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Scott McQueen's car leading the MAHC Healeys at Road America. Photo courtesy of Kim Rixen.

Upcoming Events

Wed	4-Oct	PIE
Sat	7-Oct	Wisconsin drive and breakfast
Fri-Sun	13-15 Oct	Ozark International Raceway
Wed	1-Nov	PIE
Sat	18-Nov	Banquet

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 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.

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and photos for this issue:*

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President's Column

Once the **Minnesota State Fair** is over, it signals to a lot of people that summer is past and we are now entering the best time of the year to drive our classic cars—the Fall. **BritFest** is past, as well as the **MotorHeads** show, and one of the last **Chanhassen AutoPlex** open houses, so that leaves us with September activities of which there are plenty to choose from. Check out the calendar later in our newsletter for specifics.

Last weekend was our Healey road tour, sponsored and hosted by **Eileen and Gary Wetzel**, with the drive led by **Clarence and Kate Westberg** and **Scott McQueen**. It was a perfect day for a drive—the weather cooperated with a little spritz of rain later in the afternoon. The food was awesome with the brisket and fluids furnished by the **Wetzels** and the salads and desserts brought by the attendees. **Clarence** had the best time of all the drivers 😊.

By the time you get this newsletter, the **Edina Rotary Car Show** will have come and gone (Sept. 16th). I will have had my 1968 AH 3000 there along with the other classic and collector cars, plus a plethora of newer ones from Lambos to Ferrari's, and even Cadillacs.

I'm off to Lake of the Woods for a week of fishing with a group of guys. This group has been doing our fishing trip for over 30 years. We'll be feasting on lots of walleye and potatoes, and more health food. I'll have to add air to my car tires when I get back.

See you all at the next PIE meeting on October 4th.

Stay well and Healey on, my friends!

Dave Hatzung

President Minnesota Austin Healey Club

PIE Meeting Notes from 9/1/2023

by Daphne Walmer

New Members: Charley Klima bought a 1960 Healey—one that the Stine's used to own.

Recent Events:

- 8/4 Track Day went well except lack of entrants. They were done after lunch. Looking to get more people next year. The cost of insurance isn't cheap.
- 8/10 Brit Fest.
- 8/17 Black Hills Rendezvous: no one from those attending PIE went to it.
- 8/26 Cars & Caves—Dave Hatzung said it was packed.
- 8/27 August InterMarque Picnic, Cherokee Park

Upcoming Events:

- 9/9 Wetzel Party and Tour
- 9/9 Wheels and Wings
- 9/15 Ariens Art on Wheels at Road America
- 9/16 Edina Car Show
- 9/24 InterMarque
- 10/7 Wisconsin Drive with Steph and Phil 8-5; meet at the IGA Parking Lot in Prescott
- 10/7 BMC British Automobile at 444 East Dual Blvd., NE, Isanti, MN 55-4-
- California Healey Week.

2024 Conclave at Road America with Wisconsin Healey Club. They're developing their schedule. They probably need help parking cars, but no assignments yet. Sept 15-19. It's a great venue. It is not just our club helping.

Elections are coming in November. Three director spots and all other positions are available. Dan Powell hadn't yet queried current officers.

Attendees: Phil & Stef Dawson, Charley Klima, Greg and Nancy Lauser, Jeff Lombard, Dan Powell, Steve Rixen, Carl & Betty Stine, Daphne Walmer, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzel,

Timing Out

by John Hatzung

Got that dreaded email from the storage guy the other day. Now I'm staring down the maw of another winter and thoughts of a garage expansion hang over my head like a balloon in a comic. Drew up plans and talked to a contractor last year: the balloon burst. With an upcoming wedding, priorities have shifted to making the rec and bath downstairs presentable.

With the summer dominated by bursts at Dakota County Tech, travel abroad and a west coast wedding, the only road trip was a glorious (if somewhat wet) trip up to Ashland to commune with car friends. Last night the odometer turned 50K (no typo – it's only 32 years old!) at Target, auspicious for the fact that I fire it up for any excuse errand that doesn't involve plywood or anything else of significant volume. In spite of the traffic lights and gridded streets, I'm okay with that—the top is down and I get to run through the gears, and often enough find a line through the corners. I get and give lots of smiles.

Drove through the Edina Rotary car show yesterday and was invited to find a spot among the classics ☺. Driving through, the single car that stood out was Dave's BRG Healey – I must use the word *resplendent* to describe the sweet shapes, trim, and stance that contrasted with the awkwardness of the old Fords, new Vettes, and testo-Italian Compensatores. Met some friendly folks who talked about their next new Vette, M-cars, and AMGs, but the best story was that of a little Saab Sonnet track car that the owner had sold, which then disappeared, but by chance they were reunited. They're dodging cones this very morning with MOWOG—a true love story in my mind.

So, included on my lengthy winter-prep list are digging out the battery maintenance device and getting a box of dryer sheets. Looking forward to that trip to Target already.

Notes from the Director's chair

by Dan Powell

Driving home from Road America on Wisconsin 29 this past weekend, I saw several areas with trees that had already changed colors from green to shades of red, orange, and gold. My first impression was that it was too early in the year for this to happen... then I realized that time is actually flying by.

We are in the latter part of September now and our election of officers takes place at our annual banquet in November. All officers and this year three director positions will be on the ballot. For the past several years the club has been kept viable by a dedicated number of members who volunteer their time. Should you be interested in a position I would suggest you contact the current officer to see what the time commitment is and then let me know so I can put your name on the ballot.

Wheels and Wings

from Tom Wolters

Here are two photos of the Healey group at Wheels and Wings today. The weather was cooperative, pancake breakfast had a long line, but it was worth the wait, and the cars were awesome.



Race report from Road America

By Dan Powell

This past weekend saw a number of club members participate in the fall festival vintage car races at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Healeys represented included Jeff Lumbard, Scott McQueen, Eileen Wetzel, Steve Rixen, and Dan Powell. Rich Stadther drove his Dulan formula Ford (open wheel, cigar shape).



Photo courtesy of Kim Rixen

Crew included Kim Rixen, Betsy and Scott Lumbard, Gary Wetzel, Steve and Jake Powell, and possibly others I didn't notice or remember.

The weather was perfect, and our 30 x 50 tent was a nice shield from the sun coming through the clear skies. Various late-in-the-year mechanical glitches seemed to migrate around our group, however all persevered and had a good time.

Of note, I had my best lap time in over five years... which could have been due to new rotors, pads, and sticky tires ... or improved driving ... you decide.

Scott McQueen took first place in the Kimberley Cup race on Sunday, which is quite a feat given his competition. Jim Kimberly (Kimberley & Clark) was the driving force behind the establishment of racing in Elkhart Lake back in the 1950's.

All our cars went back on their trailers looking just like when they arrived... except for a few sacrificial bugs. Next fall Austin Healey will be the featured marque at the fall festival, with the race date anticipated to be the week before the national Conclave in Sheboygan Wisconsin. Time to start planning!



Above: Steve Rixen.

Below: Gary Wetzel standing beside Eileen Wetzel in her racecar.

Photos courtesy of Kim Rixen.



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1965 ALFA ROMEO 2600 Spider. Purchased in Italy. New Skai interior, wine red paint job and black convertible top done in Italy. New brakes and exhaust system done in USA by specialist mechanic. Specially made fiberglass roof for winter. Engine and body in first-class condition. Best offer over \$4000. H. Talbot, Mt. Holly Rd., Katonah, N.Y. 10536. (212) 232-5749.

1967 ALFA Duetto. Webers, Konis, Super Sprint exhaust, Cromodora mags, spare set steel rims and tires, two tops. Runs great. Divorced car—married woman. \$2550. Richard C. Thomas, RDI, Greene, N.Y. 13778. (607) 656-9739.

1970 ALFA Giulia Super 1600. European specifications, new clutch and Super Sprint exhaust. Michelin ZX, 4-band Blaupunkt. Front fender deer damage. Drives well. Contact: Larry Perin, 1360 Germantown Rd., Jim Thorpe, Penn. 18229. (717) 325-2147.

1972 ALFA ROMEO Montreal. 8-cylinder, fuel injected, 4 overhead cams. Metallic green, Stereo, AM-FM, 8-track. \$25,000. Best offer. Call (212) 331-9429.

1974 ALFA ROMEO 2000 GTV. Mint with 6500 miles. Red, A/C. Blaupunkt stereo AM-FM. \$6500 or best offer. Lee Sweeney, 1803 Elm Crest Dr., Arlington, Tex. 76012. (817) 261-3441.

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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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