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Healeys are fun for EVERYBODY !!

MARCH EVENTS

WED. MARCH 7

SAT. MARCH 10

SAT. MARCH 24

PIE MEETING

LYNCH SUB ZERO DINNER

TECH SESSION

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PIE

(PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING)

Date: Wednesday March 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.

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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The Steering Column

By Geoff Rossi

This February has surely been unlike anything in the recent past. So, this month I have decided to look back a bit into our newsletters from the late 80s and early 90s to see just what the Club was up to way back then.

The first and last months of the year consisted of non-driving events - that hasn't changed. Minnesota's winter weather has not altered in spite of the global warming hysteria of late. January, February, and March have traditionally been months when indoor activities are on the calendar. Generally those have been Tech Sessions, which means we lose the attendance of the ladies. Although, in March of 94 there was the "Electric Component Tech Session & Burnsville Center Shopping Blitz" which had the guys getting their fingers dirty in the Johnk garage while the gals were storming the walls of the Burnsville Mall. That was followed by a chili potluck dinner.

The tech sessions occurred at locations like Heritage Auto, Coon Rapids; European Auto Works, South Minneapolis; World Ferrari, Long Lake; Colorworks, Inver Grove Heights; Quality Coaches, South Minneapolis; Rivertown Carrozzeria, Stillwater; and GT Cars, Bloomington. The topics were as diverse and consistent as today: body work and paint, brakes and clutch, interior trim, electrics, carburetors, and when do we drive. Presenters were: Dave Helms, Rick Tillman, John Natole, Dan Powell, and Tom Mason among the many.

While going through those 20 year old monthlies, a more significant element struck me. Certain folks' names kept re-occurring. People like Gary and Barb Ronning, Dan Powell, Byron Peterson, Mike and Gloria Lynch, Chuck and Jean Norton, Tom Polititski, Rod Richert, Jack Stein, and Dick Mathews. It is this core with their perpetual and persistent presence and involvement that attracted those of us who joined in the 90s; and that commitment that continues to evolve and attract our newest members.

Let's look ahead to warm weather and the upcoming driving season. You might say warm weather is behind us. It has truly been a winter to remember – snowless and mild. There were a few temperate days in there to contemplate "lighting up" the Healey and driving some, just to say you did it. One of those once in a lifetime things to do. History again. Healey On!! Geoff.



THE PRESIDENTS INFORMAL EVENING

BY SUZANNE WILLODSON

President Rossi called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

Topics of the evening:

President Rossi presented Jim Manion with an Original Owner's Certificate.

A recap of the Tech Session held at Mike and Gloria Lynch's home was made. Another Tech Session is scheduled for March 24 at 10am. RSVPs are greatly appreciated!

The wine and cheese party at the Wetzel's on Saturday, January 15 was a hit, and we managed to consume 14 bottles of wine. We'll try harder next year!

President Rossi announced that his focus for the newsletter for the year would be on the history of the club.

Steve Rixen gave an update on InterMarque's Spring Kick-Off. The event is scheduled for May 12 in downtown Osseo. The Osseo City Council will be holding a safety committee meeting, which will be attended by Steve or an InterMarque representative. Steve mentioned there would likely be fees charged by the city for the event, but those costs are unknown at this time.

Square Peg Diner – Burt Levy will be signing books at the diner on Saturday, February 4.

Happy Birthday Kim Rixen! The Club celebrated Kim's birthday with cupcakes (thanks Eileen)!

Tom Hazen provided an update on a few items:

Still single

Hot Wheels Grand Prix will be held at the March 7 PIE meeting.

The proposed Hill Climb presentation will be given to the Waumandee, Wisconsin town board. The challenge will be to convince the Buffalo County Sheriff, who is a member of the board, that the club has a plan to manage safety, traffic and other issues involving a proposed hill climb at the farm site of a kind Norwegian bachelor farmer. Any club members who can attend the meeting should see Tom.

Jeff Johnk is now the holder of the club's Video Library and was willing to become the new Video Librarian. A motion to elect Jeff the Video Librarian was made by Steve Rixen and seconded. The motion was passed. Appreciation was given to Jim Wojcik, who has served in this position for the past many years. A discussion regarding converting formats to DVD was also held. No firm decisions were made, but members will look into it.

Jim Kriz reminded the club that it is membership renewal time. Save 45 cents by giving renewals directly to Jim. The Treasury report was given – the club is financially healthy.

Curt Carlson reminded members that he is looking for photos of members and their cars for the website. If possible, provide the photos to Curt in jpeg format. Curt also announced that his father's midnight blue 1950 DeSoto Club Coupe is for sale. The car is currently located in Ely. Curt can provide photos and more info to any interested party.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8pm.

In attendance: Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Jack Stein, Tom & June Moerke, Rich Stadther, Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lombard, Scott McQueen, Wendi Sott, Ed Raschke, Dave Herreid, Michael Manser, Dan Powell, Curt Carlson, Steven & Kim Rixen, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Jim Kriz, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Jim Manion, Tom Hazen, John Snyder, and Diane & Geoff Rossi.

You are cordially invited to compete in the
Seventh Annual Austin-Healey



GRAND PRIX

held at the regular PIE meeting of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
at the Fort Snelling Officers Club
Post Road just off MN Hwy 5, on the southeast edge of the airport

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, beginning at 7:00pm



"Big Daddy" Don Garlits



Della "Funny Honey" Woods

Any vehicle that fits on a standard orange Hot Wheels track is allowed, as long as its sole source of power is gravity. Other than that, it's unlimited! You can run bone stock or modified (fishing weights in the passenger compartment, pennies scotch taped to the roof, etc.) You are free to modify your car between runs, and you can run multiple cars. If you arrive empty handed don't worry, we will have some loaner cars for you, as long as you are willing to sign the collision damage waiver. Cars will be run one-at-a-time by specially trained race officials, using a state-of-the-art electronic timing system (a stopwatch and a thumb).

The top four fastest finishers will receive highly-coveted award certificates and priceless bragging rights.

Questions? Call Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883. See you and your family at the track!

2012 Arizona Auctions

by Tom Politiski

The Phoenix Arizona metro area lived up to its unofficial motto:
"You don't have to shovel sunshine"!

The weather for the Arizona car auctions was pleasantly seasonal, and the crowds were at an all time high. Bidders were out in big numbers at all six of the auctions in the valley of the sun, where over 184 million dollars worth of vehicles changed hands.

Attendance at the Barrett-Jackson auction topped an estimated 270,000 for the week. B-J sold 1288 cars for just more than \$92 million. Several Healeys were offered at B-J, but the top two were 1967 BJ8's, and in effect, too good to drive regularly - one selling at over \$126K, and the other at \$99K. A 1959 white Bugeye with a fresh restoration sold for \$14,850, while a 1960 BT7 with steel wheels and hub caps (with overdrive added) sold for \$40,700. A nice black and red 1960 BN7 sold for \$69,300, while a 1962 black and Ivory BT7 tri-carb sold for \$67,100. The deal of the Healeys, if you're into Nasty Boys, would have been a 1959 BN4 with a 302 Ford engine. It featured a ground up restoration for the low price of \$23,100 in Healey Blue with nice mag wheels.

Russo-Steele auction saw four Healeys offered and sold. A newly restored 1961 BT7 in Healey Blue sold for \$49.5K, while a 1959 BN6 sold for \$23.1K after having \$47K spent on the restoration. (Healey are good investments??). This Healey had louvers on the hood and also the trunk lid (why?). Two Sprites sold at Russo-Steele - a 1959 Bugeye (all hopped up with 1275 engine, and autocross ready) sold for \$17K, while a stock 1963 square body Sprite sold for \$9350.

The RM sale at the Biltmore, and the Bonhams sale at Kierland Resort & Spa, and the Gooding sale at the Scottsdale Fashion Mall, are all too fancy for my blood and pocketbook. I am only reporting on the published sales results.

RM sold a newly restored white 1956 100-M for \$162,250. Wow!! A 1959 BN6 sold for \$77K.

Bonhams offered a 1956 BN2 LeMans, a former race car, but it was a no sale at \$80K.

Gooding sold a 1956 BN2 LeMans (a Four-in-Tune restoration) for \$114,400. and a newly restored 1960 BT7 in red/black for \$90K.

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2012 Arizona Auctions

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So it appears that the market for good, proper Healeys is still strong. Be glad you have your Healey already in hand to drive and enjoy.

Craig Jackson reported at the end of 40 hours of TV coverage of his auction on the Speed Channel that about 30 % of the bidders were first time bidders. That may be fine for them, but I would contend that some new money is "stupid money". The prices realized on some of the cars I saw sold were outrageous. For instance, "resto-mods" - Corvettes and muscle cars that are built on new frames, suspensions, fuel injected 500 HP engines, and 20 inch mags with low profile tires, but with the old body put back on top. In my opinion, they are "bastards" that no father or mother would want to claim as their own.

VIDEO LIBRARY

Dear members. We are changing the custodian of the Video Library. In the process, we have taken an inventory of the tapes and DVDs. There are some unaccounted for. Would you kindly check around your VHS/DVD player to see if you may have one or more of the listed films? Please let me know. Thank you.

Healey Tune-Up

The Legendary Sports Cars

La Carrera Pan Americana

Ralley Films 1954/55/56 Standard Motors

1996 Pittsburgh Vintage

Project Healey 3000 Nuts and Bolts

Just in Time

1965 Targa Florio

1997 Pittsburgh Vintage

AH/Morgan – History Channel

SU Carbs

Just SU Carbs

*Soft Trim Installation BJ7 & * Part I and II*

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Minnesota Austin Healey Club Website Photos

Many club members including a lot of new club members don't have photos of their cars on the Website Roster.

Please have any club members who wish to have photos of their cars posted on the site email to me photos at mnhealey@gmail.com. To view photos, navigate www.mnhealey.com Click on "Club Info", then click on "Membership Roster". Thanks!

Curtis L. Carlson

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This is a list of members for whom I have no photo:

LastName	FirstName	Kane	Rick & Mary
Adams	James & Cindy	Knowles	Chris
Bell	Robert & Margaret	Larson	Robert & Sue
Bentfield	Mark & Debra	Linden	Rob
Brown	Kent & Jane	Maass	Stan & Marian
Brown	Robert	Manion	Jim & Patty
Buchholz	Wayne & Maria	McCullough	Brian & Jennifer
Cherveny	Jim & Judy	Miller	John & Maggie
Chirpich	Steve	Nelson	Craig & Linda
Cizek	Lloyd & Jo	Rademacher	David & Cheryl
Conlon	Bridget	Reinke	Tom
Connly	Michael	Riley	Matthew & Sarah
Corazzo	Ron	Rould	Don & Elizabeth
Domke	Calvin	Rudnicki	Doug & Kitty
Eggebrecht	Donald & Wanda	Simer	Frank
Eriksmoen	Gregg	Sorensen	Dale & Ginny
Ethier	Philip & Susan	Soucheray	Joe
Faste	Orval & Jean	Staebell	Andy & Wendy
Fink	George & Kathy	Walburg	Stephen & Carol
Fosdick	Steve & Lisa	Willodson	Greg & Suzanne
Gallagher	Dan	Winder	Bruce & Donna
Gasele	Gary & Susan	Wolff	Bruce & Vikki
Groth	Craig & Karen Lee		
Hall	Fred & Nancy		
Hanson	Gerald & Nancy		
Hartman	James W.		
Healey	John & Laura		
Hendel	Tom		
Hetrick	Bruce & Mary Anne		
Isakson	Paul & Kate		
Johnson	Bryan D. & Ann		



**2012
Austin Healey Club**

**SUB-ZERO
DINNER**



At the home of Mike and Gloria Lynch
6630 Horseshoe Curve, Chanhassen

(See attached map for directions)

Saturday March 10

6:00 Cocktail Hour 7:00 Dinner

\$35.00 per person

*Valet parking available: Go to the North Lotus Park (see map)
where valet parkers will pick you up and bring you to the house.*

Reservations required by March 7

**Limit 40 people HURRY send this RSVP along with a check made
out to**

**Austin Healey Club
to Mike Lynch, 6630 Horseshoe Curve, Chanhassen 55317**

Name(s) _____ Number attending: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Events Schedule

March 7**	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Hot Wheels Racing Night ! See page 2.
March 10	Sub Zero Dinner – (Sat) Meet at 6:00 pm at the home of Mike & Gloria Lynch. See page 9 for instructions and RSVP information.
March 24	Tech Session – (Sat) Meet at 10:00 am at Mike Lynch's garage – 6630 Horseshoe Curve in Chanhassen. Phone 952-474-5642 or email cmi@cmeters.com for info and RSVPs. Project is to re-install the refurbished Jaguar rear end.
April 4 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
April 14 **	Tech Session – (Sat) Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Steve Rixens garage in Hudson, WI.
April 21 **	The Queen's Birthday – (Sat) Hosted by the Wetzels and the Willodsons.
April 28	Midwest Motors Sports Tech Party – (Sat) Sauk Rapids, MN. Details later.
May 2 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
May 5 **	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 are being made by Greg Lauser.
May 12	InterMarque Spring Kick-Off – (Sat) TheInterMarqueCouncil will again sponsor the event at a new location in downtown Osseo, MN.
May 18-20	Vintage GT Challenge – (Fri - Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
May 26**	SpringTour - (Sat) Tom & June Moerke will arrange a Spring drive and end up at the Laurel Inn in Wisconsin.
June 6 **	PIE Meeting- (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
June 9	Amery Competition Run – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.
June 14 - 17	Rendezvous 2012 - (Thurs-Sun) This will be the 22nd year for the annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be in Kenora, Ottawa. Get your hotel reservations in early!
June 17 – 21	National AHCA Conclave – (Sun – Thurs) This year in Louisville, KY.
June 22-24	Back to the 50's Car Show – (Fri-Sun) This gigantic annual show will be at the MN State Fairgrounds again – maybe 10,000 cars??
June 24**	Stine/Lauser Drive & Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm.A perennial favorite.
June 24	Cherokee Park Picnic – (Sun)Monthly InterMarque picnic.

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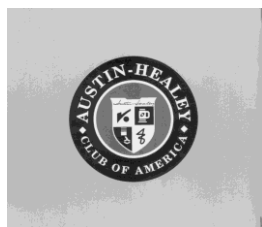
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July 11 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Note second Wednesday this month only.
July 13–15	Kohler International Challenge. (Fri-Sun)This is the super big annual vintage car race event held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. For details, call J.Johnk, D.Powell, R.Stadther,or J. Lumbard.
July 22	Lynch Mexican Fiesta – (Sun) Meet at 3:00 pm at Mike& Gloria Lynch's home. Always great food in a great setting.
July 28	Healey Hillclimb XI – (Sat) Tom Hazen has scheduled another beautiful Hillclimb at Afton Alps Ski area. Watch for more information.
July 29	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
August 1 **	PIE Meeting - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
August 4 **	Ambli Duluth Picnic (Sat) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred's hospitality.
August 11	Brit Fest – (Sat) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm In Hudson, WI.Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
August 12**	Progressive Dinner – (Sun) – This year Rixen's, Boyer-Carlson's, and Fosdick's will be hosting this previously well attended event.
August 25	Amery Airport Autocross – (Sat) Tom Hazen will hold the second run of the summer at Amery, WI. Watch for more info.
August 26	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Sept. 5 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Sept. 7–9	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. 9	City Lakes Parkway Tour – (Sun) Enjoy a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis. Arrangements by Dale Martin & Greg Lauser.
Sept .22	Wheels 'n Wings – (Sat) 8:00 am 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.23	Healey-Morgan Picnic – (Sun) Hosted by Herb & Marsha Miller at their home in Bloomington, MN.
Sept. 30	Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
Oct. 3 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Oct. 6	Fall Color Tour- (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.
Oct. 13**	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.
Nov. 3	Charity Event – (Sat) 9:00 – 11:00 am.At the Feed My Starving Children building. Dale Martin arranges this very worthwhile event each year. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause.
Nov. 7 **	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
Nov. 17 **	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. 1 **	Planning Breakfast – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2013 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Suzanne Willodson will select the site.
Dec. 5**	PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.

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FOR SALE: 1959 Austin Healey 2 seater (BN6) including the car, spare new parts, hoarded used parts, rebuild cores, working tools, small historic tool collection, 6 DVD set of rebuild/instruction videos, library of Austin Healey books, including shop manuals, historical books, technical books and original sales literature. Asking NADA low retail book value of \$19,000 minus a \$2,000 credit to existing AH club members. It may be classified as a 20 footer. John Helgeson. Email me at thehelgos@comcast.net and I will send additional information. (3/12)

FOR SALE: \$8500.00 1950 DeSoto Deluxe with some Custom additions. 60xxx miles. Fluid Drive 4-Speed. (2-up, 2-down). Lovingly restored by Curt and his Dad beginning in 1979. New engine (750 miles since complete rebuild), new brakes (150 miles since complete total rebuild). Dad can't drive it and I can't store it. Currently in Ely, MN. Drivable to the Twin Cities. A very smooth, very comfortable car to drive and ride in. The trunk is big enough to hold a Bugeye. Email Curt Carlson mnhealey@gmail.com (3/12)

FOR SALE : Driver's Side Seat for an A-H 3000 BJ7. \$35.00 Call Dan Powell at 612-751-4781. (1/12)

FOR RENT : Sedona 1 bedroom rental at beautiful Los Abrigados Resort & Spa. Available for 1 or 2 weeks until May 2012. Stocked kitchenette with full-size fridge, dishwasher. TV, DVD, VCR, linens and housekeeping included. Sleeps 4 (2 on sofa bed). \$100 pet charge/week. Your choice of 1st floor unit w/jacuzzi or 2nd floor balcony. \$1,500/wk. Contact Byron or Susan Peterson @ 763-540-0180 (2/12)