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June Events

Wednesday June 7 – PIE Meeting
Thurs – Sun June 15-18 – Rendezvous 2006
Sun - Fri June 18 - 23 – AHCA Conclave

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Presidential Mike**By Mike Martin**

What happened! It's the end of May already! Seems like time is going way too fast. By the time you read this, the big green (AH) machine will be here in town. Dale Martin has offered to hook up his trailer and drive me over to Fourintune in Wisconsin to pick the car up. How nice is that? Fourintune did find a few more things to correct/fix on the car than originally anticipated. Guess that's to be expected. By the time this is over, I'm sure there will be a book offer in the mail!

June is loaded with opportunities to mix with all the Healey folks. We've got the CCA Rice Park Show in St. Paul, Rendezvous in Thunder Bay, Conclave in Ohio, and even Back to the 50's for you (make that us) old guys! About the time you think you've seen all the cars, up pops a new find.

This, of course, brings up projects. What's up out there? I know Herb Miller's and Gary Ronning's cars are getting interiors renewed as we speak. Scott McQueen's car should be ready after some suspension (etc.) work. Greg Lauser and Dick Mathews have been doing some fine tuning. Byron Peterson has disassembled his long awaited project in the back of his garage. Tom Politiski continues to buy Jensen Healeys for resale and parts. Have not heard from Doug Rudnicki, Jerry Sweeney or Dan Wolters for some time regarding their projects. Drop me a line so I can pass it along to everyone. By now Curt Carlson has his new engine installed in the BN1, so that will be fun to see soon at the Peg or Pie.

Speaking of Pie, it's not far off. So, I'll see you there - who knows, maybe in the big green machine!!

**Mike's new Pride & Joy!****THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST**

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday June 7th
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.

Rendezvous 2006

Dates: June 15th – 18th

Place: Thunder Bay, Ontario



This will be the 16th year for the annual international event. The drive up the North Shore is grand and the people in Canada are very gracious. See previous issues of The Healey Enthusiast for registration forms and information on the activities.

New Members

Mitch & Deb Ackmann of Buffalo have joined us recently. They have an A-H 3000 BJ8 MkIII. Welcome!

Craig & Karen Lee Groth also became members. They have an A-H 3000 BJ7 MK II and live in Winona. They also operate a Bed & Breakfast. Stop down and see them and the car!

AHCA Conclave 2006

Dates: June 18th – 23rd

Place: Akron, Ohio

The "Ohio Odyssey" looks to be another enjoyable Conclave. People from all over the country come to enjoy the cars and the camaraderie. Usually there are over 200 cars attending. There are people going from the Minnesota Club. Please call Greg Lauser if you have questions.

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 new room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

The Square Peg Diner
 2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.



Cover picture courtesy of The Healey Book by Bill Emerson.

Adopt-A-Highway efforts find Lake City man's cash & credit cards!

by Greg Lauser

Frederick "Fritz" Holmstadt of Lake City received his first Christmas present this year on Earth Day – Saturday, April 22. That's when 14 members of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club cleaned-up the ditches along U.S. 61 near Lake City.

They found a plastic cardholder with his name in it containing a variety of credit cards and, separately, \$110 – one \$50 bill and three \$20s. Greg Lauser found the cardholder, Julie Wolters found \$90 and Dave Meek found another \$20 in the ditch.

Other MAHC members involved in the day's clean-up were: Curt Carlson, Steve Chirpich, Nancy Lauser, Dave Lee, Mike Martin, Tom Moerke, Chuck Norton, Rod Richert, Steve Rixen, Wayne Soderbeck and Dan Wolters.

Holmstadt, a retired dairyman and beef producer, had cancelled the credit cards last fall but was glad to have the cash back and reassured that no one had tried to steal his identity or use the cards.

"My wife, Berdelle, and I were going to Red Wing to shop late last fall," he said. "I grabbed my wallet and went out to the garage. She wasn't quite ready, so I laid it on the front of the car and did some other chores out there while waiting for her."

He didn't remember the misplaced wallet until he reached for it in his pocket while in Red Wing. The next thing Holmstadt heard about the wallet were in a phone call last weekend from Greg Lauser. "With the price of gas these days, we joked about filling our tanks or going to lunch using the money; but since we had a name, address and number, we knew it was the right thing to do" Lauser said.

"We tried to call Saturday from the roadside park where we park while cleaning-up the ditches," he said. "There was no answer or voice mail answering system, so I called late Sunday morning and talked to him."

The Lausers took advantage of the beautiful weekend weather and drove to Holmstadt's home in Lake City Sunday to return the cash and credit cards.

"I wanted them to take some cash as a reward, but they wouldn't," Holmstadt said. "It was a really nice thing to do."

Instead the Lausers asked him to remember the club fondly whenever he passes its Adopt-A-Highway sign near Lake City.

Before that weekend, the most notable items that club members had found in the ditches were three bridal garters and several dozen less desirable mementos of romantic encounters.

"It makes you wonder what driving distractions law officers see but don't tell us about when warning us to hang-up our cell phones, stop shaving or applying makeup, reading or eating, while behind the wheel" Lauser said.

Adopt-A-Highway is a great way to help maintain the natural beauty of the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers for those of us who drive and thoroughly enjoy the scenic roads along them in our vintage British sports cars. So, to do good while doing well, mark your calendars for this fall's clean-up on Sept. 30. In addition to the highway project, we'll be visiting the workshop of a car aficionado who has three American Austins, an Austin Swallow and four Auburns from the 1930s.



Fritz Holmstadt, left, thanks Greg Lauser for returning the cash and credit cards that MAHC members found during their spring Adopt-A-Highway clean-up April 22. Photo by Nancy Lauser.



The Spring Blossom Tour

Editor

Tom Hazen managed to order up a beautiful day for his Spring Blossom Tour. Started off a bit cool, but was very comfortable as the day progressed. As usual, he had a wonderful route planned of twisty, windy roads for us to scamper through. There was an assortment of cars – including Triumph, MG, Healey, and the “other” variety. We started off from the Pickle Factory in Pepin, WI and ended up at the Monarch Tavern in Fountain City, WI. There we enjoyed refreshments and good food. It was a great way to start off our summer top down driving fun. Thanks again, Tom!





InterMarque Council

Spring Car Show & Banquet

Editor

A May day without rain was given to us for the annual Intermarque Council show. People started arriving before 10:00 am, when the scheduled opening time was 11:00. They just could not wait for this gala event! You could see so many car marques that it was hard to keep track – and they were beautiful! There was much conversation and ballot marking until about 3:00 pm.

We adjourned to the very nicely appointed Radisson Restaurant, where we proceeded to indulge in the scrumptious buffet. Then there came some short speeches, some door prize drawings, and finally the popularity awards to the winners of the balloting. It was a great time!



Healey Hillclimb V

Saturday, July 8, 2006

(rain date Sunday, July 9)

Afton Alps Recreation Area

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club invites you to TAKE THE HILL! Hillclimbs enjoy a proud place in the history of European motor sports.

Now you can be part of that tradition and make history with your own run TO THE TOP!

On-site registration opens 7:00am, closes 8:30am

MANDATORY drivers meeting at 8:30am

Late arrivals will NOT be allowed to run, even if they are prepaid. No refunds.

Drivers must be 18+, sign waiver, pass on-site tech inspection, wear helmet (Bring Snell 85 or newer. We'll have some loaners) Visit www.healeyclub.org/safetymain.htm for details.

New this year: **Vintage Race Car Exhibit**
See pre- and post-war track classics!



CORNER WORKERS NEEDED! Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats provided to all volunteers, and those who stay 8:30 to 5 will receive a free buffet lunch! Space is limited, so call Tom now to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Directions: I 94 East past St. Paul, take exit 253 and turn right onto Manning Ave/Hwy 95. After 6.8 miles turn left onto 70th Street. After 3.5 miles turn left into the Afton Alps complex.

Advance registration (**deadline July 5**) \$20 for Austin-Healey Club members, \$30 for all others. Day-of-show registration \$25 for A-H Club members, \$40 for all others. Make check payable to the **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club** and mail to Tom Hazen, 130 East 18th Street #202, Mpls, MN 55403. Sorry, no refunds.

This event is limited to 60 cars, of which only 20 can be younger than 1980, so register early!

<p>Driver(s)</p> <hr/> <p>Year, make, model, color</p> <hr/> <p>Email:</p>

Questions? Contact Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or libertytrans@mn.rr.com



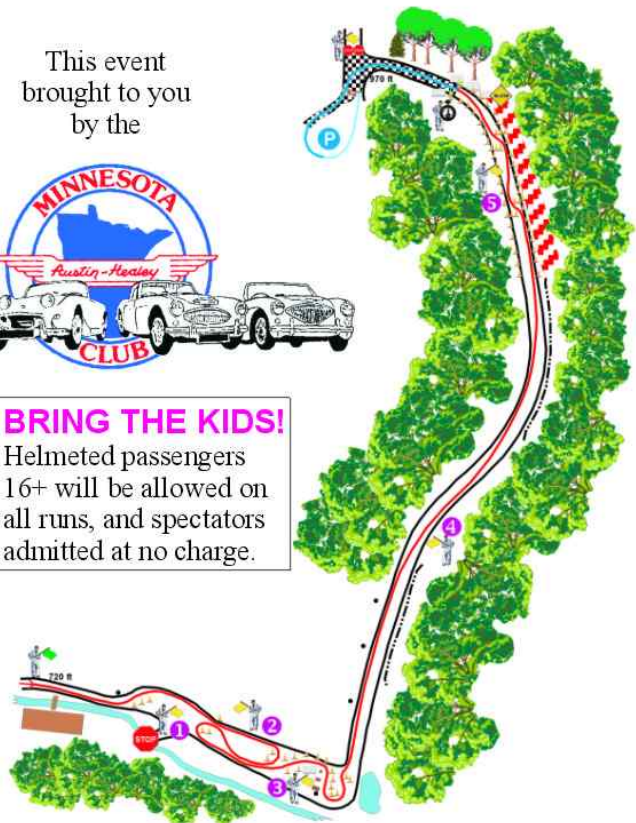
Bob Lee speeds around the bend just before the finish line in his TR6 - Photo by Greg Lauser

This event brought to you by the



BRING THE KIDS!

Helmeted passengers 16+ will be allowed on all runs, and spectators admitted at no charge.



The course is entirely paved roadway. Drivers will run in the order their paid registrations are received. We will try to give everyone five runs, more if time permits. From 12:30 to 1:30 we will take a break to enjoy the optional buffet luncheon served in the ski chalet (\$10 cash or check, pay your server).

Coffee and breakfast treats provided by:

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SEE YOU ON THE HILL!

Events Schedule

- 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 2006** - 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@presenter.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 8 **** **Healey Hill Climb** – (Sat.) This is the projected date for the exciting annual event at Afton Alps Ski Resort. Details forthcoming.
- 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 Lumbard.
- July 22** **Amery Airport Gymkhana/Straight Line Event** – (Sat.) – Tom Moerke and Tom Hazen have arranged for an event for quick cars at the Amery Airport. Details forthcoming.
- 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. 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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FOR SALE: New Rear Leaf Springs for AH BJ8 - \$125.00. Non original leather interior for AH BT7 – Black/red piping - \$150.00. Moss Carpet Kit for AH BT7 – Black - \$165.00. New Floor Heat Shield (above muffler) - \$50.00. Call Gary Ronning at 612-722-8397 or email to gtronning@aol.com . (6/06)

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