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What dreams are made of...

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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PIE MEETING

FRI.- SUN. SEPT. 9-11

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SAT. SEPT. 10

WHEELS 'N WINGS/MORGAN PICNIC

SAT. SEPT. 24

CITY LAKES PARKWAY TOUR

SUN. SEPT. 25

CHEROKEE PARK PICNIC

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PIE**(PRESIDENT'S INFORMAL EVENING)****Date: Wednesday September 7th****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 !

Bring your appetite !

Location: **The Square Peg Diner**
2021 East Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55414

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Presidential Ponderings

By EILEEN WETZEL

The best driving weather is still ahead...don't keep it a secret, share the fun of Healeys!

The following is a contribution from guest writer Bridget Conlon (my daughter):

For the past several years, my parents have been involved with the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. Whenever I visit their home, Gary is in the garage and my mom, Eileen, is busy coordinating their next Healey outing - or in the garage working on the cars with Gary. At first, it was nice to see them sharing an interest and becoming passionate about such a fun hobby. But over time, when the Christmas cards had pictures of these little convertibles and family events rotated around gymkhanas, I started to resent these tiny old cars. That was, until they started asking me to come along.

My first Healey experience was the Afton Alps Hill Climb. Even though I contracted an STD (Slowest Time of the Day), I felt like I was driving 100mph; and though I didn't stay inside the cones on the course, I felt like a race car driver behind the wheel. And so, in my quiet time, I slowly started to appreciate these little cars.

It was late July or early August when my parents again invited me to accompany them on another Healey adventure. They drove together in Gary's Healey and I was granted permission to again get behind the wheel of my mom's car, with my boyfriend alongside me(update: now ex-boyfriend. I think he was intimidated by a woman driving stick, while he was in the passenger seat). On this perfectly cool and sunny day we drove to the rally point in Prescott, WI. There we were greeted by a fleet of Austin Healeys and their cheerful and welcoming owners. We all took off, one after another, through the rolling hills of Wisconsin. It was at this point I knew that I was hooked - on the car, not the boy. These beautiful, fun, charming cars provided the perfect excuse to get outside and enjoy the summer weather and socialize with an amazing and diverse group of people, which is what we did when we stopped for lunch at Betty and Carl Stine's beautiful country home. We all feasted on fabulous barbeque and desserts, visited with other members, and explored the beautiful gardens at their home.

It is now late August; and I am beginning to dread the snow of winter, because its presence indicates the end of Austin Healey season. I have been so fortunate to be included in sharing my parents passion, and so lucky to have met such a wonderful group of people. I cannot wait until my next chance to attend a Healey event - but next time, in my own car! Wouldn't I look cute in a Bug-Eye Sprite?



Bridget Conlon (future Austin Healey owner)

THE PRESIDENTS INFORMAL EVENING

BY GEOFF ROSSI

August 3, 2011

Meeting called to order: 7:09PM

President Wetzel presided

COMING EVENTS:

7th – Stine/Lauser Picnic. A one hour parade drive to the estate. Bring an appetite.

Brit Fest – in Hudson. Previously the Ellingson's Swap Meet.

14th -- Progressive Dinner. Starts with appetizers at Theresa & Curt's, progresses for main course to Kim & Steve's, then dessert at Jean & Chuck's. Bring a chair.

27th – Amery Autocross. Workers needed. Contact Tom Hazen.

28th – Hudson Rallye. Following , there will be a picnic at the Moerke's home nearby.

New date: Sept 24 – Tour of the Lakes by Dale Martin, Greg Lauser and Jim Kriz.

There was also discussion of the 2013 Rendezvous, which will be hosted by the MAHC. There will be more discussion about this at the Annual Meeting in October. The need will be for an Organizing Committee and volunteers to plan the event.

RACERS' REPORT:

Mike Manser gave a very descriptive report. July was a good month to be on the RoadAmerica Track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Everyone had some "issues". There was also some mention of Porsche driver's attitudes.

TREASURY:

Still maintaining a healthy balance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

Those present: Eileen & Gary Wetzel. Betty & Carl Stine, Liz & Rich Stadther, Jim Manion, Greg Lauser, June & Tom Moerke, Barb & Gary Ronning, Jack Stein & Caren, Spook & Britt Johns, Jeff Lombard, Jean & Chuck Norton, Diane & Geoff Rossi, Dan Powell, Scott McQueen, Mike Manser, Dave Herreid, Jim Kriz, Kim & Steve Rixen and Curt Carlson.



Lynch Mexican Fiesta - 4th Annual

By Mike Lynch

Main courses of Tacos, Tamales, and Enchiladas were provided again by our friend and caterer, Diane Cruz. Originally discovered by Elaine Brahms, Diane was married to a Mexican lawyer and learned to cook the authentic goodies from her mother-in-law. Sides and Margaritas were made by myself, Wendy Tweed, and Beth Flynn.

Food and fellowship were wonderful with fifty people attending....but oh my – the weather was brutal. Only the hardy and the foolish put in any deck or garage time. (The fine print in our flyer had a weather disclaimer listed, however!)

This event has steadily increased in attendance and the “two club” venue certainly adds interest. We reached our cutoff of 50 people this year, so sign up early next year !



2011 PIERCE COUNTY PARADE AND SOCIAL

Geoff Rossi

At promptly 13:30 the Pierce County Parade was underway with Greg Lauser in the lead of ten cars – six Healeys, one Jag, one Triumph and two BJ9s – from Pt Douglas Park over the alphabetical county roads of Wisconsin. Destination: Betty and Carl Stine's country manor and gardens.

During our drive the sky conditions changed from cloudy, to partly sunny, to partly cloudy, to mostly sunny. Excellent for "top-down". Although, we were on County Road K for only a mile and a half, it was quite impressive. It has been said before that we have some of the best Healey roads in the country, and they are in Southwestern Wisconsin.

After 45 miles of rights, lefts, and some straight-aways we arrived an hour later at the Stine's. There was chilled lemonade and sun-tea waiting on the veranda. The circle of lawn chairs was assembled; and the Social began, as we waited the final minutes until Chow call. There were munchies and conversation. Some photos were taken; and then, the dinner bell sounded. I am wondering how many superlative adjectives I can use? Suffice it to say, that this was quite a spread: pulled pork, brats and sauerkraut, ears of grilled corn, potato salad, coleslaw, Calico beans, green tossed salad and a pasta salad. Oh, have I mentioned dessert? No! How do two trifles sound - one chocolate and one tropical? How British is that?

As 6PM drew close, chairs were folded; goodbyes and thanks were being said. Pulling down the Stine's long driveway following the two Wetzel Healeys, one could not help but say "MY, WHAT A DAY!"

Many thanks to Betty and Carl Stine for opening their home to us. Thanks also to Betty and Carl and Nancy and Greg Lauser for their culinary skills and prep work. This was a joint effort by the four of them. It was fantastic.

Parade participants: Greg Lauser, Tom Moerke and Sharon Filiatrault, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Bridget Wetzel and friend Nate, Spook and Britt Johns, Diane and Geoff Rossi, Gloria and Mike Lynch, Steve Shogren, Dick Mathews, Chuck and Jean Norton.

Those awaiting the arrival of the parade: Betty and Carl Stine, Nancy Lauser, June Moerke, Dale Martin, and Jack Stein with friend Caren.





THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER AUGUST 14

By **Geoff Rossi**

There are a few things that can really make a Healey event outstanding. When you can combine them – now you're talkin'. Sunday's Progressive Dinner Drive did just that - driving and eating!

The eating commenced at Teresa and Curt Carlson's home in Shoreview just north of Turtle Lake. The array of cars parked out front drew a good deal of neighborhood attention. Between 2:00 and 2:30 their roomy deck filled with munchers and there was plenty to choose from. Veggies and dip, cheese and olives, a Caprese salad, zucchini quiche', salmon and goat cheese, mini toasts, prosciutto wrapped melon, bruschetta, and cold beverages were the appetizers laid out. There was much noshing until 3:15 when departure to the second stage was announced.

Curt and son Henry in their 100 led the caravan of drivers on a circuitous route to Kim and Steven Rixen's. At one point we completed a loop that had all 15 cars circling a small park to the bewilderment of neighbors and drivers. A half an hour later we arrived at the Rixen's cul-de-sac for the main course, which had a Greek theme -- a Greek village salad, rice pilaf, chicken kabobs, pita bread and chilled wine and beer awaited. There was plenty of space on the multileveled deck for folks to gather and converse while enjoying the goodies.

After everyone had eaten and was comfortably relaxed, the starting of Steve's 3000 signaled departing time to the Norton's for dessert. We headed east crossing 35E and turned onto Bald Eagle Boulevard for a tour past some of the stately lake homes - both old and new. This is a wonderful drive; because for a majority of it, the road hugs the lakeshore on the right side.

At Jean and Chuck Norton's we found the delights of the day: cookies, assorted bars, ice cream, and beverages - just the right thing to add a finish to the day. It had included the many elements that make the Healey Club so special – the nice driving (75 miles today), the socializing, the terrific hosting, and, of course, the many waves and smiles from people as 15 unique British cars passed. Many thanks to the hosts: Teresa and Curt, Kim and Steve and Jean and Chuck for the warm and welcoming hospitality.

Those who enjoyed a most perfect "top-down day" were: Gloria and Mike Lynch, Rose and Jim Klein, Jim Kriz, Linda and Andy Lindberg, June and Tom Moerke, Jean and Chuck Norton, Cheryl and Dave Rademacher, Kim and Steve Rixen, Diane and Geoff Rossi, Karen and Jeff Sartell, Lisa and Steve Fosdick, and Eileen and Gary Wetzels (in twelve Healeys and three BJ9s).







Let's see...which one would I

Hudson Car Show/Book Sale...to a Picnic at Moerke's

Editor

It was a slightly overcast coolish morning, but the day turned out beautiful for this gathering. Somewhere around 60 cars of all types and sizes showed at the car show – an interesting mix. The book warehouse was large and stocked thousands of books. Did not realize that this business was there. About 2:00 pm, the staff gave out Trophies based on popular voting. Member Bruce Hetrick walked away with a Trophy for his very nice AH 3000 BJ8 – congratulations Bruce!

We then made our way to June & Tom Moerke's house nearby. They have a very nice home in a beautiful setting - we could drive right in to the back yard! Tom and June have their three sports cars stored in buildings on the edge of the woods. June (and her staff) had been busy preparing food, and it was delicious and plentiful ! It was very relaxing to sit around the back yard enjoying the refreshments and food. Recent new members, Kent and Jane Brown drove to the events from Melrose, MN - Welcome! John Cumpton was there to encourage people to attend the Morgan-Healey Picnic at his home after the Wheels 'n Wings event. It was a great afternoon!

Member Attendees: Lausers, Moerkes, Ronnings, Stines, Hoods, D.Martins, Browns, B.Hetrick .



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Join Us for the 31st Annual Wheels & Wings Show

The 31st Annual Wheels & Wings Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show will be held Saturday, September 10, at the [L.O. Simenstad Municipal Airport in Osceola, Wisconsin](#). Show hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and gates open for entries at 7 a.m.

New Location!

We're excited to be in a new location this year! Our new space at the [L.O. Simenstad Municipal Airport](#) will provide more space for the auto show and will offer easier access to the air show. Come check out our new digs!



[View a slideshow of images from last year's show!](#)

Car Show

Bring your collectible car, motorcycle, truck or tractor and join our show. Or just marvel at the the 1,000+ vehicles of those who did! Entries will be judged in 16 categories with 32 different classes, including two specatator/participant awards.

There is **NO ENTRY FEE!**

Best-in-class winners will be named in each of the following categories:

British Cars (best in each class)

- Jaguar
- MG
- Mini
- Triumph
- Other British



**Jon and Suzanne Cumpton invite you to:
The Morgan/Healey Party**

Date/Time - Saturday September 10 – 3:00 PM

Location - 1021 93rd Street, Roberts, WI

Bring something for the grill for yourself, and one item to share.

Soda and water furnished - Bring your own wine or beer

RSVP by Tuesday, September 6th. to Jon @ 612-859-1483 or
email to jcbroke60@gmail.com

Jon will lead a tour from the Wings/Wheels in Osceola to the
Cumpton home, or you can go directly to the party east of
Hudson, just north of I-94 about 5 miles northwest of Roberts.
The Cumpions have a nice acreage in the country and Suzanne
has horses. This will be a fun do-not-miss party.

Steve Rixen is...



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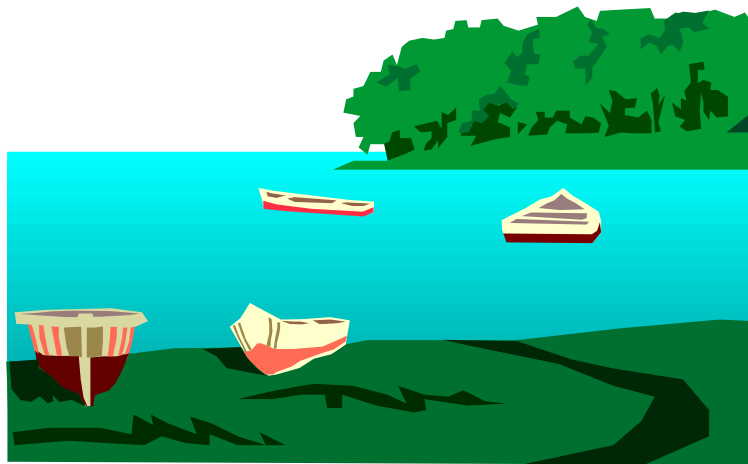
City Lakes Parkway Tour

Join Dale Martin, Greg Lauser, and other members of the Austin-Healey and Jaguar clubs for a scenic tour of the Twin Cities along and around the Mississippi River, Minnehaha Creek, and various lakes in both cities using the network of parkways that link them.

Note: Day and Date listed in the previous Healey Enthusiast calendar is wrong.

Tour is Saturday morning, September 24.

Drivers will gather and depart from the Ford Dam Overlook Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m. just south of Ford Parkway along Mississippi River Blvd. on the St. Paul side of the river (between the Ford Plant and the river). See the cities at their most beautiful from some of the best green-space roadways in the nation. After touring the circuit developed by Martin and Lauser, we'll return to Lowertown St. Paul for lunch at Joseph's Grill on Wabasha. See you Saturday, September 24 !



Fall Adopt-A-Highway Fete Set for October 1

The second of MAHC's two Adopt-A-Highway clean-ups for the year will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 when we meet at Veterans Highway Roadside Park on U.S. Hwy. 61 - just above Lake City, Minn. Once everyone has had a chance to "rest" at the modern facilities, we'll go north one mile to Villa Maria Roadside Park to distribute safety vests and garbage bags.

If it's raining and you spy no one at Villa Maria, check for the crew at The Whistle Stop Café in Frontenac Station just north of our two-mile highway stretch, where we'll wait for weather to improve while having breakfast.

Unless rain makes breakfast a priority, after the pickup is finished,

we'll adjourn to a nearby eatery for lunch. Look forward to seeing

you at Veterans Highway Park Saturday, Oct. 1. The more the merrier,

and the quicker we'll complete our seventh year of highway clean-ups.



Events Schedule.

- Sept. 7 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Sept. 9 – 11** **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., Jeff L., or Rich S. for details.
- Sept. 10** **Wheels 'n Wings/ Morgan-Healey Picnic** – (Sat) 8:00 am 31st Year! 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. Afterwards we will drive to Morgan owner John Cumpton's home nearby for the Morgan – Healey Picnic. See page 13.
- Sept. 24 **** **City Lakes Parkway Tour** – (Sat) Enjoy a sunny Saturday morning driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis. Arrangements by Dale Martin and Greg Lauser. See page 14.
- Sept. 25** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Oct. 1**** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Greg Lauser. See page 14.
- Oct. 5 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 9 **** **Fall Color Tour**- (Sun) A Fall drive to Murphy's Landing is being considered. Further checking and arrangements are being done.
- Oct. 15** **Couples Friendly Tour** – (Sat) Be out and enjoy the beautiful Fall colors in Wisconsin with our illustrious road event leader – Tom Hazen ! Details later.
- Nov. 2 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 5** **Charity Event** – (Sat) 9:00 – 11:00 am. At the Feed My Starving Children building. Dale Martin arranges this very worthwhile event each year. It is an enjoyable exercise for a very good cause.
- Nov. 19 **** **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.
- Dec. 3 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2012 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Geoff Rossi will select the site. BOD Meeting will be held afterwards.
- Dec. 7**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Dec. 17**** **Video/Testimonials Contest** – (Sat) This will be an interesting new event to be held at Dick & Karla Mathews' beautiful home. Don't want to miss this !
- ** - Denotes an MAHC club activity**

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