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VP Dave Hatzung at the Waumandee Hill Climb

Photo by John Hatzung

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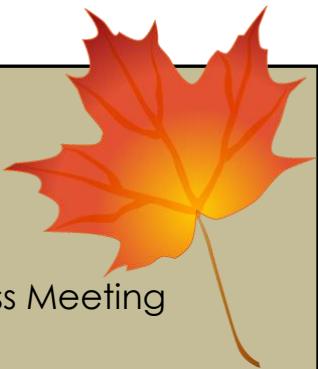
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Destination: Waumandee Plow Fest

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2017 Planning Breakfast
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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00

Place: Joseph's Grill
140 South Wabasha
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435

Take I-94 to the Hwy. 52 exit. Go south on 52 to Plato Blvd. Go west (right) on Plato to Wabasha St. and turn right to Joseph's.

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

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Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

Fall Color Tour

Sunday, October 16, 2016



**Waumandee Area Lions
Plow Fest**

Free Admission

Pumpkin Cannon
Craft Sale & Flea & Farmers Market

Sunday, October 16th, 2016
Harmonia Park, Waumandee
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Featuring tractors from 1900-1959
Charcoal Chicken, Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Homemade Cakes.
Takeouts Available

- 12:00 Kids Pedal Tractor Pull
- 1:00 Tractor Parade
- 1:30 Plowing
- Vintage Car Display
- Hayrides
- Barrel Train Rides
- Kids Activities

Questions?
Rick Router 608-626-3481
Al Slaby 608-626-3301
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Two meeting options:

1. 9:00am at **Cub Foods**, 8690 East Point Douglas Rd in Cottage Grove, MN. Take Hwys 10 & 61 southeast past 494, exit on Jamaica Ave and take the roundabout to the left, under the highway, then right onto East Point Douglas Road. Cub Foods will be on your left. The group will leave Cub promptly at 9:10am.

2. 10:15am at **Bogus Creek Café and Bakery**, N2049 Spring Street, Stockholm, WI. From the southeast corner of 494, it's a scenic one-hour drive to Stockholm. Take Hwys 10 and 61 south and east out of the Twin Cities. Turn left to stay on 10 East, heading toward Prescott. Cross over the drawbridge in Prescott and turn right onto Wisconsin Hwy 35 South. Pass through Diamond Bluff, cross Hwy 63, go through Bay City and Maiden Rock. In beautiful downtown Stockholm, turn left onto County J. Bogus Creek is one block up on your left under the willow trees. We will partake of a gourmet breakfast at Bogus Creek, served by the lovely and talented proprietor, Colleen. The tour will leave Stockholm at approximately 11:15am.

Vintage and modern cars are welcome.
See you under the leaves this Sunday.



President's Flights of Fancy

by Dave Herreid

"Let's do it in the Road"

As the curtain falls on my Presidential term I can proudly say that the club is still solvent, I haven't started any needless wars, and pigs still don't fly—trust me.

Being a reflective sort, I've been trying to figure out why this club is so special, and I've come to a startling conclusion: quite simply we are all *hopeful romantics*. I now realize this has been revealed to me many times in various ways. Eager souls attuned to winter Tech Sessions that hold the promise of a coming spring drive. Racers who share exploits where heroes drive Healeys and villains buy Porsches. At times I've witnessed spouses encourage yet more speed from their mate, urging the car ever faster.

Another time I've known one to coo in the twilight while racing into the moonrise. The buzz during monthly meetings isn't about agenda items, rather friends catching up with each other, making plans for the future, and remembering the past. Recently I found myself talking to other like-minded members about everything and nothing under a

cloud-filled night in an Alma courtyard, and finally, reluctantly, retiring at 3 a.m., not wanting the Waumandee week to end.

This conclusion came as a dream, a vision, a jigsaw puzzle, made up of a thousand bits of discrete images, all with Healeys weaving through them. When all the bits are pieced together they form a perfect portrait of romantic people under the sway of their cars and each other.

To be conscious is to live in a world of metaphors. I prefer a world of coulee roads experienced from a Healey, hood down, your loved one by your side, pulled by a screaming engine and chased by a howling exhaust ... traveling on a road never ending. And I believe you do too.

Thank you for the time we spend together. See you down that road.

Dave



VP Dave Hatzung Takes the Hill!

Photo by John Hatzung



The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
2016 Annual Banquet and Business Meeting

Saturday November 12, 2016
6:00pm

Joseph's Grill
140 Wabasha Street South
St Paul MN 55107

\$20 per person
RSVP by November 4
to Barb Ronning
barbararonning@yahoo.com or
763.684.4041

- Cash bar from 6pm-7pm
- Buffet dinner at 7pm
- Review from Club officers
- Recap of 2016 events
- Election of 2017 Club Officers
- Prizes and regalia drawings throughout the evening
- Silent auction

Calling all members!

Door prizes and Silent Auction items
are needed
for the

Annual Banquet and Business Meeting
Saturday November 12, 2016

Help fund our club operations and events
for 2017 and beyond by
donating items for door prizes and the silent auction!

Here's how you can help:

- Have an interesting Healey item that you love but don't use/need/want any longer? Donate it!
- Pentup creativity? Channel your inner artist, chef, or baker and make something awesome that we'll all want to bid on.
- Gift basket – bundle a few items into an enticing gift basket
- Sporting and other event tickets. Start a bidding frenzy!

The President's Informal Evening

Respectfully submitted by Dave Hatzung, Vice President

PIE meeting notes for October 5, 2016:

The honorable Austin Healey Club of Minnesota President **David Herreid** called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm. The first order of business was discussion about our recent club events, the first of which was the Norwegian Picnic at **Fred Ambli**'s home. **Eileen Wetzel** reported that there were 22 people in attendance, and that the steaks were awesome and everyone had a blast! **Jeff Lumbard** told us about the great time had by all at the Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival at Road America. **Scott McQueen** had his new super Healey **106** there and was able to take it out on the track, but didn't get to race it yet. We then talked about the Waumandee Hill Climb. Everyone said the wine tasting was good, and that most people bought a bottle or two in order to support the owner of the winery who was instrumental in helping **Tom Hazen** set the Climb up. I can tell you that this was a bucket list thing for me...my second one since joining the club. The first being the Amery Autocross. I can't tell you how much fun I had. I also can't tell you how badly I beat my car trying to get a good time. Something happened when **Tom Hazen** pointed his arm at me and said 3, 2, 1, GO! Man, I stepped on it, wrung thru first, then second, slammed on the brakes at the first chicane, went thru a couple gears again, slammed on the brakes again, etc. I can't believe my car let me do that to it for all those runs. Then, it even took me all the way home. One of the participants, I think from one of the Chicago clubs said how cool our club was to have these racing events, and that most other clubs had none. All I can say is thank you to all who helped put this together – you're really nice and generous people. By the way, **Steve Rixen** owes the club \$23.42 for the 2 hay bales he destroyed. OK, moving on...11 people showed up for the Adopt a highway which was Saturday, October

1st. **Suzanne Willodson** was the lucky person that day, finding a \$1 bill, a Sacagawea coin, and a neck-warmer found by **Greg** that Suzanne will have to wash and sterilize.

We then talked about the upcoming events, like the **Fall Color Tour which is this coming Sunday, October 16**. I think it was **Gary Ronning** who said they'd have the canon there again and not to forget to bring pumpkins and bowling balls to shoot from it, and maybe a stray cat or dog. Details are in another section of this newsletter, and you should have gotten an email about it also. The November P.I.E. meeting will again be held at Joseph's Grill, and I hope we again have **Fallon** serving us – what a great young lady! Hope you remember that at the end of the meeting when you're paying the bill. The **MAHC Annual Banquet and Business Meeting will again be help at Joseph's Grill on November 12th.** **PLEASE start collecting Silent Auction items.** Jim **Kriz**, our Membership Chair reported we have new members, Dick and Sally Leighninger. The webpage was discussed and it was suggested that the **Willodson's** attempt at thinning out the deer herd in the upper Midwest be put there for all to see. Eileen Wetzel told us that the next Conclave was going to be in Waco, Texas in June. Or did she say Wacko in June...anyway it went something like that. There was also some discussion about old people needing to sell their cars so we could get some young blood involved in the various car clubs. Geezz, I just bought my car and now they want me to sell it??!!

Liz and Rich Stadther talked about their recent trip to England and going to the Goodwood Festival and volunteered to be a travel guide for anyone wanting to go there in the future. Rich said he was ordained by Lord March and that he would prefer he and Liz be addressed as Lord and Lady Stadther in the future. He said you can skip the bowing. That's all folks...

In attendance:

Jeff Lumbard
Steve Rixen
Dave Hatzung
Rich Stadther
Carl & Betty Stine

Greg & Suzanne Willodson
Gary & Barb Ronning
Jim Kriz
Eileen & Gary Wetzel
Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer

Alan & Jennie Anderson
Jim Manion
Dave Rademacher
Ron C
Kate & Clarence Westberg



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Look what **Dave Rademacher** spotted in the Northeaster newspaper...

"**Tom Moerke** with his 1975 British Jensen Healey car. There were 24 cars at the VillageFest Classic Car show on Friday evening, Aug 5 at the corner of St. Anthony Parkway and Coolidge Street."

(Photo by Carol Jensen,
Northeast Minneapolis newspaper)



RENDEZVOUS 2017

June 1 – June 4



Sweet Break at Sugar Lake
Sugar Lake Lodge • Grand Rapids • Minnesota USA

5th Waumandee Hillclimb into the History Book

September 24, 2016

by Geoff Rossi

"The Waumandee Hillclimb is a weekend of fun and friendship that happens to involve racing vintage cars up a hill" - Tom Hazen



So true. The fifth running of this classic event has entered the Minnesota Austin Healey Club history book, and a fine demonstration of the statement above made by Tom Hazen, the Main Man of this event. Everyone who participates in this at every level walks (or, more aptly, drives) away with only positive feelings and good memories of the experience. This is the result of many things. Certainly the fundamentals of good planning, experience, cooperation and volunteerism is big. The location and the participant's awareness that this is an event intended to be enjoyed in a casual way.

The weather factors in here, as well. The conditions at each of the past climbs have been different. Forecasts during the week were looking wet for the weekend. As the days progressed it began to look like there would be a dry window on Friday and Saturday. In fact, the rain held off until early Sunday morning. Climb day was overcast and misty in the AM and windy at

the top of the course all day requiring warm clothes. Temps were predicted for low 60s. That may have happened around 3. There were few complaints however. Overheating was not a problem this day.

The Run was on a different stretch of road this year because of unsafe conditions on Blank Hill caused by heavy rains and a few serious washouts. Relocation was to a one-mile piece of blacktop on County Road EE, between Highways 88 and U a few miles NE of Blank Hill. Here there were three corners, as opposed to ten on Blank, and was a little over a 400

foot ascent. Corner 3 proved the most challenging throughout the day. After coming up a slight rise there is a curve followed by a hay bale chicane. Nearly all cone-hit penalties occurred here. Of which, there were 15 total in all 241 runs. The timings for the 241 ranged from 1:05 to 2:12. Quickest up was a 1963 Chevy Nova SS and the STD by a 1973 Jensen Healey. The oldest was a 1957 Austin Healey placing 13th on the list. Not bad for a 60-year old



vehicle matched against some high horsepower and pretty good when there was a total of 45 entries. Among the 45 you can know there were some unique models. Three come to mind: a 1959 Lotus Custom 15, a '84 Pontiac Firebird (Mad Max Edition) and an '81 Mini Clubman Estate.

Not all the action of the day was on the hill. In the paddock the Girl Scouts had set up and provided coffee with pastries all morning. Then reset to serve hot lunch. Once they KP'ed the area the girls (and a few guys) chose a car they wanted to ride in to the top of the hill – the "fun run". It is really fun to see which cars are appealing to these youngsters.

A most profound and truly awesome aspect of the day was a totally silent statement. In the morning as you came around a curve to reach the entry gate there was the dominant visual of red, white and blue. A fellow named Olin Brommer had set up a monster display of US flags. 156 twenty-four inch flags lined both sides of the road spaced about six feet apart. They ran 25 feet or so past the starting line. In the area of the dining tent and along the right side of the starting line were placed a row of seven 3x5 foot flags on staffs representing each branch of the military plus a MIA and US flag. All day there was an adequate breeze to keep them unfurled. There is a story behind the



purpose of the display, but in short each small flag represents a Wisconsin soldier who has made the supreme sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan. Very touching indeed.

The day's event closed around 5 and after multiple people pitched in cleaning up the course, many rushed to the Waumandee House for the broasted chicken dinner and the awards (a certificate stating your fastest time of day). As the dining wound down everyone saddled up to drive to their lodgings. For most, that was a dark jaunt to Alma. Around 9:30 folks started arriving at the Blue Door Social that carried on until midnight. There was a rumor on Sunday that there were two celebrants that continued on until 3.

Sunday was about packing up, breakfast, topping the tank and beginning the journey home. Again this year Dick and Kathryn Harry opened the Franklin Museum to anyone interested. As the afternoon began the 12 Healey Club members that had charged the hill and the six others who worked once more started their engines. This time to head northward up Highway 35. All with a thought in mind: "The Waumandee Hillclimb is a weekend of fun and friendship that happens to involve racing vintage cars up a hill". And that it is.



The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club welcomes new members

Dick & Sally Leighninger



**BMC has invited all MAHC members to their
Open House this Saturday, October 15 9am-4pm**

*This weekend!
Saturday October 15*

THE BRITISH ARE COMING
AND YOU'RE INVITED!

BMC OPEN HOUSE

444 EAST DUAL BLVD
ISANTI MN 55040
15 OCTOBER 9A-4P

House Calls: Strictly British to the Rescue in Winona

By Cliff Black

My 1962 BT-7 II had a frozen wheel cylinder on the right rear, and the oil seal in the bearing assembly had been cooked by the overheating brake, permitting some differential lube to enter the drum and turn the brake friction material to mush. Not a propitious start to the driving season. Dreading the prospect of trying to make the repair myself -- pulling a brake, axle and hub assembly and extracting the bearing and oil seal from the latter -- I gave Steve Rixen's Strictly British Mobile service a call.

I actually made the call in despair, not knowing that Steve had already established his mobile British car repair business. I had hoped he might offer moral support and perhaps suggest a technician in my area. Steve had done work on my car before in his Hudson shop, which I knew was now closed. Imagine my delight

when he said he now makes house calls!

A huge weight was lifted from my mind. From a psychological perspective, spring with a malfunctioning Austin-Healey might as well be mid-winter. At the appointed time a few days later, Strictly British's snappy Ford Transit Connect pulled into my driveway, and the cheerful road warrior Steve emerged ready to tackle the job in my own garage.

Besides the convenience of a car doctor who makes house calls -- and a rarefied specialist at that -- Steve carries with him all the parts needed for the job at hand. He generously allowed me to watch and kibitz as he deftly made the repairs -- and at no extra charge! I encouraged him to utter oaths when necessary, and he even supplied me with a new vocabulary word, "unobtainium," a material of which parts no



longer manufactured are made. Big Healey inner hubs are made of this material.

Steve's great skill, sense of humor and endless patience are well established, and to make the whole experience even better, he charges fair prices for this great service.

The Donald (I rue the day a friend named the car!) runs great now, thanks to Steve Rixen and Strictly British Mobile.



Steve working on the hub extension: Steve inspected and adjusted both drum brakes, and here he's working on the LEFT rear hub. The major repair took place on the RIGHT side of the rear axle. Steve also flushed the hydraulic system and bled all brakes and clutch.

Mobile office!



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1962 Austin Healey 3000 BT7

Engine overhaul 2000 miles ago. New top, interior, tires. Located in Detroit Lakes MN. \$44900 or best offer. Contact Paul Grinde at paulgrinde22@gmail.com or 701-261-1755.



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For Sale: Healey parts from 1958 100-6 and 1960 3000.

Photos available. Make offer on all or any.

1. Steering wheel with trafficator. Original and complete. Good condition.
2. Complete set of SU HD6 carburetors. Unused since rebuild w/polished dashpots.
3. Original 3000 starter. Cleaned, Healey green. Works.
4. 2 original radiators. One cleaned and pressure tested. One original from 1960 3000.
5. 2 bumpers need chroming. Pair of side curtain frames. Original regulator.
6. Hard top aftermarket. Fair condition, black. No hardware included.
7. Other miscellaneous Healey parts.
8. Pair of original front bucket seats from 1975 Triumph TR6. Good condition.
9. Assorted body parts and complete dash with gauges. Engine & trans. complete.

Email inquiries to: tom.hendel1225@gmail.com



For Sale 1964 Austin Healey Sprite Mk2 (AN7) - Red/Red/Red - 18,187 Original Miles, A True Survivor

Original paint and interior (plus new carpeting). Equipped now with a Datsun 5 Speed OD Transmission, a "warmed up" rebuilt 1275cc Series "V" Engine with approx.80hp, a Weber Progressive 2V Carb, and Pace Setter Headers with new Sprite muffler. (The Original 16,000 Mile 1098 engine, carbs, clutch, radiator, and generator et.al. goes with the sale)

Original paint, chrome, interior, top, tonneau, windows, jack and tools, no rust (ever) body, but with new: Gas tank, Lucas electric fuel pump, new shocks, Lucas road lights, 50 Amp (German) Lucas alternator/negative ground, Optima Red Top battery, wood rim steering wheel (have original perfect steering wheel), Blaupunkt AM/FM/SW analog radio, special dual outside mirrors, and special positive crankcase ventilation system. Most running of the gear seals and bearings have been replaced. All instruments have been serviced and cleaned and operate as designed. (5) New tires (155R13) installed less than 2000 miles ago. Disc wheels / AH hub caps. I have the original manual, a Factory Service Manual, and the Rivergate Service Manual for the Transmission. The Sprite runs absolutely **great** and it is **fast**. Buy it and drive it anywhere (or home!!) More pics for serious buyers and information available. Over \$35,000 invested. My hands and hips are giving out....Asking \$19,000. FOB Minneapolis, MN. I am the second owner since new. Call Allen at 952-927-6187 (please leave message if I am out) or email: ahi777@aol.com



2016 Events Schedule

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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. 729 Marshall Street N.E., Minneapolis. Map at <http://elsies.com>.

New! On the first and third Saturdays, the East Ender's Breakfast Group meets at 9 AM at **Brookside Bar & Grille** 140 Judd Street, Marine on St Croix MN 55047
<http://www.brooksidebarandgrill.com/>

InterMarque Newsletter

Check out InterMarque's multi-marque calendar in their latest newsletter for even more car events!

InterMarque.org



2017 Breakfast Planning Meeting

Saturday December 3, 2016
 9am breakfast • 10am meeting



Joseph's Grill
 140 Wabasha Street South
 St Paul MN 55107

Please join your fellow club members in planning our events for the upcoming year!

Calendars provided.

Board of Directors meeting will follow the planning meeting.

Minnesota Austin Healey Club Inc.
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M A R K E T P L A C E

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A photograph of a paved road curving through a dense forest. The trees are displaying vibrant autumn colors, including shades of orange, yellow, and red. The road is asphalt with a double yellow line in the center.

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club
Fall Color Tour
Sunday, October 16, 2016
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A graphic design featuring a red ribbon banner in the upper right corner with the text "RSVP by Nov 4". Below the banner is a photograph of autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, set against a background of white clouds.

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