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Stine/Lauser Summer Tour and Picnic

by Mike Manser

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Amery Airport Autocross III

by Tom Moerke

Tom Hazen's Amery event was even better than the first two. There were 60 entries including 1 super bike. Two cars tied for the fastest run at 136mph. One was a Ford GT as might be expected and the other was the unexpected 1988 Audi 4 door. With a stock 5 cyl. block no less. Paul Weidner lost his king of the hill title to a perfectly stock Toyota Spyder by .44 seconds. When you look at the cars Paul beat with his Speedwell Sprite, it's amazing a 50 year old design with only 1275 cc could do so well. The weather was well nigh perfect; The food at the Amery Girl Scout's Booth was so good they sold out by midafternoon; Tom Hazen asked those of us that ran for feedback on how to improve the event. I replied the event was perfectly done, and the only way to improve it would be if more vintage sports cars ran. After all, we are The Austin-Healey Sports Car Club. I know I look forward to Amery and Afton with great anticipation and by only adding air to my tires, putting masking tape numbers on the doors, and of course putting on the noisy muffler, I can be a "race car driver" in the Walter Mitty tradition. I would like to encourage everyone with an old sports car to come to the next event which is, too sad, next year. You can even take a passenger and it hardly slows you down. June rode with me on my last run and it was less than half a second slower than my fastest run. I am sure I saw four people in the Audi on its 136 mph run. Talk about ride share! Our great thanks to Tom Hazen for another great event, to Jay Griggs, Airport Mgr., for letting us play, Paul Weidner for designing the autocross, and all the corner workers for spending all day long keeping us safe.

September Events

Wednesday Sept 5 PIE

Saturday Sept 8 Wheels 'n Wings – Osceola

Friday September 14-16 Fall Vintage Race Festival – Road America

Saturday Sept 15 MMGG Winery Fall Festival Visit see page 9

Sunday Sept 30 Wine Tour of St. Croix Valley see page 7

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Presidential Polemical Exhortations



By Mike Manser

Hello Healeyphiles

“A milk truck.” Greetings everyone. I have two things to report this month. First, I want to extend a sincere thanks to Carl and Betty Stine and to Greg and Nancy Lauser for hosting, arranging, and throwing a fantastic cookout. On the menu was BBQ better than I have ever had, corn that was so sweet and soft I could have taken it home to meet Mom, mashed potatoes that melted in my mouth, and chicken cooked to perfection. Oh, and desert so good and loaded with liquor I thought I was going to have a hangover. My mouth is watering just thinking of the succulence of the meal. The conversations and people were just as great. I recommend to anyone that they attend next year...and yes, please do ask either Carl or Betty for a tour of the toys. I am sure Betty would be more than happy to show you around.

The second item to report relates to the buried car treasure I mentioned last month. Linda Larson mentioned at the last Pie that when painters were pulling her car apart they found buried car treasure. Be sure to ask Linda about it. When my Dad first purchased his Healey 3000 we found several interesting things in the car. The most prominent was a Blatz beer tap on the top of the gear shift stick. In an old rusted out car (which it was at the time) the tap handle appeared be right at home and, at a ripe 14 years old, even I wanted beer to come out of the tailpipe when I shifted into second gear. Can dreams come true? When my Dad and I were tearing out the interior of the car we found that the previous owner had used license plates to form the pans of each of the rear seats. Although each was riveted very nicely to the next, we decided the plates were not in line with our vision for the car. I would love to hear your stories about buried car treasure.

Lastly, although the temperature is dropping slightly and the days are indeed getting shorter I encourage you to join in with your fellow Healey friends at events through the remainder of summer. We have some great social and driving events. Perhaps we can encourage Betty and Greg to provide some great food while we design and build a beer pouring car. “What has one horn and gives milk?”

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PIE (President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday September 5th
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.

PIE REPORT

By Tom Moerke

PIE on Aug. 1st was a bit unusual. As the group gathered for dinner about 6:00 our attention was all on the TV screen showing the I35 bridge collapse.

Only 12 people showed up, Perhaps the lowest attendance ever. Why? Who knows but maybe a sense of unease. Those who came were Andy Lindberg, Linda Larson, Mike Manser, Dave Lee, Curt Carlson, Jeff Lumbard, Chuck Norton, Larry Nimmerfroh, Jack Stein, Bruce Hetrick, Greg Lauser, and Tom Moerke.

President Mike Manser started the meeting with the treasurers report showing how much money we had in the till. This led to a discussion on how to spend some part of it. Greg Lauser talked about the national AH organization planning to donate funds to the Make a Wish Foundation. Curt Carlson made a motion that the net proceeds from the Amery Speed Run on Aug. 25th be donated to the Make A Wish Foundation. This was seconded and voted on positively.

Jeff Lumbard brought to show and tell some pretty and pricey 'bling'. Actually it was a rocker arm assy. for a big Healey. Very nice.

Curt Carlson talked about the drive in movie. A lot of fun and we understand Wayne Soderbeck and Jan Huston stayed until the end of the 3rd movie! Was the sun coming up?

Tom Moerke discussed Rendezvous 09. It looks like the Americinn of Ashland, WI is the location on June 11th thru the 14th. Of 2009, of course. This is the same location the Jaguar Club wanted for this years rendezvous. Ashland is on Chequamegon Bay right around the corner from Bayfield, Madeline Island and the Apostle Islands.

Next PIE is Sept. 5th at Fort Snelling. See you all there.

Breakfast at the Peg

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:30 continues to be very popular! Great food, reasonable prices, & friendly LBC car enthusiasts make it a great place to keep in touch. **Meet in the room added on just for us!!**

The location again is:

**The Square Peg Diner
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.**



TECH TIP: by Ernie West Disassembly Of Anything

I just finished an engine rebuild that had three people involved before me. The original person took it out of the car and partially took it apart. You know, the parts are in the trunk scenario. The second owner sorted what he could find and what he thought was salvageable and took it to the machine shop. The machine shop further disassembled the engine and did all kinds of machining. Then I (the fourth person) received all of these pieces in bags, boxes, and coffee cans. This particular engine (British) is a nut and bolt nightmare. It has a multitude of different bolt types, threads, and lengths. Just the oil pan has 4 different types and lengths. And that continues at all other ends of the engine too. Some are Allen heads, some shouldered, some drilled, some with lock washers, some with flat washers, some with copper washers, and some with the tab locks or cotter keys. All of these were in coffee cans along with shims and six different sizes of oil gallery plugs. And here's the worst part, some weren't there.

So here's the tech tip: Take the time to identify each part and fastener. Use Ziploc or sandwich bags and put a small note in each bag where they came from. If necessary draw a map or diagram showing anything that's different, especially if lengths or shims vary and put that note in the bag with the parts. As far as the parts themselves, identify or mark them as far as what is front or back, top or bottom, right or left. Don't assume that pistons or rods are marked, or that some book will help you later. In cases of complicated or multiple hoses or wires, a still or video camera picture can save the day. If a particular bolt or stud holds a stack of parts, make sure you write which order they are in. Sure, this all takes time. But you'll make this time back many times over when you reassemble things.

Safe motoring!!!!!!!

DEAD LAKE MOTORS

REMINDERS FOR OCTOBER

3rd PIE
6th Adopt A Road
7th Fall Color Tour

MG GIRLS WINERY FALL FEST

MG Girls would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us for a day of meandering around at a local winery. Chateau St. Croix is having their Fall Harvest Festival on Sat. Sept. 15 - It starts at 11AM. It's located just outside of St. Croix Falls, Wi. There is no admission fee, but a small fee for tasting & tour. Local artisans & craftsmen displays. Gourmet foods by local Restaurants & live music. We will be meeting at Battle Creek Park, just south of 194, on Mcknight (by the water park), at 10:30 in the morning. You can get more info by going to www.chateaustcroix.com Hope to see you there, Diane Merrill (MG Girl & her Auxillary).

The VP REPORT by Tom Moerke

Fifty years ago in June of 1957 I was in the Minnesota National Guard spending two weeks of summer camp at Camp Haven, WI. The day before we were to come home two old gruff sargents asked me if I would back to Duluth in their car rather than on the bus. I was only too happy to do so. We left Haven the next morning in Sgt. Hayes 51 Desoto station wagon and I promptly fell asleep. I woke up to this wonderful sound. We were at the final corner at Road America watching the D-Jaguars roaring up the hill to the starting line at 140 mph. These two old sargents had not told me we were going here because they were sure I would spill the beans. They were right of course. We only spent a few hours at the track so we could catch up with the convoy and arrive back in Duluth at the proper time. It was a fast ride in the "D-type Sota as we called the station wagon afterwards. I loved Road America then and now. I returned in 1958 driving my 1953 red MG TD. I had discovered beer and bratwurst. Bratwurst in the fifties was unknown in Minnesota. We saw all the famous drivers of the 50ies and 60ies including Roger Penske, John Fitch, Briggs Cunningham, Jim Hall, and many more. In 1958 3 guys from the Iron Range won the national championship in their home made car, A devin bodied cut down 54 chevy chassis with a small block V8. They whupped the Jags, Maseraties, Lister Jags and the best Europe could offer. It was a glorious time. I didn't get there much in the 80's and early 90's but about 95 Doran Ventrucchi called me and suggested we go to Road America again. I had been on Doran's pit crew in 65 and 66 when he raced Porches. June and I were only too happy to go. The track was the same but the pit area had grown immensely. The bratwurst were now Johnsonville not the kind I remembered so fondly. This was a Cart Race and it was so noisy my teeth hurt. Then June and I started to attend the Sept Vintage Races. We drive over in the Midget but instead of tenting we stay at a nice hotel. Some things do change. Why am I telling this? Because in about two weeks we are going to Elkhart Lake and Road America again! Am I excited? You Bet! There are a lot of fun events in Sept. PIE on the 5th. Wings and Wheels on the 8th Wayne and Jan's winery tour on the 30th. But for me nothing will ever top Road America

MAHC Featured in Minneapolis Star Tribune

By Curt Carlson

Friday the 13th of July was a very lucky day for the Minnesota Austin Healey Club with a front page feature in that day's "Drive" section of the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Freelance writer Jim Bohan got most of his article's facts right, and he gathered a few photos from the "gallery" section the MAHC website. Steve Chirpich, Bob McIntyre, and Tom Hazen got their pictures in the paper and are now being asked for autographs every place they go. So, let that be a lesson to the rest of you. If you haven't gotten a photo to me to put into the website, you can't be featured the *next time* the Minnesota Austin Healey Club is featured in the paper! Contact Curt Carlson with your gallery photo and do it today!

Events Schedule 2007

- September 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- September 8** **Wheels 'n Wings** – (Sat) 8:00 a.m. Always a lot of cars and a lot of books. Airplanes, a train ride, hot dogs, and friendly people make it an enjoyable day in Osceola, WI.
- September 14-16** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Call Jeff J., Dan P., or Jeff L. for details.
- September 30 **** **Wine Tour** – (Sun) – We will venture to one of the local Taylors Falls wineries to taste some of the recent vintages. Should be delightful! Details page 7. Wayne Soderbeck, Jan Huston and Tom Moerke are coordinating
- October 3 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- October 6 **** **Adopt A Highway Clean-up** (Sat.) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to take place on this date. Details later.
- October 7** **Fall Color Tour**- (Sun.) The final drive of the year to enjoy the Fall tree colors. Details later.
- November 7 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- November 10 **** **Charity Event** – (Sat) Dale Martin will check the possibility of our club taking part in a food packaging charitable exercise. Details later.
- November 17 **** **Annual Business Meeting Party** – (Sat.) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer's Club. Details later.
- December 1 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2008 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Tom Moerke will select the site.
- December 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- December 8 **** **Tech Session** – (Sat) – Dick Mathews will check into the possibility of our having a Tech Session at a local shop that does custom mechanical work.

Events Schedule 2008

- June 5 – 8** **Rendezvous 2008 Pinawa, Manitoba**
- June** **Conclave 2008 San Diego**
- June 28 - Aug 3** **VELOCITY: the Art of Motion**
Automotive Fine Arts Show in Hopkins, Minnesota

Events Schedule 2009

- June 2009 **** **Rendezvous 2009 Ashland, WI (?) by MAHC**

** Denotes MAHC official club activity

ST. CROIX VALLEY WINERY TOUR AND PICNIC

WHEN: SEPT 30 SUNDAY ; RAIN OR SHINE

PARK & RIDE at I- 94 AND MN HWY 95 EXIT 258 (NEAR "THE BUNGELow")

MEET TIME: 9:00 TO 9:30 am; DRIVERS MEETING 9:30 am; START 9:45 SHARP

BEVERAGE AND PASTRIES PROVIDED

WE WILL BE TOURING THE SCENIC ST CROIX RIVER VALLEY .

ALL ROADS ARE PAVED. TOUR WILL BE ABOUT 100 MILES ROUND TRIP.

WE WILL BE VISITING AN APPLE ORCHARD, COMPLETE WITH NATURE TRAILS, HAY RIDES, BAKED GOODS, AND - -LOTS OF APPLES.

PICNIC LUNCH, BRING YOUR OWN AND A DISH TO SHARE, IF YOU WANT.

THIS WILL NOT BE A BLACK TIE EVENT. LAWN CHAIR IS OPTIONAL, A GOOD IDEA.

PICNIC SHELTER AND PICNIC TABLES PROVIDED.

WINE TASTING, TOUR OF WINERY AND ART GALLERY.

WINE TOUR IS OPTIONAL AT \$5 PER PERSON, WITH A FREE GIFT WITH TOUR.

NEXT STOP WILL BE A UNIQUE GIFT SHOP. PROVIDING US WITH FREE WINE;

CONTEST AND PRIZE 20 TO 50% OFF SALE ON MOST SEASONAL ITEMS.

LAST SCHEDULED STOP WILL BE AT A STILLWATER WINERY, INCLUDING FREE WINE TASTING AND GIFT SHOP. FINISHING WITH AN ADULT BEVERAGE OVERLOOKING THE ST CROIX RIVER FROM AN UPPER DECK FOR THOSE WITH STAMINA, FREE LIVE MUSIC AT 7:00 PM .

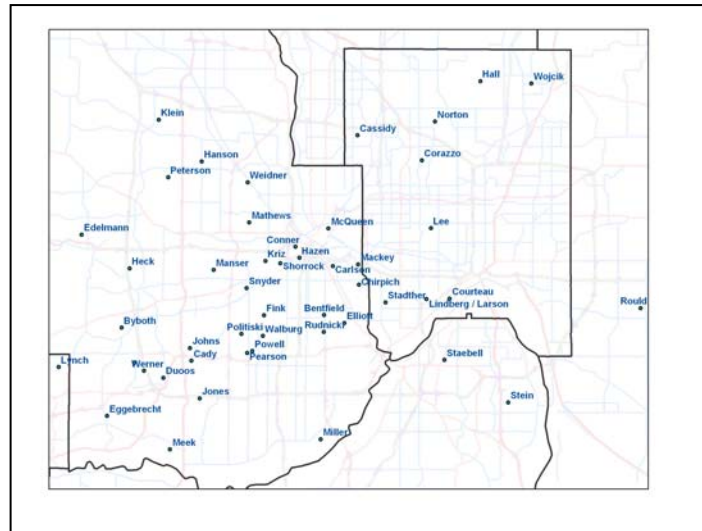
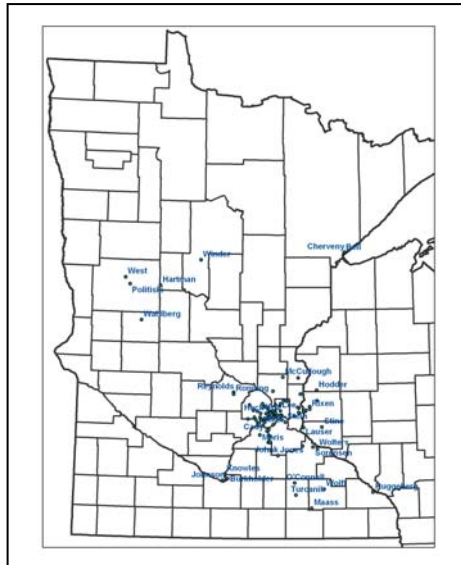
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MAHC Membership Distribution

As some of you know, I am a professional cartographer; one who makes maps. In reality, in today's digital age, my job is actually more of a data manager and database engineer and developer than cartographer. I spend the majority of my time managing and manipulating computerized map databases. I always thought it would be fun and interesting to plot the locations of our club members on a map, and I finally found a few minutes to accomplish just that. Not all of the members are plotted, as some of you have PO Box addresses and live out of the area. But for those of you for whom I can determine location, I have created these two views of the spatial distribution of the MAHC membership. Enjoy! Curt



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