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Its caption: Cool Car! Healey passion ... bugger the weather.

Photo by county Police Sheriff

Upcoming Events

Wed	May 4, 2022	PIE Meeting (President's Informal Event)
Sat	May 14, 2022	Mary & Dave Hatzung Party
Sat	May 21, 2022	Spring InterMarque Kickoff
Fri-Sun	May 20-22, 2022	Vintage Racing Road America
Thurs - Sun	Jun 9-12, 2022	Rendezvous, Tower, MN

See the website for details: www.mnhealey.com

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, TBD

Time: 6:00 p.m. social hour; meeting at 7:00

Place: Joseph's Grill
140 South Wabasha
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435

Come and enjoy beverages and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news and events, and discuss cars and restorations.

*Thank you to those who submitted news, articles,
and photos for this issue:*

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Jim Manion
Steve Rixen
Liz Stadther

The Healey Torque, AHC of New Zealand

Please send submissions before the 15th of the month to:
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Current and past newsletters:
<http://www.mnhealey.com/mnhealey/newsletter.htm>



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President Dave Hatzung's Very Presidential Column

April showers bring May car-driving opportunities ... I think that's how the old saying goes. I know a couple of guys that have had their cars out already, and I can't wait to get home from the south to drive my Healey. I'm still in Florida, and I did put the top down on my car here—the Jaguar XK8 that I purchased a few years ago after seeing the red one that **June and Tom Moerke** had just purchased from **Liz and Rich Stadther**. That car is nicknamed "June's Jag." Mine has no special name, but it has been a great ride to have down here. Frankly, my Healey would also be fun to have here, but it was easier to drive the Jag rather than ship the Healey. By the way, I have been in contact with the Healey club here, which meets in Tampa, but I have not been able to attend any of their meetings.

A BIG thanks to **John Hatzung, Dan Powell, Daphne Walmer, and a myriad of others** for all they've done for the club over the last few months as we try to get the MAHC back to normal.

So, just what does our club do, and what is normal? I just started making a list, and here's what I came up with:

Autocross

DCTC Track day is a great day at the Dakota County Tech College track, it's a timed event. Healeys are preferred, but the track is open to other types and ages of vehicles. Helmets are required. For more information, contact John Hatzung, our club VP.

PIE

President's Informal Evening is our regular monthly business meeting and social gathering. It's usually held the first Wednesday of the month at 6 PM at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul.

Road Rallies and Tours

These are drives in Minnesota and/or Wisconsin in the spring, summer, and fall. They are often sponsored by a club, but sometimes by individuals or small groups.

Socials/Picnics

These parties are held throughout the year at various venues, often at a member's home.

Tech Sessions

Gatherings at various members garages/homes/carriage houses/shops for casual education sessions that span a wide variety of subjects, from general maintenance to repairs and even engine enhancements and improvements.

Healey Enthusiast

The Minnesota Austin Healey Club's (MAHC) newsletter, which comes out at least six times a year, or sometimes monthly. This publication, currently edited and produced by **Daphne Walmer**, is jam-packed with information and updates about our club's current and recent events.

Video Resource Library

Currently we have around 50 titles available for viewing. They can be checked out at our PIE meetings.

InterMarque

The MAHC is a member of this organization of all the English car clubs here in Minnesota—MG, Triumph, Jaguar, etc.

MAHC Website

This website is open to the general public, and it includes almost anything you'd want to know about the club, including the mission, a list of officers, videos, old newsletters, resources for people working on cars, club benefits, instructions for joining, and detailed information about upcoming events.

Here's the address: www.mnhealey.com

Plus

Please help me with the events/opportunities I missed. Email me at: dave@hatzunginsurance.com I'll then update this list with your additions.

That's all for now. Stay well and

Keep on Healeying!

Dave Hatzung
MAHC President

PIE Meeting Summary

by Liz Stadther

April 6, 2022

Present: John Hatzung, Jay Jacobson, Tom and June Moerke, Kim and Steve Rixen, Rich and Liz Stadther, Gary and Eileen Wetzel

Upcoming Events

The InterMarque Spring Kickoff - May 21 in Osseo, MN

MAHC has paid its annual contribution for the event and will have space reserved for our cars. The date conflicts with the May vintage race at Elkhart Lake.

Rendezvous

Several people are planning to go: Rixens, Jay Jacobson, Wetzels and Moerkes. Might the Healey Club be a sponsor in 2025? The MAHC board will need to weigh in on that.

DCTC Track Days - Saturday, June 4 and Friday, August 12

John Hatzung is leading the effort. Willodsons and Liz Stadther are involved, among others. Discussed having the June event be restricted to 20th century cars (except for MAHC members who can bring whatever they wish). We could open the August event to some Amery drivers, but no over-the-top modern cars. Limit of 40 cars in June, perhaps more in August. Two-lap runs, if feasible, would be better for drivers.

We need people to go to the Dakota Country Technical College to walk the track (free lunch!). John is hoping that Jeff Johnk can again take a careful look at the track, including for safety issues.

We need to be sure that the event fits under the insurance coverage. It was noted that Britfest is on Saturday, a day after the August Track Day.

The business meeting ended and more good conversation ensued.

We need gas and we need to be able to afford it

By [JOE SOUCHERAY](#) | jsoucheray@pioneerpress.com | Pioneer Press
March 12, 2022

We have managed to paint ourselves into an expensive corner by electing political leaders who are acolytes in the Church of the Green New Deal. They express a theological zeal for renewable energy that currently does not even exist at a level sufficient enough to power a fleet of popcorn wagons.

Electric vehicles are not remotely accomplishing anything if it's the Earth you're trying to save. Mining minerals and precious metals for the batteries will prove to be more damaging to the Earth than pumping oil. Compare a photograph of a lithium mine to an oil rig. And power plants better be always up and running so that you can recharge for your next 200-mile adventure.

It might very well develop that \$5 a gallon could be the least of our problems. It could go to \$7 or \$8 a gallon. With no political will to stand for American energy independence we might experience the wish of the green theology, that we don't use fossil fuels at all.

We live in Minnesota. We need to heat our homes seven months a year.

The demonization of petroleum is so embedded in the progressive church that we have activists among us championing the removal of I-94 between St. Paul and Minneapolis to encourage more bicycling and walking and rolling, whatever is meant by rolling. And this gets political favor! Mitra Jalali, a St. Paul City Council member who represents neighborhoods north of the freeway, actually said that removing a freeway is no more radical than installing one in the first place.

We can't live like this. We can't be governed by people who don't believe their thinking is radical. It's radical as hell.

This is America. We drive. We need affordable fuel to get to work, to school, to the games the kids play. Mom isn't going to strap three kids to a bicycle and pedal to Target. And dad isn't going to haul home large sheets of plywood on his rollerblades.

Petroleum is the lifeblood of a free and secure society. If we had remained a net exporter of oil and gas and the Europeans were our customers it is unlikely

that the mad heathen would have shouted down to the far end of his 50-yard-long desk "Invade Ukraine!"

We have oil, but we have no political leadership encouraging its ongoing discovery and refinement. The permitting process to drill has become increasingly burdensome. Banks are becoming reluctant to make loans to oil companies knowing that the government has sided with wind and solar. Wind and solar are decades and decades away from accomplishing cheap and reliable energy.

We need gas and we need to be able to afford it. Freedom and security. If we have no affordable and reliable fuel we will have neither and we will immediately become subject to the distorted political thinking that quite clearly does not take American interests to heart.

We are in a bad way and we don't have to be. We have oil. So what is really going on? Are we pawns in an experiment to become a country that is not America and all because of the preposterous and maddening belief that we can halt climate change? The climate has always changed. If this gets brought about, the forced acceptance of green theology, it won't really have anything to do with the climate.

It will have everything to do with us no longer being a free and open America. I already have a religion. I don't want yours.

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For a different take, check out this article that Steve Rixen saw about electrification from Bloomberg news:

www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-03-18/vintage-cars-go-electric-at-this-austin-auto-shop

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OSSEO, MN
10AM-3PM
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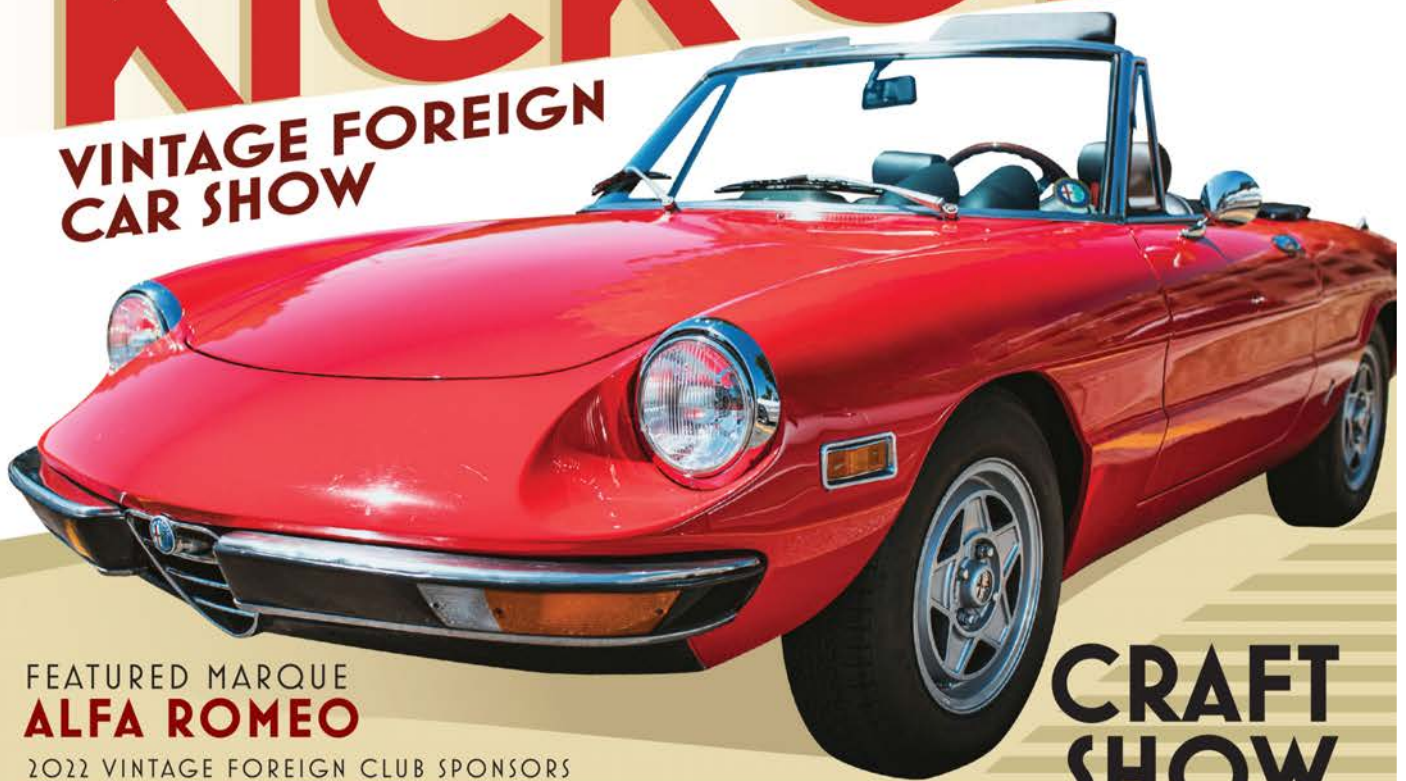
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Mercedes-Benz Club of America: Twin Cities Section • MN Triumphs • MN MG Group
Metropolitans from MN • MN SAAB Club • MN United Minis (MUM)
MN MG T Register • Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR)

This is a **FREE*** event open to 2002 OR OLDER, FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles, scooters, and racers. **FIRST COME FIRST PARKED.** Placement starts at 9 am. Parking staff will be on hand to direct arrivals. Groups wishing to park together **MUST ARRIVE EN-MASSE. Visit InterMarque.org for a map + updates.**

*Donations to **CROSS FOOD SHELF** in the form of cash/check, hygienic items, or non-perishable food will be collected as you enter the show.

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IN BOERBOOM
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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CITY OF OSSEO!

CROSS FOOD
SHELF will be
handling all of the
food donations.



Girl Scouts Traveling Europe
(GSTE) will be handling the
voting to help raise funds for
their trip to Europe.

Vintage Foreign Sports Car RENDEZVOUS

A gathering of Vintage-Foreign Automobiles attended by fans from Canada and the USA!



E V E N T S C H E D U L E

Thursday, June 9 3PM until 8 PM Check In Sumac Room,

Friday, June 10 9 AM to 4 PM - Poker Run and Scenic Drive
6 PM to 8 PM Fish Fry
8 PM CAN/AM Poker Playoff between the best three (3) Canadian and American hands

Saturday, June 11 6 to 11 AM Golf, Fishing, Lake Tour (Reservations Required. See note.)
1 PM Car Show
6 PM Banquet with speaker Mark Brandow who will talk about his 50 years in Vintage Racing

Sunday, June 12 8 AM to 11 AM Farewell Breakfast

NOTE: Some Events and attractions require a reservation. Golf at Fortune Bay: call to schedule a tee time -1-800-992-4680. **Reserve a boat or pontoon** at the Marina to ride or go fishing Call 218-753-7875. Reserve a spot to ride along on the Lake **Vermillion Boat mail delivery**, spots are limited AronsonBoatWorks.com. Reserve a spot for the **Sudan Mine Tour**- Tour is about 2 hours long and reservations need to be made.- mndr.gov/VermillionSoudan. Check on tour times - **International Wolf Center** - 218-365-4695 **North American Bear Center** 218-365-7879



Fortune Bay Resort Casino

RESERVE A ROOM:

Fortune Bay Resort Casino Room Reservations

Be sure to say it's for "Rendezvous"

June 9th, 10th, and 11th 2022

Phone number for reservations: 1-800-555-1714

Address: 1430 Bois Forte Road, Tower, Minnesota, 55447

Website: <https://fortunebay.com/>

RESERVE A CAMPING SPOT:

Fortune Bay Resort Casino also has a campground for RV's Trailers and Tents.

To Reserve a spot call
 1-800-992-7529

For questions about the event, see the InterMarque web site at <https://intermarque.org>
 OR contact event coordinator John Engstrom at: jmjengstrom@yahoo.com

RENDEZVOUS '22 LODGING OPTIONS

Main Event Lodge	Fortune Bay Resort Casino	Hotel/Casino	Tower 1430 Bois Forte Rd	1-800-555-1714	https://fortunebay.com/	Special Rate For Rendezvous attendees
Main event Camping	Fortune Bay RV & Camping Park	At Hotel/Casino	Tower 1430 Bois Forte Rd		https://fortunebay.com/	
Lodging	resort	Motel	*Ely 1314 E. Sheridan St	218-365-6036	www.paddleinnely.com	Motel
Lodging	Ely Lodging	Motel	*Ely 1323 E. Sheridan Street	218-235-3284	elylodging.com	Rent someones lake cabin
Lodging	Adventure Inn	Motel	*Ely 1145 E. Sheridan St.	218-365-3140	www.adventureinn-ely.com	
Lodging	Comfort Plus	Motel	*Ely 1605 E. Sheridan St.	218-365-2873		
Lodging	Grand Ely Lodge	Motel/Resort	*Ely 400 N. Pioneer Rd	218-365-6565	www.grandelylodge.com	
Lodging	River Point Villas & Chalets	Motel/Resort	*Ely 12007 River Point Road	218-365-6036	www.riverpointresort.com/chalets.htm/	
Lodging	Shagawa Inn Resort on the Lake	Motel/Resort	*Ely 1973 West Shagawa Rd	218-365-5154	www.shagawainn.com	
Lodging	Silver Rapids Lodge	Motel/Resort	*Ely 459 Kawishiwi Road	218-365-4877	www.silverrapidslodge.com	
Lodging	Timber Trail Lodge and Outfitters	Motel	*Ely 629 Kawishiwi Trail	218-365-4879	www.timbertrail.com	
Lodging	Marjo Motel	Motel	Tower Hwy 169	218-753-4865	www.marjomoteltowermn.com	
Motel/Hotel	Motel Ely	Motel	*Ely 1047 E. Sheridan Street	218-365-3237		Motel
Campsites/Lodging	Lake Vermillion State Park	Camping/Picnic area/ Fishing	*Ely	218-300-7000	MNDR.gov/VermillionSoudan	
Campsites/Lodging	Ely Lodging	Cabins - rentals	*Ely 1323 Sheridan St.	888-365-4956	www.elylodging.com	Cabins are around ely area
Campsites/Lodging	Bear Head lake state park	Campsites	*Ely 9301 Bear Head State Park Road	218-235-2520		Camping only

*NOTE :ELY IS ABOUT A HALF AN HOURS DRIVE AWAY FROM TOWER



What happens when Old Car Guys get sent to a nursing home ...

Courtesy of Jim Manion

Instructions for joining the Minnesota Austin Healey Club:

MAHC “local only” members:

For MAHC “local only” members, the National Club (AHCA) has increased their insurance surcharge by \$5.00. That means the **new renewal price is \$30.00** this year, up from \$25.00 last year. Everything else remains the same.

1. Get the Membership Renewal form on the next page of the Nov/Dec 2021 *Healey Enthusiast*, or
 - a. Go to the MAHC website at <https://www.mnhealey.com/>
 - b. Click on **Membership**.
 - c. Scroll to the bottom of the page.
 - d. Click on **Membership Form 2022**.
2. Print and fill out the form.
3. Enclose your check for \$30.00.
4. Mail to Jim Kriz at the address on the form.

MAHC/AHCA (local and national) members:

For MAHC/AHCA members renewals be different, but hopefully easier. You will no longer receive paper renewal invoices.

The Austin Healey Club of America (our governing organization) implemented a new and powerful internet tool for managing clubs and associations called ClubExpress (CE). As part of that program, you will have a new **username** and **password**.

You should have already received an email from the Austin Healey Club of America with your new username and a temporary password, and another telling you to go to the website to renew your membership. Below are detailed instructions:

1. Go to <https://healeyclub.org>
2. Click **Join** and then on **Click here** on the part of the screen shown below:



Already a member? [Click here](#) to login and renew your membership.

3. Log in using your new username and password. The first time, you can change the password to something that is more intuitive. Save both to a safe location.
4. In the upper left of the screen, you should see your name and a red dot. Click on the red dot.
5. Follow the instructions on the screen. Note that you have an opportunity to add information for secondary and/or tertiary members, such as a spouse.
6. On the Payments screen you can choose whether to pay with a credit card online or by mailing in a check.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or crises, please email me (Jim Kriz, Membership Director) at jkriz1@comcast.net or call/text me at **612-321-0123**. I may not have a ready answer, but I know where one can be found!

Marketplace

Marketplace policy: All ads are free to current members. For non-members, the charge is \$5.00 per month. Ads will be run for three months, after which time the advertiser needs to submit new ad copy. Please inform the editor if your item or items have been sold during the three-month period, so that the ad can be removed.



For sale: 1961 Bugeye Sprite Project Car

This car has been in storage for years. It is a strong chassis for restoration, about 90% complete. Some new parts.

New Price: \$3850 or offer.

Contact: Bob Rittan at 612-729-1368 or cfmfxr1@yahoo.com

InterMarque Breakfasts

Contact Todd Bjerknes
to be added to email list
for the week's location

RSVP to tbjerknes46@gmail.com

InterMarque Newsletter

Check out InterMarque's
multi-marque calendar
in their latest newsletter
for even more car events!
www.intermarque.org

Marketplace *(continued)*

Body parts from 100-6 for sale: Front scroud, beautiful condition, stripped. Rear deck. Hood. Door, one side only. Fender, left (driver's) side? Also, other minor parts. Call Dennis Koepsell 920-400-6052 anytime or email koepselldennis@gmail.com.



1966 Austin-Healey Sprite for sale by charity. Car was donated to the Center for Vision Loss in Allentown, Pennsylvania. 166K miles. VIN: HAN8L53998. Contact Dennis Zehner at (610)433-6018 x 241 or dennis.zehner@centerforvisionloss.org.



For sale: AH differential set \$300

3.909 to 1 (11/43) differential suitable for all AH six-cylinder models, BN4 & BN6 non-OD cars and BN7-BJ8 OD cars. Includes gear carrier housing; ring and pinion assembly; differential gears and pinions; front flange with internal parts. This is an "inherited" assembly, so I don't know its provenance. Visible parts appear to be in good condition. Turns smoothly and freely. More pictures upon request. Pick up in Winona or truck shipment (weighs about 40 pounds). Cliff Black, Winona, MN 507-429-6372; email rcb4train@gmail.com

MAHC 2022 Calendar

Day	Date(s)	Description	Place
Wed	4-May	President's Informal Event (PIE)	Joseph's Grill
Mon-Fri	9-13 May	CA Healey Week	Palm Springs, CA
Sat	14-May	Mary & Dave Hatzung Party (tentative)	Hatzung Home
Fri-Sun	20-22 May	Vintage Racing Road America	Elkhart Lake, WI
Sun	21-May	Intermarque Spring Kickoff	Osseo, MN
Sat-Sun	28-29 May	VSCR Vintage Race	Brainerd International Raceway
Wed	1-Jun	President's Informal Event (PIE)	Joseph's Grill
Sat	4-Jun	DCTC Track Day	Dakotah County Technical College
Thurs-Sun	9-12 Jun	Rendezvous	Fortune Bay Resort & Casino, Tower, MN
Sun	26-Jun	Intermarque Picnic	Harriet Island, St. Paul
Sat-Sun	2-3 Jul	VSCR Vintage Race	Brainerd International Raceway
Wed	6-Jul	President's Informal Event (PIE)	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	15-17 Jul	Weathertech vintage race, Road America	Elkhart Lake, WI
Sun	31-Jul	Intermarque picnic	Harriet Island, St. Paul
Wed	3-Aug	President's Informal Event (PIE)	Joseph's Grill
Fri	12-Aug	DCTC Track Day	Dakotah County Technical College
Sat	13-Aug	Brit Fest	Hudson, WI
Sat	20-Aug	Wetzel party/tour	Wetzel Home
Sun	28-Aug	Intermarque picnic	Harriet Island, St. Paul
Sat-Sun	3-4 Sep	VSCR Vintage Race	Brainerd International Raceway
Wed	7-Sep	President's Informal Event (PIE)	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	16-18 Sep	Vintage Racing Road America	Elkhart Lake, WI
Fri-Sun	23-25 Sep	Waumandee	Waumandee, WI
Sun	25-Sep	Intermarque picnic	Harriet Island, St. Paul
Sat	1-Oct	Walmer/Herreid pizza party	16530 Swede Hill Drive, Afton, MN
Wed	5-Oct	President's Informal Event (PIE)	Joseph's Grill
Sat	8-Oct	Healey City Tour	Minneapolis
Sat	15 or 23 Oct	Color tour	TBD
Wed	2-Nov	President's Informal Event (PIE)	Joseph's Grill
Sat	12 or 19 Nov	MAHC Annual Banquet	Joseph's Grill
Sat	3-Dec	2023 Planning Meeting	Joseph's Grill

