



The Healey Enthusiast

Volume XXIX No. V

May 2018



What dreams are made of!

MAY EVENTS

Wed. May 2	PIE Meeting
Sat. May 5	Adopt-a-Highway
Sat. May 12	InterMarque Spring Kick-Off
Fri-Sun May 18-20	Vintage GT Challenge
Thur-Sun May 24-27	Rally in the Valley

MAHC STAFF

President	DAVE HATZUNG 952-922-3246 dave@hatzunginsurance.com
Vice President	KIM RIXEN 612-590-6513 kimberlykiser@yahoo.com
Treasurer	LIZ STADTHER lstadther@gmail.com
Membership	JIM KRIZ 612-377-2277 jkriz1@comcast.net
Newsletter Editor	GARY RONNING 1019 Ridge Haven Circle Buffalo, MN 55313 763-684-4041 gtronning@gmail.com
Video Librarian	JEFF JOHNK 952-461-2720 jeffj@centuryrefining.com
WebMaster	GREG WILLODSON greg.willodson@gmail.com
Email Broadcaster	DAVE LEE 715-651-2479 dlee@usfamily.net
Name Tags	GREG WILLODSON greg.willodson@gmail.com
National Delegate	EILEEN WETZEL 763-541-9571 econlon@hotmail.com
Intermarque Delegate	SUZANNE WILLODSON 763-390-4133 suzanne.willodson@gmail.com
Regalia	GARY RONNING 763-684-4041 gtronning@gmail.com
Technical Resources	
Sprite	PAUL GAU 952-933-7277
100	MIKE MANSER mike.santry@yahoo.com
3000 & Modified	JEFF JOHNK 952-461-2720
Jensen Healey	TOM POLITISKI 218-367-2168
Board of Directors	DAVE HERREID ANDY LINDBERG CHERYL RADEMACHER, CHAIR. STEVE RIXEN GEOFF ROSSI
Minnesota Web Site	www.mnhealey.com
National Web Site	www.healeyclub.org

President's **I**nformal **E**vening**Date: Wednesday May 2nd, 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**Sue Greenway****Fred Ambli****Tom Hazen****Dave Herreid****Kim Rixen****Cheryl Rademacher****Current and past newsletters:**<http://www.mnhealey.com/mnhealey/newsletter.htm>**THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST**

The official publication of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club, a Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation. THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST, is published 12 times per year for the benefit of its members. Articles which appear in THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST are the opinions of the authors and do not express the position of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club on any matter unless specifically noted. We do our best to ensure accuracy but cannot be held responsible for errors and omissions. Contributions are welcome on any subject related to Healeys, club members, or of general interest to the classic car hobby. Material from THE HEALEY ENTHUSIAST may be reprinted in any other publication provided reciprocal article use permission is granted by that publication. Deadline for submissions to the editor is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. Classified ads are free for MAHC members, \$5.00 for non-members. For display rates contact newsletter advertising. The Minnesota Austin Healey Club Inc. is operating as a Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation and is affiliated with the Austin Healey Club of America, Inc.

President Dave Hatzung's
Very Presidential Column

Title – “It’s all about Phil”

What great club members we have. You’ve all heard my whining about my “RatSprite”. Well, I think that’s over. Ever since I bought the Sprite, so many people in our club have been trying to help me with it. The first was **Paul Gau**. He gave me a pep talk about Sprites, and a tour of his Sprite garage...meaning he had a garage full of Sprites and Sprite parts. He then let us (my brother John and I bought the car together) use his trailer to pick up the Sprite. Also, he even gave us a roll bar for it. I can’t remember who to thank for sending me to Paul.

After that, **Dave Rademacher** gave us a racing manifold. There were others that helped us with it, including our nephew **Marshall Holt**, who has been super helpful with everything. However, as you all know, the engine turned out to be bad. The car frame was sooo bad that we were told NOT to bother spending the money on rebuilding the engine.

Enter **Mr. Excitement** – **Phil Dawson**, Sprite enthusiast extraordinaire! Ever since he heard the news about our Sprite, he has been looking all across America, literally, for a solution to our problem. He’s been checking for engines and entire cars for us, just so we can race at Amery and Waumandee. Initially he found us a Sprite racecar in Colorado, then another one in Indiana, then one closer to home – in North Dakota, which we ended up buying.

The seller actually delivered the car to us. The crazy part was that he brought it on Saturday morning April 14th, which was the day we got all the snow! Luckily for us, we met him early Saturday morning at **Phil’s** house - before the storm hit in its entirety. Yes, **Phil** helped us look over the car/engine before buying and is storing it until we can start working on it.

He is thinking we’ll be able to use this new car for the body and engine. The old Sprite will be used for parts that we need to get this car ready to race. The left-over parts we’ll be able to peddle and pretty much come out ahead (anyone heard that story before?). I’m thinking if we come out even or maybe a little upside-down, we’ll be happy.

Continued.....

Very Presidential Column continued

So you may wonder what did those fools buy now??? We ended up with an actually really nice rubber bumper Midget (now I can join the MG club) with a 1500 cc engine and Weber carbs. It came with really nice wire wheels (which are for sale) and tires. We'll take the steel wheels from the old Sprite and mount the MG tires on them. We'll use **Paul Gau's** roll bar, and the cool racing steering wheel I bought from **Mark Brandow**. The seats (and a few other odds and ends) will come from the old Sprite.

Get in line all you Sprite people and help me salvage what's left of our '67 Spriterod. AND, look out **Phil, Eileen, the Jeff's, Dan, Scott,** and whoever else might run at **Amery or Waumandee!** Look out for the **Hatzung Brothers** race and car salvage team! As Laurel used to say to Hardy, "**Here's another fine mess you've gotten me into (PHIL!)**"

SERIOUSLY, I really want to thank him for all the time he spent finding this car and helping us buy it. He is fine example of why the Minnesota Austin Healey Club is a collection of enthusiastic and very generous people who are out to help other people enjoy cars, and who are always generous with their time and advice.

Thanks everyone, and get ready to start your engines!

Dave



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Kim Rixen

Old man winter continued his reign as MAHC members gathered Saturday, April 7, for breakfast at Joseph's in St. Paul.

President Dave Hatzung thanked Gary and Barb Ronning for all the work they do on the newsletter. He also thanked Scott McQueen for hosting the March tech session and Steve Rixen for his presentation on electrical problems. Another thanks went out to Greg and Nancy Lauser, who hosted a Conclave 2019 planning meeting/chili feed. Fifteen people showed up to eat and volunteer.

Upcoming events:

Cars and Caves -- Will be held the last Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. until noon at the Chanhassen Auto Plex starting in April. There will be a special program Memorial Day weekend honoring veterans.

Adopt a Highway -- Will take place Saturday, May 5, at 9 a.m. in Lake City. The Healey Club will buy lunch for participants afterward. Stay tuned, as plans could change if rain is forecast.

Intermarque Spring Kick Off -- Will be held Saturday, May 12, in downtown Osseo. If a group wants to park together, they need to arrive together. Clubs helping sponsor the event will get designated parking places on the main street. They will select who will get rock star parking.

PIE will move to the first Wednesday night of the month starting in May.

In attendance:

- Dave Hatzung
- Dave Herreid
- Steve and Kim Rixen
- Andy Lindberg
- Stef and Phil Dawson
- Nancy and Greg Lauser
- Dave and Cheryl Rademacher
- Wayne Soderbeck
- Rod Richert
- Gary and Eileen Wetzel
- Tom Politiski
- Gary and Barb Ronning
- June and Tom Moerke
- Liz Stadther
- Chuck and Jean Norton
- Clarence and Kate Westberg
- Greg and Suzanne Willodson

You are cordially invited to compete in the

Thirteenth Annual Austin-Healey



GRAND PRIX

held at the regular PIE meeting of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
at Joseph's Grill
140 South Wabasha, Saint Paul, MN 55107

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 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. 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!

What dreams are made of....
Another Fred Ambli restoration adventure!

Mr. Steven Rixen attended the Kenora meeting of the Rendezvous gathering in 2016. A gentleman by the name of Ken Pride had a BJ8 for sale. After letting me know details of the car, Steve put \$150.00 down on this car for me (as Sandie and I were not there at the time).

There was much consternation over the title on this car. A previous gentleman had sold it to Martin Jansen (owner of Jewel Frames). Martin made a new frame for this car and held it for some time. Then he sold it to Ken Pride in Kenora, Ontario. Nobody transferred the title, so that had to be cleaned up before I could buy it. He finally got that all cleared. We agreed to meet each other at the border on May 5th, 2017.

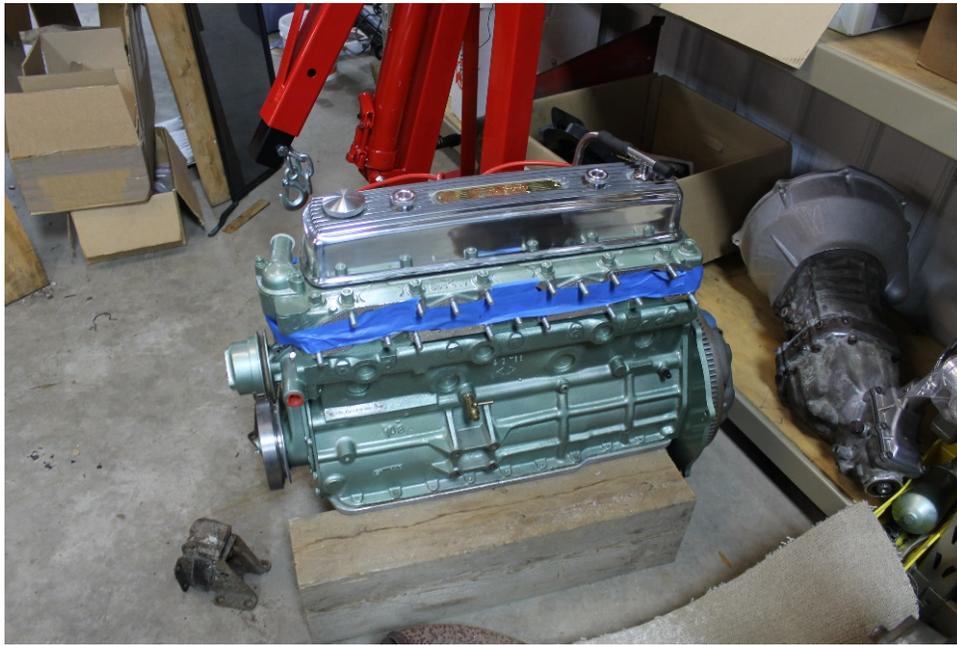
We did the paper work at the border. This was at International Falls, Minnesota. One of the border guards had the name of Jelle. His family was from Norway. When he found out I was Norwegian, he could not do enough for me (sometimes things go good for us Norskes!). Ken Pride drove the car down to my house in Carlton, MN. I had several people assembled to take the car and various parts off of the trailer.

I then had my left knee replaced, which ultimately ruined my whole summer. Finally I got going enough in July to haul the car down to Tin Man Fabrication in East Bethel MN.

The car came with a brand new frame. The "Tin Man" worked on the car off and on during the summer. Putting it mildly, there were way too many new parts.

The engine that was in the car was the not original or correct. It was a 2.6L that was "stuck"! Luckily I had purchased an extra BJ8 engine in Vancouver in 2016. That engine was supposedly overhauled. I had Steve Rixen take it apart and re-examine the whole engine. He found several things wrong, made them right, and then put it all back together. I also purchased a Toyota transmission and a Delaney Kit from Steve in the meantime.

Continued...



Before they painted the frame and super structure, they fitted all the fenders and shrouds to the car. The car is going to be painted a Ford red that Sandie and I really like.

It seemed as though there was a never ending purchasing of parts. I finally received the frame on November 9th of 2017. The frame and all the parts to go on the car got hauled to my shop.





I was recently notified by Tin Man Fabrication that they were going out of business as of June 1, 2018. I have to have everything out of their shop by July 1st.

This really breaks my heart, as I think he is a very good guy and runs a terrific shop. We have arranged for one of their employees to finish painting the car.

Well, I am in South Carolina and having a bit of trouble with my heart. Hope to have that resolved. In the meantime, Steve Rixen ran up to my shop and did about 4 - 5 days worth of work on the car to get it to a rolling chassis. We are not close to that yet, but hopefully soon !!



Tire Basics for Austin Healey Owners

Continued from the April issue...

By Magnus Magnusson

11. Tire life.

- A. Tires should be replaced when they reach 10 years of age from the date of manufacture, or
- B. Tire tread wear bars are visible, or
- C. Tire tread depth reaches 2/32nds

12. Tire rotation.

- A. Tire rotation should be performed every 6,000 - 8,000 miles or other frequency stated by vehicle manufacturer or if uneven or irregular wear is apparent.

13. Vehicle alignment.

- A. Normally, a new vehicle is delivered with proper alignment.
- B. If irregular tire wear becomes apparent, or the vehicle's suspension is damaged or if suspension parts are replaced, a vehicle alignment check should be performed.
- C. For vehicles with independent rear suspension, a four-wheel alignment may be necessary.
- D. There is no prescribed periodicity for vehicle alignment.

14. Tire repair.

- A. The reference is the TIA (Tire Industry Association) repair procedures
 - a. May repair up to 1/4" puncture in tread area only.
 - b. Tire must be patched from interior - never plugged.
 - c. Exterior hole should be filled to avoid contamination

15. Where should I install new tires if I am only buying two?

- A. If only two tires are purchased at a time, they should go on the rear.
 - a. Slip angle is defined as the angle between a rolling wheel's actual direction of travel and the direction towards which it is pointing.
 - b. New tires have less slip angle than worn tires.
 - c. If the rear tires would have more slip angle than front tires, oversteer would be induced.
 - d. If the front tires would have more slip angle than the rear tires, understeer would be induced.
 - e. For normal passenger tire use, understeer is desirable.



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

*Adopt-a-Highway Pick-up
~The Spring Fling Edition~*

Come see and collect the treasures that winter has bestowed on our little section of highway heaven this year!

*We will meet on Saturday May5,
9 a.m. @
Veterans Highway Roadside Park
U.S. Hwy 61*

(from there we will go to north to our highway section)

- *Gloves, and vests will be provided*
- *Lunch at will be provided by MAHC*

*Questions? Contact Dave Herreid @ 651-334-3879 or email:
david.herreid@gmail.com*

MAHC Notes Corner:

We now have a new dedicated PayPal account for the MAHC ! Registration for events such as Amery and Waumandee, purchasing MAHC apparel, even dues, may now be paid through the PayPal account. Go to mnhealeyclub@gmail.com for details.

(Note: Please disregard the address shown here last month.)

At this time, the Board has decided that we will not be charging a service fee for the convenience of PayPal, however that will be reviewed after we have tried it for a while.

Questions? Contact the Treasurer or a Board member.

Two Norwegian hunters from Minnesota got a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot said the plane could take only four moose. The two guys objected strongly. "Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board, and he had the same plane as yours". Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. However, even on full power the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few moments after take-off. Climbing out of the wreck, one Norski asked the other "Any idea where we are?" "Yaah, I tink ve're pretty close to where ve crashed last year".

**DOWNTOWN
OSSEO, MN**

*InterMarque*TM

**10AM-3PM
RAIN OR SHINE**

SPRING KICK-OFF

26TH ANNUAL VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR SHOW

FEATURED
MARQUE

MG T-SERIES

**MAY 12
2018**



AWARD PRESENTATION AT 1PM*
CRAFT SHOW
+ AFTERNOON RALLY
HOSTED BY THE TWIN CITY RALLY CLUB!

THANKS TO OUR CLUB SPONSORS!

Lotus Owners Oftha North (LOON) • Jaguar Club of MN • Citroën Club of MN
Alfa Romeo Owners Club, Stella del Nord Chapter • MN Austin-Healey Club
Mercedes-Benz Club of America-MN MB Section • Metropolitans from MN
MN United Minis (MUM) • MN MG Group • MN MG T Register • MN Triumphs
Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) • North Coast Borgward Club

This is a FREE* event open to 1998 OR OLDER, FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles, scooters, and racers. FIRST COME FIRST PARKED. Placement starts at 9 am. Parking staff will be on hand to direct arrivals. Groups wishing to park together MUST ARRIVE EN-MASSE.
*Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Visit InterMarque.org for a map + updates.

*Girl Scouts Traveling Europe (GSTE) will be handling the voting to help raise funds for their trip to Europe.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO
THE CITY OF OSSEO!**

Events Schedule

- May 2** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2 and page 6 !
- May 5** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (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 Dave Herreid. See page 12.
- May 12** **InterMarque Spring Kick-Off** – (Sat) The InterMarque Council will again sponsor this well attended event in downtown Osseo, MN. See page 13.
- May 18-20** **Vintage GT Challenge** – (Fri - Sun) This will be the weekend for the Spring Vintage races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 24-27** **Rally in the Valley** – (Thurs – Sun) Diane & Steve Rindt will be putting on their popular road rally once again this year. Sure to be a fun weekend.
- 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.

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 set of 4 – Octagonal Safety Knock-offs. (2/L & 2/R)
Includes removal Tool - for BJ8
\$100.00 for all.

1 New Everflex Black Top – For BJ7 or BJ8
Window does not zip out.
\$100.00 – (a steal !)

2.6 Liter Engine - Nice for rebuilding. The hot price of \$1900.00

2.6 Liter Engine - Stuck and for sale at a hot price of \$750.00

Contact Fred Ambli – email to: fred@liftpro.com (2/18)

GARY HEMPHILL IS SELLING EVERYTHING OFF
See website below for details. (2/18)

<https://www.hemmings.com/parts/item/Body--Exterior/all/Austin-Healey-3000-Parts-45-year-Accumulation/14182.html>