



# The *Healey Enthusiast*

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

WED. NOV. 3  
SAT. NOV. 13  
SAT. NOV. 20

PIE MEETING  
CHARITY EVENT  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING PARTY

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**PIE****(PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING)****Date: Wednesday November 3rd****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.

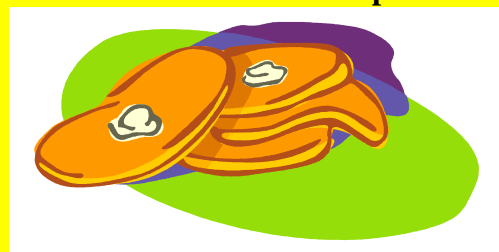
Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.

**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 !

The location: **The Square Peg Diner**  
**2021 East Hennepin Ave.**

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## Presidential Ponderings

By EILEEN WETZEL

This article will be my twelfth, the final one in my year term as president. (It seems like my watch hands are spinning like a fan!) As of yet, no one has come forward (or been coerced) to volunteer for any of the available club positions, such as, president, vice president, newsletter editor, or board of directors. I am asking that everyone search their souls and calendars to contemplate volunteering for one of these positions. If not before, you will have a chance to step forward at the banquet.

It has been a fun year. I have so many people to thank that I really don't know where to start for fear of missing someone. So, I thank all of you. It has been a good ride! I feel we have a fairly active club. We have had many opportunities to enjoy our cars, as well as each other.

I would like to challenge you members to answer this question: "What do you want out of the club"? If we are not fulfilling a need, I would like to hear about it so we can help plan for next year. If anyone has ideas for more events I'd like to hear about that too. I will have an "idea box" at the banquet; so if anyone would like to contribute some thoughts, you can do so-even anonymously if you would prefer.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for helping me make it through this year as your president. It has been a joy! See you at the banquet!! I'll be the one in red!



## THE PRESIDENTS INFORMAL EVENING

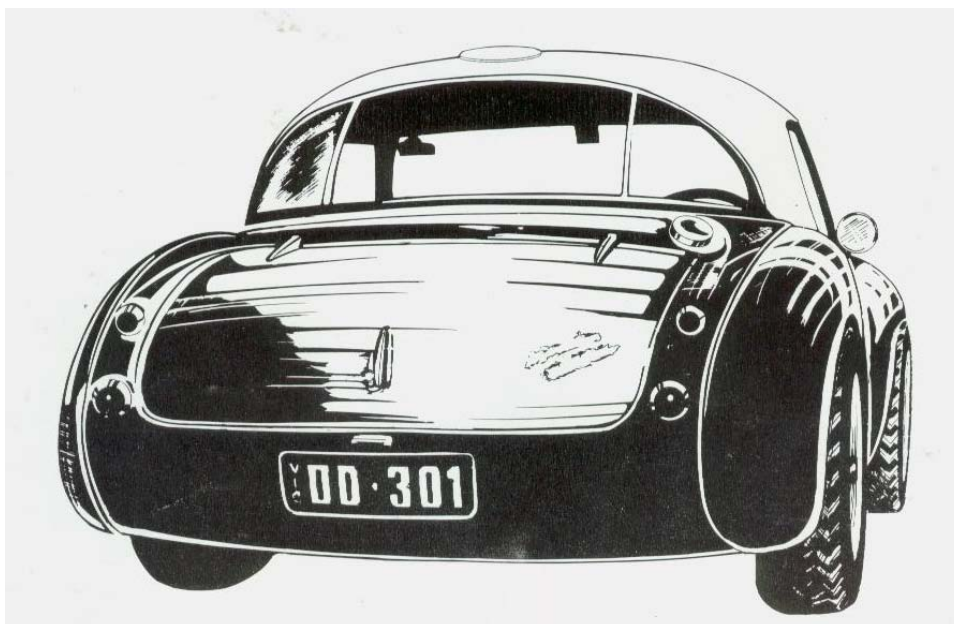
BY EILEEN WETZEL

We had a small group at October PIE. I tried to keep the meeting short so we could all have the possibility of watching the Twins playoff game. The upcoming events were discussed, which consisted of the Fall Color Tour on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, the charity event for Feed My Starving Children on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Annual Business Meeting Party (Banquet) on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please read the articles on the November events in this issue.

Steve Rixen, as the InterMarque delegate, brought up concerns of the InterMarque organization because of the loss of Phyllis Galberth. Andy Lindberg spoke of an IM breakfast meeting scheduled for Sun. Oct 17 at 8:00am at the Square Peg to discuss the situation and possible solutions. Hopefully leadership will come forward to keep the InterMarque newsletter and events alive and active in the future.

Attendees this evening included: Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Carl and Betty Stine, Jim Manion, Jeff Lombard, Gary and Barb Ronning, Caren LaBelle, Jack Stein, Curt Carlson, Michael Manser, Jim Kriz, Andy Lindberg, Steve Chirpich, Steve Rixen, Dave Herreid, and John Snyder.

See you at the next PIE !



*....headin' for  
the storage  
barn....*

## Tech Tip for November

by Steve Rixen

November is the month to think about Winter Storage of our Healeys.

Probably the most important procedure is to Change the Oil and Filter. Do NOT wait and change the oil in the Spring. The combustion process creates carbon deposits in the oil. These carbon deposits combine with water, another byproduct of combustion, creating acids which will etch and erode the internal surfaces of your engine all winter long.

If, for example, you go on the Fall Colour Tour, and it is the last time you will drive until spring; immediately dump the warm oil and remove the filter (check that the gasket comes with it).

Refill the crankcase with the recommended oil (usually 20W-50 with zinc and phosphorus additive for our flat tappet cams). If you have a modern spin-on filter, fill the filter using one of the quarts while the others are being poured into the crankcase. If you have the stock filter, remove the filter body. Clean it, insuring the spring, filter plate, cartridge, and gaskets are installed per the manual.

PLEASE NOTE: The process of filling the crankcase with the spin-on filter NOT installed is important. There is a check valve built into the spin-on filter which will 'air lock' and not allow the fresh oil to enter the oil pump if the filter is installed before the oil is filled.

After the oil is filled, install the mostly oil-filled spin-on filter. Disconnect the White wire with the Black Stripe from the coil to distributor (stock ignition system) so the engine will not fire. Run the starter until you see oil pressure register on the gage. Once the engine shows oil pressure, reconnect the wire, start the engine, and verify there are no leaks at the filter or drain plug.

NOTE: If your engine oil pump pressure will not come up with about 15 to 20 seconds on initial crank and you have a spin-on filter, unscrew it until it is not firmly against the adapter, then crank the engine while watching for oil to flow out. When oil does flow out, immediately re-tighten the filter and then crank it again until oil pressure registers on the gauge. Once it does, reconnect the wire and start the engine.

After the engine has passed the leak check, drive for a few miles to thoroughly dilute any old oil which remained in the engine. Then park it for the winter and disconnect the battery.



This is the acid eroded surface of a tappet showing the disintegration of the face where it rides on the cam.

## Curves and Coolies – The 2010 Fall Color Tour

Leaving home at 7:25 AM with the top down, and the dawn's crisp air. Just the type a big Healey loves to suck in. Waiting at the Rainbow lot in Cottage Grove are: Drive leader Tom Hazen (Mitsubishi), Dave Knowles (3000), Dave and Cheryl Radmacher (Mini), and Eileen and Gary Wetzel (3000) preparing for the first leg of the run – to Stockholm, Wisconsin, and breakfast.

By our 10:10 departure from the Bogus Creek Café, the rest of the cars have assembled: Daniel Buchen (RX-7), Brent Poppenhagen and Kari Berg (XJS), Dick Mathews (AC Bristol), Kim and Steve Rixen (100-6) and Aaron Courteau and Mae Yang (Lotus). Our alphabetical county road run begins behind Tom up the curvy Co Rd J.

Thirteen miles out as we turn onto N, we encounter an overturned milk tanker and detour around it. Joining our caravan here is a fellow named Adam Mel (Miata) who is on a solo tour following an Internet downloaded map of a past Hazen drive. We pause for a few moments at Boyd Spring Road, and the tops come down for the rest of the day. It becomes apparent that the only colors of this 2010 Fall Color Tour are the grays of the trees and the blue of the sky. The oranges, yellows and reds have fallen the week before. Starting off again one has little opportunity to take your eyes off the turns and rises and turns again of Hartung Road, which then brings us to CoRd Z and a carbon burning straight-away.

It is nearing 11:45 as the group pulls into the Cenex station in Durand to top up tanks and make a quick pit stop. As we start out again, one of the Healeys and the Lotus leave us because of other commitments; but the rest of us are looking forward to the next 90 miles. As we approach Mile 56, Tom informs us on the walkie-talkies that we are turning onto Johnson Hill Road – his “favorite”. It proves to be wonderful. It is exactly what these cars love. To our surprise at Mile 60, Tom indicates to us that Lindstrom Valley Road coming up next is his “favorite”; and it is two miles of great tight turns and quick rises, making it hard to disagree with his choice. Not long after we come onto Center Creek Road, the “Bolivian Highway of Death”. This has really tight curves with a 30 foot drop on the left and no guard rails – white knuckles on the steering wheels. We pass a church – The Chapel of the Guardian Angel, and one can only hope that we are being watched over. Came up to Mile 72 and Tom's third “favorite” road, McDonough. (I thought there could only be one favorite, but on this run three is understandable.) There is plenty of downshifting and clutching. One car takes a rise too fast and finds a quick right on the other side nearly losing control. More respect is given the road ahead. CoRd D is four miles of what could definitely be called another favorite.

As we enter Modena (Mile 83), we stop at the new Modena Store for another 15-minute break. A chance to relax tense muscles and apply another layer of chapstick is needed. As we leave, our new friend in the Miata departs the group. He is last seen with a wide grin on his face. Nearing the one hundred mile mark is CoRd N, the roller coaster ride of the day. Six miles of ValleyFair!

This day's run has provided some interesting road names – Beaver Slide, Elk Creek, Johnson Hill and Weisenbeck. Now we turn left onto Alligator Slide leading to Pretzel Pass and pass Ole and Lena's Chicken Ranch. It is on Pretzel Pass that we stop to position the cars for a group photo. Truly spectacular!! Eight of the twelve cars are in line, with cloudless blue skies and miles of Wisconsin farmland and hills as a backdrop. It is an awesome moment to reflect on what a magnificent day this has been. What a great experience for a few hours - driving a well handling car over so many miles (131) of nifty backcountry roads with so very little traffic. To paraphrase Dick Mathews, “We just don't realize how lucky we are at being so close to so many great roads”. Tom Hazen's intro line on the route map is: “You are about to enjoy some of the best driving roads in the country.” Both are so true.

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**FALL COLOR TOUR****Curves and Coolies continued...**

Sadly, the day is drawing to its end. We stop at Hansen's Hold-Up for a late lunch/early dinner. It is now 4:00 PM. The remainder of the group splits up to make their way back home. Three cars of us – Hazen, Wetzels and Rossi – decide to top the drive off in Alma at Buena Vista overlook, and it is a fine ending.

As D and I pull into the garage it is 7:45 PM, and the odometer marks 339 miles. Over the years there have been many great Healey drives; but I know that today, we have experienced the very best thanks to **Tom "Amazin'" Hazen.**

Our recommendation: Don't miss this one next year!

**Diane and Geoff Rossi (3000)**

**10/16/2010**

## RENDEZVOUS 2011



*After several years of enjoying the hospitality of the clubs that have hosted the Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous, the British Iron Society is anxious to have the opportunity to show everyone a good time in the Red River Valley of the North.*

*The planning process for **Rendezvous on the Red** is well under way, and we encourage you to check the web page [www.britishironsociety.com](http://www.britishironsociety.com) as the exciting details are posted about next year's event.*

*We hope you will plan to join us June 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2011, for a great time in the Fargo, ND/ Moorhead, MN area. Looking forward to your visit !*

## MORE HARD TIMES IN CANADA

Most of you that have attended the Rendezvous have met Lyle Thompson from Thunder Bay. Lyle is a tall sometimes dignified older man with white hair and two Jags. I'm sure he would expect me to describe him as handsome and witty as well.

Unfortunately, he lost both his cars to accidents recently, but was unharmed himself. We all get rather attached to our cars and this was a bit traumatic.

He was T-boned at an intersection in his E type coupe and the insurance company was determined to scrap the car. After much haggling, Lyle managed to get the car saved and it is now in Eastern Ontario at a Jag specialist for rebuild. Scheduled completion is in the spring.

Next, he was coming home from the annual club golf outing in his XJS and was waiting for oncoming highway traffic to pass before he could turn left across the road to his home. He sat for quite awhile with his turn signal on before proceeding. As he did a woman came from behind at high speed and tried to pass on the left which is where he was. Both cars wound up in opposing ditches and XJS was subsequently totaled at \$11,000 insured value. At least this allows Lyle a good sum to shop up a replacement.

Lyle is soon off to his other home in Australia for the winter so will have some car arrangements to handle next spring if we are to see him at the Rendezvous in Fargo.

Since cars are repairable or replaceable, things could be worse. I'm sure there will never be another Lyle.

Mike Lynch

The British Iron Society of Fargo, North Dakota invites you to

## Rendezvous on the Red

at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous  
June 16, 17, 18, 19, 2011, in Fargo, North Dakota, USA

*Fees are in US Dollars. Cancellation will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Refunds will NOT be offered on or after May 1, 2011. The club will provide registration packages to those who have paid the full registration fee but were unable to attend.*

Questions? Please contact Gayle Soderquist at (701) 799-4863 or Richard Garske at (701) 306-7126 or email us at [mail@BritishIronSociety.com](mailto:mail@BritishIronSociety.com).

Visit our web site at [www.BritishIronSociety.com](http://www.BritishIronSociety.com) for more information and updates.

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Registration		Totals
Basic Registration fee \$60.00 until May 1, 2011	After May 1: \$75.00	_____
(Registration includes one Vehicle, two adults, one child under 18 and a car blanket)		_____
Each additional person:	\$5.00 x _____	_____
Each additional vehicle:	\$5.00 x _____	_____
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Banquet Saturday Night	\$35.00/Adult x _____	_____
	\$20.00/Child 12 and under X _____	_____
TOTAL IN US DOLLARS		_____

*Make checks payable to British Iron Society and send with registration form to:*  
*British Iron Society*  
*C/O Richard Garske*  
*106 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Fargo, ND, 58102*

Hotel: Contact Hilton Garden Inn-Fargo for hotel room reservations @ 1-800-Hiltons.  
A block of rooms are held under British Iron Society

# **Inter-Marque Council Meeting Report**

**By Steve Rixen**

The Inter-Marque Council met Sunday, October 17, at the Square Peg Diner. Andy Lindberg had called the meeting, asking the representatives of the car clubs for input about the future of the Council after the untimely death of Phyllis Galberth, who had been leading the council.

The first question was if there was support for the continuing existence of the Council. I, as appointed representative of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club, with assent of Eileen Wetzel (also attending), voted yes. Other attending Clubs' representatives also voted unanimously to support the continuation of the Council.

The group went on to discuss a number of topics that define the scope, breadth, and support of the Inter-Marque Council. Among the topics were:

- The volunteer chairman of the Council (anyone?)

- Responses received from the 2010 Spring Kick-off car show survey

- Venue options for the 2011 Spring Kick-Off Car Show

- Purpose of the kick-off being to expose us and our hobby to the general public and to the various clubs together as a group

- Discussion of the enthusiast cars eligible for the SPKO Show

- Purpose or Mission Statement development for the Council

- The Council's non-profit status

- The Inter-Marque web site and monthly magazine

In the end, although some problems were identified, we agreed the IM Council serves a purpose, providing structure, support, and a venue for information exchange for each of our enthusiast clubs, and continued association was warranted.

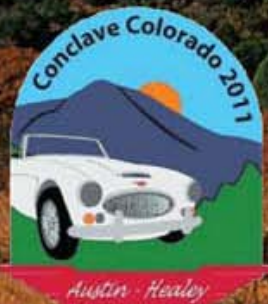
Each club supports the Inter-Marque by opening some of our events to other clubs. Examples are summer monthly Inter-Marque picnics, Brit-Fest (MGs), speed events (MAHC), and fall color tours (many Marques).

If members of the MAHC have ideas, information, or questions about the Inter-Marque Council's purpose, form, or events, please contact me at [scrixen@gmail.com](mailto:scrixen@gmail.com).

# Conclave Colorado 2011

July 3-8

Colorado Springs



Gateway to the Western Frontier  
Crowne Plaza Hotel

[www.conclave2011.com](http://www.conclave2011.com)



## Community Service Project

The Minnesota 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.

We again have a challenge from the Jaguar Club this year. They will be there with us to see who can do the best job of packing for the kids.

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

**When: Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> 9-11 AM**

**Where: Feed My Starving Children - Eagan**  
**990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 160**  
**Eagan, MN**  
**Phone: 651-379-2775**

Meet at the Eagan facility at 8:45 AM.

We are hoping to have 25 volunteers.

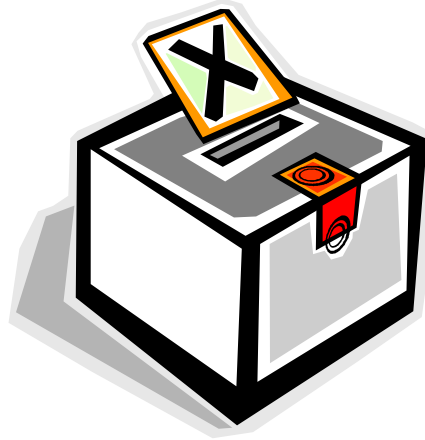
Make it a family event (unfortunately, minimum age is 8 years old).

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

Email: [dale.martin5@comcast.net](mailto:dale.martin5@comcast.net) or phone 651-436-5902 to let us know you are coming.

For more information and directions go to [www.FMSC.org](http://www.FMSC.org).





## MAHC ANNUAL BANQUET BUSINESS PARTY !

DATE: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: FT. SNELLING OFFICERS CLUB

COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON (CLUB IS PAYING THE REMAINDER)

BRING: A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT(WRAPPED) OR ANY OTHER PRIZE CONTRIBUTION

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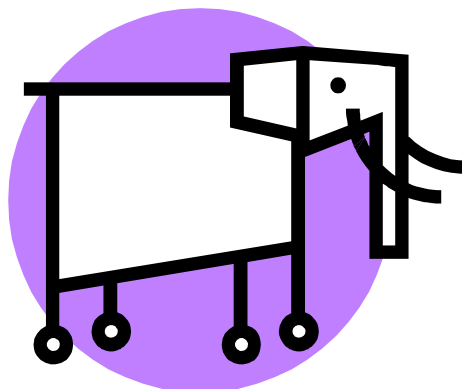
HAPPY HOUR – CASH BAR – WILL BE FROM 6:00 TO 7:00 PM

BUFFET DINNER WILL COMMENCE AT 7:00 PM

ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2011 WILL BE HELD.

GIFTS, PRIZES, AND REGALIA WILL BE DRAWN FOR THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

DON'T MISS THIS LAST HURRAH FOR 2010 !





*Another  
Rendezvous !*

The 2011 Austin Healey Rendezvous will be held June 27 – July 1 at the Heathman Lodge [www.heathmanlodge.com](http://www.heathmanlodge.com) in Vancouver, Washington and is hosted by the Cascade Austin Healey Club of Washington. Further information and registration forms are available at [www.cascadeahc.homestead.com](http://www.cascadeahc.homestead.com).

Many fun activities are planned including a welcome reception, car show and popular choice judging, best of show judging, concours judging, tech sessions, silent and live auctions, ladies tea, Texas Hold'em poker, Bunko, rally, guided and self-guided tours, closing banquet and "Rear View Memories" with entertainment.

Steve Pike from Australia plans to attend and bring his Streamliner replica to the meet. Plans are to have the Streamliner on display throughout the entire event. Steve has volunteered to give a short talk and slide show during the welcoming reception.

Contact: Dwight Jones [dwightbj8@msn.com](mailto:dwightbj8@msn.com)

Chairman 2011 Rendezvous

# Events Schedule

- Nov. 3 \*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 13** **Charity Event** – (Sat.) 9:00 – 11:00 am. For Feed My Starving Children. Dale Martin arranges this very worthwhile event each year. See page 12.
- Nov. 20 \*\*** **Annual Business Meeting Party** – (Sat.) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer's Club. See page 13.
- Dec. 1\*\*** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Dec. 4 \*\*** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat.) The schedule of events for 2011 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Tom Hazen will select the site.

## 2011

- June 16 - 19** **Rendezvous on the Red** – (Thurs.–Sun.) Hilton Garden Inn at Fargo, ND
- July 3 - 8** **Conclave 2011** – (Sun.–Thurs.) The Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO.

**\*\* - Denotes an official MAHC club activity**

## Board of Directors Meeting

**Date:** Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00 am (approximately)

**Place:** Site of the Planning Breakfast

**Purposes:** To Elect a Board Chairman  
To approve of the Schedule of Events for 2011.  
To discuss By-laws changes in regards to “Corporation” wording.  
To discuss any other old/new business.



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**FREE-** Dick Lovik, a former Healey owner but not a club member, has a Sprite/Midget shop manual he's willing to GIVE AWAY. He apparently has the small hardcover version too, but not in as good condition. Phone number is 763-427-7883. He lives in Coon Rapids, and the manual would have to be picked up. (9/10)

**FOR SALE** - Parts for a non-overdrive BN6. Differential, 3.90, \$200. Speedometer(poor condition), SN6105/08, \$50. Tachometer, RN2351/03, \$100. Fuel Gauge(2), FG2530/03, \$50(both). Water Temperature/Oil Pressure, GD1502/05, \$100. Call Tom Wolters at 651 307 3298 or email at [tjwolter@redwing.net](mailto:tjwolter@redwing.net) (9/10)

**FOR SALE** - MK1 /Sprite/Midget radiator. \$75.00 Call Dwight at 763-754-7111 or email [dwight@bmcautos.com](mailto:dwight@bmcautos.com) . (9/10)

**FOR SALE** – Bugeye Sprite Race Car. Black, Flairs, RHD. Regional & National H.P. winner. Currently set up for Vintage. Car Show Winner – LOL – SCCA. Best Prepared Car “Event Winner”. Built and owned by Paul Gau for 40 years. Never crashed or trashed. Complete history available. Asking \$15,000. Call Paul at 952-933-7277 or email [Two\\_Peas@comcast.net](mailto:Two_Peas@comcast.net) . (9/10)