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We Need Your Help!

Members,

As of today, October 29th, only five (5) Austin-Healey Club members have signed up for the Service Project, (we need at least 25) At Feed My Starving Children. This year we're doing it along with the Jaguar Club. If you haven't already signed up, please consider joining us on the 8th of November.

See page 8 for details

Thank you. Dale Martin

EVENTS – SEE PAGE 7 DETAILS

NOVEMBER

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| Sat. | Nov 1 | Rendezvous 2009 Planning Meeting 10:00 am Square Peg |
| Wed. | Nov 5 | PIE (see page 3) |
| Sat. | Nov 8 | Charity Event 9:00pm (see page 8) |
| Sat. | Nov 8 | MG Planning 10:00 am Square Peg |
| Sat. | Nov 15 | Christmas Banquet and Officer Elections (see page 7) |

DECEMBER

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| Wed. | Dec 3 | PIE (see page 7) |
| Sat. | Dec. 6 | Planning Breakfast Session for 2009 (see page 7) |

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The President's Report

By Tom Moerke

Only 8 months to go until Rendezvous 09 !

We will have a special meeting on Rendezvous Planning on Nov. 1 at the Square Peg after breakfast. While everyone is invited we hope the people who have volunteered to head committees really plan on being there. Dave Lee will send out an e-mail on this the prior week. One of the first things to do will be to come up with a registration form and maybe a brochure.

In only a few weeks, on Nov. 15th will be our annual business meeting and banquet at, of course, the Officers Club at Fort Snelling. Mike Martin has worked his wondrous way with the menu coming up a wonderful feast for us all. It is a bit pricey at \$28.00 a person but due to the enlightened management of this club the club is picking up half the tab ! For those of us who are math challenged that cuts the cost down to 14 bucks a head. We will have a raffle with lots of nice prizes for almost everyone. Should be a good time. Please RSVP to Mike Martin at 952-898-1634 or ahbn1@aol.com.

June and I have been on two nice fall color tours. On the 4th of Oct we followed Ken and Diane Merrill's drive which started at the Machine Shed and went south on both sides of the Mississippi River and wound up at the Fisherman's Inn in Oronoco for a great lunch. They took us to a great scenic overlook above Red Wing.

On Oct 11th we went on Steve and Kim's tour . This started at Birkmose Park in Hudson, Wi. went north along the St. Croix River to Osceola and then east to the Apple River and then south back to Hudson to the new Irish Pub . The fall color was perhaps at its peak and everyone seemed happy with the Irish beer and food.

See you all soon

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday November 5th

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

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:00 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 room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

The Square Peg Diner
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.



PIE REPORT

By Rod Richert

Larry Nimmerfroh, Tom Moerke, June Moerke

Greg Lauser, Ron Corraza, Betty Stine
Carl Stine, Dale Martin, Chuck Norton
Aaron Courteau, Dick Mathews, Gary Wetzel
Eileen Wetzel, Jeffery Gordien, Gary Ronning
Barb Ronning, Jack Stein, Mike Martin
Jeff Lumbard, Herb Miller, Dan Powell
Dan Stromquist, Tom Hazen, Scott McQueen
Andy Lindberg, Steve Rixen, Mike Manser
Jim Kriz, Dave Lee, Katy Olson

Mike Martin arranged the food choices for the November 15th banquet at the Officer's Club by polling the above members present. The MAHC treasury will again subsidize a portion of the meal. Reservations were begun. If you weren't there, get them in today (see notice page).

The following talked about upcoming events that at publication are now past events:

- Steve Rixen the MAHC fall color tour
- Tom Hazen the Jaguar fall color tour
- Greg Lauser the adopt a highway event
- Tom Moerke the M.G. Group fall color tour

Also from Tom Moerke, a company called Triple "C" can duplicate your vintage vehicle keys. Google or call 888-954-4081. Our President also called for a Rendezvous committee meeting at the Square Peg Saturday November 1st.

Dale Martin promoted our charitable event "Feed Our Starving Children" scheduled for Saturday, November 8th. Aaron Courteau asks for help on behalf of the intermarque group. The search is on for a venue with food or catering capacity.

Jim Kriz reported on his tour of Norman Nock's extensive warehouse. Jim suggests that even if it isn't cataloged by Nock, they may still have that hard to find part. Give them a call.

Mike Manser still has a garage natural gas heater free for the taking.

Last but not least: Looking for a gift for that discriminating Healey hobbyest? Go no further than your friendly regalia master Gary Ronning. He'll customize the perfect gift. (All sales final!?)

NEXT PIE IS AT FORT SNELLING

NOVEMBER 5, 2008

TECH TIPS: *by Ernie West*

Head Gaskets To be more specific, how to not have a blown head gasket.

As simple as it sounds (just bolt the head to the block) it's more than that. And the more sophisticated the engine, the more critical small details become. I recently became the victim of a blown head gasket with my 907 Lotus engine, 230 miles from home naturally. Like in most cases there was no one obvious cause. In my case I'll admit to ignorance. I didn't know specs like the latest torq figures, the latest torq sequence, the correct tool (a torq angle gauge), and the fact that on this engine you DON'T retorque the head after 1,000 miles.

So in summary let me emphasize that you bone up on all of the latest factory specs for your engine. For instance if your factory manual is twenty years old, the factory may have changed its mind (they call it up-dating) several times already. That plus as time goes along head gasket materials change and the old recommendation to retorque the head after a specific time might actually be detrimental. Also using a torq angle gauge is getting to be more and more accepted as the preferred method of tightening head nuts or bolts. Of course the old standard rules of having head bolt holes clean so the bolts don't bottom against rust and having all of the threads clean and properly lubricated (or not) still apply, along with the obvious, that the head and block surfaces must be flat or within factory specs for warp.

And one last thing. If your head has washers under the stud nuts or bolts make sure they all fit and are the correct thickness. I had one oddball washer on one stud right where the gasket blew. Yep, I still don't know for sure why it blew.

Windshield Wiper Blades

Many collector cars have very unique or one of a kind wiper blades. And although maybe hardly or never used, the ravages of sun and time still bring their life to an end. When the thin wiping edge starts to flatten out or worse yet starts to separate, it can allow the metal part to start to rub the windshield. Sometimes as little as one pass back and forth can scratch the glass.

Next, where do you find new blades for, such a relic (your neighbors opinion)? If you do find a set, and the bank agrees to float a loan, for something as valuable (the seller's opinion) as they are; they might be 40 to 60 years old, and brittle as glass and ready to self-destruct at first use.

Here's what I've been able to do many times on cars I work on. Take the blade to the local parts supply place. If you look at their choice of refills you'll see that there are several widths and groove styles to choose from as well as lengths. I almost always can pick one long refill and cut it to get two shorter refills for my short wiper blades. The cost seems to be the same for a 24" as a 12" refill. If the retaining clips can't be reused, most times a suitable method is accomplished by melting a little burr on the refill support end using a soldering gun, or if the support is metal I'll glue the end piece or opening with black silicon gasket glue. If there are a dozen different types, there should be a dozen ways also to hold the rubber part in place.

Safe Motoring Dead Lake Motors

The VP REPORT

By Rod Richert

Motoring enthusiasts couldn't have asked for a better day for the fall color tour. Fourteen cars driven by MAHC members and their friends led six cars from the Triumph and MG groups through the back roads of Wisconsin on Saturday, October 11th. It was so nice that it became apparent that this warm and sunny day demanded sharing. Sharing with the swarms of motorcycles, box elder bugs and woolly bear caterpillars creeping across the roadway.

By design, Steve Rixen guided us down many roads less traveled so that the only thing slowing us down was a rogue group of drivers that made a wrong turn but was quickly gathered back into the fold by Steve. Two stops allowed time to stretch and stroll in the sunshine or make a purchase at the Bass Lake Cheese Factory or downtown Osceola.

The "official" tour ended at Paddy Ryan's Pub at interstate 94 exit #4 for Guinness and authentic Irish cuisine. Those participating starting with the MAHC and friends were: June & Tom Moerke, Chuck, Al Norton, Betty & Carl Stine, Kim & Steve Rixen, Fran & Jack Stein, Barb & Dale Martin, Dick Mathews, Aaron Courteau & guest, Steve Rindt, Tom Reinke & guest, Dave Lee & guest, Jim Cassidy & guest, Kathryn & Jim Schneider, Glen Peterson, Laurie & Bob Jensen, Lorna & Bill McCracken, Sue & Phil Ethier, Karen & Joe De Muth and Marsha & Pat Holt.

Newlyweds Kim & Steve invited all to a bonfire at the old site of STRICTLY BRITISH. Eleven of the heartiest waited out a thunderstorm for about half an hour, then watched the flames turn to embers. A fitting end to a perfect day.

Veep

MAHC 2009 PLANNING MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9 AM, BREAKFAST AT 8 AM

OLD COUNTRY BUFFET
2000 SOUTH ROBERT ST.
WEST ST. PAUL 55118
(6510 457-0750)

Every one is encouraged to meet Saturday, December 6, 2008 to plan next year's Minnesota Austin-Healey Club's schedule of events. The banquet room of the restaurant is ours for breakfast at 8 am with the meeting to begin at 9. No individual reservations required.

Directions: From 494 east OR west, follow the signs for MN HWY 3/Robert St. Go north on Robert St. less than one mile. Old Country Buffet is on the right across from Cub Foods.

If you haven't tried OCB lately, you may be surprised by the quality and unsurpassed variety. (Your V.P. has no financial stake in Old Country Buffet).

Rod Richert
(651) 439-4028

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

The second of our two clean-ups for the year began at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

Five members participated successfully:

Dave Lee, Tom Moerke, Larry Nimmerfroh, Rod Richert, Chuck Norton

MINNESOTA AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB REGALIA ORDER FORM

ITEM # / DESCRIPTION	COLOR	EMB.	SIZE	QUAN.	PRICE	TOTAL
#1 - Men's Pique Golf Shirt	Royal/Bla	Front			\$ 20.50	
#2 - Women's Pique Golf Shirt	Yellow/Nvy	Front			\$ 20.50	
#3 - Men's Jacquard Golf Shirt	Forest Grn	Front			\$ 28.50	
#4 - Men's Denim Shirt -Lg. Sleeve	Med. Blue	Frt&Back			\$ 34.00	
#5 - Men's Denim Shirt -Sh. Sleeve	Med. Blue	Front			\$ 23.00	
#6 - Women's Micro-Fleece Vest	Navy	Front			\$ 25.50	
#7 - Men's Micro-Fleece Shirt	Charcoal	Frt&Back			\$ 45.00	
#8 - Men's Microfiber Windshirt	Black	Frt&Back			\$ 48.50	
#9 - Men's Sweatshirt	Navy	Front			\$ 28.50	
#10 -Women's Hooded Sweatshirt	Navy	Front			\$ 30.50	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City,State,Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Notes: Please make check out to: MN Austin Healey Club

Regalia orders will be delivered to Club events, unless arranged.

Most items available in sizes XS - XL. Larger sizes are available at extra charge.

Questions: call Gary Ronning at 763-684-4041. Delivery time is approximately 3 weeks.

Send Form with Payment to: Gary Ronning 1019 Ridge Haven Circle Buffalo, MN 55313

Event Schedule 2008

- November 1 **** **Rendezvous 2009 Planning Meeting(Sat) 10:00 am Square Peg**
- November 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 PM. See page 3.
- November 8 **** **Charity Event** – (Sat) Dale Martin will schedule our club for taking part in a repeat food packaging charitable exercise. See page 8.
- November 15 **** **Annual Business Meeting Party** – (Sat.) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Ft Snelling Officer's Club. Details later.
- December 3**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 PM. See page 3.
- December 6**** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2009 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Rod Richert will select the site.

** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity

Event Schedule 2009

- June 11-14**** **Rendezvous 2009**
AmericInn in Ashland, WI
Hosted by MAHC
- August 6-9** **Rally in the Valley**



Community Service Project Sat. Nov- 8 - 08

The Austin Healey Club will be packaging food to be sent to needy children around the world. This is a unique opportunity to help children who are less fortunate than us.

This year we have an added challenge from the Jaguar Club. They will be there with us, to see who can do the best job of packing for the kids
In 2007 nearly 185,000 volunteers visited Feed My Starving Children to manually assemble 43 million meals for hungry children in orphanages, schools and clinics around the world.

Feed My Starving Children's powerful program, involving America's adults and youth, working together to help heal the world of hunger.

When: Saturday, November 8, 9 –11AM

Where: Feed My Starving Children Eagan

990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 160 Eagan, MN 651-379-2775

We will meet at their Eagan facility at 8:45AM.

We are hoping to have 25 volunteers. Make it a family event (unfortunately, minimum age is 8 years old).

So that we can give them a headcount, please contact Dale Martin,

Dale.martin5@comcast.net or (651) 436-5902, to let us know if you are coming.

For more information and directions go to www.FMSC.org.



Renewal procedure:

- Local members or local members who desire to join the national organization may renew using the form below.
- Those members who are local and national will receive a notice each December from the national secretary instructing them to renew with the national form while updating any personal information. They should remit payment to the local membership director. The local membership director will process the membership and will forward the payment and information to the national organization for you. This method is preferred for local and national members and helps us keep our records up to date.
 - Membership dues are payable on January 1st of each year.
 - Renewals not received by February 28th, will be subject to a late fee of \$5.00. New members may join at any time.

Fill out the membership form and mail along with a check made payable to **MAHC** to:

MAHC Membership Director
Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55405

All memberships are considered dead if not renewed by April 1st.

Membership / Renewal Form

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota A-H Club | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Austin-Healey Club of America | <input type="checkbox"/> New | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH CLUBS | | | \$60.00 |

Name: _____ Spouse: _____ Home Phone ()- - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____ Work Phone: ()- - _____

E-mail address: _____ Receive Newsletter via email? Yes No

HEALEY INFORMATION:

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Color** _____ **Original**
Owner (Y/N) _____

Year _____ **Model** _____ **Color** _____ **Original**
Owner (Y/N) _____

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FOR SALE 1961 Bugeye Sprite, British Racing Green, 948 engine, 600 miles from restoration, fiberglass hard top, Asking \$11,000.00 John Morrison 763 757 2424 1008 109th Ave NE Blaine, MN 55434

FOR SALE: 1953 Austin-Healey BN1 Well known in the local club, made better by many. Seriously nice driver. \$33,000 George Arthur garthur1660@comcast.net

FOR SALE: Set of five Dunlop Road Speed RS5 Classic Range 6.70H15 tires, almost new.\$500
George Arthur garthur1660@comcast.net

WANTED: 1966 Cylinder Head Austin-Healey 3000 late BJ8. Call Paul 612-306-0608

FOR SALE: '61 Bugeye spare parts (sold car 2 years ago). it came to me with a bunch of used parts, engine block,
transmission case, radiator, 2 carbs w/ air cleaner housings, fly wheel, clutch plate,etc. They can be had for the taking.Call me at 763/427-8334. Dwight Pollard