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Lumbard Tech and Coffee Drinking Session

MARCH EVENTS

Wed.	Mar. 6	PIE Meeting
Sat.	Mar. 9	Tech Session

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday March 6th

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 Presidential Corner

By Suzanne Willodson

Maybe it's just me, but I can definitely feel Spring in the air. Since we've been members of the club, Springtime means it's Healey season!

On our way home from work the other evening, the vice president and I were discussing upcoming club events – namely Tom Hazen's Amery Autocross in June. I recalled my past performances from last year and announced that my mission for 2013 would be to solidly improve my time. You see despite this vision in my head of being the fastest, most naturally talented driver ever, indeed I am not. I am, in fact, the slowest.

For me, the first step in being a better driver will be to build some fundamentals by taking a driving class. A couple of club members have recommended Minnesota Autosports Club's novice autocross training school. I found their registration website, but the April 2013 class looked like enrollment was full. I called the phone number posted on the site, and a very nice guy named Steve Garnjobst answered. I proceeded to tell him that I absolutely had to be allowed into the class. If I were to have any credibility at all in the club, I just had to formally learn the basics. He kindly explained that registration had not even opened yet. I had not missed the opportunity to sign up. Whew! That was a relief.

Greg and I also talked about the modifications we could make to the car to improve handling and speed. The few changes we've made to the car were really for better drivability (5-speed transmission conversion and new thicker sway bar), not for increased speed. We agreed that maybe new tires would be in order to help us on the course. There are numerous upgrades that could be made to our Healey, but we are not trying to turn it into a race car.

I'm very excited about the driving class in April, but wonder if it's wrong of me to have mixed feelings about Greg enrolling too. He's usually in the second to the last place (sorry Greg). If we proportionally improve our respective course times after taking the class, how will I ever get myself out of last place? I can hear Tom's voice saying his autocross events aren't racing competitions, so I will have to concentrate on my personal time – not anyone else's. But I do plan on giving Greg a run for his money !



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Liz Stadther

Meeting called to order by Geoff Rossi at 19:05. (Willodsons were out of town)

Past events:

1) Tech session at Jeff Lumbard's garage.

A photo of Jeff's car from 1982 passed around -- was Lee Hickey's at the time. Now being rebuilt by Jeff. Session talked about suspension - being put back together w/Dan Powell's help. Car is almost done. About 25 people attended.

2) Wine & Cheese Party at Steve & Kim Rixen's home. 17 people - even on Superbowl Sunday! No one was disorderly. Vintage racing films on TV, wine, cheese, and goodies.

Nothing else is on the schedule for February. (Time to rest up for the coming season)

Coming events:

March 9 Tech Session by Steve Rixen at his Strictly British garage. Topic -- electrical issues. He has couple of wiring harnesses going in to customer's cars.

Time: 10:00 am -noon. Will have donuts !

Reports:

Video Librarian Report -- Jeff Johnk:

He brought videos to meeting & sheets w/list of videos. Added SU carb rebuild, Tasmanian Gumball Rally, Breckenridge Conclave, etc. Some videos are still missing -- asked that people check for them.

June Rendezvous Report -- Eileen Wetzel:

Received 21 registrations online + 2 by mail.

Things to think about/needed: speed event workers, onsite registration (about 2 hrs at a time), regalia/door prizes, hostesses for wine & cheese party.

Rendezvous website: linked on Healey Club site. Planning meeting to be set for March. More commitments needed after that. Fri. night -- (June in charge) -- band. June will be a greeter & give out water bottles on registration day (Friday).

Lodge -- 20 places left as of last Monday. 2 BR only @ \$179.00 per night. Registrations say full on line, but you should call to check.

Membership Report -- Jim Kriz

125 members have paid. Got the names in to National on time to get them into the directory.

Treasurer's Report -- Jim Manion

Treasury in good health. Expects to see the advanced funds start to flow back in as registration and Rendezvous monies begin to accumulate.

Dave Herreid brought Donald Healey Motorsports Hall of Fame 1989 entry posters. They were signed by several notable people. Available for \$120.

Kim Rixen's birthday was celebrated by song and small cupcakes brought by Eileen Wetzel.

Meeting was adjourned.



Fred Ambli's Ongoing Restoration

Steve Rixen made a road trip to the North land and wired up the 66 Austin Healey 3000 I am restoring. He installed some new harness wiring. I have it up on a rotisserie, which really makes it nice for working on the car.

“We are having fun now!!!!”



Tech Session Hosted by Jeff Lumbard and Dan Powell

By Greg Willodson

Jeff Lumbard and Dan Powell co-hosted a Tech Session at Jeff's home in Lakeville on January 26th.

The "Healey Blue" paint on Jeff's 3000 looks absolutely stunning. The car is impressive enough to the casual observer; but to a group of people who really know what each part of a stock Healey looks like, it is mind-boggling. When you really examine the details, you realize that almost every part on the car has been strengthened, lightened, upgraded, or often fabricated completely from scratch!

Jeff will be taking his Healey to the race track; but also wants to be able to drive it on the street, so he designed a safety cage that can be partially removed.

The main topic of the day was front suspension. Dan demonstrated how to properly shim the spindles to get the bearings just right. Dan and Jeff explained the function of the adjustable camber plates, and talked about some of the finer points of steering geometry.

The modification that got my attention had nothing to do with making the car faster. It was that fantastic air scoop that will bring fresh cool air into the footwells!

Present were Jeff Lumbard, Dan Powell, Scott Lumbard, Jeff Johnk, Herb Miller, Scott McQueen, Fred Ambli, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Greg Lauser, Alex Donaldson, Chuck Norton, Steve Rixen, Spencer Angel, Dick Mathews, Mike Manser, Rich Stadther, Kevin Finn, Jim Gullickson, and Greg Willodson.



Tech Session Hosted by Jeff Lumbard and Dan Powell
Continued...



Wine & Cheese Party – at Rixens

Happy hour came early at the Rixens' house on Sunday, February 3. At 1 p.m., people gathered to sample wine and cheese and share Healey stories before heading off to Super Bowl parties later that afternoon.

Altogether 17 people attended, bringing with them an assortment of cheeses from all over the world. Appetizers included cheeses (thank you June Moerke for the wonderful quesadillas), and cheesecake made by our own Geoff Rossi. Everyone also brought favorite beverages—a variety of wines as well as sparkling Lingonberry cider.

Attendees included: Kim and Steve Rixen, Curt Carlson and Teresa Boyer, Gloria and Mike Lynch, Dave and Daphne Herreid, Geoff and Diane Rossi, Jim Johnson, Tom and June Moerke, Greg and Nancy Lauser, and Wayne and Maria Buchholz.



Wine & Cheese Party – at Rixens



Camshaft Selection Considerations

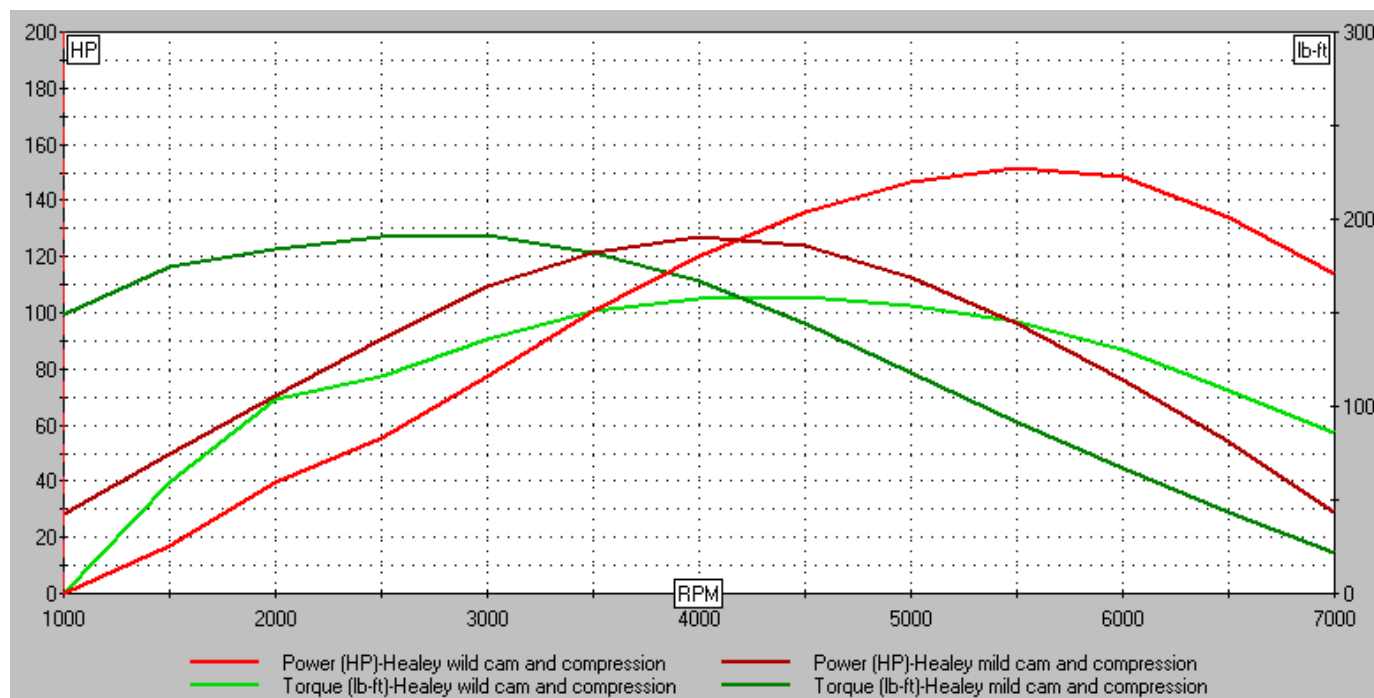
Part 3

by Steve Rixen

As I noted in last month's tech article, my computer had eaten my article when it crashed, including a graphical comparison of the mild and wild engine configurations. Included in this article is a graph which hopefully will show approximate torque and horsepower relationships of two hypothetical engines.

The engine profiles are probably not exact as a real engine build, but do show that when selecting your camshaft, increasing duration and overlap will have some impacts which will determine how much cam you choose to install.

Look at the graph below and note the Torque (Dark Green) and Horsepower (Burgundy) of the stock Mark I engine. Note the lower Torque (Light Green) and Horsepower (Red) of the engine with a 296 degree intake and 286 exhaust duration camshaft, even when improved by bumping the compression to 10:1.



Horsepower and Torque Improvement beyond the stock camshaft are not seen until about 4250 RPM. If most of your driving is at and below that RPM, you can see that the lack of torque and power would affect drivability around town.

It is true that if additional compression beyond 10:1 were built into the wild engine - say 10.5, 11, or 11.5:1 - more power and torque would be available lower in the RPM range, but the 92 and higher octane fuel availability becomes problematic.

The lack of manifold vacuum caused by increased overlap will affect the performance of the SU carbs and vacuum advance of the Lucas distributor, requiring adjustments outside the original specifications.

Concluding this line of thought as noted in the earlier articles, selecting a camshaft (and engine build) for increased performance requires some thought as to how much performance you want and where in the powerband you wish it to be. Moderate increase in cam specifications will give vast improvements in power without making the car difficult to drive and to live with.

Can/Am Rendezvous

June 6-9

23rd Annual Vintage Sports Car Gathering
Sugar Lake Lodge *** Grand Rapids, Minn.

Hosted by: The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

Weekend Schedule

Thursday -- Registration: 3-7 p.m. Hospitality Reception: 6:30-9 p.m.

Friday -- Registration: 8 a.m.- Noon, Airport AutoCross, Self-Guided Tours,
Treasure Hunt, Downtown Car Show, Morris Garage Band 8-10 p.m.

Saturday -- Car Fun Rally, Lakeside Show & Shine, Ladies Wine & Cheese Party,
Tech Sessions, Awards Banquet

Sunday -- Breakfast & Goodbyes

ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS @ www.mnhealey.com/rendezvous



Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(PRINT LEGIBLY first and last name/names as they should appear on badges)

Street _____ City _____

State/Province/Postal Code _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____
(Include e-mail address if you want a confirmation of registration – none will be sent otherwise.)

Club Name _____

Vehicle/s to be registered: Yr. _____ Make _____ Model _____

Yr. _____ Make _____ Model _____

On-line Registration \$70 Mail-in Registration \$75 After May 1: \$90.00 (All fees in U.S. Dollars) \$ _____
(Registration includes one vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 & one free T-shirt)

Each additional person: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____

Each additional vintage car: \$5.00 x _____ \$ _____

Free shirt size _____ 2nd shirt _____ 3rd shirt _____ Added shirts: ____ x \$15.00 \$ _____
(T-Shirt Sizes: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL & XXXL)

Ladies Wine & Cheese Party: \$10.00 \$ _____

Awards Banquet tickets: \$35.00/person x _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

SIGN ME UP FOR: Paper Mill Tour ____ Autocross ____ Downtown Car Show ____ Rally ____ Tech Sessions ____

IF MAILING REGISTRATION, make checks payable to Minnesota Austin-Healey Club (U.S. \$\$s). Send completed form to:

Greg Lauser, W12349 694th Ave., Prescott, Wis. 54021

Registration questions to: glauser@centurylink.net

Cancellations before May 1 are subject to a \$15.00 fee.

No refunds after May 1.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Sugar Lake Lodge at info@sugarlakeridge.com or call 1-800-450-4555 or 1-218-327-1462

Other Grand Rapids Lodging: AmericInn. 1-218-326-8999

Super 8, 1-218-327-1108

Sawmill Inn, 1-800-667-7508

Timberlake Lodge, 1-866-800-2200

You are cordially invited to compete in the

Eighth 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 6, 2013, 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!

OPEN HOUSE AT STRICTLY BRITISH

Saturday, March 9th, 10 to Noon or so.

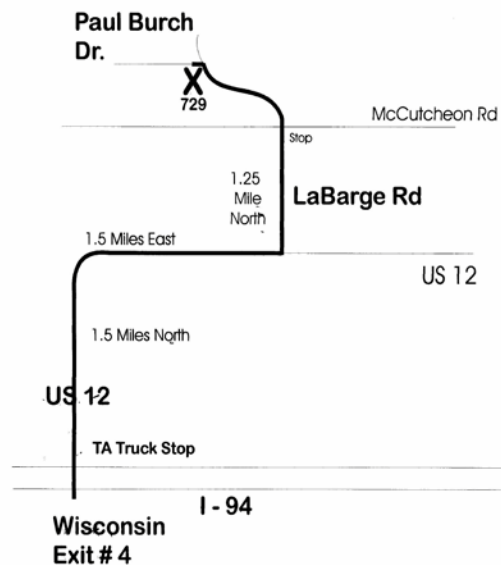
Steve Rixen invites you to an open house
at his shop at 729 Paul Burch Drive
in rural Hudson Wisconsin.

(See Map)

Topics are open.

Please send an email to **scrixen@gmail.com**
with your proposed topic.

Coffee and Tea will be available
as well as donuts and stuff.
Please note – do not block the driveway.



Rixen's Garage
729 Paul Burch Drive
(612-877-1938 Cell)

People submitting photos
for the March issue:

Tom Hazen
Steve Rixen
Geoff Rossi
Eileen Wetzel
Greg Willodson
Suzanne Willodson

Thank you !



Events Schedule

- March 6**** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Hot Wheels Racing Night ! See page 2.
- March 9**** **Tech Session** – (Sat) Held at Steve Rixen's garage in Hudson, WI. See page 13.
- April 3 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- April 20 **** **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 by Greg L.
- April 27** **Midwest Motors Sports Tech Party** – (Sat) Sauk Rapids, MN. Details later.
- May 1 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- May 4**** **Spring Awakening Tour** – (Sat) St. Croix River Valley Tour with a stop at Jim Johnson's home being arranged by Greg Lauser.
- May 11** **InterMarque Spring Kick-Off – (Sat)** The InterMarque Council will again sponsor the well attended event in downtown Osseo, MN.
- May 17-19** **Vintage GT Challenge** – (Fri - Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 25-27** **Vintage Sports Car Racing** – (Sat-Mon) Drive the Brainerd International Race Track with your Sports Car. Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) and SCCA invite spectators to drive on the race track Memorial Day weekend 2013. Info: www.vscr.org
- June 6 - 9** **Rendezvous 2013** - (Thurs-Sun) This will be the 23rd year for the annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous. The location this year will be in Grand Rapids, MN and sponsored by the MN A-H Club. Get your hotel reservations in early!
- June 12 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2. Note: Second Wednesday.
- June 21-23** **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 23 – 27** **National AHCA Conclave** – (Sun – Thurs) location this year is Quebec, Canada.
- June 29** **Amery Competition Run** – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Tom Hazen.
- June 30** **Cherokee Park Picnic** – (Sun) The first Monthly InterMarque picnic of the season.

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- July 6** **Blast from the Past Car Show** – Held in Chetek, WI.
- July 10 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. Note second Wednesday.
- July 14**** **Progressive Dinner** – (Sun) – West Side. This year Ronnings, Willodsons, and Wetzels will be hosting this “travelling” event.
- July 18–21** **“The Hawk” Races at RoadAmerica.** (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 27** **Woodland Hill Winery British Car Show** (Sat) Put on by the MN Triumph Club.
- July 28** **Lynch Mexican Fiesta** – (Sun) At Mike & Gloria Lynch’s home. Always great “sparky” food in a great setting.
- July 28** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- August 7 **** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- August 10** **The “New” Brit Fest** – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- August 17** **Stine/Martin Picnic** – (Sat) A perennial favorite held at the Stine Farm in Beldenville, WI.
- August 24** **Amery Airport Run** – (Sat) Tom Hazen will hold a second run at Amery, WI.
- August 25** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Sept. 4 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Sept. 6–8** **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. 14** **Wheels n Wings** – (Sat) Osceola, WI. We assume this long time event will be held.
- Sept. 15 **** **Ambli Norwegian Picnic** (Sat) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred’s hospitality.
- Sept. 20-22** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The second annual vintage car hill climb will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. Stay tuned.
- Sept. 29** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Oct. 2 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 5**** **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. 6** **City Lakes Parkway Tour** – (Sun) Enjoy again a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Arrangements by Dale Martin.
- Oct. 12** **Fall Color Tour-** (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.
- Nov. 2** **Charity Event** – (Sat) At the Feed My Starving Children building in Eagan. Curt Carlson will arrange this very worthwhile event. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause.
- Nov. 6 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 16 **** **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. 4**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Dec. 7 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2014 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Greg Willodson at Joseph’s Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

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Information request: My name is Dave Anderson. I have a 1965 Healey 3000 and am looking for help in finding a body shop that knows how to work on Healeys. The car is at the fitting and painting part of my 12 year project, and I would like to find a good source. I live near Brainerd, MN and am willing to go anywhere in the 3 state area for the right company. Please email me at: oicu81292@yahoo.com . Thank you. (1/13)

Opportunity - I have an "Owners Handbook" for an Austin Healey 100, copyright 1953, if anyone would like it. My nephew found it at a garage sale. Dave Knowles - wmdknowles@gmail.com (2/13)

Opportunity - Dick Mathews has a 2 BR condo for Rendezvous (June 6 – 8) and would like to share /rent the other bedroom. Call him at 763-226-4517. (3/13)



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