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*Healeys well represented at the
IM Spring Kick-off*

JUNE EVENTS

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| Sat. June 2 | Greenway Retirement Party |
| Wed. June 6 | PIE Meeting |
| Thur-Sun June 7-10 | Rendezvous 2018 |
| Sat. June 16 | Amery Competition Run |
| Sun. June 24 | InterMarque Picnic |

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President's **I**nformal **E**vening**Date: Wednesday June 6th, 2018****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:

Dave Hatzung**Scott McQueen****Dave Herreid****June Moerke****Sue Greenway****Barb Ronning****Kim Rixen****Current and past newsletters:**<http://www.mnhealey.com/mnhealey/newsletter.htm>**THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST**

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President Dave Hatzung's Very Presidential Column

Mid May and things are popping. Besides the tulips and lilacs, car stuff is everywhere.

Last weekend I spent the morning in Osseo. Drove my 3000 and parked it on Main Street with a lot of nice vintage cars. Walked around admiring those cars and visiting with some really nice owners. It is amazing to hear the varied stories about how people have acquired their cars. Every story is different and usually very interesting. Most are magical, or is it providential, as to how we got our cars. I think our higher power sent them to us for a reason.

The guy I bought my Healey from told me originally, when I asked him if his car was for sale, "I'll put you on the list". Yet, he called me when he decided to sell. I owned a string of MGAs. The first one I bought was from a guy I worked with in college, the second from a fraternity brother. The third one was from my "wife's cousin's boyfriend". He happened to be at a family reunion and mentioned a car in his garage that he wanted to sell. Anyway, it was fun to hear about other people's divine interventions.

The saga continues with my Spridget. I think and hope it's in a good direction this time. Started to combine some parts from the Sprite we bought last summer with the much better Midget that Phil Dawson helped us find. We'll be parting out the Sprite. If anyone needs parts, let me know. Have some nice wires wheels from the MG for sale, and also the ones from my BJ8 (rather than let those sit in my garage).

As I mentioned before, things are popping. The Vintage GT Challenge at RoadAmerica is coming up. There is a huge show at the Chanhassen AutoPlex on Saturday morning before Memorial Day, focused on honoring our Veterans. A lot of people, including my wife and I, will be heading up to Thunder Bay for the 2018 Rendezvous. Then the Amery Autocross will follow, plus more!

I'm sure the species PWOFC (People Without Fun Cars) find things to do, but not as much, nor as fun, nor as varied, as members of the MAHC do.

Start your engines my friends, Summer is here!



**Brothers Dave & John
at the IM Spring Kick-off**

The Presidents Informal Evening

By Kim Rixen

We had a special guest at the May 2 PIE meeting. St. Paul resident Tom Feintheil brought his blue 1967 Sprite. By the way, it's for sale! Although he's had it for 20 years, Tom says he doesn't have room for it now. "Too many toys. That's the problem."

He bought it from two brothers, one of whom was a vocational tech instructor. He rebuilt the engine and put in a new transmission. Tom put in a new clutch and hardened valve seats, so it can run on unleaded gas.

He says mechanically it's great. Cosmetically, it's a good 20-footer. Tom and his car attracted a small crowd in the parking lot later that evening. We'll see if they make a return visit or if the car finds a new home.

Dave Hatzung said the April Cars and Caves gathering, the first of the year, was packed. Lots of garages were open. The event takes place at the Chanhassen Automotorplex the last weekend of the month through September. They'll be doing something special to honor veterans on Memorial Day weekend.

Later in the evening, Suzanne & Greg Willodson ran the MAHC Hot Wheels Challenge on behalf of Tom Hazen, who was off teaching aspiring racers. There was lively competition before the winners with the fastest runs were announced. (see enclosed pictures)

Upcoming events:

Adopt a highway - May 5. Meet Dave Herreid at Veterans Highway Park at 9 a.m. Free lunch !!

Intermarque Spring Kick-off – May 12 in downtown Osseo. Maps were handed out showing the reserved parking spots for various clubs. MGTs are the featured marque this year. Bring food to donate to the food shelf. Greg and Suzanne Willodson will be there with a Healey Club sign and cones. Volunteers are needed to help park cars and register participants. The volunteer meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. Gates open at 9 a.m.

Vintage GT challenge – May 18-20 at Elkhart Lake. Healey club members Scott McQueen, Eileen Wetzel, Rich Stadther, Jeff Johnk, Dan Powell, and Jeff Lumbard will be racing. Come and cheer !

Memorial Day weekend has several events: Rally in the Valley in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and more vintage racing at Brainerd.

Announcements:

Steve and Sue Greenway are having a retirement party at their home in Cumberland, Wisconsin on June 2. Steve Rindt and Jack Schneider are the featured musicians. RSVP by May 28. See the newsletter for details.

Continued...

PIE continued.....

Greg Willodson said the June Amery Autocross is sold out except for MAHC members driving vintage cars.

The next meeting will take place Wednesday June 6. Jeff Lumbard will serve as host, as many members will be on their way to Thunder Bay for Rendezvous 2018.

In attendance this evening:

Dave Hatzung
Rich Stadther
Greg and Suzanne Willodson
Steve and Sue Greenway
Phil and Stefanie Dawson
Carl and Betty Stine
Dave and Cheryl Rademacher
Tom and June Moerke
Dick Matthews
Clarence Westberg
Jeff Johnk
Dan Powell

Jeff Lumbard
Dick Leighninger
Greg Lauser
Daphne Walmer
Dave Herreid
Barb & Gary Ronning
Scott McQueen
Gary Wetzell
Andy Lindberg
Jim Kriz
Steve & Kim Rixen



The Winners !
Dick Mathews, Scott McQueen,
and Stef Dawson (standing in
for her camera shy husband,
Phil)



Hot Wheels Race Starter &Timer,
Suzanne Willodson, holding the
winning race car !

Inter-Marque's 26th Year Spring Kick-off Event

By June Moerke

Tom and I left Hudson, WI Saturday morning May 12th for the downtown Osseo, MN annual InterMarque Car Show. We thought it was a very early brisk start, but it turned out to be a lovely day.

Upon arriving, we saw the Willodsons had already placed the cones, signs, and banners around the town. Evidently they had left home in the dark ! We were cheerfully greeted by Eileen Wetzel on one side of our car and Dick Leighninger on the other. They gave us the sturdy blue goodie bag, a Girl Scout basket for voting tickets, a windshield badge for display & registration, and unloaded two bags of donated food. I then took my place helping at the InterMarque greeting tent.

InterMarque Chairman John Engstrom, his wife Mary Jo, and other friends were already greeting and directing - wearing their lime green volunteer vests. I never did wear a vest, as I had dressed in yellow head to toe to match our Jensen Healey! (I did wear four different club marque badges, however!)

I really did enjoy my 2 hour shift, as the bulk of the cars arrived between 8:30 and 10:30 am. It was great fun seeing friends from many different clubs arriving. There were a large variety of car marques on display at the show. There were even some vintage motor bikes and a military jeep attending.

Healey club members I recall seeing included Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Dick Leighninger, Dave & John Hatzung, Rich & Liz Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Tom Wolters, Jim Kline, Jeff Sartell, Greg Lauser, Al & Jenny Anderson, Scott McQueen, Mike & Gloria Lynch, Tom Politiski, Barb & Gary Ronning, Paul Gau, Gene Berghoff, Dan Powell, Steve Rindt, of course Tom and I, and also several former MAHC members. Recent member Jay Robertson brought his restored yellow Jensen Healey and parked next to ours ! We were pleased to see four Jensen Healeys at the show.

There were well over 200 cars at the event, I was told. The Girl Scouts ran out of voting baskets! Our own Eileen Wetzel won the Popularity Contest with her Austin Healey Race Car. Congrats to her! Eileen did say that she had purchased some extra boxes of Girl Scout Cookies! Eileen and Clarence Westberg teamed up for the ½ hour Road Rally and came back all smiles.

Many thanks go to all the show participants, show attendees, and volunteers. A special thanks goes to the Willodsons who came early, unloaded materials, stayed late, and loaded up the materials again ! It takes several car clubs and many members to make this the successful event that it is.

Enjoy the summer in your cars !!



Inter-Marque's 26th Year Spring Kick-off Event



Old Buddies –
Tom Politiski and Paul Nesse



Old Buddies –
Dan Powell and his Racecar



Greg Lauser telling Mark Brandow
just how high it is.....

Inter-Marque's 26th Year Spring Kick-off Event

And the Winner is.....
Eileen Wetzel's Racecar !!



How sweet this is.....
and available !

Old Buddies -
Phil Shaeffer and his Race Bugeye



A Trip South of the Border... to Cuba !

By Dave Herreid



Did you ever want to run away from the world of computers, the daily news, and winter? Maybe head to a simpler place, like one you might remember as the days of yore. Days that are filled with old cars, summer breezes, moonlit nights, and maybe - just maybe - a mojito in one hand and a fine cigar in the other. If so, dear friend, then say “yes” to Cuba!

Daphne wanted to go scuba diving, and her needs were supplied by the local Scuba Center Shop with their Cuba tour. I tagged along. Upon arrival, twenty-six of us - including divers, a bus driver, a tour guide (host/fixer), a Cuban guide (explainer/keeper), and I - all filled a modern comfortable Chinese Bus.

As we traversed the six-hour drive from Havana to Maria La Gorda, we drove back into time on a road filled with vintage Detroit iron, Soviet trucks, and donkey carts. Our time on the western-most tip of Cuba was spent diving (or sitting on a beach), sleeping, eating, and drinking, in an old Soviet military resort for the higher-ups. This leg of the trip culminated with a feast in a small fishing village in the Cuba’s Gunahahacabibes National Park.

Memories from this village are priceless. One such image was the owner of an old tired 1953 Chevy. I asked to see the engine. Pride and joy spread across his face, as he popped the hood. He touched the valve cover and patted his heart; it was the original engine. He pointed to the carburetor and shook his head no - maybe Russian?

Then we drove to Havana. We spent three nights in a land of both ruin and revival, where we laughed, ate, and drank our way through a dream. Havana reminds me of London in its Georgian splendor, only with better weather. I’m wordless to do it justice, so I hope some of the following pictures can give you a hint of the marvels found in our southern neighbor.



A Trip...
South of the Border...
to Cuba !





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Retirement PARTY

TO CELEBRATE THE NEW LIVES OF

SUE AND STEVE

SATURDAY June
02

3:00 PM

Greenway Home
712 26 1/4 AVE.
CUMBERLAND

Music by the Blackhawks 4 PM to 6 PM

Please RSVP to Sue by May 28th
smgreenway1@gmail.com or 612-723-0354



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

2080 Highway 61, Thunder Bay, ON • (807) 473-9123 • 1-888-473-2378

Remember to mention the TBVSCC Rendezvous!

INFORMATION

www.tbvsc.ca • info@tbvsc.ca

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

RACING NEWS



Hi friends -

Thought I would send out a summary of the first race weekend of the year for MJG 582 Austin Healey #106.

We were at the SVRA spring vintage week end at Road America May 18-20.

We had decent weather most of the weekend and avoided any rain.

In general I was glad to have the car running in fine form.

The OverDrive was working beautifully with absolutely no delay.

It was a real extra weapon to have the OD for a 3rd-1/2 gear after turn 1, turn 6 and turn 12....

Also was nice on the long straights for 4th-1/2.

Here were the weekend results:

Friday Practice 1 session: best lap 2:55.490

Friday Qualifying session 1: best lap 2:56.019 at 15th

Saturday Qualifying session 2: best lap 2:52.884 at 14th

Saturday race 1: best lap 2:51.519 finished 18th overall. 4th in class

Sunday race 2: best lap 2:52.387 finished 15th overall, 3rd in class (podium!)

Wow what a great weekend! What a great car !!

New best lap of 2:51.519 which is 1.9 seconds better than last Fall's best!

Got to stand on the podium (mostly due to some formidable competitors retirements)

A great start to the season.

2018 Events:

Optional race weekends I'll be considering if time and schedule allows:

June 15-18 VSCDA Blackhawk Vintage Classic

May 26-27 VSCR Harvey West Memorial Day classic - Brainerd International Raceway

June 30-July 1 VSCR and SCCA double regional race - Brainerd International Raceway

August 31-Sept 1 VSCR Jack Pine Sprints - Brainerd International Raceway

September 14-16 Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road America.

The glorious fall in Wisconsin is hard to beat. Always a bittersweet end to the season.

Hope to see some of you out at the track again this year.

Everyone is welcome and appreciated.

Give me some advance warning, and I can add you to my crew!

Scott McQueen

1957 Austin-Healey BN4 MJG 582.#106

Events Schedule

- June 2** **Greenway Retirement Party** - (Sat) Join Sue & Steve Greenway at their home in Cumberland, WI to help them celebrate their retirements ! See page 11. RSVP !
- June 6** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- June 7-10** **Rendezvous 2018** – (Thur-Sun) The location this year is in Thunder Bay, Ontario. It's always a beautiful trip up the North Shore to meet old friends.
- June 16** **Amery Competition Run** – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Greg Willodson at the Amery WI airport. **Note new date !**
- June 22-24** **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 24** **InterMarque Picnic** – (Sun) The first monthly InterMarque picnic of the season, and the MAHC will be the sponsoring club ! Join your fellow British enthusiasts for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul.

Rendezvous Reminder !!

Do not forget to bring your Passport for entry into Canada...and coming back !!



InterMarque Breakfasts

Elsie's Restaurant, Bar and Bowling Center is the breakfast destination every Saturday at 8:00 AM. The second Saturday of the month is Ladies' Day, though of course, they are welcome every week.

Location: 729 Marshall St. N.E.
Minneapolis.

Map at <http://elsies.com>.

InterMarque Newsletter

Check out InterMarque's multi-marque calendar in their latest newsletter for even more car events!

InterMarque.org



Events Schedule

- July 11** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2 for details.
- July 15–19** **AHCA Conclave** – (Sun-Fri) This huge annual event will be held in French Lick, Indiana this year. Lots of cars, lots of people, lots of Healey talk ! Reserve early.
- July 19–22** **Races at RoadAmerica.** (Thur-Sun) This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- July 29** **Mexican Fiesta Party** – (Sun) Mike & Gloria Lynch will again host their annual Fiesta !
- July 29** **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 1** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- August 4** **Herreid Pizza Party** – (Sat) Dave & Daphne's home on the river near Afton will again be the place for wood-roasted Pizza!
- August 11** **The "New" Brit Fest** – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- August 18** **Royal British Car Show** – (Sat) At the Jaguar dealership in Minnetonka, MN.
- August 25** **Amery Airport Run** – (Sat) Greg Willodson will hold a second run at Amery, WI.
- August 26** **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. 5** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Sept. 8** **Wheels n Wings** – (Sat) Osceola, WI. Car and Air Show.
- Sept 9** **Huston-Soderbeck Outing** – (Sun) join Jan & Wayne for a fun back-woods party!
- Sept. 14-16** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - (Fri-Sun) Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Watch our members racing !
- Sept. 21-23** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. Not to miss !
- Sept. 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.
- Oct. 3** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 6** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Dave Herreid.
- Oct 13** **MG Fall Tour** – (Sat) Enjoy the colors of Fall on the WI roads with the MG friends.
- Oct. 20** **Mathews Model Train Event** – (Sat) Come and watch what Dick has accomplished in the past year ! Multiple trains, beautiful buildings, & bridges.
- Nov. 7** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 17** **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. 1** **PIE/Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2019 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Kim Rixen at Joseph's Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

Please note that the 2018 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete. Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.



MARKETPLACE

Marketplace policy: All ads are free to current members. For non-members, the charge is \$5.00 per month. Ads will be run for three months after which time the advertiser needs to submit new ad copy. Please inform the editor if your item or items have been sold during the three month period so the ad can be removed.

For Sale:



I am parting with my 1960 Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite. The car is a 1987 Volvo Blue which looks like Black, Green or Blue depending upon the sunlight. The car is not in showroom condition and could be considered a reliable daily driver, but definitely not a project car. There are a few minor scratches and marks but has no road accidents that I know of. I have owned for at least 15 years. You can drive it all day and still have plenty to tinker with all winter.

Of course this car was always garaged in the winter and seldom saw rain. It has never been raced or abused. I am 60 years old and have enjoyed this little beauty since the fall of 2013. Contact Rich Weide at 1-204-918-6405 or richweide@hotmail.ca.

For Sale:



Tom Feintheil is selling his 1967 Sprite. He has had it for 20 years, but has no room for it now – too many toys. He was present at the last PIE meeting, and maybe will bring it next month too.

For Sale: 1969 A-H Sprite – Matt Riley is selling this Sprite on Craigs List. See it at <https://stcloud.craigslist.org/cto/d/austin-healey-sprite-1969/6583925418.html>