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Jeff and Diane Rossi in their Healey at Rendezvous 2023 in Ashland, Wisconsin

Upcoming Events

Sat	24 June	DCTC Track Event
Sun	25 June	InterMarque Picnic
Wed	5 July	PIE
Thurs-Sat	13-16 July	WeatherTech International
Sun	30 July	InterMarque Picnic
See the website for details: www.mnhealey.com		

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2023

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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President's Column

Hold on, things are popping for us vintage car owners. There are no excuses this year – COVID-9 is not an issue, the weather has been beautiful, and there are opportunities galore.

InterMarque Spring Kick Off was packed. **John Hatzung** and I got there a little early and stood by the registration area and watched and heard the cars drive in. Feed again, and heard the cars come in. I think that was half the fun – listening to the cars as they drove in. What a show this year! It was a perfect day, and both sides of the street were packed, from one end of downtown Osseo to the other, plus a few side streets. While the theme this year was race cars, most of our Healey racers were at Road America, racing in the **SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend**. Missed you racing members, but I know you had a blast racing your cars.

Another event was the **Streetcar Showdown at Brainerd International Raceway** – a number of MAHC members were at that.

By the time this gets published, I will have attended our annual **Mt. Olivet MotorHeads** meeting at the Minnetonka Drive-in. That is always a lot of fun, and there are a variety of cars at that, PLUS, our cars get a special “blessing” by **Pastor Kalland** at the end of the evening.

I've been following **Sandy and Fred Ambli** on Facebook as they update us each day on their Healey trip to and through Norway and other parts of Scandinavia. What an opportunity, especially with the high-quality car that they shipped there to drive. If you aren't friends with them on Facebook, you need to fix that as I know they'll be posting a lot of beautiful photos for us.

I'm really looking forward to the **DCTC TRACKDAYS**, on June 24th, and then the next one August 4th. If you haven't signed up yet, ya' better hop to it as they're both filling up fast.

Take care and Healey on, my friends!
Dave Hatzung
President Minnesota Austin Healey Club

PIE Meeting Notes, June 7, 2023

by Daphne Walmer

We had two brand new people at the meeting, and one returning new member. **Steve Brown** bought a 1967 3000 this winter. He also has a BMW 32 and two other cars. He already joined the national Austin Healey club. **Charlie Klima** is looking for a Mark 2 or older Austin Healey. **Malcolm John's** 1966 100M hasn't been driven for a few years.

Recent Events

- Scott McQueen did well at the SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend at Road America.
- Several of our members were at BIR over Memorial Day weekend, including the Wetzels, Jeff Johnk, and the Rixens.
- The InterMarque Kickoff went well; Dick Leininger and Greg and Suzanne Willodson were there. There were cars on both sides of the road, and it was a beautiful day.
- 2023 Conclave was in Crystal River, Florida May 21-26, but none of the PIE meeting's attendees were there.
- Sandy and Fred Ambli are in Norway on a special European Austin Healey trip.

Upcoming Events

- Rendezvous 2023 is in Ashland, Wisconsin June 8-10.
- DCTC track events are June 24 and August 4. More people are needed to help work the event; so far there are 6-8 volunteers.
- Edina Car show will be Saturday, September 16.

New/Other Business

- Membership Chair: Curt Carlson who is taking over as Membership Chair. Thanks to Jim Kriz for his work doing that job for many years. Health and technology have presented him with issues.
- 2024 Conclave will be sponsored by the Wisconsin Club at Road America. Although she wasn't present, we believe that Eileen Wetzel will be the contact person to Mike Swanger to coordinate our club's help with it.

Attendees: Dave Hatzung, Steve Brown, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Malcolm Johns, Charlie Kliman, Jeff Lumbard, Jim Manion, Scott McQueen, Steve & Kim Rixen, Jeff & Diane Rossi, Rich & Liz Stadther, and Clarence & Kate Westberg

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club invites you to

2023 Track Days

Dakota County Technical College, Rosemount Minnesota

Saturday June 24 & Friday August 4

Registration Desk opens at 8am | Drivers' meeting at 9am

Each event is \$65 per driver (\$85 for registration on day of event)

I'm registering for event date(s):

☐ Saturday, June 24

☐ Friday, August 4

Payment via **PayPal** to **MnHealeyClub@gmail.com**

or

by **check** made out to **MAHC** and mailed to:

John Hatzung
6024 York Ave S
Edina MN 55410

Driver Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Year/Make/Model/Color _____

Requested Car #s (give 2-3 backup #s) _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone _____

Registration is now open for members of InterMarque car clubs and owners of American, foreign, and vintage cars at least 10 years old.

The Healey Club will be serving lunch on site.

Cat and Mouse at BIR

from Kim Rixen

Steve Rixen and Greg Thompson (TR4) racing each other at Brainerd International Raceway during the Memorial Day weekend. They played cat and mouse. Greg would pull away in the straightaways, and Steve would catch him in the twisties.



Rendezvous 2023, June 8 – 11

by Jeff Rossi

This year's Rendezvous in Ashland, Wisconsin, was once again a full weekend of car fun and people fun. The drive up on WI 63 was pleasant on this mostly sunny Thursday, and having the top down provided the start of a decent "farmer's tan." The only excitement along the way was an unwelcome near "meet and greet" with a road-crossing white-tail deer just outside of Cable. It was close enough to bring a startled exclamation from the navigator. After that we became more speed sensitive and brought the RPMs down for the remainder of the trip.



Left: June Moerke's Jaguar (alias JUNZJAG). **Right:** Dick Mathew's Porsche.



Thursday afternoon gave way to the evening's hospitality get together for hors d'oeuvres and a layout of the weekend schedule, along with the opportunity to reunite with old friends and meet new ones. There were attendees from Milwaukee, Fargo, Mason City, the Twin Cities, and a contingency of nearly two dozen vehicles from north of the Canadian

border.

Friday's dawn led into totally delightful weather for the day. The majority opted to head to the Bayfield ferry and Madeline Island for the day. Those that remained on the mainland took one of two routes offered for the Poker Run rally. The most popular was the 84-mile loop with an outstanding stretch of blacktop between Drummond and Iron River. This brought us past the always satisfying Delta Dinner for lunch. The second route was 140 miles plus. Not sure how many drove that.

Saturday presented itself in a not uncommon way up here with a stark shift in weather conditions that would last the entire day. Twenty-five degrees cooler, overcast with an on-

again-off-again misty drizzle and stiff winds off the Big Lake. Not the best for the morning car show and afternoon autocross.



The car show on Main Street began with line-up at nine. The show was called early at 11:15. Just too much of a challenge and few locals were braving the elements. A nice mix of vintage (and not so vintage) cars including a couple of Bugeyes, a couple of Jensens and one lone Healey 3000. The observation was made that what began 31 years ago as a largely Healey event was quite a flip with only one big Healey. The remainder of the day

could be spent at the airport autocross or running the Poker Rally. Many did even as the wet air and chill persisted throughout.

Saturday night's banquet attendees overwhelmed the main dining room, and diners spilled into the bar/lounge area for table seating. A minimal number of awards were handed out, after which Glenn Patterson announced and invited all to next year's June 6 - 9 gathering in Thunder Bay. The 32nd Rendezvous will be headquartered at the Nor'wester Hotel for "Back to the Bay."

MAHC members who were there: Dick Mathews, Tom Politiski, Dick Leighninger, Steve Shogren, Rixens, Moerkes, Lindbergs, Willistons, and Rossis.



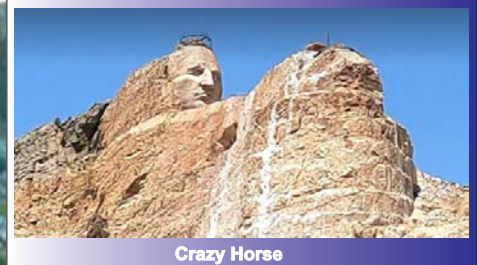
Above: Suzanne and Greg Willodson's Boxter. **Below:** Dick Leighninger's Triumph.

Rendezvous in the Black Hills

Foreign Motor Car Rally
August 17-20, 2023



Mt. Rushmore



Crazy Horse

All Marques Welcome



Presidential Hospitality Suite and Limited Block
of Rooms at the Lodge in Deadwood
For Reservations call 877-393-5634

If you have questions contact Bob at
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Go to <https://healeyclub.org> and click Join

Instructions for joining the Minnesota Austin Healey Club:

MAHC "local only" members:

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1. Get the Membership Renewal form on the next page of the *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**.
2. Print and fill out the form.
3. Enclose your check for \$30.00.
4. Send to Curt Carlson

MAHC/AHCA (local and national) members:

For MAHC/AHCA members you will receive reminder to renew. 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.

**Membership Form
(for Local only members)**

Curt Carlson – Membership Director
Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

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Austin-Healey Club of America**

(\$20 Minnesota + \$70 National) Renew or Join via www.healeyclub.org \$90.00

Minnesota A-H Club Dues (Local only) New or Renewal \$30.00
(circle one)

Name: _____ Spouse/Friend: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Spouse/friend email (if they want MAHC email): _____

HEALEY INFORMATION:

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ Original Owner (Y/N) _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ Original Owner (Y/N) _____

Condition: Show Quality Nice & Roadworthy
 Could be running with help Restoration Project

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Curt Carlson,
1984 Nebraska Ave E,
Saint Paul, MN 55119

MAHC Planning Calendar 2023

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
Sat	24-Jun	DTCT track day		Dakota County Technical College
Sun	25-Jun	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	5-Jul	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Thurs-Sun	13-16 Jul	WeatherTech International	8-5	Elkhart Lake
Sun	30-Jul	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
	Jul/Aug	Wetzel Tour and Party		Wetzel House
Wed	2-Aug	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	Aug	Brit Fest	AM	Hudson WI
Fri	4-Aug	DTCT Track Day		Dakota County Technical College
Sun	27-Aug	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
Sat-Sun	2-3 Sep	Labor Day Brainerd Race		Brainerd International Raceway
Wed	6-Sep	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sun	17-Sep	Lynch Mexican Fiesta	3:00 PM	Mike Lynch Home
Fri-Sun	15-17 Sep	Aviens Art on Wheels Vintage	8-5	Elkhart Lake Road America
Sun	24-Sep	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
	Sep?	Waumandee		
Wed	4-Oct	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	7-Oct	Wisconsin drive and breakfast	tentative	
Fri-Sun	13-15 Oct	Ozark International Raceway		
	Oct?	Fall Color Tour		
Wed	1-Nov	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	18-Nov	Banquet		Joseph's Grill
Sat	2-Dec	2024 Planning Meeting	9:00 AM	Joseph's Grill

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1978 Triumph Spitfire 1500 for sale

4- Cylinder 1.5L
59,798 miles
Blue Exterior, Tan Interior
Factory Hardtop Included
\$6500

Recent work done:

- New brake master cylinder
- Front brakes bled and operational
- New brake lines to front assembly
- New rear passenger brake solenoid
- New rear passenger brake hose
- New battery

1978 Triumph Spitfire plus the factory hardtop in sound condition. The exterior has very minimal rust, and the interior is in great condition. This is a great hobby car. It starts and runs on all cylinders but needs a new rocker shaft and pushrods. The front brakes have had work done and are operational, but more needs to be done to the rear brakes, because there appears to be a clog at the rear brake junction. New junction plus driver's side rear brake hose included but not installed. Contact Jeff Butler 952.412.2607



1967 Sprite for sale. California body on a rotisserie now. Included is a Datsun 5-speed transmission hooked up to a 1275 that Ernie West rebuilt, with the head and carbs flowed, punched out to .60 over. This ran great in my prior 1969 Sprite. Lots of spare parts, and two MG Midget parts cars. \$7000. Contact me at healemog@yahoo.com Tom Politiski

