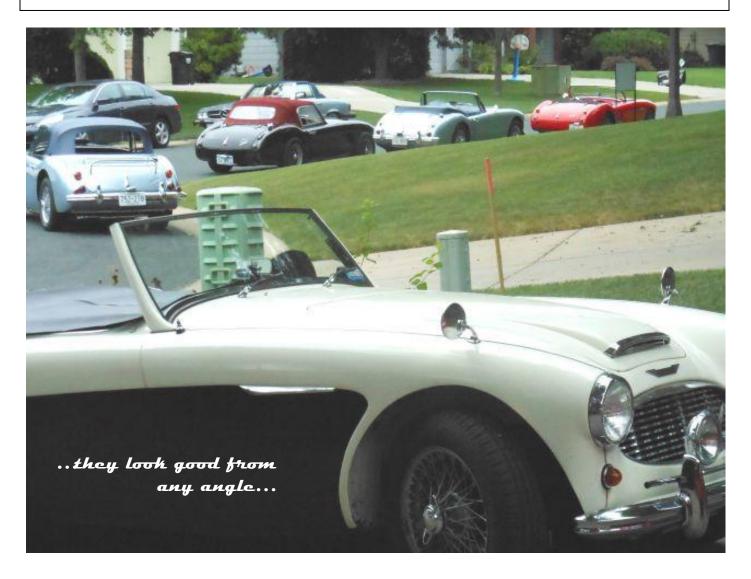


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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

WED. SEPT. 5 PIE MEETING

FRI-SUN SEPT. 7-9 FALL VINTAGE RACE FESTIVAL

SAT. SEPT. 8 WHEELS N WINGS

SUN. SEPT. 9 CITY LAKES PARKWAY TOUR

FRI-SUN SEPT. 21-23 WAUMANDEE HILL CLIMB
SUN. SEPT. 23 HEALEY-MORGAN PICNIC

SUN. SEPT. 30 CHEROKEE PARK PICNIC

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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.

## **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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# The Steering Column

By Geoff Rossi

## CHANGING PLACES

Zero Seven Hundred Hours. Leaving Northeast Minneapolis, headed to Amery and the Autocross.

Giorgio is behind the wheel of the Healey. This is one of the times each year I get to settle into the passenger's side - no shifting or braking, just watching the countryside roll past. Oh yes, there have been so many years that the positions were reversed - me driving and Giorgio wishing. Now it is great going east on Highway 36, the sun just breaking over the tops of the trees, and two big smiles.

We all know the rush of pleasure that comes from sliding in behind the wheel, that quick twist of the ignition key, and the explosion of exhaust. It's been many, many times for me in 40 plus years. There is quite a different feeling when you get to be the passenger with your son driving. He has watched you through all those years, and the shifting is the same as mine. Now, it is my turn to be passive and enjoy.

The top is down and the early morning air is cool, damp, and heavy. Big Healeys love this. The speedo is at 60, as we turn off Highway 36 and head through Stillwater for Wisconsin. We go over the lift bridge, up the hill onto Highway 64, and just cruise towards Amery. The road is nice this time of day. If you want to elevate the RPMs, this is a good time. We enter the airport checkpoint at 0815 - in time to grab an orange vest and a radio - and get positioned for the autocross to begin. There are a few hours of intense horsepower and noise, a break for lunch, and then start them up again.

At the lunch break it is time for the two of us to head for home. We really hate to do this. The best runs are in the afternoon. We take a bit of a different route home - through Osceola, then Hwy 95, and on to Hwy 36. The whole ride was great, but mostly it has been fun sitting in the right side seat while enjoying my son pushing the Healey. It's been a very good day!!



# THE PRESIDENTS INFORMAL EVENING

#### By Suzanne Willodson

August 1, 2012

President Geoff Rossi called the meeting to order at approximately 7:11pm.

#### Overview of July events

- July 1, 1982 marks the date our group was sanctioned by the National Healey Club. This is our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- July 12-15 Elkhart Lake Jeff Sartell gave a recap of the weekend at Road America. The weekend was blisteringly hot. There were great cars there including old Formula One cars, Lola T70 Marque, CAN-AMs and more. It was over the top as always! Everyone should go at least once to this event. See below for announcement of upcoming events.

#### Healey Hillclimb at Afton Alps on July 28

- Recap was given by Eileen Wetzel, Dick Mathews, and Greg and Suzanne Willodson
- Rich Stadther's Elva got a shout out from Tom Hazen (delivered by Pres Rossi).

Steve Rixen represented the Minnesota Healey Club at the Midwest Region Austin Healey Club of America Meet at Blackhawk Farms in Illinois on July 27. Steve got two hours of track time (four half-hour runs) and lunch for \$115. He'd love to see more members from our club make the trek next year if possible. It was a good time.

InterMarque picnic was on July 29. Curt Carlson drove the DeSoto to the picnic and contemplated stuffing a Lotus Elan in the trunk.

Announcements were made for August events.

September Vintage Sports Car Racing events were announced:

- September 1-3 Labor Day weekend VSCR vintage race with SCCA's Jack Pine Sprints Double Regional and Trans Am at Brainerd International Raceway. The best day is Saturday. Go to the BIR website for more information. BIR has greatly improved since new management took over, and it is worth going.
- September 7-9 Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival XVII at Road America

#### Rendezvous 2013 (June 6-9 2013) – Committee Report

- Eileen Wetzel gave an update
- The committee will begin holding more planning sessions starting in September
- Discussions about a band/music are underway

#### Waumandee Hill Climb - September 21-23

- Events are planned for the entire weekend
- The climb is on September 22 (or 23, if rained out)

PIE continued...

#### For sale

- Gary Ronning announced that he is taking orders for regalia.
- Also, if you've got anything to sell, see Gary to have it listed in the newsletter's Marketplace.

#### Special announcement – new members

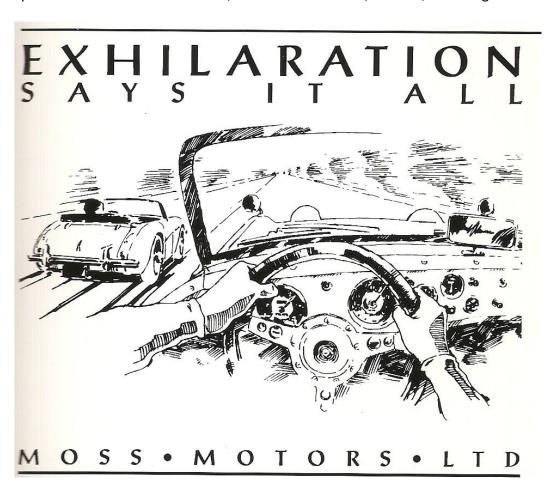
- The club welcomed our newest members, Dale and Sheila Olsen, friends of Carl and Betty Stine.
- The Olsens are from the Twin Cities and moved to River Falls in 1989. They have a classic roadster Sebring that they built in 1987 from Fargo ND (same company that built Betty Stine's car). They also have other vintage cars.
- Welcome!

Treasurer's report - Club is financially healthy

President Rossi opened the floor to members for any other announcements. There were no other announcements.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm

In attendance: Greg & Nancy Lauser, Jack Stein and Caren LaBelle, Dick Mathews, Jim Manion, Tom & June Moerke, Dale and Sheila Olson, Rich & Liz Stadther, Steve & Kim Rixen, Gary & Barb Ronning, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Jeff Johnke, Dan Powell, Jeff Lumbard, Carl & Betty Stine, Curt Carlson, Scott McQueen, Spook and Britt Johns, Daphne Walmer and Dave Herreid, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Jim Kriz, and Greg & Suzanne Willodson



# **JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....**

# July 28. Afton Alps. Hillclimb. WOW!!

It was Green, Red, and Blue driving groups all day long. The nearly four-dozen hillclimbers spent the day in euphoria. Those staying until the end accumulated at least seven runs through the figure-eight autocross and the challenging of the cones up the hill. The quickest was in just over 55 seconds.

Again, for the XI time, Mr. Hazen adds to his astounding history of Club sponsored driving events. Seriously, if you have not participated, have not worked, or have not spectated one of these, then you may not have an interest in anything more exciting than watching the dust settle on your Healey in the garage.

It was a great day (a bit warm, we didn't get the promised cloud cover) on the road up Afton Hill. Runners from the Club were: Eileen Wetzel, Rich Stadther, Dick Mathews, Suzanne & Greg Willodson and Tom Wolters. Among the volunteers: Gary Wetzel, Suzanne & Greg Willodson, Dick Mathews, Andy Lindberg, Greg Lauser, Mel Turcanik and Geoff Rossi.

It should be noted that an orange Jensen recorded the slowest time <u>down</u> the hill due to a mysterious ignition problem. Drivers and workers alike had a terrific day. Suzanne's comment was, "I can't believe how much fun this could be just being at a corner." Let's have more people from MAHC discover this as well. See you out there!

Geoff Rossi.



Tom & the Flag Girls

Gary & Greg keeping an eye.....



| Healey Hillclimb XI - Afton Alps - July 28, 2012 |                |               |                      |      |          |             |            |           |          |         |           |           |              |    |           |
|--|----------------|---------------|----------------------|------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----|-----------|
| FTD Driver                                       | Year           | Make          | Model                | Car# | 1st      | 2Run C      |            |           | 5Run (   | С       | 6Run C    | 7Run C    | 8Run         | С  | 9Run C    |
| 54.13 Matt Cramer                                |                | Mitsubishi    | Lancer Evo VIII MR   | 3    | У        | 54.13       | 54.73      | 55.22 2   |          |         |           |           |              |    |           |
| 55.53 Juan Carlos Esguerra                       | 2009           |               | JCW                  | 1    | У        | 57.78       | 57.52      | DNF       | 56.53    |         | 56.80     | 55.53     |              |    |           |
| 56.10 Tom Hazen                                  |                | Mitsubishi    | Lancer Evo X GSR     | 0    |          | 56.10       | 57.15      |           |          |         |           |           |              |    | '         |
| 56.15 Phil Ethier                                | 2005           | Lotus         | Elise                | 7    | У        | 57.27       | 57.50      | 58.08 1   | 56.34    |         | 56.15     | 56.73     | 56.32        |    |           |
| 56.28 Jeremy Fohrenkamm                          | 1976           | Triumph       | Spitfire             | 76   | У        | 57.47       | 57.35      | 58.37     | 57.69    |         | 1:02.02   | 56.28     | 58.06        |    |           |
| 56.66 Andy Burrington                            | 2011           | Subaru        | Impreza STi          | 144  | У        | DNF         | 59.59      | 56.66     | 58.63    |         | 57.89     | 57.11     | 57.17        |    |           |
| 57.76 Rich Stadther                              | 1963           | Elva          | Courier              | 95   | У        | 57.76       | 1:01.05    |           |          |         |           |           |              |    |           |
| 58.87 Josh Jutting                               | 2005           | Mitsubishi    | Lancer Evo VIII      | 15   | У        | 1:01.22     | 1:01.54 1  | 1;00.86 1 | 1:01.52  |         | 58.87     | 1:00.36 1 | 59.20        | 1  |           |
| 59.21 Kurt Schroeder                             | 2002           | Porsche       | Boxter               | 500  | У        | 1:02.70     | 59.80      | 59.21     | 1:00.39  | 1       | 1:00.83 2 |           |              |    |           |
| 59.41 Mike Hill                                  | 2007           | Ford          | Mustang Saleen 281SC | 328  | У        | 1:06.57     | 1:02.80    | 1:01.08   | 1:02.63  | 1       | 1:01.32   | 1:10.80 2 | 59.99        |    | 59.41     |
| 59.49 Ron Woodle                                 | 2009           | MINI          | Cooper JCW           | 999  | ý        | 1:04.54     | 1:02.07    | 1:04.38   | 1:00.41  |         | 1:01.19   | 1:00.40   | 59.49        |    | 1:00.02 1 |
| 59.90 Chris Peterson                             | 2006           |               | GP                   | 42   | v        | 59.90       | 1:00.43    | 1:01.02 1 | 1:04.13* |         | 1:02.28   | 1:01.38   | 1:01.46      |    | 1:01.73   |
| 1:00.21 Tom Depke                                |                | Pontiac       | GTO                  | 77   | v        | 1:03.97     | 1:02.52    | 1:00.84   | 1:01.14  |         | 1:00.21   | 1:01.22   | 1:01.44      |    | 1:00.74   |
| 1:00.42 Ryan Buck                                |                | Chevrolet     | Camaro               | 63   | V        | 1:02.22     | 1:01.02    | 1:00.50   | 1:00.42  |         | 1:01.12   | 1:00.82   |              | 1  |           |
| 1:00.58 Jay Silverberg                           |                | Chevy         | Cobra replica        | 111  | <i>y</i> | 1:00.82     | 1:00.58    | 1123.00   |          | +       |           |           |              | -  |           |
| 1:00.86 Don Gettinger                            |                | Chevrolet     | Corvette Z-06        | 4    | V        | 1:03.59     | 1:02.31    | 1:01.43   | 1:00.86  | +       |           |           |              | -  | -         |
| 1:01.08 Shayne Hopkins                           | 2003           |               | Cooper S             | 81   | V        | 1:08.95     | 1:08.13    | 1:06.60   | 1:06.21  | 1       | 1:02.48   | 1:01.93   | 1:02.34      | -  | 1:01.08   |
| 1:01.44 John Stevens                             |                | Chevrolet     | Monte Carlo          | 142  | У        | 1:14.62     | DNF        | 1:04.89   | 1:04.00  |         | 1:03.46   | 1:04.08   | 1:03.32      |    | 1:01.44   |
| 1:02.25 Mike Watson                              |                | Acura         | RSX Type-S           | 128  | V        | 1:03.37     | 1:03.02    | 1:03.63   | 1:02.96  |         | 1:02.68   | 1:02.25   | 1:03.06      |    | 1.01.44   |
| 1:02.71 Ronald Milke                             |                | Mazda         | Miata                | 133  | y<br>V   | DNF         | 1:04.73    | 1:04.15   | 1:03.41  |         | 1:03.56   | 1:04.02   | 1:02.71      |    |           |
| 1:02.91 Joel Route                               | 2007           |               | Mustang GT           | 174  | V        | 1:14.16     | 1:06.01    | 1:04.13   | 1:05.58  |         | 1:03.60   | 1:02.91   | 1.02.71      |    |           |
| 1:03.48 Andy Palmer                              | 2007           |               | 325i                 | 958  | ,        | 1:03.48     | 1:04.25    | 1.04.30   | 1.03.30  | +       | 1.03.00   | 1.02.91   |              | -  |           |
| 1:04.23 James Sadler                             |                | Mazda         | Miata                | 92   | У        | DNF         | 1:04.23    | 1:09.26 1 | 1:08.26  | 1       |           |           | 1            |    |           |
| 1:04.41 Siddharth Dani                           | 2012           |               | GTI                  | 35   | У        | DNF         | DNF        | 1:07.55*  |          | 1       | DNF       | 1:04.80   | DNF          | -  | 1:04.41   |
|  |                |               |                      |      | У        |             | DINF       | 1:07.55   | 1:08.35  | 4       | DINF      | 1:04.80   | DINF         |    | 1:04.41   |
| 1:04.61 Ryan Thompson                            |                | Mitsubishi    | Lancer Evo VIII      | 5    |          | 1:04.61     | 4.05.04    | 4.00.40   |          | 4       |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:05.01 Jerry Schroeder                          |                | Chevy         | Corvette             | 711  | У        | 1:11.96     | 1:05.01    | 1:06.10   |          | 4       |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:05.15 Kristin Palmer                           |                | BMW           | 325i                 | 589  | У        | 1:14.73     | 1:05.73    | 1:05.15   | 4 00 00  | 4       | 1.05.10   | 4 00 00   | 4.05.00      | _  |           |
| 1:05.16 Dean Borris                              |                | Toyota        | MR2                  | 147  | У        | DNF         | 1:05.90    | 1:06.47 3 | 1:09.20  | 4       | 1:05.16   | 1:06.09   | 1:05.06      | 2  |           |
| 1:05.22 Asad Khan                                |                | Ferrari       | F430                 | 78   | У        | 1:16.10     | 59.59*     | 1:05.22   |          | 4       |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:05.88 Dariusz Jezewski                         |                | Pontiac       | GTO                  | 113  | У        | DNF         | 1:06.82    | 1:03.88 1 | 1:04.17  | 2       | 1:07.37   | 1:04.16 1 | DNF          |    | 1:12.16   |
| 1:06.47 Mike Watson                              |                | Mitsubishi    | Lancer Evo VIII      | 5a   |          | 1:06.47     |            |           |          |         |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:07.38 Brady Abrahamson                         |                | Mazda         | Miata                | 331  | У        | 1:11.92     | 1:08.86 1  | 1:09.17   | 1:08.47  |         | 1:08.14   | 1:07.38   |              |    |           |
| 1:07.69 Denny McGinn                             |                | Toyota        | MR2                  | 2    | У        | 1:19.42     | 1:10.89    | 1:06.66   | 1:08.38  |         | 1:08.12   | 1:07.73   | 1:08.51      |    | 1:07.69   |
| 1:08.41 Bob Mortenson                            |                | Porsche       | 550 Spyder           | 130  | У        | 1:16.88     | DNF        | 1:11.13   | 1:11.89  |         | 1:09.46   | 1:08.83   | 1:08.51      |    | 1:08.41   |
| 1:08.41 Alex Nelson                              |                | Acura         | Integra              | 499  | У        | 1:18.43     | 1:11.76    | 1:10.45   | 1:08.41  |         |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:09.22 Tim Oudin                                | 2004           |               | Cooper S             | 52   | У        | 1:09.22     | 1:05.67 2  |           |          |         |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:09.31 Mark Brandow                             | 1958           |               | Arkley               | 12   | У        | 1:10.28     | 1:09.31    |           |          | $\perp$ |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:09.62 Phillip Brooksbank                       | 1974           |               | TR6                  | 22   | У        | 1:19.59     | 1:15.32    | 1:11.50   | 1:11.17  |         | 1:12.43   | 1:09.62   |              |    |           |
| 1:10.53 Bill Poppert                             |                | Jaguar        | S-Type R             | 47   | У        | DNF         | 1:08.53 1  | 1:09.36 1 | 1:08.47  |         |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:11.29 Brian Duoos                              |                | Jensen        | Healey               | 71   | У        | 1:14.04     | 1:13.36    | 1:11.70   | 1:12.29  | T       | 1:12.36   | 1:12.05   | 1:13.04      |    | 1:11.29   |
| 1:11.73 Tom Wolters                              |                | Austin-Healey | Sprite               | 8    | У        |             | 1:17.19    | 1:14.38   | 1:14.07  | 1       |           | 1:12.64   | 1:11.73      |    |           |
| 1:13.20 Rahul Gupta                              | 2009           | BMW           | 335xi                | 614  | у        | DNF         | DNF        | 1:16.94   | 1:15.62  | 1       | 1:14.73   | 1:13.20   |              | ı  |           |
| 1:13.29 Dick Mathews                             | 1955           | Austin-Healey | 100M                 | 100  | У        | DNF         | 1:13.29    |           |          | T       |           |           |              |    |           |
| 1:14.22 Jes Lahay                                | 1958           |               | Arkley               | 21   | y        | DNF         | 1:18.24    | 1:14.22   |          | 1       |           |           |              | ı  |           |
| 1:15.80 Greg Willodson                           |                | Austin-Healey |                      | 61   |          | DNF         | 1:21.45    | 1:17.77   | 1:16.94  | 1       | 1:15.80   |           |              | T  |           |
| 1:16.03 Eileen Wetzel                            |                | Austin-Healey |                      | 17   | У        | 1:17.00 1   | 1:17.10    | 1:21.93   | 1:18.88  |         | 1:18.32   | 1:16.85 1 | 1:16.03      | 1  |           |
| 1:33.38 Suzanne Willodson                        |                | Austin-Healey |                      | 16   | ľ        | 1:33.38     |            |           |          | 1       |           |           |              | 1  |           |
| <u>'</u>   | - <del>'</del> | 1             |                      |      | 42       |             | 44         | 37        | 32       | t       | 28        | 26        | 20           |    | 11        |
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# **Norwegian Picnic in the Woods**

**By Suzanne Willodson** 

Fred Ambli opened his beautiful home in Carlton, MN and hosted a Norwegian Picnic on Saturday, August 4.

The skies were quite gray, and it was already a little wet the morning before we set out; so many of us opted to leave our Healeys at home. Thankfully, there were one or two who braved the weather, so we weren't completely Healey-less. Thanks Lausers and Bob Bell! Two beautiful Jaguars also graced the area. By the time we arrived at Fred's, the weather had cleared up; and it ended up being a perfect day for an outdoor event.

Fred's home is nestled in the deep woods of Carlton at the end of a long and winding driveway. We admired the beautiful interior, but spent the entire day outside on the deck and in the yard.

Upon arriving, the grills were fired up and steaks were ready to go. There was a huge pot of corn on the cob, salads, and side dishes. The steaks were done to perfection – kudos to the cooks! After dinner, we had shortcake with strawberries. Everything was excellent!

A large group trekked out to Fred's garage to look over his Healey and held a brief tech session on windows. Fred described his experience installing a side window – two side windows – and how they both didn't survive. No solutions to the issue were identified, but we learned to take precautions when undertaking this kind of job. Some of us realized the advantages of keeping our side curtains in a bag in the boot.

Many thanks to Fred - and also to Gary and Eileen Wetzel, who were Fred's assistant chefs and organizers - for making this a memorable event!

Attending: Fred Ambli, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Mike & Gloria Lynch, John & Carol Shorrock, Greg and Suzanne Willodson, Bob Bell, Tom & June Moerke, Gary & Barb Ronning, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Chuck & Jean Norton, Steve & Kim Rixen, Spencer Angel & Donna Kennedy, and Geoff & Diane Rossi.



Fred & Eileen

# **Norwegian Picnic in the Woods**











# **Third Annual Progressive Dinner**

By Greg Willodson

Three Healey families hosted the third annual Progressive Dinner on Sunday, August 12. The afternoon was mostly cloudy, with rain all around us; but for the most part, we stayed dry.

The group started out at Curt Carlson's and Teresa Boyer's house in Shoreview. Appetizers were served and the party got started.

Next up was Kim and Steve Rixen's. The main course was chicken, served with a spinach and blueberry salad - as well as an orzo salad (awesome!).

Then we took a scenic drive over to Jean and Chuck Norton's house. Everyone was enjoying the ride until the "lead" cars noticed a shortage of "following" cars. Curt Carlson's 100, running midpack, had entered into a non-running state a couple miles short of the destination. Luckily, Curt had lots of capable Healey Club members behind him. Being a likeable fellow, he had little trouble recruiting help. Minutes later, Curt arrived at the Norton's at the end of a tow rope. He quickly diagnosed the problem as a faulty fuel pump. That was great news, because he just happened to have a spare in the boot. Chuck had all the necessary tools in his immaculate shop, and Curt had the lifeless pump swapped out in no time. After a few reassuring clicketty-clicketty sounds from down below, the car fired right up!

When the excitement outside ended, most of the pit crew moved inside to find some excellent dessert items.

Thanks to all our wonderful hosts for the great food offerings!

Attendees: Dick Mathews, Jim Kriz and friend Jan, Bob Featherly, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Byron and Susan Peterson, Jim and Patty Manion, Jim and Rose Klein, Greg and Suzanne Willodson, Curt Carlson and Teresa Boyer, Jeff and Karen Sartell, Greg and Nancy Lauser, Geoff and Dianne Rossi, Chuck and Jean Norton, Steve and Kim Rixen.

# **Third Annual Progressive Dinner**











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# GRACE'S MISSION: TO HELP THOSE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY CANCER

here are better cars you could choose for a 50-state, 75,000-mile drive than this tired 1953 Austin-Healey 100. Breakdowns come with wearying regularity, there's no top to offer protection from the sun or the rain, the booming exhaust assaults the eardrums, the underslung live rear axle has little ability to soak up bumps, and waves of heat radiate through the firewall and the thin steel floor that separates the driver from the exhaust pipe. In fact, "It's the worst possible long-distance tourer you could imagine," says its driver, John Nikas.

And yet, John and the Healey, nicknamed Grace, press on. Together, they cover about 800 miles a day, every day, as they zigzag their way across the country in a quest John has named "Drive Away Cancer." There's no support team involved, beyond the hundreds of strangers following Grace's progress and offering help-a new part, a place for the night, a tow—to help keep the drive going. Thousands whose lives have been touched by cancer have met up with John to write their name, or that of a loved one, on Grace's steel-gray bodywork; many have given John photographs and other keepsakes, in many cases a symbolic way of completing a journey for someone who lost their life. John has given rides in Grace to hundreds of children living with cancer, often going hundreds of miles out of his way to do so.

"If you're dealing with cancer, Grace is a vehicle that can allow you to forget what you're dealing with," he says. "For however long they're in the car, a child forgets that they have cancer, and that is priceless."

This wasn't the mission John had in mind when he set out on his first Drive Away Cancer journey last year. Then, his only goal was to offer encouragement to his friend Mike Newsome, who had recently been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. The Healey belonged to Mike, who had bought it sight unseen. It was an early BN1 model, from the first year that the Big Healey was sold in the U.S., and its equipment included a three-speed manual transmission with a dogleg first and electrically activated Laycock overdrive. The 2,660cc Austin pushrod four, equipped with two SU carburetors and rated at 90 horsepower, had enough power to push the roadster well past the magic 100 MPH mark when it was new, though Mike's car produced nothing near that, thanks to low compression. What better way to show Mike what was possible than to make a drive from California to the East Coast and back again in a roadster with an oil-guzzling engine and a rusty frame?

This year, John expanded the drive to include all 50 states, setting the finish line in Monterey. After that, Grace will get a place in the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles. But that won't be the end of Drive Away Cancer. John is encouraging enthusiasts everywhere to carry the torch through something called National Drive Away Cancer Day, set this year for August 11. Anyone with a vintage car can join in. "It's easy to do—it really is. Just get in your car and go drive, give a ride to someone and go to see someone."

You can read about John and Grace's adventures at his website, driveaway cancernow.org.



# City Drive



# Sunday Sept. 9 • 1:00 pm

We had a great time touring the city last year, so we are doing it again!

You are invited to take a scenic city drive through the parks and neighborhoods of the Twin Cities (40 miles).

We will meet at the scenic overlook for the Ford Dam on East River Rd, just south of Ford Parkway at 1:00 pm.

For the next two and a half hours we will wind through the parks and parkways of Minneapolis and through the neighborhoods of St Paul.

The Tour will end at Joseph's Grill on So. Wabasha for lunch.

Mark your calendar for a fun drive on Sept.9

If you think you will join us or have any questions, please email Dale.martin5@comcast.net (for restaurant count).





# "Enjoy the Healey-Morgan Picnic"

at John and Maggie Miller's home - 6000 Pine Grove Rd. Edina MN. (see map at this link - <a href="http://mapq.st/NzoidW">http://mapq.st/NzoidW</a>)

Bring something to grill, and a dish to pass. Beverages, snacks, plates, and utensils will be provided. Plenty of parking available.

We will start around 2:00 PM on Sunday September 23rd. Bring your swim gear if you like and it is warm. There will be a garage tour. It will be fun."

# **Events Schedule**

| Sept. 5 **  | PIE Meeting – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.  |
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| Sept. 7-9   | <b>Fall Vintage Race Festival</b> - 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 .8     | <b>Wheels 'n Wings</b> – (Sat) 8:00 am 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.        |
| Sept. 9     | City Lakes Parkway Tour – (Sun) Enjoy a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis. Arrangements by Dale Martin & Geoff Rossi. Page 14                        |
| Sept. 21-23 | <b>Waumandee Hillclimb</b> – (Sat) Tom Hazen's Ultimate Hillclimb. Plan to stay the weekend for all the fun. See page 13.   |
| Sept. 23    | <b>Healey-Morgan Picnic</b> – (Sun) Hosted by John & Maggie Miller at their home in Edina, MN. See page 14.   |
| Sept. 30    | Intermarque Picnic – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.   |
| Oct. 3 **   | PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.   |
| Oct. 6      | Fall Color Tour- (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.   |
| Oct. 13**   | <b>Adopt a Highway Clean-up</b> - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Greg Lauser.  |
| Nov. 3      | <b>Charity Event</b> – (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 and worthy cause. |
| Nov. 7 **   | PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.   |
| Nov. 17 **  | <b>Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party</b> – (Sat) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer's Club.          |
| Dec. 1 **   | <b>Planning Breakfast</b> – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2013 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Suzanne Willodson will select the site.                                       |
| Dec. 5**    | PIE Meeting – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.   |
|             | ** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity   |

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