



The Healey Enthusiast

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Brian Duos getting ready to test his skills at Waumandee !

OCTOBER EVENTS

Wed.	Oct 3	PIE Meeting
Sat .	Oct 6	Adopt-a-Hwy Clean-up
Sat.	Oct 13	MG Fall Tour

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President's **I**nformal **E**vening**Date: Wednesday October 3rd, 2018****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:

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President Dave Hatzung's
Very Presidential Column

The temperature wasn't quite 50 degrees, totally different than a year ago. There wasn't frost on the grass or windshields. I imagine at 5:30 AM, that **Tom Hazen** and **Joel Kuehl** and the rest of the set-up crew for this year's Waumandee Hillclimb were a bit chilly, but yet mildly pleased that they didn't have a 100 degree day to look forward to.

As my brother and I headed out to our car, it was a bright beautiful day. We checked the trailer hitch and the tie downs to make sure all was snuggled down safely and headed to Alma WI to grab some breakfast.

Met **Roger Kraemer** ('75 Triumph Spitfire, which is for sale) at the restaurant. We talked cars and chowed down, then headed to the paddock for the race. We kept heading and heading and following the pink arrows. Somehow we had gotten turned around; because all of a sudden, heading toward us was about eight cars. Fortunately the lead one stopped and told us to follow them, so we turned around and got in line.

While that was going on I still felt inside that I knew it was the other way and that all these other guys, including my brother **John** (who was driving) were wrong. We should have turned right down Yaeger Rd. Turns out they were all right, and I was wrong. Oh well....

Anyway, we made it; and John drove in the morning. I helped at #8, and then John helped in the afternoon at #7 when I drove. I did drive this course in 2016 with my BJ8, and it was fun. I have to say that driving the Midget this year was also fun. Two totally different rides!

BUT, the highlight for me was when my nephew, **Marshall Holt**, showed up towing his Ratrod. **OMG**. What a vehicle! Unfortunately, he had missed the drivers meeting and the fun run; so he could not drive it on the course. **BUT**, he wanted to see what the car would do and offered to let me take it out. Well, the thing is pretty scary. It is a stripped down 1930 Willys Whippet with a huge engine, huge slicks on the back, with pretty big ones up front. My brain was going back and forth...should I, or shouldn't I? After giving it a lot of thought...like 3 ½ seconds... I got in the car.

Marshall gave me some pointers - the major one being "be careful"! I took off and lined up with the race cars in a special heat. I said a prayer about not doing anything stupid, held onto the cross hanging on my neck, said giddy-up, and gave it my best. I could go on and on about what an experience this was but will have to continue the story later.

I do have to say 2 things. The first is THANK YOU to **Marshall**. The second is HOLY \$^&%*!, what a thrill! Oh, and a third comment – THANK YOU TO **Tom Hazen**, and his crew who made this day possible. It was a true bucket list day for me. Hail the **Minnesota Austin Healey Club** again for giving so many fun opportunities to car enthusiasts all over the upper Midwest.

The Presidents Informal Evening

By Jim Manion

Recent events –

- Herreid Pizza party - Herreids not in attendance, but those that were there said they had a great time with delicious pizza.
- The New Brit Fest - June Moerke reports her jams and jellies sold very well. She also brought extras to the meeting to sell.
- Royal British Car show - cancelled
- Amery Airport Run - Greg Willodson said it was sold out. He noted the "top speed" on the speed run was by a Chevelle.
- Polo Event - some confusion over this being cancelled. Apparently it is still on, but the guy who runs part of it is ill. His part is what was cancelled. I do not know him, but Eileen Wetzel agreed to send a card to him from the club. Dave Hatzung knows him and can provide the name/details, if needed.
- Brainerd Race Track - Rich Stadther reported that there was a great Healey turn out. Apparently there was 3 bug eyes racing, and Eileen might have a good picture of the event that we can use. Eileen also said there was a great boat show at Bar Harbor the same weekend.
- The Monterey Car Show - Dick Mathews attended this event for the 25th year! He said it was another great show with many Healeys present. You can ask him about his comments on San Francisco's "poop patrol", but we will refrain from including the details. He did suggest that there were job openings in this area, if anyone is interested!

Upcoming events –

- Fall Vintage Race Festival - Eileen Wetzel needs to know who will be attending the event. She can put them on the crew list, so they can get free admission.
- Wayne Soderbeck Backwoods Party - Wayne apparently has some health issues and will not be able to hold his event this year. It has been cancelled.
- Waumandee Hill Climb - Tom Hazen has put out a call for volunteers to this year's event. The Hill Climb is back at Blankenship Road and Tom needs at least 11 volunteers (comes with free admission, lunch, and a broasted chicken dinner). Currently he has only 4 club members signed up. If you can help out, please contact Tom.

Continued....

The Presidents Informal Evening

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Club Status Reports –

- Club humor - Tom Politiski not in attendance
- Board Report – Cheryl Rademacher said that there have been no actions.
- Membership - Jim Kriz reports that membership is holding at 84.
- Treasurer Report - No major activity per Liz Stadther
- Conclave 2019 - Greg, Gary and Eileen provided an update. We currently have 95 registrations (which equates to approximately 190 individuals). For example - 10 of these are from California and 6 from Georgia, so we're getting registrations from across the country. Considering the event is almost a year away, this is an excellent response. The expectation is that it will be very well attended by Healey owners. They expect the Mountain Grand Hotel will be completely booked shortly, but many other hotels are available nearby. Since a total of 217 hotel rooms were reserved for the event, almost half are already gone! The change to move the start date a day earlier has introduced some challenges to the planning team for event scheduling, but they are working their way through it. The planning team has requested Minnesota Healey Club attendees to arrive a day early on Sept 5th to help with setup. The last Healey Marque Magazine used the old start date, but it will be corrected in a future issue.

Tonight's attendees:

Dave Hatzung, Dick Mathews, Dave & Cheryl Rademacher, Nancy & Greg Lauser, June & Tom Moerke, Clarence Westberg, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Jim Manion, Dan Powell, Jeff Lumbard, Scott McQueen, Jim Kriz, Tom Hazen, Dick Leighninger, Liz & Rich Stadther, Gary & Eileen Wetzel.

This is what
Dave Hatzung is
dreaming about
.....after last
weekend.....!



2018 JACK PINE SPRINTS

Brainerd International Raceway

August 25-26

By Scott McQueen

We were lucky the entire weekend with the weather, as we avoided rain even though it was close by and forecasted.

This race weekend is organized by the local SCCA. Our local club VSCR sublets time between their race programs. That said, we are the largest group out there when we run in one class - combining a variety of cars and horsepower.

I can summarize the weekend as a lot of fun for the 3 big Healeys. We were on the track together each time nearly in a string, firmly placed behind the front running big horsepower V8's and ahead of the smaller 4 cylinder racers.

Qualifying, we went out together staying on each other's bumper as we lapped the track. Jeff Johnk sat out the first session, as he was helping daughter Jessica prep for her first session.

What a great race for Eileen as this weekend was a real coming out party for her and #202! She said that "it felt like it all came together" and it certainly did. Now I know my challenge ahead...#202

The Healey club friends finished in the following order.

The Saturday afternoon results were:

6th Jeff Johnk (best lap 1:50.637)
9th Rich Stadther (best lap 1:54.259)
13th Scott McQueen (best lap 1:57.605)
14th Eileen Wetzel (best lap 1:57.517)

Next up is the Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival - next weekend September 14-16.

The last race of a wonderful season. Hope to see you there.

(these are excerpts from Scott's complete report, Ed.)



VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival September 14-16 at Road America.

By Scott McQueen

Our group of big Healey's from Minnesota all made the trip plus a number of reliable and "fairly reliable" crew and members of the Minnesota Austin Healey club:

Jeff Johnk, Eileen Wetzel, Dan Powell and Scott McQueen all brought our Austin Healey race cars.

Other racers from MN club included Rich Stadther with his Elva Courier and Jesssica Johnk with her BMW. Crew included, Jeff and Scott Lumbard, Gary Wetzel, Carol Johnk, Liz Stadther, and Jake Powell, along with fairly reliable friends Mike Manser, and Brian Crombie.

Saturday visitors included Tom and Kaye Kovacs of Fourintune and Bill Emerson, Healey aficionado extraordinaire!

We had a full weekend of racing at beautiful Road America as the weather cooperated with hot humid summer-like temperatures each day. My cool shirt system was in constant use and hydrating was the theme throughout the day.

Saturday evening we went to downtown Elkhart Lake for the Gather on the Green Car Show. This is a nice show on the lawn of the Osthoff Resort at the edge of quaint Elkhart Lake. There was a large variety of cars at this traditional fall show. Of special interest to our group were 4 beautifully restored Austin Healey's on display (one BJ8 and 3 100m models). Alan Thom's freshly restored (finished earlier in the week at Fourintune Garage) 100m gorgeous black over black wire wheels took the honors. I don't know how the judges could decide. They were all so beautiful in the setting Wisconsin sunlight.

One thing to note about this race weekend is that it included a "60th Anniversary Celebration of the Austin Healey Sprite". It was originally designed as an affordable entry level sports car from the Austin-Healey Motor Company, and also became an affordable way into sports car racing and later vintage racing. There were 36 Sprites registered to race, and they are also a group 2 car. This is the same group as the larger Austin-Healey 100-6 and 3000 models. This large turn-out of cars added to the size of group 2 dramatically, so we were dealing with nearly 90 some cars racing in our group. That also added to the speed differential between competitors.

Our MN big Healey's all fell into the Sheldon Cup Race and so did Rich's Elva and Jessica's BMW. So, this race was the first chance for Father and Daughter to be in the same race!

Sunday, the last day of our racing season...a bittersweet day as the racing was as great as were the cumulative memories of the entire racing year. Looking forward to next season! Scott

Best weekend lap times:

Jeff Johnk	2:50.156
Scott McQueen	2:52.817
Eileen Wetzel	2:52.821
Rich Stadther	2:57.587
Jessica johnk.	2:57.953
Dan Powell	2:58.836

(excerpts from Scott's weekend report, Ed.)



Breaking News!!!

New Conclave Dates are Sept. 6-11; Hotels Offering Same Rates B4 Conclave

To secure room nights before Conclave 2019 it now will begin Friday, Sept. 6 and end Wednesday morning, Sept. 11.

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club is excited and looking forward to hosting Conclave!

Conclave 2019 will begin one day sooner for two reasons:

- Misunderstanding between organizers and hotels;
- Early enthusiasm for Conclave 2019 has been tremendous so **all available rooms set aside after Conclave already have been booked!**

To meet anticipated demand for additional hotel room dates, the Minnesota Club has negotiated Conclave 2019 discounted rates that begin the night of September 4 and are effective through the night of September 10. As a result of those negotiations:

- Anyone who already has booked reservations after those dates and wants to keep them will have those reservations honored by the hotels; and you may add earlier nights – September 4, 5 or 6 – at the same daily rate.
- OR, anyone already holding hotel reservations for September 7-11 may change them to begin one day sooner and add September 4 and 5 to their reservation at the same room rate.
- **Minnesota Austin-Healey Club members helping host Conclave 2019 are urged to arrive/check-in to their hotel on September 5 so they can assist with final details that day.**
- **YOU MUST REGISTER FIRST for Conclave 2019 to get the password and your individual five-digit code necessary to reserve rooms at the hotels.**

Because of reservation system limitations, the Holiday Inn Express cannot take reservations until October 2, 2018. The other two hotels are now taking reservations.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

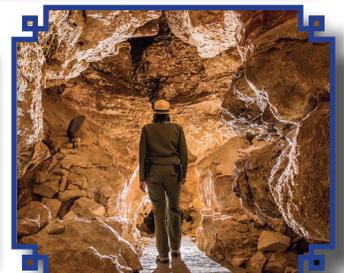
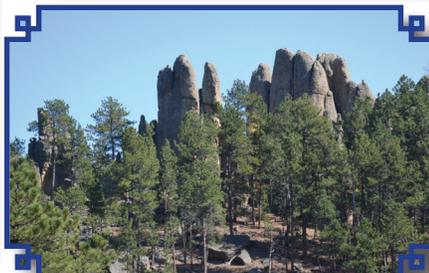
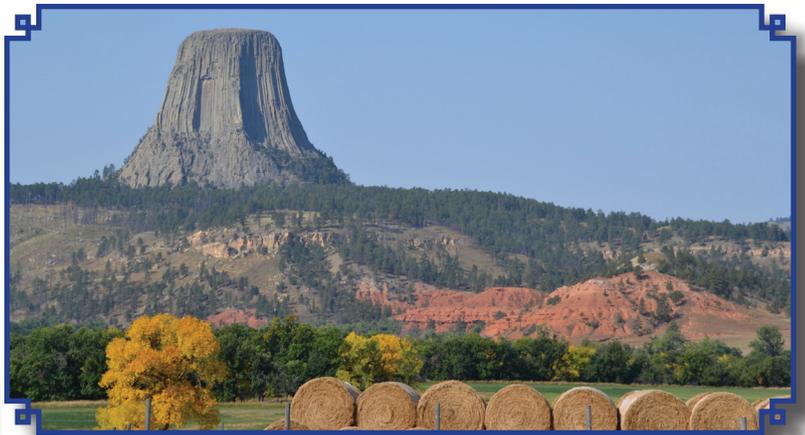
We look forward to seeing you in Deadwood!



CONCLAVE 2019

DATE CHANGE -- September 6-11

**OH, WHAT WONDERS YOU WILL SEE
ON ROADS AROUND DEADWOOD SD**



From Top Left: Crazy Horse Monument . Mount Rushmore National Monument
Devils Tower National Monument . Wind Cave National Park
Custer State Park Needles Highway & Curious Burros . Badlands National Park

Register for Black Hills Conclave 2019 @ www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019

Waumandee 2018

Geoff Rossi

The seventh running of the hillclimb celebrated a return to the 2.3-mile stretch of Blank Hill after a three-year hiatus. The break was due to a few severe storm washouts requiring major repair by the highway department.

As the weekend weather was developing there were rain showers on Thursday that negated the road sweeping effort by the county highway crew. A dry but cooler temp Friday evolved into a nice sunny Saturday. Many of the big-engine cars competing ran nicely with temperatures in the mid-60s. The rainfall on Thursday evening brought the debris back onto the road, and brooms were manned both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

The official start of the event was pizza and Spotted Cow at Suncrest Gardens Farms near Waumandee on Friday evening. This included a convoy of cars leaving Danzinger's Winery in Alma with a preview driving tour up the course on Blank Hill.

At 9AM the hillclimb kicked-off and continued until nearly 6PM with a total of 181 starts by 40 drivers. Those staying the entire day enjoyed six runs. The quickest time was a 1976 Triumph Spitfire clocking 2:26, and several other entrants came in under the three-minute mark. Eight Healey Club members participated. Many others volunteered. Dave Hatzung proved to be multi-adaptable by piloting two different vehicles—a 1930 Whippet and a 1976 MG Midget. There were other unusual cars running, but the Whippet was certainly the most notable.

In all, it was a fairly clean day penalty-wise considering the course had eight chicaned corners with 181 runs for a collective of 1448 opportunities to hit a cone. Only six were tipped ! You could take that even further with there being four hay bales in each chicane and eight on the last.

Communications along the course were much improved and nearly flawless, thanks to volunteer ham operators from the nearby Winona Amateur Radio Club. They positioned themselves at each corner and at the start and finish lines. Hopefully, they'll return next September.

Sunday morning's departure from Alma provided a remarkable sight. An estimated 500 white pelicans flocked and floated within fifty yards of Highway 35. It was a reminder that with this migration, there is something else white coming to the area all too soon.

Note: If you have a curiosity to see what it would be like to ride the hillclimb as a passenger in that 1976 Spitfire, you can log on to <https://youtu.be/HT3Sigal.-Qg> or search YouTube for "Waumandee Hillclimb 2018"

Waumandee 2018



Tom Hazen going over the course rules



John Hatzung



Phil Dawson

Eileen Wetzel



*Adopt-a-Highway Pick-up
~The Autumn Splendor Edition~*

*Come see and collect the bounty our little section of highway heaven
has produced this year!*

*We will meet on Saturday October 6,
9 a.m. @
Veterans Highway Roadside Park
U.S. Hwy 61
(Just north of Lake City)*

From there we will go to north to our highway section

- *gloves and vests will be provided*
- *Lunch at the Smoking Oak Rotisserie will be provided by MAHC*

Questions? Contact Dave Herreid at 651-334-3878 or by email:

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~ See you there ~



Rendezvous 2019



Back to the '70s

The Minnesota MG Group invites you to
Rendezvous 2019!
June 6th - 9th



Experience Rendezvous in Wisconsin

It's time to get behind the wheel and see the breathtaking views! You'll drive on roads that twist and turn through the countryside with stunning scenery that's never ending including rolling hills, bluffs, streams, rivers and lakes.

Some of the Event Details:

- + Rally's to Excite the Driving Senses
- + Domestic Local Winery Tours
- + Tech. Sessions for the Guys and Gals
- + Wine and Cheese Tasting
- + Car Show on the Green
- + Funkanna Skilled Driving Event
- + Self-Guided Country Tours
- + Awards Banquet with Entertainment

Host Hotel: The Best Western Plus Conference Center
3340 Mondovi Rd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
(715)838-9989 or 1(800)780-7234

Alternate Lodging: The Hampton Inn by Hilton

2622 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin (*It's just down the road from the Best Western*)

(715)833-0003 or make your reservations on line by visiting the MN MG Group website Rendezvous page.



For more Information and to Register for this Event visit the MN MG Group website
www.mn-mgggroup.org
or

Contact Diane Rindt at:

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29th Annual
Vintage Sports Car Event,
Rendezvous





MG Fall Colour Tour Saturday, October 13

Begin with a leisurely drive through the Minnesota River Valley ending at the Sovereign Estate Winery by Lake Waconia. A picnic area has been reserved and you may either bring a picnic lunch or partake in the pizzas, cheese boards, dips & spreads the winery offers.

Please bring your picnic baskets, whether you are packing a picnic lunch or not. Place your fancy, antique, vintage, wicker, modern, or homemade picnic basket on your luggage rack or in your trunk. Prize for best picnic basket and drawing other prizes too!

Meeting Location: SW corner of the Eden Prairie Mall by McDonalds & Starbucks. Arrive after 9 with departure time of 10 AM sharp.

Ride Coordinator: Cindy O'Brien – cindyobrien57@comcast.net

Events Schedule

- Oct. 3** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 6** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements made by Dave Herreid. See page 12.
- Oct 13** **MG Fall Tour** – (Sat) Enjoy the colors of Fall on the WI roads with the MG friends. See page 14.
- Nov. 7** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 10**** **Mathews Model Train Event** – (Sat) Come and watch what Dick has accomplished in the past year ! Multiple trains, beautiful buildings, & bridges on display.
- Nov. 17** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual dinner, election of officers, and business meeting will occur on this evening at Joseph's Grill.
- Dec. 1** **PIE/Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2019 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Kim Rixen at Joseph's Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

Please note that the 2018 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete. Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.

** **New date. Please note !**

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





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For Sale:



1965 AH 3000 BJ8 Mk III. Have owned the car for many years and made many improvements. Now my ailing back prevents me from driving the car. Please contact Bob Bell at 218-310-0374 or email to rgbell63@gmail.com . (7/18)

For Sale: A set of four 72 spoke wheels with tires. The wheels are not pretty, but functional. I also have four used 60 spoke wheels. Two are mounted with tires. From an unfinished project started in 1992, 32 long, 64 short spokes and 96 nipples together with a spoke wrench (all new in the box). I would like to sell the whole kit and caboodle as a lot. Best offers. Email Barry Wahlberg at geo4bar@gctel.com

For Sale :



1964 Austin- Healey 3000 BJ7. 72 spoke chrome wires, overdrive. Original engine runs great, a nice driver. \$39,000. Stephen Walburg, (612)272-7069 or swalburg13@gmail.com . (9/18)

For Sale :



59 Frogeye, exc. cond., new upholstery, top, many upgrades, such as elec. fuel pump, elec. rad. fan, high torque starter, remote oil filter. \$18,500 or BO. dcsundet@yahoo.com
715-386-3994 Doug Sundet (9/18)