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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 4

Fri-Sun. Sept. 6-8

Sat. Sept. 7

Sat. Sept. 15

Fri-Sun. Sept 20-22

Sun. Sept. 29

PIE Meeting

Fall Vintage Race Festival

Wheels n Wings

Ambli Norwegian Picnic

Waumandee Hill Climb

InterMarque Picnic

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PIE**(President's Informal Evening)**

Date: Wednesday Sept. 4th

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 !

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

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The Presidential Corner

By Suzanne Willodson

August was Valve Seal Replacement Month

Maintenance of the Healey is mostly Greg's thing; but from time to time, we work the car together in the garage. He might ultimately regret asking me if I'd like to assist him on projects - like converting the transmission to a 5-speed (that one went smoothly), or putting the car back together after doing a little body work to bash out the dents my Mom put in the car years ago (there was a bit of swearing). Despite an imperfect track record, he needed an extra set of hands, and I was available.

The project before us was replacing the valve seals. It seems Greg didn't like starting the car and being engulfed in blue smoke. I think it makes us look mysterious. Here are some of the highlights of the day in the garage.



Home-made Spring Compressor



Most
were
crumbs!



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Greg Willodson

August 7, 2013

President Suzanne Willodson called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Recap of recent events

July 18 -21 "The Hawk" at Road America, Elkhart Lake

- Jeff Lumbard and Dan Powell did the MN Healey Club proud with their 2 beautiful Healeys. When Tom Kovacs says your Healey looks nice, it probably does!

July 21 – Progressive Dinner

- This was a fantastic event on a beautiful day. Everyone enjoyed the scenic tour back from Buffalo to "The Cities", led by Gary Wetzel. Great food and refreshments too! Thanks to Ronnings, Wetzels, and Willodsons for hosting this year's progressive dinner.

July 27 – Woodland Hills Winery

- Threatening clouds dinged the attendance this year, and caused most of us to keep our hoods up, but it was still great fun!

July 28 – Mexican Fiesta at Lynch's

- Mike and Gloria put together a wonderful meal, on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon!

Upcoming events

Aug 10 - Britfest Car Show

- The MG Club is hosting this car show on Saturday morning in downtown Hudson on the riverfront. Dick's Bar is sponsoring prizes. Tom and June Moerke have done an amazing job getting press coverage for this event, and it should be lots of fun! Starts at 9am.

Aug 17 – Royal British Car Show

- Sponsored by Jaguar Land Rover Minneapolis, at their dealership in Golden Valley. There will be prizes for best vintage outfit and best "Twiggy" look-alike. Starts at 9am.

Aug 24 – Amery Airport Autocross and Speed Run

- The Amery Autocross will be held on Saturday, Aug 24th, with Sunday the 25th reserved as a rain date. Tom Hazen works tirelessly (but not thanklessly) to put on the Amery driving events. Thanks Tom!!!

Aug 30 – Brainerd "Dual Event Weekend"

- Call Rich Stadther for details. Rich said there is an opportunity to get your car out on the track during the lunch break.

Sept 6 -8 - Fall Vintage Festival at Elkhart, WI.

- This 3 day event is the place to be if you want to see some really cool vintage cars compete at Road America!

The Presidents Informal Evening... continued

Sept 7 – Wings & Wheels, Osceola, WI

- The Wings and Wheels event is held every year on the first Saturday after Labor Day. Parking for the classic car show starts at 7am. The car show runs until 3pm.

Sept 15 – Norwegian Picnic at Fred Ambli's house.

- All the fun of last year, without the road construction? Rumor has it that every horizontal surface in Fred's house is new. Come see if it's true! Event starts at 1pm.

Sept 20 – 22 – Waumandee Hillclimb

- Bring your vintage car and drive in this event! Tom Hazen found a gem of a road in Waumandee, WI, and is making this event happen for the second year in a row. There's no better place to hang out than Waumandee and Alma on a September weekend!

Sept 29 – Intermarque Picnic

- The Intermarque picnic is always a good time; but this one is really special, **because the Healey Club is hosting it!** We'll cover this event more at the September PIE meeting.

Reports & Miscellaneous Highlights

Greg Lauser noted that a Board Meeting would be held after the conclusion of the PIE meeting. He also expressed an interest in retiring from his 10 year run as our AHCA National Delegate and is looking for a volunteer to assume these duties. Greg stated that travel requirements are limited to a brief informal meeting during Conclave and a 3-day annual meeting, which was last held in Indianapolis.

Membership Report – Jim Kriz reported that there are no new members this month.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Manion reported that the club maintains an adequate balance in its accounts and that post-Rendezvous activity has returned to normal.

Dick Mathews gave a glowing review of the Polo Classic, which was held on Aug 4 in Maple Plain, MN. This was a fund raising event for the University of Minnesota's Equine Center. In addition to some amazing polo action, there was an invitation-only car show with about 100 very desirable automobiles. Gary and Eileen Wetzel also attended this event.

Librarian's Report – Jeff Johnk reported that he did not bring the Healey library material to the PIE meeting, so resources would not be available for check-in/check-out this month. Due to this oversight, all accrued late fees will likely be waived !

Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lombard, and Dan Powell all had fascinating stories about their July weekend at Road America.

- Jeff L and Dan P both received well-deserved praise for their gorgeous Healeys. Tom Kovacs liked Jeff's car (and Jeff) so much that he spent an hour tuning Jeff's carbs (to perfection, we're told). Dan humbly quipped something about "It's better to look fast..."
- Jeff Johnk told of his brush with fame when Bobby Rahal pulled up on a golf cart, drawn in by a seafoam green 100M that reminded him of one his father used to race.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 PM

In attendance:

Jeff Lombard, Dan Powell, Jeff Johnk, Michael Manser, Dick Mathews, Tom & June Moerke, Curt Carlson, Jim Manion, Spook & Britt Johns, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Jim Kriz, Rich & Liz Stadther, Gary & Barb Ronning, Steve & Kim Rixen, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Al Henriksen, Jim Kriz, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Joe & Sue Werner, and Tom Hazen



Mexican Fiesta !

Editor

The weather gods shone down on us this day. Could not ask for milder sun and temp. A nice group of Jag and Healey members gathered once more at Mike & Gloria Lynch's Casa ! Total count was up around 50.

Refreshments included Wine, Margaritas, Beer, and soft drinks – to go with the appetizers. Then the Mexican fare was nicely served – buffet style. Every year the dishes are a little different, and all are delicious. I do not enough cuisine expertise to extrapolate. Take my word, they are authentic and tasty!

After eating, people toured the beautiful Lynch gardens and the “clean room” atmosphere of the garage – where Mike's cars are resting. There was table seating under a lift with a Jag sitting on top. Not sure how many people took advantage of that!

It was a delightful afternoon with a cordial group of car owners – there was no fighting between the Jag and Healey drivers ! Another summer driving season is fleeting by. Enjoy it while you can !

Healey Club members attending: Rose & Jim Klein, June & Tom Moerke, Barb & Dale Martin, Diane & Geoff Rossi, Nancy & Greg Lauser, Barb & Gary Ronning, Kim & Steve Rixen, Maria & Wayne Buchholz, Cheryl & Dave Rademacher, Gayle & Dan Stromquist, Suzanne & Greg Willodson, Kate & Clarence Westberg, Joe Werner, Dick Mathews, Brian Duoos, Carol & John Shorrock, and Gloria & Mike Lynch.



Mexican Fiesta !





Britfest 2013

Editor

The MG Club has been putting on this event for years, and this was a great one. Locating in “Old Hudson” right next to the St. Croix River was a beautiful setting. The sun was shining and over 100 cars turned out. The mix contained most all of the British Marques, plus some “others”. Restaurants were open (for breakfast even), and Dick’s Bar had some specials that people were enjoying !

The MN A-H Club had over 20 members attending. Not all were driving Healeys. Some had Triumphs or Jags, and some were on motorcycles, yet ! It was a fun assortment. Ken & Karen LeBon were there from South Carolina, and Don Rould – who spends most of his time in California – was there with some interesting old literature re-prints. These were given out to newer members that did not have them.

Past member Bill Degnan came with his very nice Red 100-6. He has owned the car for 25 years, and we hope he finds more time now to participate in the club events. Then we had these two hotshot racers show up on their Triumph Motorcycles! Mike Manser and Jeff Johnk decided that this was a good day to get some fresh air.

Voting at the event was with tickets purchased from the local Boy Scout Troop. All funds went to them. Our club produced two winners ! Gary & Eileen Wetzal won for their A-H BJ8, and Kim Rixen won with her MG Midget! Congratulations to them (and their benefactors!).

The event was well organized. Our thanks go to Tom Belongia, Tom Moerke, and the MG Staff that put it all together. Hopefully we’ll have a nice day there next year too.

Britfest 2013



Conclave Charlevoix 2013

Quebec, Canada



By Eileen Wetzel

Conclave Charlevoix, La Malbaie, Quebec. Just as beautifully as that rolls off the tongue, so did several hundred Austin Healeys roll in to the lovely, postcard worthy, countryside of Charlevoix. The Quebec Austin Healey Club were our gracious hosts with Roger Hamel at the helm. For four and a half days we were entertained, awed, charmed, and sated with amazing cuisine.

In our BJ8, Gary and I convoyed with Mike Lynch - following him in his (Gloria's actually) Jaguar XJS. Along the way we paid an impromptu visit with Wisconsin friends Susan and Leroy Joppa. We met up with Winnipeg friends at the halfway point and convoyed with them for a day. So fun - and we hadn't even yet arrived at Conclave!

Our cars were quite bug juiced by the time we arrived at the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu. Not to worry! After a quick wash, we pulled under the Meguiar's tent where four guys detailed the car. It rolled out show ready. The car was then tech inspected for the gymkhana to be run in the morning.

The agenda was extensive with many options of places to go and things to do. I can't possibly begin to list and give proper merit to each event; however, I will mention a few of my favorites:

One: The food.

Two: Hanging out and dining with Mike Lynch. He is always a pleasure.

Three: The gymkhana. Though brief, it was tight and challenging. Who doesn't like to do tight corners fast?

Four: The food.

Five: The organ concert at the Popularity Show. Philippe Belanger gave us a rare treat of playing the score extemporaneously to the 1907 (silent) film Ben Hur. The performance was incredibly moving. I have to also give credit to all the music we experienced. It could be enjoyed each evening at many different venues.

Six: The food. We were in French Quebec. Need I say more? (I also added five pounds, yikes!)

Seven: (possibly my favorite) Becoming better acquainted with Conclave attendees. Carol Caron I now consider my Canadian Sister. I can't wait to see her again!

Eight: Spending a wonderful vacation with my husband.

I would be happy to field any questions.

Conclave Charlevoix 2013

Quebec Canada





WHEELS & WINGS SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 Schedule of Events

Check back for more details on the 33rd Annual Wheels & Wings Celebration in Osceola, WI!

FREE shuttle bus service Saturday only, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

26th ANNUAL RUSTIC ROAD 5K/10K RUN AND FUN WALK

Sponsored by Osceola Community Education and located at the Osceola Intermediate School. For more information, contact Osceola Community Education at 715-294-2127 ext. 407 or ComEd@osceola.k12.wi.us. Registration information is provided in the attachment below.

33rd ANNIVERSARY CAR SHOW

The car show will be held at the L.O. Simenstad Municipal Airport. Join us for a fun-filled day looking at over 1,000 classic cars, motorcycles and much more. Prizes will be awarded in different categories for the event. Radar Run begins at 1pm. Speed test your Classic Car on the runway. The Classic Car Show begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00p.m. You can start parking your classic cars at 7:00 a.m. and awards will be distributed at 2:30p.m. For more information, contact the Osceola Chamber of Commerce/Main St. at 800-947-0581 for more information.

OSCEOLA AIRPORT

Fly-in & Aircraft on Display

Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Air Show - 11:00 am - 12:00 p.m.

For more information contact Jeff Meyer at 715-294-5622. For exhibitor and vendor information, contact the Chamber/Main St at 800-947-0581.

CRAFT FAIR

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Located in Mill Pond Park and behind the Osceola Public Library. Featuring quality artisans and craftspeople of all ages. For information contact Marianna Schultz at 715-417-1552.

Flea Market

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Located at 200 block of Chieftain Street. Featuring quality vendors of all ages. For information contact Marianna Schultz at 715-417-1552.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Used book sale and other special programs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Add to your reading collection and support the Osceola Public Library.

TRAIN RIDES

Travel into the past aboard the Osceola and St. Croix Valley Railway. Rides depart from Osceola.

Call 715-755-3570 for reservations and more information or visit www.trainride.org

For more information on Wheels & Wings call 715-755-3300. Also check out Wheels & Wings on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wheelswings.



The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Invites You

September 20-22, 2013

Alma and Waumandee, Wisconsin

Open to vintage vehicles 1983 and older

View a fast run on **YouTube**
<http://youtu.be/iIuFeIJhvPg>



2 miles

18 turns

400-foot ascent

Agenda for the weekend in Alma and Waumandee:

- Friday evening: Parade lap of the hillclimb course followed by a welcome dinner with wood-fired pizza, live music, and **free beer!**
- Saturday all day: Hillclimb with mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30AM (rain date Sunday)
- Saturday evening: Awards banquet dinner set in beautiful downtown Waumandee
- Sunday morning: Tour of a private car museum with gorgeous 1930s Franklins

Cornet workers needed: Want to get close to the action but not drive? Like to wave flags and blow whistles? Free treats provided to all volunteers, and those who stay 8AM to 5PM receive free lunch. Space is limited so call Tom now (612-237-1883) to reserve your coveted place among the cones.

Advance registration required: Deadline Sept 18 or sellout. \$75 per driver \$60 for Austin-Healey Club members. Make check payable to the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club and mail to Tom Hazen, 11434 Mtka Mills Rd. Mtka, MN 55305. Or pay via PayPal adding \$3 service charge to myliberty@comcast.net. Sorry no refunds. Weekend lodging choice list will be sent to all registrants.

Driver	Waumandee 2013
	\$75 / \$60
Year, make, model, color, requested car number	
Email and phone	
Emergency contact name and phone	
Award banquet dinner(s) at \$20 each =	
Total payment \$	

Despite the precautions taken, this event remains dangerous and may result in property damage, serious injury, or death. All participants enter at their own risk and peril.



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Questions? Call Tom Hazen at 612-237-1883 or email myliberty@comcast.net

Norwegian BBQ Steak Picnic in the Woods

Hosted by Fred Ambli et al.

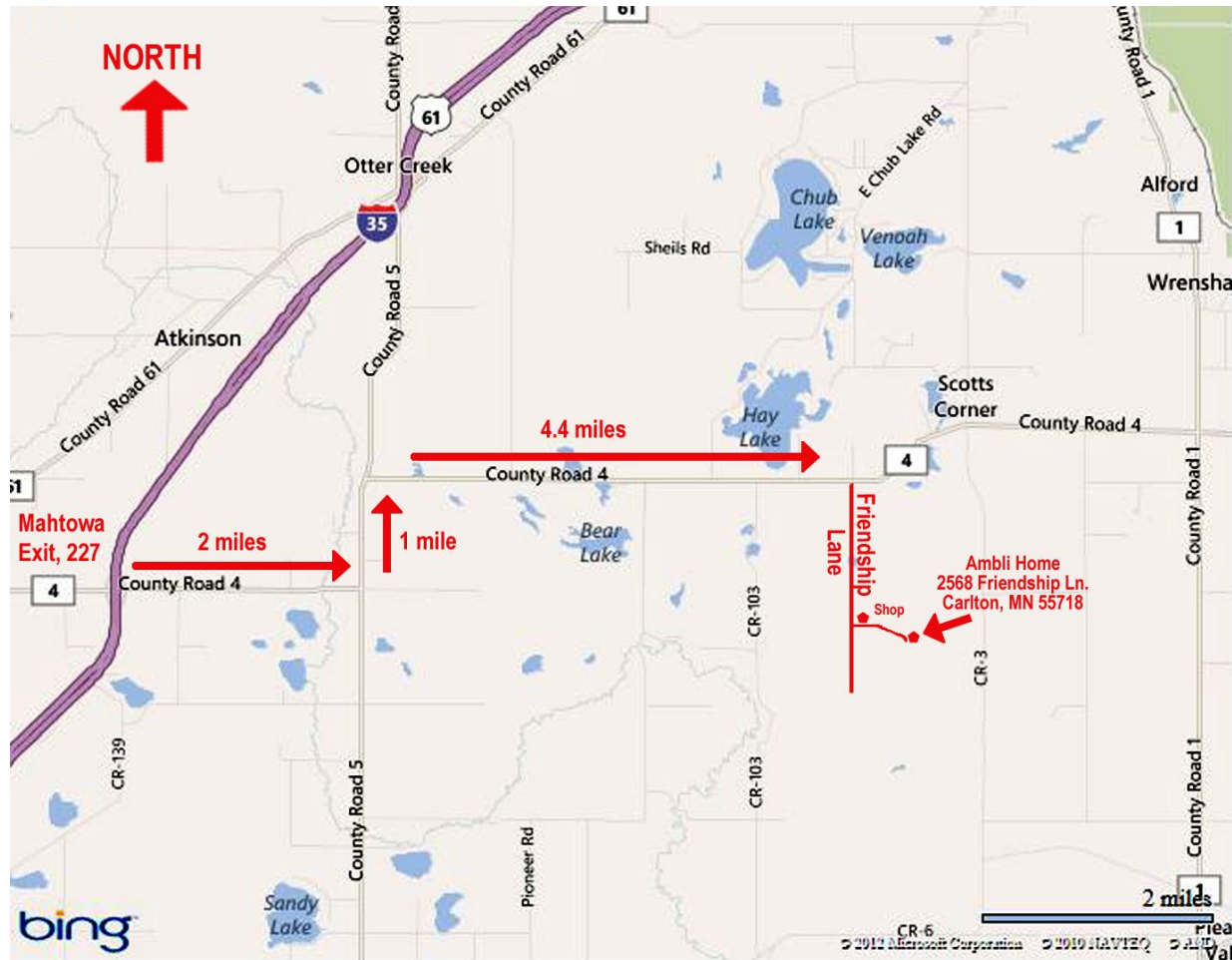
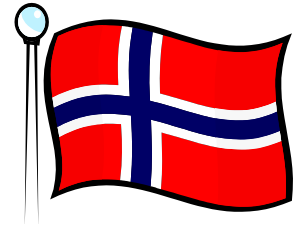
Saturday Sept. 15th – approx. 1:00 pm

Please bring a chair, any adult beverages (if desired), any side dishes (if you like).

Please RSVP by September 10th – to Eileen Wetzel

763-541-9571 or econlon@hotmail.com

Cost - \$12.50 per person



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Events Schedule

- Sept. 4 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed.) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Sept. 6–8** **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. 7** **Wheels n Wings** – (Sat) Osceola, WI. Note date correction. See page 12.
- Sept. 15 **** **Ambli Norwegian Picnic** (Sat) Take a drive to Carlton, MN to enjoy Fred's hospitality. Be sure to RSVP. See page 14.
- Sept. 20-22** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The second annual vintage car hill climb will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. See page 13.
- Sept. 29** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 pm Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments. **MAHC will be hosting.**
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- Oct. 2 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 5**** **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.
- Oct. 6** **City Lakes Parkway Tour** – (Sun) Enjoy again a sunny Sunday afternoon driving the beautiful parkways of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Arrangements by Dale Martin.
- Oct. 12** **Fall Color Tour-** (Sat) Another Tom Hazen colorful drive in the Wisconsin countryside.
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- Nov. 2** **Charity Event** – (Sat) At the Feed My Starving Children building in Eagan. Curt Carlson will arrange this very worthwhile event. It is an enjoyable and worthy cause.
- Nov. 6 **** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 16 **** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual business meeting, election of officers, and dinner banquet will occur on this evening at the Officer's Club.
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- Dec. 4**** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Dec. 7 **** **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2014 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Greg Willodson at Joseph's Restaurant in St. Paul. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.
- ** - Denotes an official MAHC club activity**

Events 2014

- June 12-15** **Rendezvous 2014**
The 24th Rendezvous will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario at the Nor'Wester Hotel.
- June 15-20** **AHCA Conclave 2014**
The Carolinas Austin Healey Club will be hosting this event in Hot Springs, Virginia.

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WANTED TO BUY - Austin-Healey 100-4. Call Tim at 612-810-7606. (6/13)

FOR SALE - 1960 Austin Healey "Bugeye" Sprite. Dependable, safe driving, absolute fun to drive. Cherry, 948cc 4-speed. Address is 4108 20TH Ave South – Mpls. Email to jeffjamespaint@yahoo.com . (7/13)

FOR SALE – A-H 3000 BJ8 – Red - nice car. It has overdrive and the 3.54 differential for easy touring. Call Spencer at 507-645-4188 for details. Asking price - \$47,500. (7/13)