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Four Austin Healeys in a private collection. Photo courtesy of Jeff Rossi.

Upcoming Events

Wed	03-Jan	PIE & 2024 Planning Meeting
Wed	07 Feb	PIE (President's Informal Meeting)
Wed	06 Mar	PIE
Wed	03 Apr	PIE

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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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The Swan Song: Former President's Column

The **swan song** is a [metaphorical](#) phrase for a final gesture, effort, or performance given just before [death](#) or [retirement](#) (mine from the club presidency). The phrase refers to an ancient belief that [swans](#) sing a beautiful song (like the sounds of an Austin Healey taking off) just before their death (or retirement), because they have been silent (or alternatively, not so musical) for most of their lifetime. This is untrue for me, as it's hard for me to keep silent!

Well, that's all folks. Thanks for the honor and privilege of serving as the President of the MAHC for the past 6 years (someone told me it was that long). It seems like only yesterday when, at a MAHC rally and get together at a winery while I was standing next to **Dick Matthew's** AC car, **Dave Herreid** came up to me and chatted about what a great club we had. He then shared the thought that I should consider becoming more active and even consider becoming President. Well, to say the least, I was totally flattered, and wouldn't you know, at one of the next meetings, my wish came true, and I can truly say it has been my pleasure to serve the club for so long ... I am amazed you put up with my antics for so many years.

As I hand the Presidential torch back to **Mr. Herreid**, I know he'll do a great job for us in 2024, especially with Conclave on the horizon.

I have to mention one other thing, and that is if you are looking for a car movie to watch, I'd highly recommend **Gran Turismo**. There are some awesome car scenes and exciting action, and even the plot isn't bad.

See you all at the January PIE and 2024 Planning meeting. Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

So long, goodbye, auf wiedersehen, my friends,

Dave Hatzung
Minnesota Austin Healey Club

Let's do it in the road: New President's Column

A big thank you to President **Dave Hatzung**, who has led our club through six years of happy Healey events, one being the Conclave that we hosted, but also the not-so-happy COVID dark ages. I hope that for my one year as the club president I can dodge any lurking plagues and focus on happy summer roads and hanging with like-minded friends ... that would be you.

This year's banquet was a happy, tasty event. Like an early Thanksgiving, it was a chance to look back and give thanks for the year past and the people who made it special. As for the banquet, a special thank you goes to **Eileen Wetzel** for organizing the event, **Jeff Rossi** for handling the silent auction and club officer elections, **Jim and Patty Manion** for staffing the welcome table, **John Hatzung** (our Vice President) for presiding over the year-end meeting, and the staff of Joseph's for an appropriately themed buffet.

Curt Carlson has taken over the reins as Membership Director from Jim Kriz. A big thank you goes out Jim for the many years of wrangling our club dues from our pockets into our treasury. Money after all makes the wheels go around. And speaking of that, Curt has put us on notice that the National Club dues are due in December, and they can be done online along with the local dues. However, if people are only interested in the local club membership, they can be paid directly through Curt Carlson. Our treasurer, **Liz Stadther** has assured us that all is well on our balance sheet, thank you, Liz.

Since I have witnessed the effort that my wife **Daphne Walmer** has put forth to bring the MAHC newsletter and website into 2020's, I want to thank her on behalf of the club. Although it's no secret, it's worth repeating that she has worked with many of you, as well as with students and staff in the Writing Studies Department at the University of Minnesota, and (scary to me) software to bring our website, newsletter, calendar, and emails into a coherent and manageable entity.

There are many in this club whose efforts help make this club what it is: a fun place for people to share their appreciation of Austin Healeys and the camaraderie that goes along with them. Thank you all.

So, what's on the Horizon for the upcoming year? Lots of things that will be fleshed out at the January 3, PIE and 2024 Planning meeting. But the Big Deal Event of the year is already known, the Road America / Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin Conclave. **Eileen Wetzel**, our National Delegate, filled us in about how special it will be. Information in this newsletter will proclaim it.

I hope to see you there!

Dave Herreid

Minnesota Austin Healey Club

November PIE/Directors' Notes

by Dan Powell

I chaired our monthly PIE meeting on November 1st. Dave, our President, was out of town, and John, our VP was sitting at home with a case of Covid and wisely decided not to share it with us.

The turnout was low, possibly due to the 1st sneaking up on folks, but we had a good time, and the food and beverages were as good as always.

Primary topics covered were:

- Lauser/Dawson fall color tour...
- 2025 Rendezvous, which will be headed by the MG club with our help.
- The upcoming Conclave in Wisconsin which dovetails with the fall race weekend at Road America. Apparently, the Wisconsin club has things well in hand, but may appreciate some help as the event unfolds. Scott McQueen and Mike Manser are putting out feelers to up the count of Healey race cars at the fall race. It looks like an all Healey race will be part of the schedule. If you haven't seen or heard Healey's racing at speed on the track, you have to go next fall. It should be extra special.

Attendees: Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lombard, Scott McQueen, Dan Powell, Kim and Steve Rixen, Liz and Rich Stadther, Kate and Clarence Westberg, Eileen and Gary Wetzel, and new member Jim Koltavy.

Banquet Notes, November 11, 2023

by Daphne Walmer

In Our Memories:

- Gloria Lynch died this year. Our condolences to Mike.

New Members in 2023:

- Jim Koktavy and Jaime Hoerner
- Charlie and Deb Klima
- Malcolm and Annie Johns

2023 Events:

- Spring Tech Session hosted by Scott McQueen.
- InterMarque Spring Kickoff and Picnics
- Ashland Rendezvous
- SVRA Vintage Festival at Road America
- Dakota County Track Days
- Norway Tour (Fred Ambli and Sandi went on this trip)
- Harvest West Memorial Race at BIR
- BritFest
- Road America Fall Classic
- Fall Party and Tour hosted by Gary and Eileen Wetzel
- Mexican Fiesta hosted by Mike Lynch
- Wisconsin Fall Color Drive
- Tour of Morrie's



Top: from left, Patty Manion, Gary Ronning, Kate Westberg, Barb Ronning, Jim Koktavy, Diane Rossi, Rich Stadther, Jeff Rossi. **Middle:** Liz Stadther and Lisa Hatzung. **Lower:** Nancy Lauser, Greg Lauser, Mike Lynch, Jay Jacobson.

2024 Events Coming: TBD per PIE/Planning Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- Rendezvous 2024 at Thunder Bay
- 2024 Conclave at Elkhart Lake.
- Tours
- Racing Events

2025 Rendezvous will be at Sugar Lake Lodge

2024 Conclave: Mike Swanger from the Wisconsin club came up with the idea of having a Conclave following the fall race VSCDA at Road America. That will feature cars of Donald Healey. Invitations have gone out to Healey racers in New Zealand, Australia, and Europe for a Healey World Challenge. There will be lots of activity at Road America and in Elkhart Lake. The hotel will be in Sheboygan, Wisconsin—the Blue Harbor, which has good restaurants and nightlife. Registration for Conclave is open at 2024conclave.com. Once you register, you'll get instructions on making hotel reservations at special prices.

Dakota County Track Days: We will not have track days here in 2024. Insurance costs have skyrocketed, and we had too few people show up to cover the costs. If anyone has an idea for a different venue, contact **John Hatzung**.

Membership: **Curt Carlson** explained that he's taken over membership responsibility from Jim Kriz, who has health challenges that prevent him doing



membership and from attending meetings. Jim would love to hear from members. MAHC currently has 47 national members and 23 local only members for a total of 70.

Elections: **David Herreid** volunteered to take on the presidency of the club and was unanimously elected by voice vote. All other officers have agreed to serve another year.

Top, from left: Chuck Ash, Mary Ash, Tom Moerke. **Middle:** Jim Koktavy, Kate Westberg, Gary Ronning. **Lower:** Deb Klima, Charlie Klima, and Carl Stine.

National: Eileen Wetzel attended meetings by zoom the previous weekend. The entire report is reproduced later in this issue.

- Jeff Prada (VP of Safety) talked about the value of holding gymkhana as a good tool to check out your car before going on a long ride, as well as for fun.
- Dave Knock from British Car Specialists talked about tires: if they are more than 8 years old, they should be replaced even if they haven't been used.
- There is a new company for club insurance, and another for speed events, which requires a co-pay.
- There is also a new Sprite registry.
- The magazine is now 8 vs. 12 issues/year, and someday may be digital only. International subscriptions are already digital only.
- National needs a new secretary.

Attendees: Chuck and Mary Sue Ash, Curt Carlson, John and Liza Hartung, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Jay Jacobson, Jeff and Carol Johnk, Jessica Johnk, Charley and Deb Klima, Jim Koktavy and Jaime Hoerner, Greg and Nancy Lauser, Jeff Lumbard, Mike Lynch, Tom and June Moerke, Chuck & Jean Norton, Jim & Patty Manion, Dan Powell, Jeff & Diane Rossi, Steve Rixen, Gary & Bar Ronning, Rich & Liz Stadther, Carl & Betty Stine, Daphne Walmer, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Greg and Suzanne Willodson



Left: Carol Johnk and Jaime Hoerner. **Right:** Jessica Johnk, Jeff Johnk, Rich Stadther, and Gary Wetzel.



Collections

by John Hatzung

We humans tend to gather things that appeal to us, keeping near whatever treasures bring us delight. Whether it's agates like my dad used to collect or cars like Jay Leno, they hold some connection with our memories and emotions.

I was driving somewhere with our son Jack and the conversation turned to cars. He's come to love our first-generation Acura TSX. For some good reasons: mainly it's beauty, driveability, and reliability. We talked about the cars he came to know as he grew up. That got me thinking about the cars I've owned in my lifetime. They're a type of collection, but instead of something static, accumulated in a setting like Leno's, my collection has been sequential, as I've never had the money or space to own more than one or a few at a time.

Many of them were pretty meh, but every one of them had something that made it memorable. Like my first car: a pristine 1962 Ford Galaxy 500 two-door hardtop in Baffin Blue that I totaled the first spring I drove it. Since that time, my cars have been a reflection of my life, my interests, my capabilities at the time. I finally made a list of all the cars I've owned over the 50-some years I've been driving. It was a fun exercise. I shared it with my brothers, who were prompted to come up with their own lists. It was fun to see, compare, and think about the memories that made each one special.

So here's my list; my favorites are in bold. I would be fascinated to see our club members' lists. Send yours to me and maybe we can work it into an upcoming *Healey Enthusiast*.

1. '62 Ford Galaxie 500 two-door hardtop Baffin Blue
2. '56 Ford Victoria Diamond Blue/White
3. '57 Chevy 210 Canyon Coral/White
4. '57 Chevy 210 Canyon Coral/White (Painted BRG)
5. '62 Buick LeSabre Dynaflow Desert Sand
6. '64 Ford Galaxie 500 four-door sedan Burgundy
7. **'67 Ford Galaxie 500 two-door Fastback Seafoam Green**
8. **'70 BMW 2002 Colorado Orange**
9. '75 Olds Starfire Burgundy Metallic
10. **'78 Ford Fiesta Sport Diamond White**
11. '82 Volkswagon Rabbit Malaga Red
12. '85 Toyota Tercel DX Silver
13. '90 Toyota Camry DX V6 Manual
14. '89 Nissan Maxima White
15. **'85 Ford F-150 Stepside Parks Green/White**
16. '01 Honda Odyssey LX Clover Green Pearl
17. '99 Audi A4 2.8 Quattro Sable
18. 2010 Honda Odyssey EX Frost White
19. '07 Honda Accord SE Royal Blue Pearl
20. '09 Honda Civic DX Frost White
21. **'06 Acura TSX Base Alabaster Silver Metallic**
22. **'91 Mazda MX-5 Miata Base Crystal White**

Conclave 2024

Club members from Wisconsin have been working tirelessly to bring an incredible Conclave to you next September 15-20 with the 20th dedicate to fond farewells of Healey friends new and old. For those of you who have attended Conclave in the past, we will have all the usual Conclave events on top. We are also adding Road America, "America's National Park of Speed" to our schedule as they gymkhana, funkhana, and a track touring event will be held at the track. Additionally, we have added a reenactment tour of the original 6-1/2-mile open road course that put Elkhart Lake on the map as a racing destination. This tour will be led by the Healey Silverstone that was driven by the man who is credited with organizing the first open road races in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin: Jim Kimberly.

If that's not enough, we have also joined forces with organizers from the Vintage Sportscar Drivers' Association (VSCDA). In a nutshell, the fall vintage race weekend at Road America is being billed as "The Healey World Challenge," and the feature marque for the weekend is The Cars of Donald Healey. We didn't limit this to just Austin Healeys because we wanted to welcome all Healey Enthusiasts. Every Healey owner is a V.I.P. for the weekend preceding Conclave.

So, the race weekend is scheduled For September 13-15, preceding the official start of Conclave, the evening of Sunday the 15th and running through Thursday evening the 19th. Conclave registrants will be able to purchase discount tickets to Road America for the race weekend. Additionally, you will get paddock parking passes so that you can display your car in the Healey Conclave Showcase parking area across from victory circle. Passes for track touring in front of all the race spectators will also be available. On top of that, there will be a banquet on Saturday night at the track with a Healey-related speaker. To take advantage of the discounted ticket offer for the race weekend event, you will need to purchase your ticket package on the VSCDA website once it is available.

Word has spread quickly about this week-of-all-things-Healey, even before it was initially launched, and I have been contacted by many folks from both the states and from abroad about our event. Everyone is very excited about the opportunity to race on one of the world's premier racecourses and then attend North America's largest Healey event—Conclave 2024! This week will be a can't-miss-bucket-list event!!! Registration is now open so secure your spot today by visiting our website at 2024conclave.com

Please don't delay as rooms at the host hotel are limited, and I want you all to be at the center of all the fun!

Once you register for Conclave 2024, you will receive an email confirmation that includes the discount code for the hotel resort, Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The room block is for September 15-20. Simply call Blue Harbor after securing your room for Conclave week to add additional nights to your stay to experience "The Healey World Challenge" at Road America on the weekend prior to Conclave.

For those of you who remember the 1990 Healey Challenge Series and the 2005 Australian / U.S. Healey Challenge, this week has the makings to be even bigger and more memorable. The worldwide Healey community has taken notice and is making plans of their own to make the trip to join us all. Be part of this history-making event and make your plans to attend today!! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Cheers,

Mike Swanger
Wisconsin Chapter, AHCA
Conclave Planning Committee

Does it get any better than this?

by Jeff Rossi



October 18 proved to be a fantastic day for those who appreciate large, eclectic collections of cars. We visited a private collection estimated at over 400. I am sure this does not include the many vintage pedal cars, plastic models from past decades, early snowmobiles, bumper cars, motorcycles, and the many neon dealership advertising signs, early gas pumps, and related memorabilia.

Our two-hour tour through this private collector's treasures was arranged by Gary and Eileen Wetzel. (Thank you much). There were about 30 curious

enthusiasts that gathered at a nearby Mexican restaurant for lunch before driving to a nondescript warehouse parking lot on the outskirts of the metro area. We parked and walked through a simple unaddressed door into a fantasyland that was a standing ovation to the internal combustion machine.

On entering, one was faced with some huge vehicles of the 30s. A Cord or two, a few Packards, and some Cadillacs. As you drifted to the left, you were presented with a long row of "woodies," a dozen or more of many different models. Across the aisle was a nicely parked row of T-Birds and Corvettes. A few models of early two-seat Birds connected to a dozen Corvettes from 1953–1963.

Wondering around more there were 40s and 50s Mercurys, three Rolls Royces, and a Bentley. Moving into another large area there were American cars galore: a row of Chevy Impalas '58 onward, Oldsmobiles, and Buicks, all aligned by their year of manufacture. These were all cars I could identify in my teenage years as they came off the line and onto the streets each fall.

Continuing through the vast arrangement of warehouse spaces were more surprises. A



Top: Cars from the 30s, Lower right: Woodies

European group of Lotus, Healey, Jaguar, Aston-Martin, Morris, BMW, Ferrari, and a Lamborghini Miura. And, yes: there were four Healeys included among the British grouping: a gold '67 3000 Nasty Boy (V8 Corvette 327 and transmission), a red factory prepared 100M, a shiny black 100, and a Nash Healey in red. A good representation. Then 40s, 50s and 60s pickup trucks. An El Camino ,but not a Ranchero in sight.

The very last space on the way to the exit was most impressive (if you can be more impressed at this point), an entire lineup of Fords from the late 20s through the 30s. An example of John Dillinger's favorite '32 V8 that he wrote Henry Ford a letter of thanks for creating the V8 that he found most useful in avoiding John Law in his bank robbing escapades.

On the other side of the aisle was a fine row of Lincolns, some of the most beautiful cars ever created. All gorgeously painted. Lots of chrome on the exterior bumpers and trim and on the interior dashboards. At the end of the row was a 1956 Mark II. One of my two favorite cars of my teen years. I built a Revell plastic model of this car. Love it. For the times it was a subtle and smooth design. Looked very good in black. Like a guy wearing a tuxedo.

This day I had seen so many cars, and all were in original or restored state. It was really incredible. Two hours was not nearly enough. Still, we had to be thankful for the opportunity to walk through this collection of cars, and to be able, for a couple of hours, to connect with this entrepreneur who gathers these machines together. The fellow in charge mentioned, "The owner would come down every day and spend hours here among these beauties. This was



his living room."

On this day I was able to stand next to and closely eyeball my two all-time favorite cars from my teen years: a 1958 Corvette and that 1956 Lincoln Mark II. I have to ask, "Does it get any better than this?"

Editor's Note: The museum is not identified at the request of the owners.

Top: The Corvettes
Left: The Austin Healeys

From the Driver's Side: November 15, 2023

This is a recap of the delegates meeting of the national Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA) held on the weekend of 11-11-2023 and 11-12-2023. Roger Hamel opened the meeting with a thank you to Pete Sturtevant for coordinating the zoom portion and to Gannon Switzer for his on site work in providing the sound system and zoom connections and also moderating the meeting. Jo and Jim Switzer were also thanked for all of their work in making the delegates meeting possible in Plainfield, IN.

Roger mentioned that we will observe Roberts Rules of order and he passed out a summary of the same.

Edie Lowery conducted a roll call of the clubs present. A quorum is present.

Four clubs did not provide the by-laws required forms so they were voted into suspension. Low Country, Bonneville, Central Illinois and St John's were the clubs not complying with the bylaws.

The local area clubs gave brief reports on their club activities throughout the year. Some of the clubs had well over \$10,000 in their accounts. Some of the clubs were very active through the year and a few clubs are struggling to get member participation. Manitoba was one of the active clubs. They hosted a tour of an antique airplane museum, did a ride on an antique train and had an event they called Healeys and Horses. They attended a polo match. Quebec hosted a Formula 1 race in Montreal. Minnesota club mentioned that they have a lot of dedicated Healey racing enthusiasts. South Texas does an annual highway cleanup program, which is very well attended. The Wisconsin club is getting a lot of help from the other clubs in the region for the coming Conclave in Wisconsin.

Jeff Porada – VP Safety – stressed how important it is to maintain the safety equipment on your Healey, especially the braking system. AHCA is a member of the SEMA organization. SEMA works on keeping the governmental control of our hobbies as limited as possible

Neil Anderson – VP Conclave – Neil is working on a conclave for 2025 which will be held in Branson, MO. Neil and Jake Jacobs met in Branson a few months ago to work with the hotel Chateau on the Lake. The hotel has been excellent to work with. An excellent video was played showing the benefits of having a conclave in Branson. Motion made and approved to accept this proposal for the 2025 Conclave.

Roger Hamel – Roger appointed Steve Bell to fill out the term for Ray Donovan, who had to retire early. Roger mentioned he has asked Steve to work on the 'local only' program and get it streamlined. Steve also mentioned his focus will be on supporting local clubs in any way possible to make them prosper.

Mike Schneider – Membership Director – I talked about problems with Club Express and the efforts to deal with the short comings of the reporting process. The 'local only' people who are members of our local area clubs but not a member of AHCA are not listed in Club Express.

Pete Sturtevant – VP Promotions – Pete discussed the benefits of the website, which are many. The website now has a marketplace. There have been eight Healeys sold that were listed in the Marketplace on the website. There is a calendar of regional events. Micro-sites are available to local clubs. A local club can have their own website on the AHCA website at no cost to the local club. Pete assists with that effort. Pete passed out post cards that have been printed. These post cards are for sharing with prospective members to the AHCA and local area clubs. The recipient will receive a special code that will allow them to log in and sign up for a free membership for the balance of the year.

Pete Sturtevant – Regalia – Pete mentioned that we now have an agreement with Lands End. Anyone can go to the Lands End website and order any item with the AHCA logo.

Edie Lowery – Secretary – Edie mentioned several ways that she communicates with the delegates and club officers. Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the website in the coming weeks. She also collects the bylaws required reports from the local area clubs including the list of officers for each club.

Bev Sealand – Treasurer – Bev passed out a copy of the financial statement of the AHCA. Income is slightly above the budgeted amount and expenses are a little under budget. AHCA is financially solid.

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that the AHCA officers have a zoom meeting each month. Any AHCA member can request a few minutes at the start of the zoom meeting to make a presentation to the officers for consideration.

Gary Feldman and Bill Borja – Insurance – We had to change insurance carriers in 2019. Bill and Gary found some coverage from other insurance companies during that time frame but it was far more expensive than we had been paying. It was more than twice what we had been paying. This year we went with JC Taylor for our liability coverage. The policy with JC Taylor did not include covering gymkhana's. That coverage had to be purchased separately through K&K Insurance. That coverage is paid for by event. If a club hosts a gymkhana then they will have to pay about \$350.00 per day for the coverage. Insurance coverage for other speed events is not available at this time. Other speed events would be hill climbs and TSD rallies for example. D&O (directors and officers) coverage is in place for the AHCA and all affiliated local area clubs. Bev Sealand, treasurer, is bonded.

Vince Barnell – Advertising – Vince is soliciting more advertisers and sponsors for the Marque, conclaves and the website. He has been checking on ad rates that other clubs charge. As a result of this effort he will be revising our ad rates. He is also going to create an ad kit that can be used for getting more advertisers.

Reid Trummel – Editor – The Marque magazine is going well. He wants to hear from members for ideas for publication in the Marque. Reid presented his budget and he is ever so slightly over budget due to increase in postage costs. This year over 600 pages have been printed. Reid is also producing the E-Zine. This is a quarterly publication available on the website only.

The last E-Zine was 100 pages long. Eileen Wetzel asked Reid to provide some articles on racing in the US. Eileen is now in charge of that effort.

Bonnie Ayer – DMH Memorial Fund – A number of years ago the DMH Memorial Fund paid for some stained glass windows to be placed in a church in Perranporth, England. The church has since fallen into disrepair. There is reportedly a lot of mold and other types of fungus all over the church. Peter Healey is working on finding another location for the windows in the event the church is taken down.

McPherson College receives a \$6000.00 scholarship from the DMH Memorial Fund each year. This college is in McPherson, Kansas. It is the only college in the country which offers a traditional four year degree majoring in auto restoration. Recently the students at the college entered a car they restored in the famous Pebble Beach car show. They won second place honors. These students would be a 'gold mine' for any restoration shop. In addition to all of this work Bonnie is also noticing that many of our members are passing away. She mentioned a few that are known nationally. Cyndi Marble, Karen Richmond, Anne Jones and Kay Healey. She agrees that the Marque shouldn't turn into an obituary source but she would like to develop a process in which this information can be shared with all of the members of the AHCA.

Bill Walton – CE Trainer – Bill said that local area clubs should send their updated officer lists to Pete Sturtevant so they can be listed on the website. Bill will host a number of zoom training videos including how to renew online. A video will also be made showing a local area club membership director how to process a renewal online. Another video will be available showing members how to update their personal information on the website. Keeping this information current will make the online membership directory more helpful. Bill also maintains the Healey Marketplace on the website. Send ad information to Bill so he can put it in the Marketplace.

Steve Byers – Delegate at Large – Steve is the delegate for all of the national members who are not affiliated with a local area club. Steve is using Club Express to send emails to the national members several times per year. Brad Swiggart suggested encouraging national members to join an area club near them.

Steve Kirby – West Coast Promotion – Steve mailed a letter and a Marque to Healey owners in the California area who are not already AHCA members inviting them to join AHCA for a free year of membership. The results of this effort will be tracked to determine if this is worth the effort and expense.

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that the Bluewater/Sarnia club has closed. The members will be moved to national member status.

Roger Hamel – President – Roger mentioned that there are two winners that will participate in the Formula 1 Parade in Montreal this summer. Judd Perkins and Brad Swiggart are the two winners. The Formula 1 races in Montreal will be on Youtube. There will be 3 Formula 1 races in the US this year. Miami, Houston and Las Vegas.

Bill Borja and Neil Anderson – Conave 2023 report – Crystal River Conclave was a success. There were 97 Healeys and 183 people participating. The conclave generated about \$7000 profit, of which half was sent to the AHCA.

Mike Swanger – Conclave 2024 – Conclave 2024 will be held in Elkhart Lake, WI. There will be a race course re-enactment tour around the countryside and in town. There will be a car show with all of the cars from DMH. Conclave 2024 is working with Victory Lane magazine to create The Healey World Challenge, which will be competing on Road America the weekend before Conclave. Mike Swanger said he is expecting to have Healeys from New Zealand, Europe and the US competing on Road America. There will be all of the usual events that Conclave's have. There will also be opportunities to tour some of the best scenery in North America including Door County. The Conclave 2024 website is open and available to accept registrations.

Edie Anderson-delegates handbook- Edie is updating the delegates handbook that is online in Club Express. Edie would like to receive officer updates by January 1, 2024.

Marc Lewis and David Nock – proposal for the 75th International Anniversary Conclave. They are planning on using the same facilities at Lake Tahoe again for this international event. Room rates will range from \$160 to \$300/night plus a parking fee. They are suggesting a committee from the two California clubs and the AHCA meet to plan this event. No revenue sharing agreement has been worked out yet. Seed money has been discussed but both David and Marc said their clubs are capable of funding the event. A motion was made and passed to approve the AHCA officers to work with David Nock and Marc Lewis on this 75th anniversary conclave.

Jeff Porada – Sprite Registry – Howard Collins has agreed to chair the Sprite Registry and he has also agreed to the usual terms AHCA requires in order to be an AHCA approved Registry. A motion was made and passed to approve Howard Collins chairing the Sprite Registry.

Jeff Porada-new version of Future 50 needs to be organized. The target audience for this effort is people under 50 years old. A motion was made and passed to create a committee to work on this.

Bob Gilleland – by laws change – an amendment to replace a club member of the nominating committee was made at the delegates meeting in 2022. This is the second reading of the proposed change to the by laws. A motion was made and seconded and passed to accept this bylaws change.

Steve Bell – Local Only Insurance program – Steve will make a concerted effort to simplify this project so that is easier to manage and run. The amount for local only insurance was reduced to \$5.00 per local only member.

Mike Schneider – New member type – A proposal was made to allow for a digital only membership for International members only. The motion was made and passed to establish

the dues at \$80.00. The International members that sign up for this membership will also receive the annual calendar.

Jim Cox – Driving Awards – Jim suggested some adjustments for the driving award. A motion to accept the changes was made and passed.

Bev Sealand – Credit Card charge backs – local clubs processing events and other non membership functions on Club Express will reimburse AHCA for the expense to use the credit card processing fees charged to AHCA by Club Express. This is an informational situation so no vote required.

Bev Sealand – Budget – Membership Directory is in question. Lots of discussions regarding the expense to print a hard copy of the directory. Estimates range from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to print a hard copy. A motion was made to produce a pdf copy of the membership directory and make it available on the website. The motion was made and passed to approve an expenditure of \$3000.00 to produce a pdf version.

Sunday

Roger opened the meeting discussing some Formula 1 auction statistics. Judd Perkins and Brad Swiggart won the two auctions to participate in the parade lap before the Formula 1 race in Montreal.

Edie Lowery – suspended clubs- four clubs are suspended because they did not follow the by laws that require specific reports be provided before the fall delegates meeting. The four clubs are: St Johns, Gateway, Low Country and Bonneville.

Gary Feldman – nominations – Honorary membership nominees are: Bill Borja, John Opp, Joe and Martha Chreiton, Bernie Bowersock and Edie Lowery. Motion made and passed to accept all honorary nominations.

Nominations made to replace two members of the nominating committee. Brad Swiggart was nominated to take the 3 year position and Eileen Wetzel was nominated to take the 1 year position. Motion made and passed to accept both nominations for serving on the nominating committee. The terms are normally 3 years. Eileen Wetzel was nominated to take the balance of Jim Richmond's term. Jim Richmond resigned due to health issues. Nominations for officer positions for the AHCA were made. All current officers were nominated except for Ray Donovan VP Club Support. Ray resigned earlier this year. Steve Bell was appointed by Roger Hamel to complete Ray's term and Steve was added to the officer nominations. A motion was made and passed to accept the nominations for AHCA officer positions.

Bev Sealand – Budget was revised based on Saturday's discussions. Motion made and passed to accept the revised budget. We should end 2024 with a modest plus in the checking account. Interest on reserve income will be reviewed by Bev Sealand. She will make adjustments to improve the interest income.

Bill Walton – Budget – Bill made a motion to have the budget for the following year distributed to the delegates before the Thursday of the delegates meeting so the delegates have time to review the budget and then make the budget the first topic for discussion after the roll call on Saturdays. Motion passed.

Bill Walton – proposal for digital magazine – Bruce Gears mentioned that should have been discussed during new business. Proposal was tabled.

Brad Swiggart – digital committee – Brad suggested forming a committee to review making a digital only version of the magazine available as a new membership type. Brad suggested that Bev Sealand, Jake Jacobs, Reid Trummel, Steve Bell, Bill Walton and Mike Schneider be on the committee. Proposal was accepted and adopted.

Jake Jacobs – Regional Meets – Jake announced that four clubs are now working on putting on one meet per year. The clubs are Ohio Valley, Miami Valley, Central Indiana and Bluegrass. In 2024 Bluegrass will host Springthing the third weekend in May as the next meet in this rotation. Springthing 2024 will likely be in the corridor area from Bloomington to Nashville to Columbus, IN. The final location will be dependent on hotel availability.

Roger Hamel – next delegates meeting – The delegates meeting for 2024 will be on November 16 and 17th at the same hotel (Spring Hill Suites) in Plainfield, IN.

Meeting adjourned.

Mike Schneider
Delegate Bluegrass AHC, Inc.

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