that the tie to the Healey Club is the Jensen Healey they own (which **June** bought for **Tom** for his birthday). **Tom** also told me "The Healey Club does so many fun things - from the parties to the Waumandee Hill Climb (it was at Afton when they first joined) and the Amery Autocross (wasn't around at all back then)...how could we not be members of that fun club!".

So, back to the reminiscing thing. If I had not purchased the Healey, I would have missed out on a lot of "Bucket List" opportunities that have been completed because of joining the MAHC. This summer offers lots of opportunities to do some pretty exciting things. I feel sad for people that are stuck driving a Prius...is there a Prius Club? By the way, my apologies go to those that drive one. I also do not mean to sound arrogant ! I'm sure the MPC (Minnesota Prius Club) is a blast. Do they have a Hillclimb, and an Autocross? I just checked the Hagerty website, and there are no Priuses listed. Maybe in October or November I'll do an article on restoring a Prius !

In the meantime, have fun with your car and join in the upcoming club activities (there are a ton of them). Most of all, thank your **Higher Power** for blessing you with membership in the MAHC with all the opportunities that gives you to have fun with your car and the other nice people in our club! Amen

Tom & June Moerke's 50th Anniversary Party



Tom Moerke in the middle of the club Presidents:
Gene Cooper (MG), Dave Hatzung (AH), Holly Richmond (Jag), and Jon Meier (TR)



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Phil (& Stefanie) Dawson

President **Dave Hatzung** called the meeting to order at 7:18.

Suzanne Willodson provided an update on the Autocross at Sugar Lake—approximately 40 drivers were expected, but only about 20 showed. This was great for the drivers for they had lots of time on the track. Eileen Wetzel (driving the silver bullet) came in first, and Steve Rixen was a tough contender. You can see interviews of Suzanne, Greg, and Eileen on the Lakeland News of Bemidji. Check it out on <https://lptv.org/community-spotlight-minnesota-austin-healey-club-hosts-grand-rapids-rendezvous/> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOJ5IOMkqsw&feature=youtu.be>.

Other highlights from Rendezvous included the Welcome Party with drinks and appetizers, and the Downtown Car Show benefiting the Boy Scouts (who were very appreciative of the generous donations). Dave talked about the serendipitous scheduling of the car show and 1st Friday artwalk...so there was “art” and then there were “works of art” ☺.

It was a flurry of activity the whole time—tech sessions, wine and cheese, s’more’s by the shore, the rally...it went on...and there were many to thank! Special acknowledgements go to the Planning Committee, Suzanne and Greg for the fun Autocross, Dave Rademacher for the one-of-a-kind Awards, and Jim Kriz for the Signage. There were many hands in making this Rendezvous the event that it was! If anyone is in “need” of a commemorative cap—please see Gary (they are a good deal with a First Aid Kit at \$15 for both).

Other recent events included the InterMarque Spring Kick-off in Osseo—the weather was great and it was a very well-attended; Vintage Weekend at Road America—Eileen went and spun-out 3x (she said with a big grin); Adopt-a-Highway was a great day that ended at Muddy Waters for lunch; and the Spring Chicken MG event (Greg Lauser took the title literally and brought a 12 year old to navigate ☺). These were just a few of the many events kicking off the Summer season.

Upcoming events include a party at the Moerke’s in Hudson with a mini car show on the lawn; the Walleye Rally put on by the Mercedes-Benz club for cars 20+ years young; the Amery Speed Run (which is technically full, but still open for AH members); the back to the 50’s car show; the 25th annual Coulee Classic Rally in Maiden Rock; and the first monthly InterMarque picnic at Cherokee Park—bring your lawn chairs and something to share for the potluck. Rounding out the month of June is the Blackhawk races—sign up by June 19th to drive on this genuine race track.

Happy Birthday to Suzanne! A card was signed with warm wishes for a great year ahead!

Tom P. told a funny joke about the hard way to catch someone’s eye. Nuff said ☺

Membership update—we are at 88 members today...and looking for more.

Those attending: Dave Hatzung, Tom Politiski, Greg Lauser, Carl & Betty Stine, Tom & June Moerke, Kim & Steve Rixen, Dave & Cheryl Rademacher, Andy Lindberg, Dick Leighninger, Joe & Sue Werner, Stefanie & Phil Dawson, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Barb Ronning, Dave Herreid, and Jim Kriz.

RENDEZVOUS 2017

RACE TO THE RAPIDS



After over a year of planning & meetings, the MAHC hosted the Rendezvous for 2017 in Grand Rapids, MN. There is a lot of work involved in putting on the event, but the activities and gathering of friends from many areas are well worth the efforts.

Our Co-chairs – Greg Lauser and Suzanne Willodson – along with other workers arrived on Wednesday afternoon to set up. Thursday morning more members arrived and soon the guests started coming. The weather was beautiful, so all were in a good mood. Greg and his staff were busy registering people all afternoon (over 100 registrations = over 200 people). Later that night the complimentary hospitality commenced with excellent hors d'ouvres and refreshments. Gathering in the Lodge Dining Room, the attendees were briefed on the weekend events. Suzanne led the meeting and members were called on to give information on the various events.

Friday morning started with the Airport Autocross registration, driver's meeting, and running of the course. Greg Willodson, Phil Dawson, and their team of volunteers spent many hours in the hot sun setting up and running the event. Over 20 drivers were able to get many enjoyable runs over the course. Eileen Wetzel came in with the fastest time of the day. Congrats to her !

Also on Friday morning, 20 or more people toured the Blandin Paper Mill. That was an interesting tour through a very large manufacturing plant. Other people went of self guided tours of the area. Registration continued during the day, and the Door Prize-Silent Auction Room was open for people to wander through. Registration numbers for Door Prizes were posted throughout the day, and winners picked their gift from about 75 prizes. We had approximately 25 sponsors that donated to Rendezvous this year.

Friday afternoon the Downtown Car Show took place. Over 75 sports cars were on display in a downtown square where the street had been closed off. It was a beautiful site ! Dave Herreid and his staff made the arrangements. People were able to view the cars, as well as tour the local shops and art displays. Boy Scouts sold tickets for people to deposit in the containers in front of each car. There were the Sweet Sixteen Award winners declared Saturday evening, as well as a best of Show Award. The Boy Scouts received all the ticket money, which amounted to over \$1,000. They were very grateful and were able to use the funds for special projects. Back at the Lodge, there was a Lakeside Bonfire with "s'mores" that took place later that night.

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RENDEZVOUS 2017 RACE TO THE RAPIDS



Saturday morning started with the Pre-Rally Photo Shoot. Joe and Sue Werner have been performing this task for years and always do a great job. The photo is taken of the driver, navigator, and their car just before starting on the rally. Mike and Gloria Lynch were in charge of the Rapids Road Rally this year. They had instructions (maybe not all the same!) for the teams to drive the rally route. There were questions to answer and playing cards to pick up. The route was through the scenic north woods, so it was a great ride. On Saturday night, Kim & Steve Rixen ended up winning the event. Congrats to them !

In the afternoon, there were actually three activities taking place. Tom Politiski and his helpers got the cars lined up in groups by marquee for the Lakeside Car Show. Drivers were given ballots to vote on a certain make of car – not their own. The cars looked great parked on the grass by the lake.

The Wine & Cheese Party started at 3:00 pm and was very well attended. Suzanne had arranged for a beautiful offering of wines and cheeses. They were enthusiastically consumed by over 100 people. During the same time period, there were two Tech Sessions held in an adjoining room. Ernie West gave solutions to many common car problems, and Steve Rixen enlightened the group with his electrical basics. Coffee and cookies were served. There were probably over 50 people at the Tech Sessions. All events were well attended.

At 6:00 pm the Social Hour commenced. The Rendezvous Buffet Awards Dinner started about 7:00 pm. Suzanne and Barb Ronning had arranged for the delicious food offerings, which people enjoyed in the spacious Banquet Room. After dinner, Greg assumed the Master of Ceremonies task and the Awards were presented to the various event winners. Dave Rademacher made some fabulous trophies. These included the Hard Luck Trophy, the Longest Distance Trophy, the Best of Show (for Downtown Car Show), and three Road Rally Trophies. Also the Sweet Sixteen winners from the Downtown Car Show were given framed award certificates, as were the five winners of the Lakeside Car Show. The certificate awards were assembled by Tom Politiski.

Afterwards, many people went to the Silent Auction Room to see if their bids were winners. Over 60 items were available and all sold.

Sunday morning the MAHC staff and the Thunder Bay representatives met to discuss the Rendezvous for 2018. Later, people were returning home after a marvelous time. Thanks to all the MAHC members who planned and worked very hard to make it all happen.

Rendezvous 2017



Jim, Dave, & Greg raising the Banner



Daphne, Eileen, & Kim registering



Eileen, Steve, Jeff, & Tom welcoming



Dave's Awards



Suzanne & staff – AutoCross registration



Steve & Eileen lining up

Race to the Rapids



Downtown Car Show



Ernie West starting the Rapids Road Rally



Eileen, Barb, & Gary enjoying the Wine



Tech Sessions



Lakeside Car Show



Greg & Suzanne on stage at Awards Dinner

Amery Airport Autocross

June 2017

Greg Willodson



With much help from Carl Stine, Phil Dawson, and Ryan Buck, we set up a challenging course on Friday night. It was not too rainy, but the clouds let loose as we were setting the final cones. We tested the soaking wet course (“exhaustively”) for drivability. Eventually we attracted a couple of law enforcement officers, who stopped in to make sure we were ok. I may submit a request for The MAHC to replace the dash-pad in Ryan’s Camaro, which I’m sure we ruined as we struggled to hang on!

Saturday was almost perfect weather-wise. 62 drivers showed up to compete for absolutely nothing, save the usual “Fastest Time of Day” certificate(s). Wink-wink...

Nobody went hungry, as Kathy Juvrud and her team from 4H LiveWires made breakfast burritos, chicken sandwiches, brats, and a few other nibblies. Later, for the awards ceremony, the Village Pizzeria took care of us in the manner to which we have become accustomed.

One of the drivers pointed out that this was our 20th Amery event. This is a quite a testament to Tom Hazen’s perseverance, as Tom emceed the first 17 of them. I can’t wait to see the crowd cheer when Tom is able to come back to drive in Amery! As always, this event only works because of the wonderful volunteers.

Members:

Suzanne Willodson managed record-keeping all day long, and took care of a million other things.

Stefanie Dawson handled driver registration, record keeping, and organized corner worker supplies.

Carl Stine helped set the course on Friday night.

Steve Shogren worked all day.

Phil Ethier requested (and rec’d) timing equipment from MAC, helped on record-keeping and clean-up.

Bob Rolfes, the newest MAHC member, worked corner 1 and clean-up.

Phil Dawson worked set-up, radar, corners, and clean-up.

Non-members:

AJ Simon worked radar, corners, and clean-up.

David Burman and **Tyler Hoffman**(?) drove 5 hours from eastern WI to work radar in the morning.

Don Gettinger worked half the day at radar.

Heidi Halverson worked entry gate and record-keeping.

Heidi’s grand-daughter **Lex** worked entry gate, course communications, and starting box. Lex is one of the best flag-girls we’ve ever had!

Jay Silverberg worked corners all morning.

Ryan Buck, and several other drivers (unfortunately unnamed, especially at corner 3) took their turn helping out at corners.

Ryan Thompson started cars and helped with coordination.

A big THANK YOU to all !

Spring



Chicken Drive

By Tom Moerke

June and I drove the three miles to the start of the SPRING CHICKEN DRIVE in HUDSON. We saw a lot classic English roadsters, plus a couple others. There were Jaguars, Triumphs, MG's A and B, Austin Healeys, and a Mini. Jon Meier brought his BRG TR3, and Bob Jensen brought his tricked up MGA in a different BRG. Petroff's drove their MGA, which they have owned for a very long time. Greg Lauser drove his big Healey with his 12 year old grandson as navigator.

The weather was perfect. The directions were clear and easy to follow. The route was scenic and about 73 miles long, with a nice break in the middle. The drive finished at the PICKLE FACTORY in PEPIN, WI. That location right on the Mississippi River has been popular with car people and bikers for many years. It was a very nice drive. Diane Rindt told me there were 35 cars on the course. A very big and succesful event. Hats off to Steve and Diane Rindt !



Stine / Martin

BBQ Picnic



Date: Saturday July 22nd

Time: 2:00 pm - at the farm

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Place: Home of Carl & Betty Stine

W6347 710th Avenue

Beldenville, WI 54003

RSVP: By July 15th (email: bstine2@dishup.us)

Bring: Folding Chairs



General Fun:

Pontoon rides by Captain Sue. For the daring...kayaking, canoeing and shopping! Experience Cumberland - the cute shops, the Farmer's Market and of course the world-famous Louie's Finer Meats!

Snacks, lunch and beverages throughout the day!

Tech Sessions:

Session 1 @ 11:30: Steve Rixen will discuss "Suspension Options".

Session 2 @ 2:00: Steve Greenway will discuss "Metal Shaping". Try your hand at the English wheel, power hammer, and a variety of hand tools to make small parts or patch panels.



LOGISTICS

Date & Time:

Saturday, July 8th
Festivities begin at 11.
Come when you can, leave when you must!

Directions:

Group: 8:30 AM -Meet at the Holiday Station west of I-35 at Hwy 97 near Forest Lake. Depart promptly 9 AM.

On your Own: Come to 712 26 ¼ Av, Cumberland WI. For online directions, use Bing maps. Google maps will take you to the wrong location.

RSVP:

Sue at 612-723-0354,
Steve at 715-418-9481 or
1974greenmab@gmail.com

Miscellaneous:

Watch for speed traps.

If your car leaks oil, please steer clear of our new concrete!

No need to bring a dish to pass. We've got it covered!



JAGUAR CLUB OF MINNESOTA



Please join us for a

LYNCH MEXICAN FIESTA

SUNDAY, JULY 16 : 3 PM

Hosts Mike & Gloria Lynch invite you to enjoy
fantastic food and great company!

6630 Horseshoe Curve
Chanhassen, MN 55317
Cost is \$20 per person.

RSVP

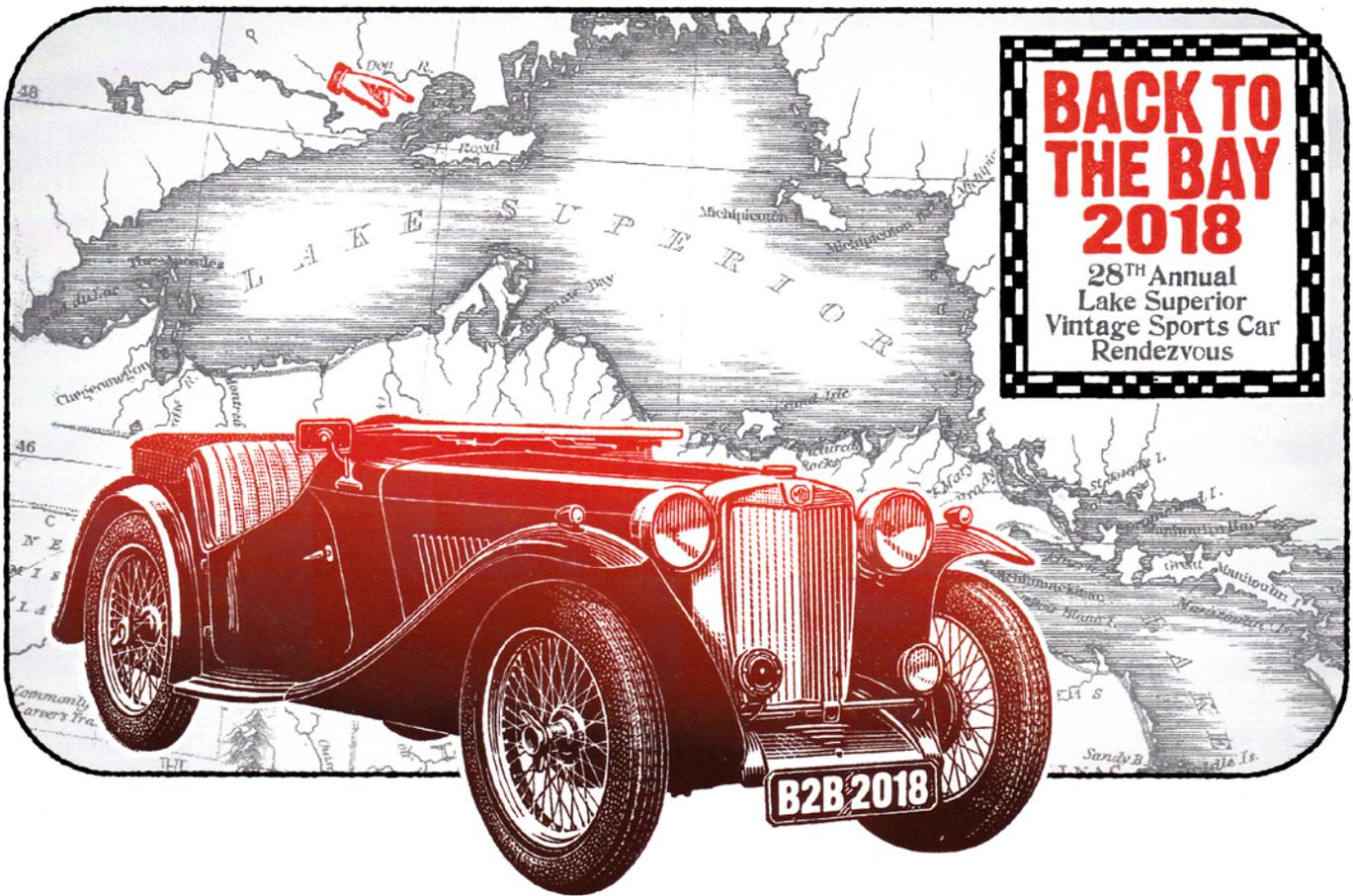
Please let Mike & Gloria know if you are coming by July 9

phone: 952-474-5642

e-mail: mikegloria.lynch@gmail.com

Headcount is necessary!





The Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club invites you to join us

JUNE 7-10, 2018



EVENTS



Show & Shine Car Show

Come dressed as the same era as your car!

Driver Challenges ■ Driving Tours ■ Fun Rally

ACCOMODATIONS

Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel

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Remember to mention the TBVSCC Rendezvous!

INFORMATION

www.tbvscc.ca ■ info@tbvscc.ca

Or contact **John Colosimo** at (807) 344-7694

Events Schedule

- July 5** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2 for details.
- July 8** **Greenway Party** – (Sat) Rixens will plan a short drive to land at Steve & Sue Greenway's home in Cumberland, WI. See page 12.
- July 9 – 14** **AHCA Conclave** – (Sun-Fri) This huge annual event will be held in Waco, Texas this year. Lots of cars, lots of people, lots of Healey talk ! Reserve early.
- July 16** **Mexican Fiesta Party** – (Sun) Mike & Gloria Lynch will again host their annual Fiesta !
- July 20–23** **Races at RoadAmerica.** (Thur-Sun) This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- July 22** **Stine/Martin Picnic** – (Sat) Always delicious food in a gorgeous rural setting. Page 11.
- July 30** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- August 2** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- August 5** **Herreid Pizza Party** – (Sat) Rixens will plan a short drive to end up at Dave & Daphne's home on the river near Afton for wood-roasted Pizza.
- August 12** **The "New" Brit Fest** – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- August 19** **Royal British Car Show** – (Sat) At the Jaguar dealership in Minnetonka, MN.
- August 20** **Ambli Norwegian Picnic** (Sun) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred and Sandy's hospitality – and steaks !
- August 26** **Amery Airport Run** – (Sat) Greg Willodson will hold a second run at Amery, WI.
- August 27** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Sept. 6** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Sept. 9** **Wheels n Wings** – (Sat) Osceola, WI. Car and Air Show.
- Sept. 10 – 15** **Monterey International Healey Week** – (Mon-Fri) This apparently will be one very large gathering of Austin Healey owners & enthusiasts.
- Sept. 15-17** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Watch our members racing up close !
- Sept. 22-24** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. Not to miss !
- Sept. 24** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Sept. 30** **Dawson Party** – (Sat) Phil and Stefanie Dawson will be hosting a party at their home in River Falls, WI. Details later.
- Oct. 4** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 7** **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. 21** **Mathews Model Train Event** – (Sat) Come and enjoy the wonderful result of many years' layout construction by Dick Mathews. Multiple trains, beautiful buildings, & bridges.
- Nov. 1** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 11** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual dinner, election of officers, and business meeting will occur on this evening at Joseph's Grill.
- Dec. 2** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2018 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Phil Dawson at Joseph's Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.
- Dec. 6** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.

Please note that the 2017 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete.
Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.

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For Sale: 1966 Austin-Healey 3000 MkIII BJ8. Purchased in Georgia in 1981, it has never seen precipitation. Original miles – 50,457. All fluids and maintenance faithfully and annually maintained by British car professionals. Runs, drives, and stops perfectly. Original Tool Kit. Everything works, needs nothing, drive it home. This is a rare, unmolested, original, rust free, low mileage BJ8. \$42,500.00. Contact Sharon West at 507-451-1841 in Owatonna, MN.

For Sale: Bugeye Bonnet – nice solid steel set for tilt forward hinge. Yes, there is some bondo. Contact Phil at dzschaefer@yahoo.com