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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sat.	Nov. 2	Charity event
Wed.	Nov. 6	PIE Meeting
Sat.	Nov. 16	Annual Banquet

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday Nov. 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 !

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Location: **The Square Peg Diner**
2021 East Hennepin Ave.
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The Presidential Corner

By Suzanne Willodson

It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve the Minnesota Austin Healey Club over the past year. The members of the club have been gracious and welcoming, have supported me as I stumbled a bit while becoming versed in the club's culture and history, and celebrated small victories with me along the way. Since joining the club, I've learned a few things:

Adrenalin is good for you. I've experienced adrenalin rushes that I thought might be a thing of the past. There's the rush from driving events, as well as the heart thumping fear felt just before starting a PIE meeting. At the finish line of both, the realization that I survived is a tiny but priceless feeling of accomplishment (yes, it's the little things).

New lifelong friends are made every day. It is an understatement to say that we eagerly anticipate Healey events and get-togethers. We absolutely love seeing our friends and experiencing things we've never seen or done before. To all of our Healey Club members that have given me kind words of encouragement (as well as feedback in the form of criticism - constructive or otherwise), I remember everything you've said; and I thank you for helping me gain confidence and learn the ropes.

You'll never stop learning something new every day. Did I ever think I would be interested in the benefits of lightening the flywheel on the Healey, or think critically about how to perfectly hit the apex in an autocross? Whether it's on a technical level, or interpersonal level, or something else, I'm challenged by discovering how our Healey works and drives. What's more interesting to me are the stories and knowledge passed on by Healey Club friends - like harvesting honey from bees, the ideal way to eat an oreo cookie (pull apart, consume the half with the most filling, toss the other half), and choosing the perfect paint color. It's endless!

For all these reasons and more, I thank you for allowing me to be President of our club.
Greg Willodson: Your turn!



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Greg Willodson

October 2, 2013

President Suzanne Willodson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Recap of recent events

Sept 6-8 – Vintage Festival at Road America, Elkhart Lake

- In the Group 2 Feature Race, two of our guys had a great day on the track. Rich Stadther came in 2nd and Jeff Johnk finished 3rd! Rich told the group a great story, as only he can, about how the race unfolded.
- Jessica Johnk was honored with the 2013 Vintage Spirit Award. Congratulations Jessica!
- Mike Manser made a farewell appearance, as he was preparing for his move to Texas. We'll all miss you, Mike!

Sept 8 – Wings and Wheels at Osceola, WI

- Andy Lindberg and Scott McQueen attended, and both reported that their \$10 entry fee got them into a pretty darn good air show. It was a bit of a stretch, however, to call it a car show.

Sept 15 – Norwegian Picnic at Ambli's

- Great food, great friends, great interior decorating! We all enjoyed a terrific meal, and got a tour of Fred's workshop, where work continues on his second BJ8. So now, who *doesn't* want a rotisserie - and the skills to make good use of it?

Sept 20-22 – Waumandee Hillclimb

- Tom Hazen organized this great driving event again this year. There was plenty of discussion about how popular this event is, with both the participants and the local community. In November, the Waumandee town board will review our request to hold a 2014 event. Tom may be looking for some of us to join him for this meeting, so watch for an announcement.

Sept 29 – Intermarque Picnic at Cherokee Park

- The Healey Club hosted this "award-winning" event. Attendees were greeted with a Pimm's No.1 Cup, followed by roasted turkey, ribs, pie, and lots of other delicious nibblies. Tom Hazen arrived to the party in fine style, driving his recently resurrected Sprite.

Upcoming events

October 5 – Adopt-A-Highway

- Meet at Veterans Highway Roadside Park on U.S. Hwy. 61, north of Lake City, Minn. Participants will get a FREE LUNCH after completing the cleanup.

October 6 – City Lakes Tour

- Oops, who knew about this Twin Cities Marathon thing, and do they really have to run on the same roads we were going to use? For reasons that are obvious only now, this event has been cancelled.

The Presidents Informal Evening... continued

Nov 2 – Second Harvest Heartland in Golden Valley

- Feed My Starving Children was unable to utilize our services in November, so we have reserved a spot with Second Harvest Heartland. The prep stations, tasks, and product appear to be very similar to what we have experienced at FMSC. Our shift runs from 9 – 11:30am. Please RSVP to Curt Carlson, and plan to arrive at 6325 Sandburg Road, Suite 1700, Golden Valley by 8:45am.

Nov 16 – Annual Banquet at Officer's Club

- The Annual Banquet and Business Meeting will be held at the Officer's Club, beginning at 6pm.
- Donations for door prizes and auction are greatly appreciated.

Reports & Miscellaneous Highlights

Greg Lauser explained some of the responsibilities of being National Delegate, a job he has performed to a very high standard for the last 10 years. He may be close to finding his replacement. He also asked the group to tell him what we thought were our best events in 3 different categories. Lacking an applause meter, Greg was left to pick the winners from our diverse nominations. That's what happens when all of our events are great!

Membership Report – Jim Kriz reported that there are two new members this month.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Manion was not present, but did send a report that finances were in good order.

June Moerke and Steve Rixen talked about the Halloween party that Bob and Lorie Jensen will be hosting at their home on Saturday, October 26th.

Librarian's Report – the librarian was not present

Suzanne Willodson told the group that a check from the MN Healey Club was sent to Lakeland Hospice Foundation in honor of Rhea West, wife of Ernie West and former Healey Club member who passed away recently.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 PM

In attendance:

Rich & Liz Stadther, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Gary & Barb Ronning, Greg Lauser, Tom & June Moerke, Spook Johns, Curt Carlson, Steve Chirpich, Jim Kriz, Steve & Kim Rixen, Scott McQueen, Dan Powell, Gary & Eileen Wetzell, Tom Hazen, and Mike Martin





InterMarque Picnic Hosted by MAHC

The Willodsons

The last InterMarque Picnic of the season was hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club on September 29 at Cherokee Park in St Paul. The weather gods looked favorably upon us – sunny skies and temps in the 70s – which helped attract about 30 people to the gathering.

Upon arriving at the pavilion decked out with Union Jack pennants, guests were greeted with Pimm's Cup garnished with cucumber and strawberries. In addition to the main courses of roasted turkey and barbecued ribs provided by MAHC members, there were fresh garden salads, warm bread, crock pots of homemade deliciousness, countless side dishes, and sweet desserts. A very nice selection !

Tom Hazen arrived in style with his Sprite, followed by wise Jane Schuler in her car. An impromptu tech session broke out after lunch. The guys hovered over the little red car for quite a while, exchanging opinions and congratulating Tom for all the work he's done to get it back on the road again.

Thank you to all the Healey Club members who went the extra mile to make sure the picnic was a success. There was lots of roasting, barbecuing, baking, and cooking done over the weekend! Also, a special thanks to Lois Larson of the MG Club who jumped in and helped make dozens of Pimm's Cups for the crowd!



Watch out for this guy....!



Homestead Conclave 2014

June 15-20 – Hot Springs, Virginia

Something truly special is taking shape in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains of Virginia. The Carolinas Austin-Healey Club has chosen the upscale Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia, because of the numerous amenities, activities and resources that make going to Conclave a memorable adventure. In fact, The Homestead Resort is America's first resort and premier destination since 1766, and is the perfect location to host a classic car event like a Conclave.

Beginning as a resort featuring its hot springs, over its nearly 250 year history, The Homestead Resort has continually added amenities that now make it an amazing wonderland of southern charm with family-oriented activities. Some of the activities offered at The Homestead include championship golf courses, an equestrian center, a world-class shooting club and water related offerings like spectacular trout fishing, canoeing and the new Allegheny Springs pool complex that beckons guest to enjoy soaking in the warm waters or whirlpools, float along the 400-foot lazy river or plunge down the two 100-foot water slides at Mountain Rush. Even the hot springs baths have now been expanded to include the new full-service Canyon Ranch Spa Club that offers a stunning, adult-only spa garden.

But *Homestead Conclave 2014* attendees are a mobile folk who like a fast drive and nowhere in America provides us with better mountain roads with beautiful scenery than the Allegheny Mountains surrounding The Homestead. Just getting to the resort is special with mountain streams meandering alongside the roadsides and rural countryside. Once you enter the resort grounds, you'll be parking all week on the beautiful front lawn where we'll have a week-long festival atmosphere under the stately trees.

Individuals and clubs are encouraged to bring tents and canopies as the lawn will provide a wonderful extension to hospitality all week. The car show will be on the practice fairway of the historic Old Course golf course. Then there will be a fun-filled mountain rally and a full-day at America's highest commercial airport (3,793') where we'll have an autocross, a funkhana and a challenging acceleration run on the airport's 5600' runway. If that isn't enough for you, the resort offers carriage rides, mountain bicycle trails, Segway tours and even an off-road mountain driving experience.

The Homestead Resort also offers the *Homestead Conclave 2014* unparalleled convention capabilities that include amazing banquet and food options with several restaurant choices from a casual coffee shop to a sumptuous breakfast buffet. The convention center has a 270-seat movie theater where we'll be showing Austin-Healey oriented movies each evening and a wonderful hospitality room large enough to host our Pinewood Derby and RC Racing events while providing fellowship space to renew old friendships and make new ones. Southern Charm abounds at The Homestead with an afternoon tea in the main lobby each day and we're offering a special Kitchen Safari hosted by the resort's executive chef.

Please join us at the *Homestead Conclave 2014*, June 15-20, 2014, by filling out the attached registration form. With this event being within a one or two day journey for more than 65 percent of our club's membership, we anticipate a big turnout, so make your plans early and send in your registration by May 15, 2014, to guarantee the discounted resort room rate of \$129. Also, there is the special B&B rate of \$159 per night for 2 adults with an incredible breakfast buffet included.

To view regalia items and see additional details of all events and menus, go to <http://www.homesteadconclave2014.com/>.

Then, layout your trip across some of the most beautiful roads in America, as they all lead to Hot Springs, Virginia, and *Homestead Conclave 2014*.





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

By Greg Lauser

Eleven MAHC members and a guest braved light drizzle and soggy ditches Saturday, Oct. 5 to pick up 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 eight-year commitment to the Minnesota Department of Transportation program.

The weather and a construction project had shutdown restrooms and the roadway to Veteran's Highway Park, but they did not prevent those on hand from their appointed rounds. Before policing the byway, the crew enjoyed hot apple cider, coffee and cookies provided by Nancy Lauser and fresh bakery doughnuts brought by Curt Carlson and his friend, Ron Cooper.

Two hours later they gathered to enjoy lunch and conversations at The Smoking Oak Restaurant in Red Wing. As provided for by August action of the club Board of Directors, lunch and non-alcoholic beverages were purchased by the club to recognize their long-term contribution to the club's highway cleanup commitment. In addition, Ron Cooper (who also helped us during the club's initial cleanup in 2005) took pity on fellow ditch divers and presented each with a surprise gift packet of dry socks and talcum powder. Thanks, Ron! Join us anytime.

Those upholding the club's commitment were: Fred Ambli & Sandie Swenson, Curt Carlson, Ron Cooper, Nancy & Greg Lauser, Kim & Steve Rixen, Eileen & Gary Wetzels, and Suzanne Willodson.

Participants in MAHC's December planning meeting will need to determine if the club continues its Adopt-A-Highway program for another two years, so come prepared to vote on the matter.

(More) Adopt a Highway pics





2013 FALL COLOR TOUR

Editor

The morning of Saturday October 12th was mild and a bit cool; but it was not snowing, so the annual drive was full ahead throttle. We met in Cottage Grove, and began our journey to western Wisconsin. Tom Hazen (our illustrious leader) had given out instructions and walkie-talkies, so we had pretty much constant chatter. It was a great way to keep everyone aware and together during the trip.

About 15 cars were riding the hilly windy roads at a nice pace. The Fall colors were great, and the weather warmed up as we drove. First stop was in Ellsworth, where we were joined by Bryan and Ann Johnson from Mankato ! They have had their car many years and have fully restored a very nice 3000 BJ8! We hope to see them again at future events.

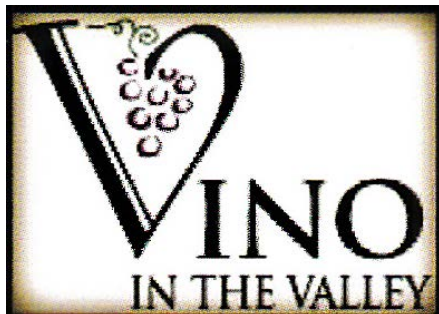
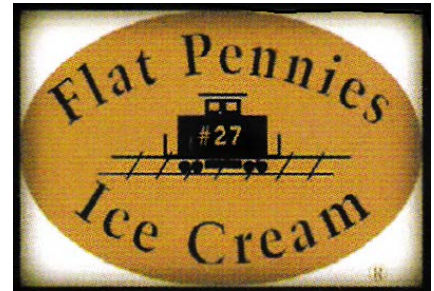
Out on the roads again, we wound around until stopping at Bay City (Tom knows all the good spots!). Many people took advantage of the Flat Pennies Ice Cream Shop for a delicious snack (yummy!). More tops went down at this time. Onward and upward we travelled until reaching our destination – Vino in the Valley – near Maiden Rock, WI. This was a delightful, busy, country style restaurant and winery. We were seated together and enjoyed refreshments with a wonderful meal - very pleasant and secluded.

It was a great day. Good friends, nice cars, great roads – and we did not have to answer questions or count squiggles, as we have done in the past for Tom. No roadside techs. An easy ride. Thanks, Tom!

Attendees: Fred Ambli & Sandie Swenson, Greg Lauser, Tom Hazen & friend, Dan & Lauri Powell, Kim & Steve Rixen, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Eileen & Gary Wetzell, Suzanne & Greg Willodson, Tom Reinke, Chuck Norton & his brother, Jim & Rose Klein, Bryan & Ann Johnson, Kent & Jane Brown, Jeff & Karen Sartell, Gary & Barb Ronning, and some Triumph friends in a GT6.

2013 FALL COLOR TOUR

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Hi to all -

I went on the drive for kids put on by WCCO which ended up at a car show in Red Wing Minnesota.

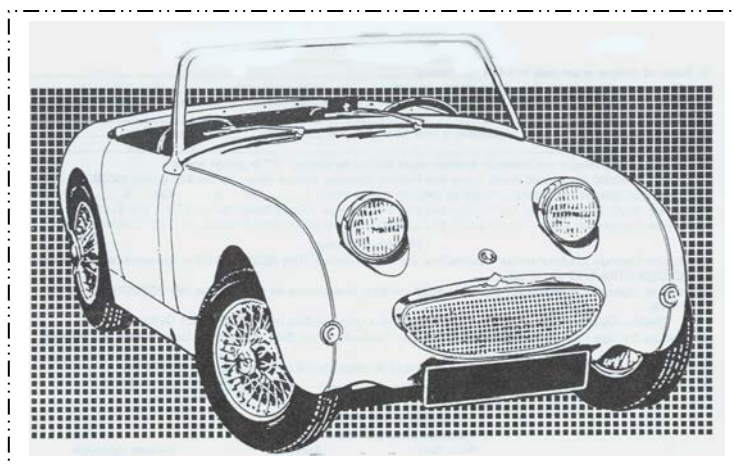
The Mayor of Red Wing, the honorable Paul Bender, picked my car as his favorite!!!! It also was voted the favorite for the car show.

They would not allow two trophies to one person ---- Shucks !

It was a fun day.

(Glad Gary and Eileen did not show up with their cars!)

Fred Ambli





Volunteer Activity Saturday, November 2nd, 2013 8:45am

The Minnesota Austin Healey Club will be sorting and packaging food for Second Harvest Heartland West on Saturday November 2nd (this coming Saturday). Our previous year's volunteer activity, packaging food for Feed My Starving Children became so popular that we were unable to secure a group reservation for any of their 3 twin cities locations in November. We are delighted that FMSC has enjoyed such success and its due in no small part to the volunteerism of the MAHC and other organizations around the Twin Cities.

This year, thanks to Suzanne Willodson, we will be packaging food for another needy organization that benefits *LOCAL* families in need. We will be meeting on Saturday morning, November 2nd (this upcoming Saturday) at: 8:45am. Our shift runs from 9am – 1130am. Location:

Second Harvest Heartland WEST
6325 Sandburg Road
Suite 1700
Golden Valley, MN 55427
651.209.7980

RSVP today to Curt Carlson

at 612-251-7492 or

mnhealey@gmail.com

Directions & map & what to wear



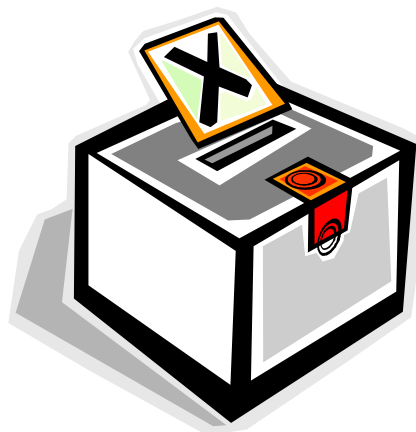
Directions: From Highway 100, exit Duluth St. (3 exits north of I-394) and go west to Douglas Drive. Right (north) on Douglas to Sandburg Rd on the left. Second Harvest is immediately on the left hand side.

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/eOCYh>

Dress in comfortable clothing – t-shirts or sweatshirts with jeans are fine. Closed toe shoes are required. Aside from wedding bands, we'll be asked to remove all jewelry.

Food drive & club donation!

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted and the MAHC will be making a cash donation to Second Harvest as well. Non-perishable food donations most needed include meat and protein (canned tuna, chicken, ham, beef stew, chili, peanut butter, canned/dried beans), canned fruits and vegetables, complete meals (pasta & sauce, boxed meals, hearty soups), grains (cereal and rice), personal hygiene items, and cleaning supplies.



MAHC ANNUAL BANQUET BUSINESS PARTY !

Date: Saturday November 16th

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 (not required)

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 2014 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 !

Events Schedule

- Nov. 2 **** **Charity Event** – (Sat) At the Second Harvest Heartland in Golden Valley. Curt Carlson and Suzanne Willodson will arrange this very worthwhile event. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause. See page 13 for volunteer instructions.
- 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. See page 14 for RSVP information.
- 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.

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

Events 2014

- June 12-15** **Rendezvous 2014**
The 24th Rendezvous will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario at the Nor'Wester Hotel.
- June 15-20** **AHCA Conclave 2014**
The Carolinas Austin Healey Club will be hosting this event in Hot Springs, Virginia.

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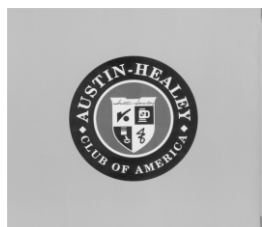
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1958 MGA Roadster

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