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Jeff Lumbard's latest creation !!

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wed NOV 6

PIE Meeting

Fri-Sun NOV 8-10

AHCA Delegates Mtg.

Sat NOV 16

Annual Banquet

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President's **I**nformal **E**vening

Date: Wednesday November 6th

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:

Kim Rixen **Barb Ronning**
Daphne Walmer **Jeff Lumbard**
Jessica Johnk **Tom Politiski**

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Presidential Ponderings

By Kim Rixen

The last drive...

I have mixed feelings about Fall. I love the color tours, hikes without getting all hot and sweaty, the abundance of locally grown apples, and football on TV.

It's also tinged with melancholy, as it means time for the last drive of the season. For me, the drive to our storage space is the last chance to take one of my favorite routes in a sports car (sometimes top down) until Spring. That route takes me past Otter, Bald Eagle, and White Bear Lakes, along Highway 96, past an apple orchard and a winery, through Stillwater, and to Hudson where the cars spend the Winter. It's a beautiful route; but on storage day, it's a reminder that winter will be here soon and that the driving season is over.

It's been a privilege serving as President of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. We had a busy, eventful year. I want to thank everyone who hosted events, showed up at meetings, and planned and pitched in during Conclave. From everything I've heard, this Conclave set a new standard.

I'm looking forward to Spring already—perhaps next year driving my own Healey !



**A happy bunch – Liz Stadther, Kim Rixen, with Mary Hatzung in the middle !
Good friends are what keeps this club rolling.**

The Presidents Informal Evening

By Daphne Walmer

Visitors

- Hunter Mertz grew up with Scott McQueen “and survived, by the grace of god.”
- Ken Schultz is retired Army. On August 1st he picked up his '59 100-6 Austin Healey, which needs a good paint job and distributor work. He thanked Steve Rixen for his help.

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Past events

- Welcome back from Deadwood everyone! Kim thanked all the people who ran events and showed up to help. It will be hard for any club to follow this Conclave!

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Upcoming events

- Adopt a Highway was scheduled for October 5th but is being rescheduled due to rain.
- The Triumph Fall Color Tour is Sunday October 6. Assemble at 9:30, leave around 10:00 a.m. Meet in the parking lot of the Clarks Gas Station (near Shakopee??).
- The Minnesota MG Fall Color Tour is Saturday October 12. Assemble at 9 a.m., leaving from 4923 Stewart Ave, White Bear Lake Masonic Lodge parking lot. Drive to end in Isanti, at which there is an open house in Brian McCullough's shop.
- In November we'll have the Annual Banquet and Election of Officers. We need some volunteers to run for office, specifically vice president and newsletter editor. Also, a couple of Board Members are rotating off.

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National AHC Delegates Meeting

- Eileen Wetzel will be going to the delegates meeting in November. We will have one more PIE meeting before then, so please think about anything you would like her to bring up. They will be discussing the membership book. Until last year it came out yearly. The book was not published last year, because the person who was responsible had a computer crash. Should it be online, and should it even be published on paper? Should it be done yearly or every other year? Delegates are to talk about their clubs' best attended event. For the Minnesota Club, that was Conclave!
- The Montreal Club presents an opportunity for someone with an Austin Healey to go to the Montreal Race Event to do a lap with Formula 1 drivers. This opportunity will be auctioned off at the delegates meeting. The winner has to pay transportation to get there, hotel, etc. Gary or Eileen will be your proxy if you're interested. Last year it went for thousands of dollars, which was the highest paid ever.
- If you want anything discussed at the National Delegates meeting, send Eileen Wetzel an email.

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Conclave Wrap Up

- Eileen thanked everyone, all of us, for our work at Conclave. Gary seconded Eileen's thanks to everyone for a very successful event.
- Eileen particularly thanked Greg Lauser, "who continues to work his tail off." The event won't be done until the Conclave issue of the national Healey Marque magazine is done; Greg is shepherding that work. Greg has to review 2000 photos to glean about 100. Eileen has a thumb drive with photos from Terry Cohen. The text is about 40% done. Pictures and cutlines have to be done by the 10th.
- We still have bills coming in. One just arrived from the Mountain Grand; the total of which was about what we expected, but it needs to be itemized. Gary and Eileen need to get everyone's bills. If you have expenses, please turn them in.
- Gary Wetzel reported that the amount the club received for banners and silent auction items was beyond our wildest dreams. One banner went for \$550. and another for \$500.
- Greg informally committed to Bill Borja a summary of what went well and what we could improve, for the benefit of clubs who sponsor future Conclaves. We should consider not only the point of view of our guests, but also what would have made it better/easier for us. Gary, Greg, and Eileen will go through suggestions and pass the summary to Bill Borja in the next five days or so.

Things to improve at a Conclave

- For multiple hotel events, have registration in only one location. We could have had it either on the Mountain Grand Mezzanine so people could have a drink, or in a conference room between 3 and 6 p.m. each day.
- At the Meet and Greet on Friday evening, our two guest speakers talked too long, despite instructions to talk for 15 minutes. During the break, 50-60% of our audience left. Carol tried to gather them up; but they were exhausted, so only 40% or fewer heard the event overview.
 - If you have guest speakers, make it someone's responsibility in the front of the audience to give hand signals. Then the MC should step forward, thank the speaker, and move on to the next item.
 - Start with the informational meeting and have speakers after that.
 - Further limit the informational meeting. Go through the highlights of what's in the booklet, and changes of venue.

We didn't have someone at the Full Throttle for the Gymkhana to let participants know about the move, but the bartender redirected people.

Things that went well

- Especially considering the complexity, Jeff Johnk's car shows and parade were the most well organized and executed event. We thought we were going to be tied up for pictures for 3 hours, but instead finished in 1 hour and 15 minutes. The police officers complimented us on the handling of the car shows and parade.
- We raised \$3400 for the Boys and Girls Club, which is headquartered in Lead, SD. That is one of the highest amounts ever raised by/for a group. They wanted us to come back next year!
- It was good to have five photographers assigned from outside the club.

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- The Chamber of Commerce said we were the best car group they've ever had in Deadwood.
- Carol Johnk commended Phil Dawson for helping people who came to the Mountain Grand expecting to register there. He stood at the entrance and redirected them as they pulled up, vs. after they got out of their cars.
- The informational speakers were both good, but spoke too long.
- The banquet was fabulous, especially Brule. Kim mentioned that we've all been to Rendezvous where an old guy goes on about their racing days. That's fine for a tech session, but not for a more general audience. Entertainment is appropriate for a banquet.
- Whenever something was needed, Minnesota members jumped in and filled the gap. Tom and June Moerke sat in the lobby, where many people told them how great the event was.
- Edie Anderson told Betty Stine that it was the best Conclave she had ever attended, and she has attended 44. Both Chuck and Edie told Greg and Nancy Lauser the same thing. From that source, the compliment is really meaningful.
- The venue and the decision to have it in September were great. Steve Rixen started lobbying for a September date years ago, and Greg Lauser continued that. Eileen told the national people that the MN club would be willing to host Conclave, if it were in September in the Black Hills.
- Greeting people at the hotels and providing guests with water was a good idea. At another past Conclave, Gary and Eileen weren't sure whether they were at the right hotel. Eileen thanked MAHC people for welcoming people and handing out waters at the hotels.



The Jeff Johnk Car Show Lecture

Conclave Funkhana Report



By Tom Politiski

A Funkhana is supposed to be fun, and I can say that our club had a lot of fun planning and hosting this event. We had many volunteers, including friends from the Manitoba Austin Healey Club, to work the course on Saturday in a parking lot at the famous Buffalo Chip, - just outside of Sturgis. The day was sunny and a bit windy on the Dakota prairie. It was a bit different from the enclosed mountain retreat of Deadwood.

Volunteers:

Rich & Liz Stadther (Liz kept score all day!)

Kent & Jane Brown (Kent was a great "desperado" in the afternoon)

Geoff Rossi (desperado), Phil See, Dick Mathews, and Dave Herried

Greg Ericksmoen and Phil Von Pinion from Fargo

Mark Rogers & Ann Blonski, Dyrk & Jodi Bolger, Graeme & Joyce Lowden, and Jean Caron (desperado) from Winnipeg.

David Stuursma (from Moss Motors for the great job that he did taking the timing for me all day)

Many thanks to all for making the event so successful !



“The latest Creation”

By Jeff Lumbard

My most recent Austin Healey is a 1962 BT-7 MK II Tri-carb. The car was found and procured with the help of Tom Kovacs.

The body and paint were the masterful work of Tom Kovacs of Fourintune Garages in Cedarburg, WI. I can't thank him enough for the hard work that he and his team performed when restoring this car. It took a total of 18 months and multiple trips for me to Tom's shop. During this time, I brought the chassis back twice to my shop. There I did fabrication and the eventual installation of all the suspension and drive train before returning the car to Fourintune. Tom did a final fit of the body panels and then paint. I did the mechanical work on the Healey, and Dan Powell assisted with the electrical installations.

The color of the car is a rather unique original Healey color. It is called Healey Endurance Green and is a metallic paint. As Tom told me, Donald Healey did not like the traditional British Racing Green - thinking it too dark. He wanted a lighter color and eventually developed the Endurance Green. It actually pre-dates the ever familiar Healey Blue! The color was used on Healey cars from 1950-1955, primarily on the Sebring and LeMans 100 models. There were some other cars that were painted this same color, such as the Healey Silverstone. Tom said that once Healey had the partnership with Austin, Austin did not like the color. They thought of it as a Healey color. Therefore, it was dropped.

I would like to mention that Kaye Kovacs assisted me a lot in finding the right color vinyl from a supplier they use out of California for the interior seats and trim panels. It is a Mercedes dark green with Porsche linen for the piping. A local retired fellow did the upholstery and made the seats from scratch. I supplied the templates for the interior trim panels. He cut them out and glued on the material. It was a major project, but now I hope to enjoy it for a long time !!



Minnesota Austin Healey Club 2019 Annual Banquet and Business Meeting

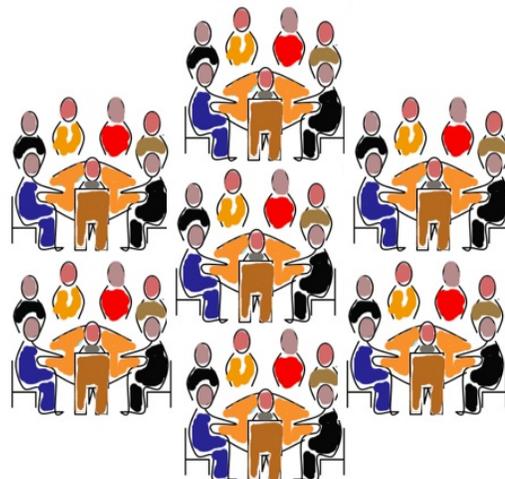
Saturday, November 16

Joseph's Grill
140 Wabasha Street South
St. Paul, MN

Time: 6 p.m. Cash Bar
7 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Cost: \$10.00 per person

After dinner: Business meeting
Election of officers for 2020



Donations are welcomed for door prizes and silent auction

RSVP by Tuesday, November 12
Barb Ronning
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763-684-4041



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**



OPPORTUNITIES/OPENINGS



MAHC Needs You

It's election time again, and we need to fill a number of open positions. Here's a list of them and some details about what the position involves:

Vice president

Record minutes of MAHC meetings for publication in newsletter. Serve in the event the president is unable to attend meetings/events. Serve as president in 2021.

Board of directors

Two positions will be open this year. Board meets twice a year to approve events calendar and discuss business as needed.

Newsletter editor

Get information out monthly about upcoming events and happenings. Note: Gary Ronning has done an amazing job with the newsletter for many years. He has set the bar high. Whoever takes this on does NOT have to continue such tradition. The important thing is to get information to members in a timely manner. This does not have to be Pulitzer-quality reading.

Webmaster

Person is responsible for uploading the newsletter, entering the calendar, and updating/maintaining content.

InterMarque Delegate

Responsibilities include communicating with InterMarque and relaying pertinent information to MAHC members, assisting with InterMarque Spring Kickoff, and planning an MAHC-hosted picnic for InterMarque, if called for.

Keeper of equipment

Managing the equipment for Amery (and other events as needed). This would include being responsible for storage and maintenance of driving-event equipment and gear (including signs, flags, helmets, and safety vests), transporting cones for events as needed, and event set up and tear down.

Interested?

Contact Kim Rixen kimberlykiser@yahoo.com or 612-590-6513
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Kenora, ON June 11-13, 2020

Accommodations

Host Hotel
Clarion Lakeside Inn
470 1st Ave South
1-807-468-5521

Alternate Hotel
Travelodge
800 Highway 17 East
1-807-468-3155



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Activities

- Meet & Greet at Lake of the Woods Brewing Company
- Scenic Driving Tour & Pickerel Lunch at Smith Camps
- Art Gallery & Museum Tour with lunch at Boston Pizza
- Evening Cruise on the historic M.S. Kenora
- Fun Rally
- Harbour front Charity Car Show
- Awards Banquet at Lakeside Inn



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Events Schedule

- Nov. 6** **PIE Meeting** – (Sat) Club meeting at 8:30 a.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 8-10** **AHCA Delegates Meeting** – Our club representatives will be attending this meeting.
- Nov. 16** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual dinner, election of officers, and business meeting will occur on this evening. See page 10.
- Dec. 7** **PIE/Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2020 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Daphne Walmer. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

Please note that the 2019 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete. Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.

CONGRATULATIONS MAHC

ON A VERY BUSY MEMORABLE YEAR !!

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





MARKETPLACE

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For Sale: 1960 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite \$2000 OBO

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A diamond in the rough! Sat for 40 years and would love to see it go to someone who can see the potential. Currently in Zimmerman, MN. Call or email with any questions: 612-207-5576 or jrgadola@gmail.com

