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New Healey owner Brock Thorson drove his one-week-old purchase to Elsie's breakfast Saturday 2/27/24. Brock drove the car home to MN from Boone, Iowa, Sunday February 11th.

Upcoming Events

Wed 03 Apr PIE

Sat 27 Apr Steve Rixen Garage Visit and Tech Session

Wed 08 May PIE

Fri-Sun 17-19 May SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend

Sat 18 May Intermarque Kickoff See the website for details: swww.mnhealey.com

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 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.

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

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President's Column:

Spring appears to be on pause, the non-winter is over, and the slushy ice is starting to freeze. How do I know this? I was looking through my somewhat techy keyhole, aka, the camera in the doorbell. In this seasonal pause I'm thinking about the upcoming Healey Season. We have lots of driving and social events to look forward to. They are easy to learn more about in our MAHC calendar and articles found in this newsletter.

The Big Event will be in Wisconsin this September. The fall vintage races at Road America will dovetail with this year's Conclave. To those attending, we will be learning in the next few months on how we can participle in social, driving, and even racing events. Stay tuned.

Speaking of racing, a subject I know nothing about, I've observed from a safe distance that racers are passionate about ... well, racing. Winning is not necessary, rather the challenge is more personal; putting the whole thing together, tuning the beast, developing the technique to compete, and the mustering will to follow through. My respect is genuine, but like Chauncey in the movie *Being There*, "I like to watch." So, for the Road America Race, a plan is being formed to allow MAHC members to hang out near our MAHC racers in a tent near the track.

Footnote: Another keyhole I've looked through today was a Race Tracker in the T-Dog 200 dog race in Alaska (http://trackleaders.com/tdog24). Daphne and I followed our daughter Elena on her first "all-in" dog-sled race. She spent this fall and winter training a team of dogs, building her sled, and completing a 200-mile race in little over two days. Did she win ... yes! Even as she came in 8th.



Elena Herreid took this shot from the sled as she mushed this team of Alaskan Huskey sled dogs from Trailbreaker Kennel on the frozen Tanana River heading into Fairbanks on the last 40 miles of the T-Dog 200 race—only very tangentially to do with this month's newsletter.

Let's do it on the Track! Dave Herreid, President Minnesota Austin Healey Club

PIE Meeting Notes 3/6/2024

by Daphne Walmer

New Member: Brock Thorson is a new national and local member. He has both a TR3 and a 64-65 early BJ8.

Past Events:

• Gary Wold's shop ... the wonderful world of Minis. See photos later in this issue.

Upcoming Events:

- Scott McQueen Tech Session and open house is March 9 from 10:00 1:00. The usual donuts and coffee will be available (as well as adult beverages). See the article later in this issue.
- Steve Rixon will host an open garage on Saturday, April 27.
- InterMarue Spring Kickoff is May 18.
- Brit Fest August 10.
- Lynch's Mexican Fiesta is usually the week of the fall race at Elkhart, but need to check.

2024 Rendezvous

• The Thunder Bay Club will be hosting Rendezvous in Thunder Bay Ontario June 6-9. See the article later in this issue.

2025 Rendezvous

 MAHC will host 2025 with the MG club at Sugar Lake Lodge. There will be a need for numerous trophies for the events. It's not too early for the crafters to get started.

AHCA Conclave is September 15-19 at Elkhart Lake.

Waumandee Time Trials will be September 28 on Blank Hill Road.

Tour Weekend is TBD. Greg Lauser will explore routes and dates.

Herreid Pizza Party is TBD.

NEW BUSINESS

Conclave 2024: From Eileen Wetzel: Mike Swanger from the Wisconsin Austin Healey Club has asked if the MAHC would be in charge of the Hospitality Room at Conclave and run the rally. Clarence mentioned that he had contacted WAHC months ago and got no response. He says it is now too late to plana rally.

Dan Powell talked more about Conclave 2024. He mentioned that Conclave 2024 officially starts Sunday, the last day of the Vintage Races at Road America, at which the Austin Healey will be this year's marque. Scott McQueen and Mike Manser have been contacting people about the races and Conclave. An active racer who has driven the 22-hour drive to Road America twice, Doug Escriva is coming from Portland Oregon.

Bill Rawles (who sold Rawles Motorsports a few years ago) and his son Jack are planning to attend and race. Jeff Lumbard will be visiting them in April to invite them to be under the tent courtesy of our club.

The racing is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The tent will be set up a couple of days before. Everyone is welcome whenever they arrive, although they will have to purchase a pass (sounds like discounted passes... info will be available from the promoter at some point prior to the event).

There will most likely not be any street Healey parking by our tent, but my understanding is that there will be special parking near Victory Lane, which is very close to where our tent should be.

We racers are renting a 30x80 or 30x100 tent. In addition to the aforementioned tent slot for Rawles, the club is renting one 10x30 slot for hospitality and there should be plenty of room for chairs, a snack table, coolers, etc., (stocking liquids and snacks for the hospitality area can be dealt with at a later date). Tom and Kaye Kovacs of Fourintune are also renting a slot... they have been faithfully keeping us running at the track for years, and Tom knows more about Healey's and Healey history than anyone I know.

If you are coming to Conclave, plan to come to the track Saturday and/or Sunday. The racers have special parking near Victory Lane, but it is not enough for all the MAHC members. Based on recommendations from the racers that the club put up a tent(s) for MAHC members and visitors to sit, relax, and socialize during the races, President Dave Herreid made the decision to spend rent a 30×100 or 30×80 tent dedicated to hospitality, with the club to pay for it. This should cover space for the people coming from England. 2005 was the last time the fall race had such a big turnout of Austin Healeys.

Attendees: Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Charlie Klima, Jay Jacobson, Dick Leininger, Tom Moerke, Dan Powell, Steve Rixen, Liz & Rich Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westberg.

Photos from Scott McQueen Carriage Open House and Tech Session (1 of 4)





Clockwise from top: 1. Steve Rixen explains something to Charlie Klima while others watch video clips of from the inside of Scott McQueen's racecar. 2. From left: Brian Kennedy, Charlie Klima, Dan Powell, Rod Richert, and Chuck Norton. 3. Dan Iburg, 4. From left: Phil Schaefer, Jim Koktavy, and Charlie Klima's son XXXx





McQueen Carriage House Photos (2 of 4)





Clockwise from top: 1. Steve Martin, Tom Daly, xxx, Steve Nichols, Rich Stadther, Greg Willodson, Geoff Rossi, Dan Iburg 2. Road America race track, 3. Charlie Klima, Dan Powell, Brian Kennedy, Rod Richert, Chuck Norton, Steve Martin.



McQueen Carriage House Photos (3 of 4)











Top: At least half of those the gang who attended. Clockwise from mid upper left: 1. Steve Nichols and Greg Willodson, 2. Xxx and Geoff Rossi, 3. Mark Brandow, 4. Mike Baulka, and 5. From left: Chuck Norton, John Hertsgaard, and Steve Martin.



McQueen Carriage House Photos (4 of 4)





Clockwise from top: 1. Well, yes, thank you I will help myself (but maybe not to Scott's racecar). 2. Our host, Scott McQueen, appears to be gazing fondly at said racecar, although he's actually talking to his guests. 3. Pictures of cars everywhere, even in the kitchen. 4. Scott's racecar among the other cars that live in the carriage house.



More Photos from Greg Wold's Feb Open House







Clockwise from top left: 1. Rich Stadther, Liz Stadther, and Paul Bastyr. 2. Greg Wold, Jerry Dulski, and Tim Holmes. 3. Rich Stadther, Liz Stadther, and Dick Leininger, 4. Greg Wold, Eileen Wetzel, and Gary Wetzel. 5. Various attendees viewing the cars.



Spring into Summer Car Show at BMC

by Brian McCullough, BMC







We invite our Club Members, Community Partners, and Automobile Enthusiasts to see what's happening at BMC! The Annual BMC British Automobile Spring into Summer Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

It's family friendly—we highly encourage you to Bring a Kid to the car show, and this is the car show!

Come see the cars outside, as well as the current projects inside our air conditioned shop. Wander or wit with your friends and club members are one of the many tables. Clubs are very welcome and encouraged to bring club information, to sign up new club members if desired. Also, don't forget to leave some club information with us so that we can hand it out during the year.

Check out our building improvements, and if you haven't seen us over the last decade, you may enjoy the new location. Great back roads can be taken for more enjoyment to ...

BMC British Automobile, Minnesota's Largest Solely British Classic Repair and Restoration Shop, located at:

444 East Dual Blvd. NE Isanti, MN 55040

Good friends. Good food. Vintage cars!

Want to drive as a group? Check out the various Twin Cities British Car Facebook pages, such as Intermarque, because there will likely be a few groups driving up.

Our link: https://fb.me/e/3FwMwZPba

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2024 Rendezvous June 6 - 9

The Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club is excited to be hosting Back to the Bay

32nd Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous JUNE 6 – 9, 2024 Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Past and Future Rendezvous Participants,

This is your personal invitation to "Back to the Bay", the 32nd Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada - June 6-9, 2024.

This event was first held in Thunder Bay in 1991 with the support of the Austin Healey Club of Manitoba. Local efforts on the part of a few enthusiastic sports car owners yielded a great weekend (even though it rained) with 37 cars registered. Our American Austin Healey guests had such a great time they decided to host the event in 1992, and it has since become an annual multi-marque, multi-location, multi-club event. The Rendezvous has continued all these many years due to the combined efforts of the Thunder Bay Vintage Sports Car Club, Manitoba Austin Healey Club, Triumph Driver's Club of Manitoba, Mid-Canada Minis, Minnesota Austin Healey Club, Jaguar Club of Minnesota, British Iron Society of North Dakota, Wisconsin Austin Healey Club, Minnesota MG Group, Minnesota InterMarque Council and Minnesota Triumphs. This will be the 10th Rendezvous event hosted by the TBVSCC.

So what is the secret to the Rendezvous longevity? YOU!

We have a common bond, a deep-rooted interest in Vintage Sports Cars and a motivation to share a good time with others that possess the same interest. On that note some of our partners might agree that at times we do seem "possessed"!

In 2024 spirited by the Sleeping Giant we invite you "Back to the Bay". Preliminary plans have a mix of new and old activities as well as tours of local points of interest. The Car Show will once again showcase our beautiful rides in a gorgeous waterfront setting. Saturday will culminate with a fine banquet and awards ceremony.

Those who arrive early on Thursday may even find time to squeeze in a round of golf or a fishing outing on the lake.

We look forward to hosting you once again in Thunder Bay – hope to see you soon!

Hotel: Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel & Conference Centre @ 1-888-473-2378. A block of rooms is being held at a special group rate until May 1st.

Event registration will be available after Jan 1st 2024

* Register by May 1, 2024 to receive a free commemorative Car Blanket and to qualify for the Early Bird Draw for a free Basic Registration!

Registration will be open after Jan 1 2024
For questions regarding registration, please
Contact Chris Pyne at thepynes@shaw.ca. 1 807 767 7766

"Back to the Bay"



32nd Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous – Thunder Bay, Ontario Registration Form

Basic registration covers one vehicle, two adults, and all children under 15 years of age.

Register by May 1, 2024 to receive a free commemorative Car Blanket* and to qualify for the Early Bird Draw for a free Basic Registration!

Cancellations will be subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee. **Refunds will NOT be offered on or after May 1, 2024**. The club will provide registration packages to those who have paid the full registration fee but were unable to attend.

Name:	Spor	use/Guest Attending:		_,	
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Buffet Breakfast - Friday - Saturday		(\$15 C/ \$11 US Child under 12) x (\$15 C/ \$11 US Child under 12) x			
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Wine and Cheese Tasting	\$24 C/ \$18 US x				
Banquet Saturday Night					
\$50 C/ \$37 US Adul	t x				
\$25 C/ \$18 US Child	d under 12 x				
		in U.S. funds by cheque			
Please indicate if you are interest					
Celtic Dance Fun Rally	/ On the Bay Ca	ar Show Tech Session			
Please make cheque payable to TBVSCC and send with completed registration form to: TBVSCC, c/o Chris Pyne, 302 Southgate Court, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 7Z5. Canadian registrants are welcome to use e-transfer – send to: kenbin@shaw.ca - please indicate here If paying by e-transfer complete the registration form and send by e-mail to: thepynes@shaw.ca					

HOTEL: Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Resort Hotel call directly for host site room reservations 1-888-473-2378. A reduced rate block of rooms will be held until May 1st. Additional off site Best Western Crossroads 1-807-577-4241

A Brief Notice/Inquiry about Rendezvous 2024

by Geoff Rossi

Diane and I have plans to attend the Thunder Bay Rendezvous in June. When making distance trips we have found traveling with others to be much more enjoyable and memorable. Plus, it is really nice to see a fellow traveler or two in your windscreen or mirror. We are planning to leave Wednesday, June 5, to drive somewhere past Duluth for an overnight. Then after a few stops along the way, into Thunder Bay on Thursday afternoon.

If your travel plans are similar, call me at 612-822-7069 or email casadirossi@hotmail.com. It would be good to be in touch early to plan for Wednesday night's accommodations.



British Sportscar for Sale: 1973 Triumph GT6 MKIII, Page 1 of 2

- Chassis #22028KF #KF21693
- Only 45,700 actual miles
- Original factory finish, "white" with some touch up spots with rare original blue cloth interior
- Standard 2.0-litre in-line 6/4 speed manual gearbox/Zenith-Stromberg carburetors
- Acquired from Grand Junction Colorado in 2005 with 40,026 miles. Originally delivered to Texas.
- No salt: Colorado car with clean Minnesota title.
- Sale includes original numbers matching stock 2nd motor removed at 40,026 miles and professionally prepped for preservation. The stock engine ran perfectly but I wanted my "new" professionally rebuilt engine from my other GT6 in this highly original car. Work was done by Ernie West of Dead Lake Motors. I only put 5000 miles on this car over my 19 years of treasured ownership.

Modifications to the motor:

- Bored .020" over/berry reground cam shaft/600rpm valve springs/9.25:1 compression.
- Larger 1-3/4" Zenith-Stromberg TR6 carbs
- Electric cooling fan/oil cooler/electronic ignition

Modifications to the car:

- Rebuilt gearbox/Avon Tyres/performance brake pads.
- Heavy duty suspension/competition front springs/adjustable spax shocks

Recent 2023/2024 work includes:

- Complete safety inspection
- Oil & filter change
- Brake inspection/fluid flush/new fluid
- New clutch master cylinder/new fluid
- New starter

Asking Price: \$22,000 or reasonable offer

Call Scott McQueen (612)802-4599 or email: mcqueen.scott@comcast.net

See photos on next page.

1973 Triumph GT6 MKIII for Sale, Page 2 of 2















Membership Form (for Local only members) Curt Carlson – Membership Director Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

Dues for both Minnesota AH-Club and A (\$20 Minnesota + \$70 National) Renew or Jo	•			
Minnesota A-H Club Dues (Local only)	New or Renewal \$30.00 (circle one)			
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Condition: Show Quality Nice & Road Could be running with help	,			
Local only make checks payable to: MN A	ustin Healey Club (or MAHC)			
Send to:				

Curt Carlson, 1984 Nebraska Ave E, Saint Paul, MN 5511

MAHC Calendar 2024

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place	
Wed	3-Apr	PIE	6:00 PM Joseph's Grill		
Sat	27 Apr?	Potential Rixen garage visit/Tech Session			
Wed	8-May	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill	
Fri-Sun	17-19 May	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend		Elkhart Lake	
Sun	18-May	Intermarque Kickoff		Osseo, MN	
Sun-Fri	25-26 May	Harvey West Memorial Day Classic Races		Elkhart Lake Road America	
Sat	1-Jun	Spring into Summer Car Show	10:00-3:00	BMC British Automobile	
Wed	5-Jun	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill	
Thurs-Sat	6-9 Jun	Rendezvous		Thunder Bay, Canada	
Sun	30-Jun	Intemarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park	
Wed	3-Jul	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill	
Thurs-Sun	12-14 Jul	WeatherTech WIC	8:00 - 5:00	Elkhart Lake Road America	
Sun	28-Jul	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park	
Sun	Jul ?	Lynch Mexican Fiesta	3:00 PM	Mike Lynch Home	
Wed	7-Aug	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill	
Sat	10-Aug	Brit Fest	AM	Hudson WI	
Sat-Sun	24-25 Aug	Jack Pine Sprints racing			
Sun	25-Aug	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park	
Sat-Sun	2-3 Sep	Labor Day Brainerd Race		Brainerd International Raceway	
Wed	4-Sep	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill	
Sat	7-Sep	Wheels and Wings		Osceola	
Fri-Sun	13-15 Sep	VSCDA Vintage Weekend	8:00 - 5:00	Elkhart Lake Road America	
Sun-Fri	15-20 Sep	Conclave 2024			
Sun	22-Sep	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park	
Sat-Sun	27-29 Sep	Waumandee Time Trials			
Wed	2-Oct	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill	
Fri-Sun	12-13 Oct	Ozark International Raceway			
Sat or Sun	Oct TBD	Fall Color Tour			
Wed	6-Nov	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill	
Sat	16-Nov	Banquet		Joseph's Grill	
Sat	7-Dec	2025 Planning Meeting	9:00 AM	Joseph's Grill	

Other Potential Calendar Events

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
	?	Amery Timed Car Track Event		Amery WI Airport
	?	Potential long-weekend car tour		
	?	Wetzel Tour and Party		Wetzel House
	Oct ?	Walmer/Herreid Pizza Party		Herreid Cabin

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

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For sale: 50-Year Bar Badge celebrating 50 years of Healey production. Nice color combination. Wreath is a deep green that contrasts well with the yellowish gold of the lettering. These were available in 1996. Not sure whether they still are. This one was purchased through Austin Healey Club of America. \$65. Geoff Rossi. 612 822 7069 or casadirossi@hotmail.com

Healey 3000 parts for sale: A club member since 1975, I'm clearing out some parts. I previously used them, and they worked fine when I installed a Smitty kit and HD8 carbs. Email: dpowell45@comcast.net

• \$1000 Center shift transmission with O.D. and bellhousing

• \$150 Brake servo (new in box)

\$100 Front shock conversion kit (shocks are old)

FIRE SALE: 1967 Sprite \$4,000 down from \$7,000. 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. Contact Tom Politiski at healeymog@yahooo.com

1973 Triumph GTS MKIII: See pages 15-16 for Scott McQueen's sale of his Triumph.



