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Cliff Black writes: One of my winter Healey routines is to warm up the car and exercise the brakes and clutch in my driveway (only), keeping off the salt-encrusted public roads until spring's first couple of drenching rains. I run the car up and down the driveway to activate brakes and clutch, and to bathe the internal engine parts with a fresh coat of oil. I do this at least once in mid-winter, and sometimes more often, depending on the length of the season's road salt conditions.

As part of the exercise, I make sure I run the engine for at least half an hour to burn out the inevitable rust-inducing condensation that forms in the mid steel exhaust system. I don't know if our mechanical guru Steve Rixen approves of this habit of mine, but I know he's a stickler for keeping the cylinder bores well-lubricated.

Upcoming Events

Wed	02 Apr	PIE
Sat	26 Apr	Cars & Caves
Thurs-Sun	01-04 May	Gingerman VSCDA Raceway & School

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025
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:

Let's do it in the road!

From the looks of the trees and feel of the road, the 2025 Healey driving season is here. Sure, snow may be lurking somewhere, but so are the mosquitoes, so why not put your favorite little car in gear. There are plenty of car events to consider. That's why we have the calendar; check it out and plan accordingly. In May I'm looking forward to Spring Kick-off in nearby Osseo. Next, in June, comes our big regional event: Rendezvous in Grand Rapids, this year hosted by MAHC and the Minnesota MG Group (MMGG). This newsletter will give you info on the latest updates and how to reserve your spot. Also note that April 2 is our next P.I.E. meeting. I hope you can make it.

**Happy Trails to you,
Dave Herreid**

The History of the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

Thirty plus years ago longtime member Tom Politiski sat down and pulled together a narrative of how MAHC formed in the years prior to 1991. It was a foresighted effort. We now have a firm foundation upon which to bring that up to date. There are plans in the works to meet that challenge. Much has been accomplished by MAHC since 1991, and that has been possible because of the involvement of committed members. Some of those who were in the membership in the time frame covered by Tom and many who have come to be on the list since then.

The intent here is to present our current membership with a solid knowledge of where this great group came from and why we are functioning so well today.

As said, there will be a forth coming article to update Tom Politiski's endeavor.

Enjoy – Geoff Rossi

Rising Vales for Austin Healey sent by Curt Carlson

This is Money.co.uk reports that the value of ten car models including the Austin Healey will rise in 2025:

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/cars/article-14210469/Classic-car-experts-say-ten-models-rise-value-2025.html>

You are Invited to



Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids Minnesota June 5th - 8th

The 33rd annual Rendezvous is brought to you by the MG and Austin-Healey clubs of Minnesota. The event is hosted at Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids, MN, on the shores of Lake Siseebakwet. There are great roads to drive, historic sites to visit, and lots of fun activities. Such as:

- Welcome Party • Silent Auction • Poker run on some amazing roads
- Self-guided drives • Local sites to explore • Regional Northwoods History speaker
- Tech Session • Curated wine and cheese session • Friday Night First Friday Art Walk and Northern Cruiser Car Show in downtown Grand Rapids • Bonfires and smores • Sugar Lake Lodge Car Show on the grounds • Saturday night closing ceremony banquet and more.

To register go to <https://rendezvous2025.com>. Select the **REGISTER** button and follow the prompts. Lodging reservations are made directly with the Sugar Lake Lodge staff. Call (218) 327-1462. They will work with you to select the best option for your stay. Please consider pairing up with friends to take advantage of the 2-bedroom Villas!

Sugar Lake Lodge Address: 37584 Otis Lane, Cohasset, MN 55721.

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Spring into Summer Car Show 2025

by Brian McCullough, BMC



We invite Club Members, community, partners, and automotive enthusiasts to see what's happening at BMC for 2025!

The Annual BMC British Automobile Spring into Summer Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 am to 3 pm.

All makes and models are welcome.

Family Friendly: we encourage you to bring a kid to a car show, and this is the show!

Come check out the cars outside, as well as the projects inside our air-conditioned shop. Wander or sit with your friends and club members. Clubs are very welcome to bring club information to sign up new club members if desired.

Current projects will be on display.

Check out our building improvements—if you haven't been here for a while, you won't recognize the place.

Great back roads can be taken for more enjoyment to ...

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

DATE & TIME: Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

PLACE: 444 East Dual Blvd., Isanti, MN 55040

ORGANIZER: BMC British Automobile

+1 651-400-0145

info@bmcautos.com

Conclave 2025

Registration is now open for Conclave 2025!

Branson and the beautiful Ozarks area of Missouri is an extraordinary vacation destination and will be the home base for Conclave 2025. If you enjoy live entertainment, exceptional attractions, and diverse outdoor activities, you don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime event at this unique location.

We want you to experience Branson and what the area offers, but we also want you to enjoy "all things Conclave," some with a slight Ozark twist. The scenic rally will take you on great Healey roads. Following the car show, you won't need to go far to lunch on farm-to-table delicious offerings at the Keeter Center on the College of the Ozarks campus. Join us for an exciting evening dinner show, watching the non-stop action of Dolly Parton's Stampede. It is one of the top show attractions in Branson.

The activities of Conclave and attractions of Branson will keep you busy, but our host lodging, Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa, will allow you to kick back and enjoy the luxurious accommodations of this Four Diamond resort hotel and convention center. The Chateau sits in a very scenic location, overlooking Table Rock Lake.

The dates for Conclave 2025 are May 18 – 23, 2025, The event is sponsored and hosted by the Kansas City AHC, Oklahoma AH Owners Club, Ohio Valley AHC, plus many other volunteers.

We hope to see you in Branson next May, where the hills of the Ozarks will be alive with the sounds of Healeys.

Neil Anderson
Conclave 2025 Planning Committee

To register: <https://conclave2025branson.com>

Promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBDuyjrAG9U>

Conclave 2025



For many of us, the cold of winter is fast approaching. Before we know it the holidays will be here with the new year right around the corner bringing Conclave 2025 into our windscreen view. The Branson organizing committee is shifting into 3rd gear and will be working hard this winter to start to make the hundreds of event details come together. The finish line is still a long way off, but as it gets closer, we will be in the beautiful Ozarks. Make it your New Year's resolution to join the Healey Conclave fun in Branson next May.

Board Approves Lifetime Membership for Dan Powell

by Geoff Rossi, Board Chair

In acknowledgement of Dan Powell's decades long contributions to the Minnesota Austin Healey Club, the Board has considered and approved a proposal on March 23, 2025, to show the Club's appreciation by recognizing Dan as a Lifetime Member.

Dan has been involved with MAHC going back to the early 80s. Over the years he has shown his interest in our organization with participation, dedication, and commitment. This commitment has been demonstrated by the various positions he has volunteered to fill through the years.

Dan has been involved as Club President, Newsletter Editor, Board member (4 terms), Chairman (2 terms), consistent attendee at monthly meetings, and also the first recipient of the Geoff Healey Sportsmanship Award on 6/26/1994 (ask Dan about that one). Beside these, he has always been in support of the good health and viability of the Club's financial status.

This is the most significant way that the Minnesota Austin Healey Club can give recognition to Dan for his involvement and thank him. As a Lifetime member, Dan is now exempt from paying annual dues. He joins Barb and Gary Ronning as a lifetime member.

Congratulations, Dan, and thank you!!

Curious To Know?



Does anyone in the group recognize what this is? Do you have any idea of what its significance might be? I have had it for quite some time and do not recall how I came by it. It is constructed similar to the old pressed-metal license plates and looks like it could be attached to the bottom of that type of plate. It is that long and about 1 1/2" wide. White with a blue stripe around the edge. Is anyone interested in taking possession of it?

Geoff Rossi: casadirossi@hotmail.com

Wetzel Open House & 80th Birthday

Eileen and Gary Wetzel held an open house/garage and birthday party at their home in Wayzata on Saturday, January 26, 2025. Attendees included Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Jim Koktavy & Jaime Horner, Tom & Kay Kovacs, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Mike Lynch, Scott McQueen, Chuck & Jean Norton, Dan & Laurie Powell, Steve & Kim Rixen, Geoff & Diane Rossi, and Gary & Eileen Wetzel.



Top left: Eileen Wetzel and Kay Kovacs. **Top right:** from left, Tom Kovacs, Scott McQueen, and Gary Wetzel. **Left:** Scott McQueen, Gary Wetzel, Tom Kovacs, Chuck and Jean Norton, and Jim Koktavy. **Below:** Dave Herreid, Geoff Rossi, Diane Rossi, and Greg Lauser.

Photos courtesy of Daphne Walmer.



Cars, Coffee, and the Currency of Connection

by Eileen Wetzel

Let's get something straight—there's beauty, and then there's *real* beauty. The kind that doesn't scream for attention but commands it effortlessly. That's what greeted us that brisk Minneapolis morning when we stepped into Scott McQueen's carriage house. A row of Austin Healeys and a Jaguar standing there like timeless icons, polished to a mirror shine that reflected not just the light, but a legacy.

Scott's place? It wasn't just a garage. It was a cathedral where steel, leather, and chrome met reverence. And Scott? The high priest. Meeting us at the door, eyes scanning his collection with the quiet satisfaction of someone who understands that owning these cars isn't about showing off—it's about preserving a slice.

Standing there, sipping black coffee that cut through the morning chill, we weren't just looking at machines. We were seeing stories—road trips that felt like freedom, summer afternoons with the top down and the quiet satisfaction that comes from knowing you're behind the wheel of something *real*.

And in the main cave? A box of donuts. Not some artisanal, overpriced nonsense—just the good stuff. Glazed, chocolate, maybe a couple of jelly-filled wild cards. They sat there like an unspoken invitation: "Stay a while. Enjoy this."

So we did. Conversation flowed easily.

Top: from left, Rich Stadther, Charley Klima, Greg Willodson, and Scott McQueen. **Middle:** Patrick McManus, Dean Borris, Phil Schaefer, and Brian Kennedy. **Bottom:** Gary Wetzel, Phil Dawson, and Chuck Norton.





This wasn't just small talk. It was a masterclass in passion disguised as a casual morning hang. And that's the thing—when you're surrounded by people who *get it*, who share that same reverence for craftsmanship and nostalgia, time slows down. The noise of the world fades.

The donuts disappeared, the coffee cooled, but no one was in a rush to leave. Why would we be? This wasn't just about cars. It was about connection. Shared admiration for machines that don't just move bodies—they move souls.



Here's the truth: in a world obsessed with speed and convenience, moments like this are a reminder that some things are worth slowing down for. Austin Healeys. Good coffee. Better friends. This wasn't just a gathering in a garage. It was a celebration of the things that matter—craftsmanship, conversation, and connection.

And that? That's a return on investment you can't put a price on.



Attendees: Paul Bastyr, Dean Borris, Phil Dawson, Phil Ethier, Mel Fay, Charley Klima, Jim Koltavy, Patrick McManus, Chuck Norton, Dan Powell, Rod Rickert, Steve Rixen, Phil Schaefer, Kurt Seeman, Rich Stadther, Greg Thompson, Eileen and Gary Wetzel, and Greg Willodson.

Top: from left, Steve Rixen and Dan Powell. **Middle:** Charley Klima, Patrick McManus, Phil Ethier, Steve Rixen (mostly hidden), Scott McQueen, Jim Koltavy, and Dan Powell. **Bottom:** Charley Klima, Patrick McManus, Dean Borris, Steve Rixen, Jim Koltavy, and Phil Ethier.

Photos courtesy of Eileen Wetzel.

Spring Car Keeping

by Steve Rixen

So, here it is, Spring! When a Healey Owner's fancy turns to love ... of springtime drives and get togethers of the Healey type.

But first we must take a little time out to make sure our cars are ready to transport us safely and reliably.

First, think back to the fall when we put the baby away. Did we change the oil like we should have in October to get rid of all the nasty acids and gunk built up over the driving season? If not, we'll need to fit that in now, but only after slapping ourselves, at least mentally, for not doing the right thing last fall. Then think back to the last drive of fall and try to remember that list of **Things To Do** that we were going to do over the winter months, but never did. Write them down this time.

Second, go out to the storage area where the Dream Car is parked and see what nightmares Winter has wrought. Take the cover off and check to see if the tires held air and bring them up to that pressure. Stick your head at floor level and look at the floor to see if there is telltale spotting at the brake positions, engine, transmission and differential, and on the inside of the rear tires for axle bearing seal failure. If it looks like a Law-and-Order opening crime scene under there, you are going to have to do forensic analysis.

Third, open the hood to check the fluid levels and see if rodent squatters have set up housekeeping under there. Open the doors and boot to check for the same telltale signs of ingress. I'd recommend removing the plugs and squirting a little Marvel Mystery Oil, fogging oil, or ATF into the spark plug holes and let it sit for a bit. Maybe put the car in 4th gear and push it back and forth a few feet to spread the oil on the cylinder walls. Disconnect the Primary wire (White with a black stripe stock, usually or power wire Red or Black with Pertronix) at the distributor to disable it. Then get your plastic handled screwdriver out and turn the battery switch on and then the ignition. When you hear the fuel pump sizzling lightly, rap the plastic handle on the tops of the Carb Float Bowls to help the needle and seats reacquaint themselves and not pour fuel out the overflows. All this assumes you have had a battery maintainer connected over the winter or have kept your battery in a warm safe environment.

Fourth, ensure the transmission is in neutral, hang shop rags or towel over the valve cover and sparkplug holes, and turn on the ignition and press the starter button to motor the engine over until the oil pressure comes up on the gauge. Install the plugs after removing the towel and you're ready to start. Pull the choke on and engage the starter, and it should start after a few seconds of cranking. While the engine is warming, check the brake pedal for freedom and good feel. Sniff the air for any signs of electrical Lucas Smoke. Listen for anything unusual, Then, it's off to the store for the oil and filter you should have changed last fall...

The Nuts and Bolts of British Car Ownership

by Steve Rixen

British Bolts and Nuts Factoid 1

According to Wikipedia, British Morris and MG engines from 1923 to 1955 were built using metric threads with bolt heads and nuts dimensioned for Whitworth spanners and sockets. In 1919, Morris Motors took over the French Hotchkiss engine works, which had moved to Coventry during the First World War. The Hotchkiss machine tools were of metric thread, but metric spanners were not readily available in Britain at the time, so fasteners were made with metric thread but Whitworth heads.

Moral of this factoid is don't lose the fasteners.

British Bolts and Nuts Factoid 2

When working on your British car, even those built after 1956 and supposedly using the Unified Sizing and Threading standards, you may be caught by the dreaded British Standard or Whitworth exception.

Lucas and SU parts and probably other suppliers of ancillary engine parts continued to use BS and BW threaded and sized fasteners, thus putting you into a quandary if you happened to drop a mounting bolt for, let's say, your SU fuel pump in the grass while doing that roadside tech session (Moss # 322-170). This practice continues to this day. Carburetors also have BS/BW thread pitches on the screws, nuts, and bolts, in addition to the assembly hardware.

Lucas Starters have a similar situation, with the main wire connecting nuts and studs, as well as the assembly screws on starters, generators, and other electrical bits.

British Bolts and Nuts Factoid 3

If you are out and about and need to use your SAE wrench to say, take the fuel float bowl cap off, you can use pocket change solution to your problem. Your too large spanner may be augmented to fit by inserting a penny, dime, or nickel between the bolt head and spanner jaw to make do and get the fastener loose.

Who Works on these Cars? YOU DO!

by Steve Rixen

On April 29, Mark Brandow at Quality Coaches has an annual event sponsoring John Twist of University Motors doing and instructing people how to do or at least understand their Little British Cars.

I know it is an MG event, but MG, Morris, Austin, and other brands all operated under the British Motor Company, BMC during the life of our cars and shared similar engines ignitions and drivetrains, so knowledge transfers throughout.

Mr. John Twist, previously inducted into the British Sports Car Hall of Fame, is sharing the honor with some of the biggest names in British Sports Car history. <https://mossmotoring.com/john-twist-mg-is-my-destiny> Only \$125 per technical seminar session! Choose Saturday or Sunday. Yes, you can learn to work on your own car.

In the past, John has discussed Lucas electrics, built up the bottom end of an engine, tuned various models of LBC's, and even rebuilt an overdrive gearbox. All this while sharing his vast knowledge of MG lore. In fact, John's tech seminar may be the best \$125 you'll ever spend on education about your car. There are often small things he will explain or correct that will make a HUGE difference in power or reliability.

The day will be educational, fun, and entertaining, all while sharing in great MG fellowship with a legend in the MG world. Learn about "The sports car America loved first!"
Need more homework? Subscribe and donate today!

Even if you don't go to the seminar, see some technical videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/universitymotorstld>.

Call Mark at Quality @ 612 824-4155 right away if you plan on going. Lunch is included. Payment for the seminar must be made directly with Quality Coaches. While there, take a moment to thank Mark, a valued sponsor of 2025 Rendezvous.

Motivation and Inspiration

by John Hatzung

I always get pumped up at vintage car events. Along with the scent of gasoline and warm oil comes the less defined sense of enthusiasm of people for old cars. They're so much more serious about the idea of moving as an end in and of itself. They require doing things to get from one place to another and responding to those efforts with sensory manifestations. Even the Turbo-matics and Dyna-flows expressed their function—you can feel and sometimes even hear the fluid sucking up the crankshaft energy and swirling the output turbine. Shifts are at least as purposeful and more primeval: clutch, into first, out of first; into second, out of second; into third—and so on. The sophistication of overdrive was added as a switch. Now wireless, electric interfaces and computerized nannies protect us from our crude infantile inputs. Sound recordings play over speakers to enhance the “driving experience,” while the electronics and sound deadening filter the reality out. There is no road surface now in most new vehicles.

Humans evolved to move. We're born to run, as Mr. Springsteen points out, and we crave the feeling that motion provides. That's intensified by things we do to make that happen more quickly. We're also social creatures who bond through these things that create mutual feelings.

Of course, sex is the ultimate bonding instinct, and cars carry connotations of those same primal feelings. It may be no romp with Julie Christie or Diana Rigg or Sean Connery or Peter O'Toole, but winding up a '59 100/6 or '65 Cobra down the straight and into a turn could be a step in the direction of those teenage fantasies. A walk down rows of classic vintage cars can reveal lots of visual clues that raise heart rates.

The sensory connections with the things that move us connect us with those fantasies. More and deeper connections and involvement in creating that motion heighten that primal, visceral impact. I guess that might account for the adrenalin high after these things. Let's see—what's coming up this year?

From the Archives

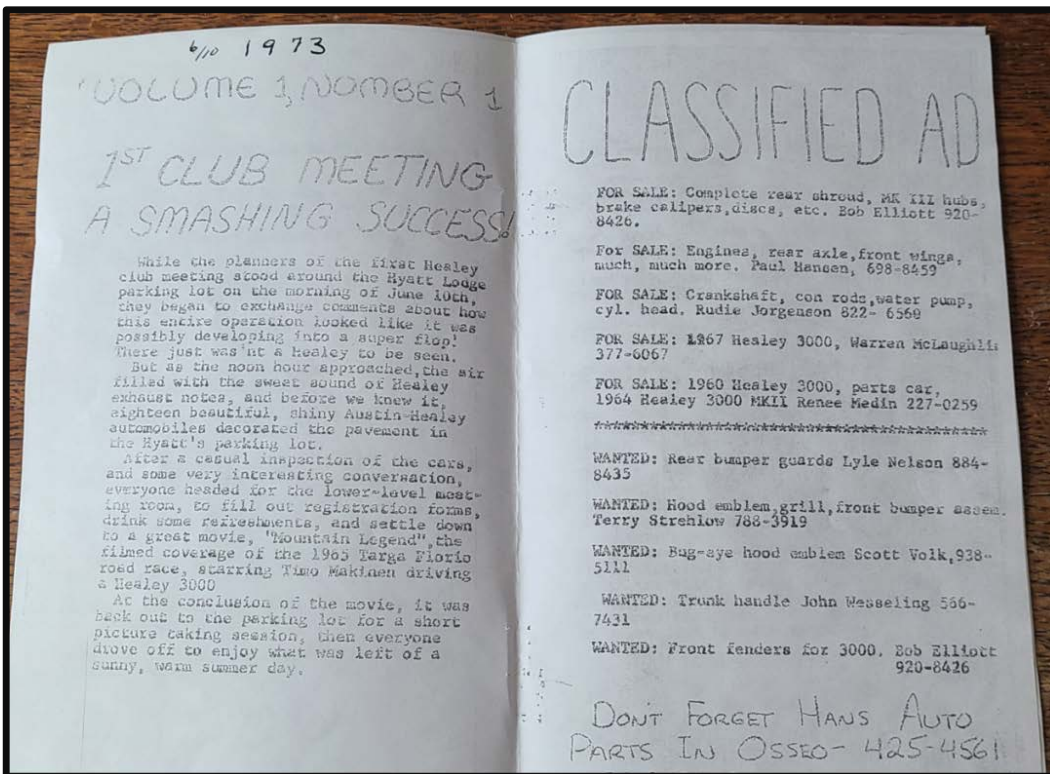
In 2024 I was contacted by Gary Ronning, a long-time Healey Club member who was downsizing to a smaller place and was interested in off-loading his nearly complete historical archive of club newsletters going as far back as the first-known meeting of a Minnesota Austin Healey Club in June of 1973. In the interest of keeping this very important historical archive safe and curated, I volunteered to be "club historian" for a year. I think we have someone lined up for the next year, but the best part about this is being able to pour over these very interesting and fun newsletters from years past. There are some great memories in here, and I think you'll find that many of the same events and discussions we're currently having have been recurring themes over the years.

The 1973 newsletter is two 8.5 x 11 sheets, photocopied front to back to make a total of 8 half pages. The cover is faded, but one can barely make out a hand drawing of a Big Healey, and the words, "Club News Flown by Austin-Healey WINGS." There were a few articles in the publication and a roster of attendees to the first-ever meeting at the Hyatt Lodge—no city given. Bloomington maybe?

In all, 19 people and cars were at the first meeting. They hung around in the parking lot for a while and then watched a movie in the Hyatt meeting room. "Mountain Legend" details the 1965 Targa-Florio road race. They took in \$45 bucks, paid for the room, an ad in *The Minneapolis Star*, some newsletter paper and postage, some "pop," and had \$12 bucks left in the kitty. The next meeting was set for just over a month later in July of 1973.

Many thanks to Gary Ronning for his meticulous stewardship in keeping this very important history of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club alive for 51 years! I'm looking into ways we can digitally preserve this archive. In coming newsletters, I'll find some tasty tidbits to share with all of us.

**Healey on!
Curt Carlson**



PIE Meeting Notes 1/8/2025

Daphne Walmer

MAHC President Dave Herreid ran the meeting.

Past Events

- **MAHC Banquet**
- **Planning Meeting:** Uncertain about dates

Upcoming Events

- **Wetzel Wine, Cheese, Birthday Party, and Garage Tour** January 26 Sunday. Gary's 80th birthday. 2-5 Bring a bottle of wine and appetizers or cheese if you want.

Reports:

- **Membership Dues: Curt Carlson: Membership renewals** were due end of November. Please renew ASAP. If a national member, use the national website; if local only send check and form to Curt Carlson.
- **Treasurer: Liz Stadther**
- **Newsletter: Daphne Walmer**
- **Name tags: Greg**
- **National Delegate:**
- **InterMarque: Jay Jacobson**

Old / New Business:

- **Conclave 2025** is in Branson, MO, in May, a 10-hour drive. Phil Dawson thinks the Stines are going; no one else in attendance.
- **Rendezvous 2025.** Sugar Lake near Grand Rapids, MN. There was a planning meeting in late December and one is coming up this month. The committee is looking for individuals to head up and staff events. An email will be coming out in the next week or two. Steve Rixen was asked to do a Tech Session.
- **Healey Museum yearly donation:** Was approved in a previous meeting; Liz will send in 2025.
- **Weekend trip:** Greg Lauser is talking about one to southeast Minnesota/NE Iowa. **Update from Greg:** The trip will be down to and through southwest Wisconsin's Amish communities and Driftless Area along Kickapoo River, crossing at Prairie du Chien into northeast Iowa. No dates yet. Want to determine time when no conflicts exist with other club events or race weekends, if possible.
- **Club Documentation:** Curt Carlson and Dave Herreid plan to get together this winter to review the Ronning collection and other stuff.
- **Future of the Club:** Membership count trajectory is a big bell curve and we're on the downslope. Curt will discuss more when prepared.
- **Membership:** Eileen has been asked to join a subcommittee of the national club on attracting and retaining members. Curt Carlson: Big Healeys are pricing people out, so he thinks embracing Sprites is a good idea. Phil Dawson disagreed and thinks the problem is not the price of the car. The prices of Sprites and small Triumphs is going up and the price of big Healeys is coming down. Phil thinks the club needs to be active, friendly, and helpful. 12 years ago the club had far more events; he said we can't have Healeys tucked away in garages. Let people see and sit in them. Scott McQueen mentioned that TR7 has nearly daily communications, using a listserv. Dave

Herreid suggested partnering with Triumph club. Kim mentions that you don't have to have a Triumph or a Healey to be a member of the club. Steve mentioned a club in New England that's all British. InterMarque on Saturday mornings is very successful. Daphne says she could change the text on the welcome page to highlight that you don't have to own a Healey to come. Good ideas, more discussion in future.

- **Autocrosses/racing:** National would love to know this month how many autocrosses people plan to do this year, but it doesn't sound like MAHC will do anything. Phil Dawson reported that they mapped Amery, and the problem is offset—there must be 70 feet between spectators and where the cars running. There is no room for parking. Eileen said for insurance coverage there should be no people near the cars. So currently we don't have a potential location. People can attend MAC events—the Metropolitan Auto Sports Council runs MAC events at Dakota County Track. The Corvette club runs an event there every year. There are events once or twice a month at Dakota County. The events at Dakota County are well set up and fun. Another way to get some track time at Dakota County is the Gary Curtis Experience, ~\$320.

April 12 garage show by Brock Thorson. [**Note:** this event has been postponed to the fall.]

Attendees: Curt Carlson, Phil & Stefanie Dawson, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Charley Klima, Jim Koktavy, Scott McQueen, Brian & Tom Porter, Steve & Kim Rixen, Rich & Liz Stadther, Craig & Brock Thorson, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzal, and Greg and Suzanne Willodson.



President's Informal Event (PIE) meeting in January 2025.

Photo courtesy of Curt Carlson.

PIE Meeting Notes 2/5/2025

Daphne Walmer

MAHC President Dave Herreid ran the meeting.

Announcements

- Dave introduced **Brad Both**, the owner of Cedar Lakes Speedway and Arena, who is planning a British Car Show in conjunction with a race on Saturday, July 12, 2025. Joe Soucheray will be there with his Garage Logic cronies. Cedar Lakes Speedway is a dirt track near New Richmond in Wisconsin. Brad is also inviting members of other British Car Clubs. There will be no charge to attend, but there will be swag and food. The venue is 40 minutes from downtown St. Paul. It has an indoor pit area to keep the cars out of the dust during the races; it could probably hold 100 cars. Would allow camping if anyone is interested. New Richmond and Hudson have many hotels. Brad is interested in maybe making it a yearly event. The car show will be from about noon to 5:00; races follow at 6:00 pm.
- **MMGG member Dick Wallrich passed away.** His wife used to answer the phone at Quality Coaches. Steve Rixen knew him and has secured a sympathy card, and Dave said that we will send it to Dick's family from Minnesota Austin Healey Club.

Past Events

- **Wetzel Wine, Cheese, Birthday Party, and Garage Tour** January 26 Sunday. Gary's 80th birthday. 2-5 Thank you for good company and good cheer.

Upcoming Events

- **PIE March 5.**
- **Scott McQueen's MAHC and VSCA Open House** Saturday March 15. Scott confirmed the date this week. 10-1.
- **PIE April 2**
- **Brock Thorson Garage Show** April 12. [Note: This event has been postponed to fall.]

New Business:

- **QR code:** Curt Carlson has suggested a QR code to promote the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. He couldn't be here tonight, but Dave Herreid showed copies of the code. Curt mentioned that at the last meeting Phil Dawson said, "exposure is what is going to save our club." When we go on drives or host events, we could carefully tape a QR code to the windshield or door, or maybe a magnetic sticker, or vinyl window cling sticker on the inside of the windshield? People thought this is a really good idea. Could be on cling in the windows at car shows, for example, so that it can work to get people to the website even when no one is in the car. Curt has set up the code, and it works. See the QR code at the end of the minutes. We still have MAHC postcards, but they require a lot more initiative on the part of members.

Old Business:

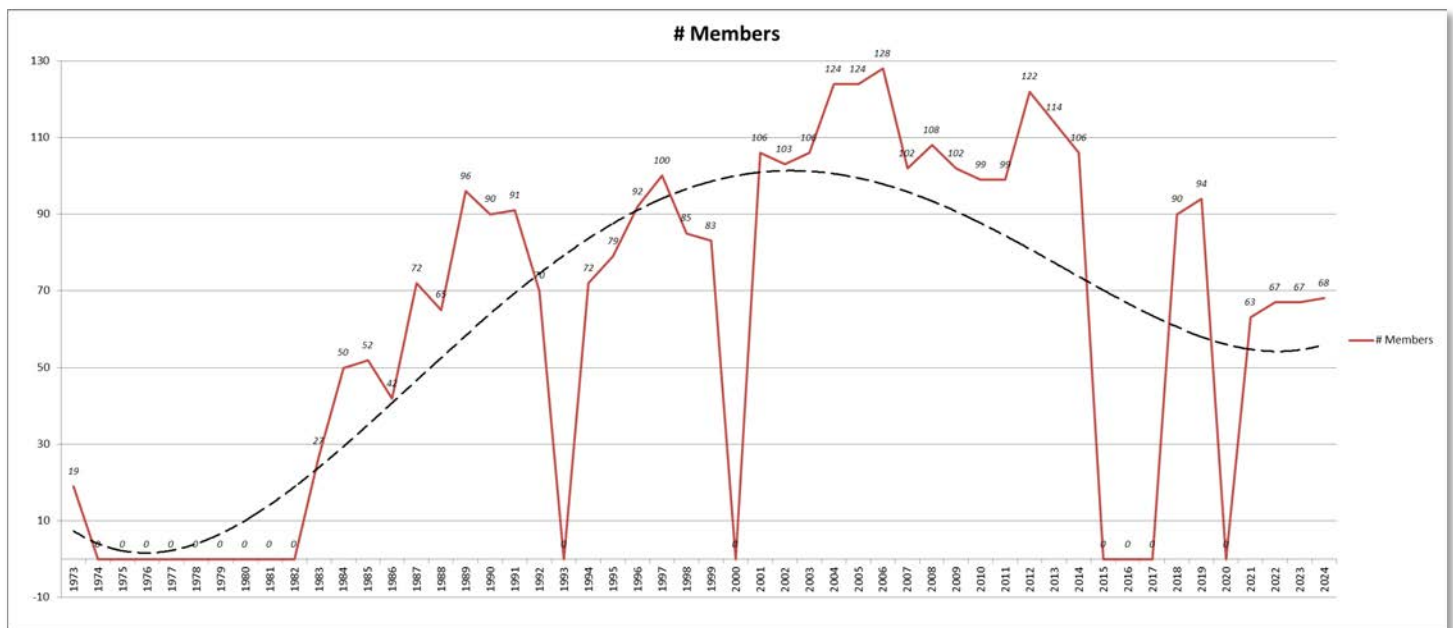
- **Rendezvous 2025** (June 5-8)
 - The website link for sign-up is now up and running. www.Rendezvous2025.com
 - Dave Hatzung and others have tested it.
 - If you haven't booked a room at Sugar Lake, you should soon.
 - Steering Committee has meeting next week; has the schedule; need to get volunteers and some last details.

- o So far spending is \$500; we share in financial exposure with the board officer.
- o Welcome party is one of the bigger expenses for the hosts. The wine and cheese party and dinner people pay for.

Attendees: Brad Both from Cedar Lakes Speedway, Phil Ethier, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Jim Koktavy, Dick Leining, Scott McQueen, Dan Powell, Steve Rixen, Brock Thorson, and Greg and Suzanne Willodson.

MAHC Membership Chart

The chart below from Curt Carlson shows the history and trend of the number of memberships in the Minnesota Austin Healey Club.



PIE Meeting Notes 3/5/2025,

Daphne Walmer

MAHC President Dave Herreid ran the meeting.

Announcements

- Rich Stadther reported that they resurfaced the track in Gimli, which is having vintage racing outside Winnipeg, Canada, the third weekend in August (the weekend before the race in Brainerd).
- Dave congratulated Eileen on her article about Jim Koktavy and Jaime Horner in *The Healey Marque*. He said the article showed how much fun the environment is.
- Eileen mentioned that Carol Johnk has written an article about car 28 that was supposed to run in the Healey Marque before Eileen's article. Apparently, the editor used Eileen's article first because it fit.

Past Events

- None this month.

Upcoming Events

- **Scott McQueen's MAHC and VSCA Open House** Saturday March 15 at 415 11th Avenue SE, Minneapolis, from 10 AM to 1 PM
- **PIE** April 2.
- **Brock Thorson Garage Show** April 12. Details to follow.
- **Car & Caves Show** April 26, Chanhassen Autoplex, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Old Business:

- **QR code:** As discussed at the last meeting, Curt Carlson has suggested a QR code to promote the Minnesota Austin Healey Club. Everyone was favorable about a vinyl window cling sticker to go on the inside of the windshield. Curt found a place that can make small runs for about \$10 each, although the price will be more depending on the size. He needs a design.
- **Intermarque Kickoff:** Attendees voted unanimously to donate \$100 for a parking area for Healeys.
- **Rendezvous 2025** (June 5-8) www.rendezvous2025.com
 - The steering committee is planning all the same events as usual.
 - There's a steering committee meeting Tuesday March 11th at 6:00 at Joseph's Grill.
 - Most of villas are still available.
 - If you haven't booked a room at Sugar Lake, you should soon.

New Business:

- **Second Harvest Heartland:** Pre-COVID the club did several volunteer events at Second Harvest, but we didn't talk about it at the 2025 planning meeting. Previously we'd go on a Saturday morning and have lunch afterwards. Steve and Suzanne will coordinate and try to find a likely date. Second Harvest has a calendar that shows the open number of spots. We expect fewer than the 20 people in previous years, so we'll probably fill in with other volunteers. Greg guessed we could get 10-12 people to come.

- **National Retention Committee:** Eileen Wetzel talked about national's Retention Committee, and thinks the QR code is a great idea that the national club might want to use to attract new members. Also, the national club is concerned about the decreasing number of mechanics who work on Healeys. If anyone knows names of mechanics who can work on our cars, please send contact info to Eileen.
- **Membership:** Curt Carlson reported that the club lost seven national members last year and six this year.

Attendees: Curt Carlson, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Charley Klima, Jay Jacobson, Jim Koltavy, Scott McQueen, Steve Rixen, Rich Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Greg and Suzanne Willodson.

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

New Lower Asking Price: \$18,000 or best offer
Looking for a good home!

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 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) _____

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

Local only make checks payable to: MN Austin Healey Club (or MAHC)

Send to:
Curt Carlson,
1984 Nebraska Ave E,
Saint Paul, MN 5511

MAHC 2025 Calendar

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
Wed	2-Apr	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	26-Apr	Cars & Caves		Chanhassen Motorplex
Thurs-Sun	1-4 May	Gingerman VSCDA Raceway & School		South Haven, Michigan
Wed	7-May	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	16-18 May	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend		Road America Elkhart Lake
Sun	17-May	Intermarque Kickoff	9:00 AM	Osseo, MN
Sun-Fri	18-23 May	Conclave 2025		Branson, MO
Sat-Sun	24-25 May?	Harvey West Memorial Day Classic Races		Brainerd International Raceway
Sat	31-May	Cars & Caves Classic Cars	9-1:00	Chanhassen Motorplex
Wed	4-Jun	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	??	Garage Tour Charley & Deb Klima		Klima House
Thurs-Sat	5-8 Jun	Rendezvous		Sugar Lake Lodge, Minnesota
Sat	7 Jun	BMC Spring into Summer Car Show	10:00-3:00	444 East Dual Blvd. NE, Isanti
Fri-Sun	13-15 Jun	Blackhawk VSCDA		South Beloit, Illinois
Sat	28-Jun	Cars & Caves Italian Cars		Chanhassen Motorplex
Sun	29-Jun	Intemarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	2-Jul	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Thurs	3-Jul	Donald M Healey's Birthday 1898		
Thurs-Sun	17-20 Jul?	WeatherTech WIC	8:00-5:00	Elkhart Lake Road America
	26-Jul	Cars & Caves American Cars		Chanhassen Motorplex
Sat or Sun	26/27 Jul?	BBQ/Potluck and Drive		Wetzel House
Sun	27-Jul	Intemarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	6-Aug	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	9-Aug	Brit Fest	AM	Hudson WI
Fri-Sun	15-17 Aug	Grattan VSCDA racing		Grattan Michigan
Sat-Sun	16-17 Aug	Can-Am Invitational Vintage Racing		Gimli Motorsports Park
Fri-Sun	22-24 Aug	Jack Pine Sprints VSCR racing		Road America Elkhart Lake
Sat	30-Aug	Cars & Caves British Cars		Chanhassen Motorplex
Sat-Sun	30-31 Aug	Labor Day Brainerd Race		Brainerd International Raceway
Sun	31-Aug	Intermarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	3-Sep	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	6-Sep	Wheels and Wings		Osceola
Fri-Sun	11-14 Sep	Ariens VSCDA Vintage Weekend	8:00-5:00	Elkhart Lake Road America
Sat	20-Sep	Herreid Pizza Party or Dawson Party		

Sat	27-Sep	Cars & Caves German Cars		Chanhasen Motorplex
Sat	27-Sep	Waumandee		Alma/Waumandee WI
Sun	28-Sep	Intermarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Sun	28-Sep	Lynch Mexican Fiesta	3:00 PM	Lynch's Mexican Fiesta
Sat	TBD	Brock Thorson Garage Tour		Thorson House
Wed	1-Oct	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	10-12 Oct	Ozarks VSCDA Racing		Ozark International Raceway
Sat or Sun	25-Oct	Fall Color Tour		
Wed	5-Nov	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	8-Nov	National AH Club Delegates Meeting		Indianapolis, IN
Sat	15-Nov	Annual Meeting and Banquet	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Wed	3-Dec	2025 PIE and Planning Meeting	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill

Other Potential Calendar Events

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
		Weekend Trip		
		Jeff Lumbard Garage Tour		
		Greg Willodson Garage Tour		

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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Rare Opportunity to Acquire Vintage Drink Glasses: Set of five eight-ounce glasses, two Jaguar XK-150, two Austin Healey 100-Six, one Triumph TR-3. Five inches tall. \$35 for the set. Very nice condition. Could easily qualify Gold in Concours.
Contact Geoff, 612-822-7069

Tires: Set of 5 brand new Michelin XAS 180 HR 15 tires. Bought new in February but discovered a clearance issue during mounting, so had to remove them and go down a size. Zero miles. New lower price: \$1,000. Contact Charley Klima 952.913.7710.

Cars For Sale:

- 1973 Triumph GTS MKIII, see pages 23-24.

