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Visions of Waumandee linger....

...as plans for next year develop !

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sat.	Nov. 3	Charity Event
Wed.	Nov. 7	PIE Meeting
Sat.	Nov. 17	Annual Banquet/Meeting

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday November 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.

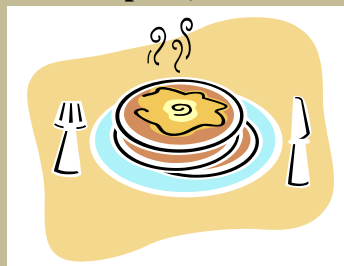
Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.

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

Too Soon Gone

The end of October brings with it the end of the summer's driving. The deeper into the month, the less likely it is that there will be a decent day to light up the engine. Son Giorgio has been pushing the limit. Each day he leaves his Nordeast home to swing into south Minneapolis, energize the Healey, and motor to Eagan for work. He has said that on the really nice days (and the top has been dropped a few times), his lunch time has been spent exploring the back country of Eagan and Mendota – blows off stress and clears the noggin, he says. So, he is piling on the miles daily.

A quick check the other day shows nearly two thousand miles on the clock. That is not bad considering we did not get up and running until the first week of June. A very solid portion of those traveled miles were during the many Club functions. There were many – nearly two dozen without counting in the monthly PIE. It has been a splendid year for touring.

With the end also comes the bloodless coup. The Club always changes its leadership in November. Suzanne Willodson will be stepping into the breach after a second year of membership. She and husband Greg are gung-ho! I believe they have achieved perfect attendance and then some.

This year has been good for me. A second spin around as President has enabled me to get to know many of the more recent members and to deepen ties with the “old-timers”. Being an officer most definitely adds to the opportunity for that and for the personal enjoyment of being in this club.

And so, my Healey compatriots, it is time once again to close the season – wash it one last time, check the fluids, extract the battery, and pull the dust cover over with thoughts already of next Spring.

Healey On!! Geoff



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Suzanne Willodson

President Geoff Rossi called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09pm.

Jeff Lombard recapped the trip to Spa, Belgium, and the vintage races going on at the time.

An overview of September events was given.

Greg and Nancy Lauser took a driving trip out West and covered 3,620 miles in 15 days!

Tom Hazen recapped some of the events from September 21-23 Waumandee Hill Climb:

- A local Alma couple with a Mini were involved in a roll over on the hill, but were not injured. Tom talked with them and the couple has been in contact with the Buffalo County Sheriff to explain the incident.
- There were 28 paying drivers at the event.
- The event did not make money this year, but we won't have the same expenses next year, such as research, equipment, etc. Tom discussed the financials of the event, reimbursement and planning for next year.
- June Moerke expressed her support for Tom, this event and all the other events he organizes throughout the year. There was great support amongst the members present for Tom to hold this event again next year.
- Tom thanked the many club members who volunteered at the event, including Steve Greenway who drove down from Bloomington with the 300 orange cones, helped Tom set them up, drove home and then returned to the hill climb on Saturday with his wife Sue to volunteer for the day.
- Geoff mentioned Heidi, a local-area volunteer, who was such a great addition to the event and was so wonderfully helpful and enthusiastic.
- Other members offered their stories and observations from the weekend. Thanks to Tom "Amazin' Hazen" for all the incredibly hard work that went into organizing this.

Ed Solstad's Coulee Classic was held on September 27. It was a true rally this year, and Steve Rixen reported that some Healey Club members came in with impressive times.

Announcements were made for October and early November events.

Rendezvous committee update:

- The committee will be meeting on Sunday, Oct 6, and will work on fees and the registration form.

Annual Banquet – Saturday, November 17 at the Officer's Club.

President Rossi opened the floor to members for any other announcements.

- Greg Lauser announced that the AHCA delegates meeting is the weekend of November 9-10. If there are any issues you'd like to be brought up, please send Greg an email soon. One issue that will come up is Conclave and the time of year it is held (which is typically very hot and humid). Holding Conclave in the Fall might be better. Also, Greg will be stepping down as vice president of PR and Promotion for the national club.

Treasurer's report – The Club is financially healthy and continues to meet all of its responsibilities.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm

In attendance: Mike Martin, Kate & Clarence Westberg, Tom Hazen, Tom & June Moerke, Jack Stein, Carl & Betty Stine, Nancy & Greg Lauser, Barb & Gary Ronning, Rich Stadther, Curt Carlson, Jim Manion, Tom Wolters, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Geoff and Diane Rossi, Steve & Sue Greenway, Jeff Lombard, Steve Rixen, and Greg & Suzanne Willodson.

Adopt-A-Highway Crew Completes Seventh Year of MAHC's Commitment

By Greg Lauser

Fifteen hearty souls braved drizzle, rain, and wind on Saturday Oct. 13 to police the club's two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 61 north of Lake City, Minn. In doing so, they fulfilled the latest installment of an ongoing seven-year commitment the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club has maintained with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Fortified with two loaves of banana bread and coffee provided by Nancy Lauser, the crew cleaned the ditches in one and one-half hours before enjoying lunch and one another's company at The Smoking Oak Restaurant in Red Wing. Those upholding the club's commitment were: Dave Lee, Tom Wolters, Betty & Carl Stine, Kim & Steve Rixen, Diane & Geoff Rossi, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Suzanne & Greg Willodson, Nancy & Greg Lauser, and Tom Hazen.

Those attending MAHC's December planning meeting will need to help determine if the club is to continue its Adopt-A-Highway program for another two years, so come prepared to vote on the matter.



Surrounding the club's Adopt-A-Highway sign were one-half of the Oct. 13 crew, including: Nancy Lauser, Betty Stine, Greg Lauser, Carl Stine, Suzanne Willodson, Greg Willodson and Tom Wolters. Tom Hazen took the photo.



Flanking Tom Wolter's Big Healey following the highway cleanup were, from the left: Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Carl & Betty Stine, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Diane Rossi, Tom Wolters, Goeff Rossi and Dave Lee. Not pictured are Kim & Steve Rixen, who had to leave for another commitment, and Tom Hazen – who took the picture.



Fall Colour Tour

By Suzanne Willodson

The Healey Club's Fall Colour Tour of the St Croix River Valley was mapped out by Tom Hazen, but bravely led by our newest members - Kate and Clarence Westberg. On the very brisk morning of October 6, a small group met in Lake Elmo at the Machine Shed. After getting our fill of breakfast and coffee, we set out in seven cars on a very indirect route to have lunch in Wisconsin.

The Westberg's thoughtfully researched the route beforehand and discovered that a critical route – the Stillwater bridge – was closed and would require a detour. No worries – we found our way through Stillwater and along the river. Somehow the group got disbursed and split up into three groups. It didn't take long, however, before we made our way back to Marine on St Croix. When our small lost group found the others, there was a farmer's market underway. Andy Lindberg found an ice cream shop. After a short break, we continued on our way.

The skies were dramatic with varying degrees of gray, which set off the autumn colors nicely. We reached our destination – Paradise Landing in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin – where Tom Hazen had made reservations for us in a cozy spot of the restaurant with a great view. We lingered over lunch for a long time before deciding to head home.

When we left Paradise Landing to head back to Minnesota, there were a few snowflakes in the air! Then, just so we didn't forget we were in the wilderness, a huge bear ran across the road in front of the Wetzels!! We gestured wildly to each other and sent text messages of "Holy cow – did you see THAT?"

Thanks Kate and Clarence for leading our group! And thanks M.r Hazen for finding such an interesting route and a great place for lunch!

Present: Kate & Clarence Westberg – 2009 Mini Cooper; Tom and daughter Karen Wolters in Karen's 1975 BMW 2002; Linda and Andy Lindberg – 1990 Miata; Doug Miller and daughter Colleen in Doug's very nice 1970 triumph GT6+ (for sale); Fred Ambli and Sandie in Fred's 1967 3000 BJ8; Gary and Eileen Wetzel in their 1967 3000 BJ8; and the Greg and Suzanne Willodson in their 1960 3000 BN7.



Fred Ambli is very
proud of his
“First Trophy”!

He won the
“Best of Show”
award at
a car show in
Red Wing, MN.

Congratulations
Fred !

Greetings to all!

Rorty rorty
Quality Coaches just turned forty
And we are still pretty sporty.

Hip hip hooray
We made it to another birthday
While enjoying cars for work or play.

Our thanks to you all
We have made it to fall
And are having a ball.

Through car clubs and our friends
We have made it around the bends
And are still achieving our ends.

I know I lost a pal
With the retirement of Val
But now come meet the new gal.

Yes, it has turned out as planned
Jes is doing just grand
And soon she will be an old hand.

40 YEARS

So bring in any of your cars
Our mechanics are stars
We do oil changes while you do lunch at the
espresso bars (Blackbird Cafe & Butter).

We fix Audis, Jeeps & Mini's too
We don't care if they are red, green or blue
Our goal is to be true to you.

Being the best at our game is our aim
40 years is our claim to fame
While our name has remained the same.

We have free loaners to go
In case you didn't know
We want to help you before the first snow!

Happy
Thanksgiving 

From Mark Brandow and Staff
Quality Coaches — Auto repair and restoration
Established October 1972

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Hydraulic Tech Tips

By Steve Rixen

The worst thing about the Austin Healey brake (and hydraulic clutch) system is the amount of care and work it takes to keep it operating correctly.

The brake master cylinders, calipers, wheel cylinders, and clutch slave cylinders have internal components made of gum rubber parts. These parts require the use of DOT 4 fluid to have any longevity. I have seen many Healey and early MG brake systems which have been serviced incorrectly with DOT 3 brake fluid, shortly turn the gum rubber seals and boots into just gum.

DOT 5 or Silicone Brake Fluid is an option but seems to seep out past even new seals when the weather is cold, which is about half the time here in Minnesota.

For that reason, Moss Motors says the warranty on new brake and clutch cylinders is void if Silicone brake fluid is used. I have worked with systems serviced with silicone fluid and have seen no degradation of the seals with it. Most sources say that starting with a completely empty system with new or freshly overhauled components would be best if switching to silicone.

Brake fluid has a tendency to absorb moisture; and over a short period of time, it deposits it in and corrodes the brake cylinders. This corrosion attacks the aluminum or iron the cylinder is made of and pits it. Once pitted the cylinder may be repaired by honing the cylinder and replacing the seal. Most times the corrosion is so extensive, replacement of the component(s) is required.

Better than repair and replacement of the components, the brake fluid should be flushed out every couple of years. This involves using the turkey baster to suck out as much of the fluid in the reservoir as possible - maybe agitating the scum on the bottom to get the crud out - and replacing it with fresh fluid. Then go to each wheel/slave cylinder and bleed fluid until it is clear. Remember it doesn't take long to drain the reservoir, but then you have air in the system with spongy brakes. A willing spousal unit comes in handy, as well as having at least a fresh quart of your selected brake fluid on hand.

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Hydraulic Tech Tips continued

Keeping moisture out of your hydraulic systems is also desirable. To this end, your brake reservoir should be sealed from too much air exchange. Moss Motors has a new seal available for the Big Healey reservoir, part number 582-505, which they say limits this. If you go to the Moss Website and enter the part number in the search box and then click on the MORE INFO hot spot you will find additional information about the seal which is not cheap but it is effective.

The seal not only keeps air out but it keeps brake fluid in. The paint under and around the reservoir on my Healey has suffered from years of brake fluid seeping out from cap. (Did I mention DOT 4 is an excellent paint stripper?) I installed the new \$10 seal prior to my driving to Black Hawk Farms for the Midwest AHC track day. For the first time ever my reservoir exterior was dry then and remains to this writing. A picture of the new seal is below, in the cap and by itself.



By the way, the www.mossmotors.com/ website has many technical articles, blogs, and Youtube videos (Moss TV) which are a great source of information to the novice (as well as the professional) about British car maintenance and repair.



Visions of Waumandee linger....





InterMarque Report

by John Engstrom

Summary of Osseo City Council Meeting:

I attended the first council meeting on behalf of InterMarque and more or less re-introduced the InterMarque to the council. Also spent a few minutes talking about the success of last year's Spring Kick Off. I again thanked them for their support and spoke to them about what we have (so far) planned for changes to the 2013 event. Next year, the immediate changes being made would be for the way we marshal cars into the event. Better signage, maps and volunteers with vests will be used to guide vehicles in. I also said we would like to work with the Osseo entertainment committee to better co-ordinate what events would be taking place and what time they would take place. Also it would be nice to have a contact who would be available for questions or problems that might come up.

The council had no comments at this time as to changes they would like in our event. One of the council members did ask for a one on one meeting with him. I have not yet had the meeting but plan on contacting him within a week to get together.

Summary of InterMarque Council Meeting:

On Saturday the 13th we had an InterMarque council meeting on what happened at the Osseo City Council meeting as well as what general improvements might be made for the next event. One thing that came up was the "Golden Ticket" parking. The gist of it was, why keep the limit at seven (7) cars when we have a lot more room. This was a good point, as the seven (7) car limit was set at Como, where the room was limited. We decided that at next year's event, the limit would be opened up to more cars. What we can do is see how many spaces we had last year, as well as how many clubs participated - and divide them up. More to come on that.

There was also some discussion about the InterMarque participating more in a couple of existing car shows - Brit Fest for one. It was decided that if the InterMarque were to lend its name to the show, it would have to be open to all Marques of cars. The MG group will discuss it further at their next meeting as to which way they would like to go.

Also, the Royal British show was looking for assistance. Next year, plans are to move the show to the Jaguar Dealership. They would make room for the show and even offer some indoor space to hold specialty cars. The same rules would apply. If the InterMarque were to lend its name/support to the show, it would have to represent all Marques within the InterMarque organization.

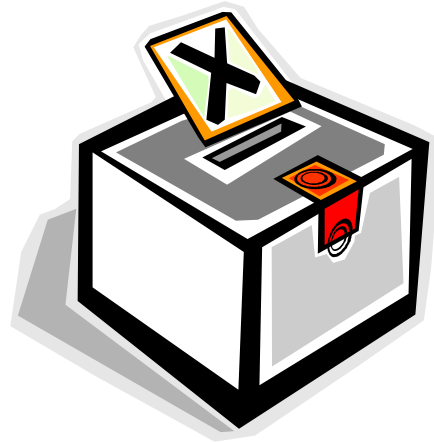
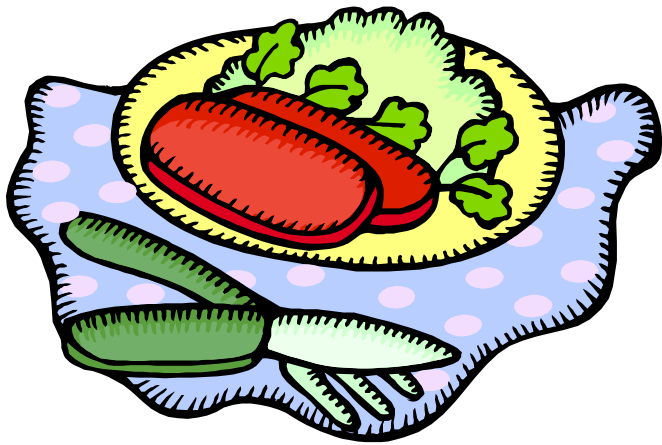


Remember to make plans for

RENDEZVOUS 2013

June 6 - 9, 2013





MAHC ANNUAL BANQUET BUSINESS PARTY !

Date: Saturday November 17th

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Ft. Snelling Officers Club

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Club is paying the remainder)

Bring: Raffle prize or auction donation

**RSVP to Barb Ronning – email: barbararonning@yahoo.com
or phone 763-684-4041**

**Come join this annual gala to wind up another successful year for
The Minnesota Austin Healey Club !**

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 2012 will be held.

Prizes and Regalia will be drawn for throughout the evening.

Silent and Live Auctions will be held.

Don't miss this very enjoyable event !



Community Service Project

Saturday 11-3-2012

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.

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

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

When: Saturday, November 3, 9-11AM
Where: Feed My Starving Children Eagan
990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 160
Eagan, MN
Phone: 651-379-2775

Please meet at the Eagan facility at **8:45 AM**.

We are hoping to have 30 volunteers.

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

So that we can give them a headcount, please contact:

Greg Willodson

Email: greg.willodson@gmail.com

Phone: 763-390-4133

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

(Optional lunch afterwards at a nearby Granite City Restaurant)



Events Schedule

- Nov. 3** **Charity Event** – (Sat) 9:00 – 11:00 am. At the Feed My Starving Children building. Dale Martin and Greg Willodson will arrange this very worthwhile event. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause. See page 14.
- 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 - p.13
- 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.
- ** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity**

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Saturday December 1st

Time: 11:00 am (approximately)

Place: Site of the Planning Breakfast

Purposes:

- To Elect a Board Chairman**
- To approve the Schedule of Events for 2012.**
- To discuss any other old/new business.**



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Thank you !



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