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It's been a fun ride !!!

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sat DEC 7

PIE/Planning Breakfast

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President's Informal Evening

Date: Saturday December 7th

Time: 9:00 a.m. (or before)

Place: Joseph's Grill
140 So. Wabasha
St. Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435

Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.

Thank You

To the members that submitted news, articles, and photos for this newsletter issue:

Kim Rixen **Barb Ronning**
Daphne Walmer **Dave Hatzung**

Current and past newsletters:

<http://www.mnhealey.com/mnhealey/newsletter.htm>

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El Presidente's Exponentiale

By Dave Hatzung

Welcome December!

I want to thank everyone who attended the MAHC Annual Banquet this year. We had great attendance and participation! Thanks to all of you who donated items for the Silent Auction. Also, congratulations to all those who purchased something and to those who won a door prize (that would be most everyone).

A huge thank you to our outgoing officers and helpers, especially President **Kim Rixen** and our Vice President **Daphne Walmer**. You both were great to step forward last year and steer the club through a great 2019. We all know that Healey is a Marque of friendship and camaraderie, and as such we're all praying for Kim's success over her fight with cancer.

Also want to thank Daphne for taking over as editor of *The Healey Enthusiast*. Thanks to our friends **Gary & Barb Ronning** for organizing and publishing the newsletter for so many years – great job! I personally want to thank my brother, **John Hatzung**, for volunteering to be our VP this year. He's a great example of how we can find new members by continuing to sponsor the autocross and rally events, as well as other activities. There are few clubs in America that are as active as we are. You'll see other results from the banquet in the minutes from the meeting elsewhere in the newsletter.

If you get a chance, go back and read **Kim Rixen's Presidential Ponderings** in the November 2019 *Healey Enthusiast* issue. It expresses many of my, and I'm sure your, feelings about when we put our cars away in the Fall - and then about taking them out in the Spring...well written Kim! Thank you all again for the privilege of serving as your President for this upcoming year – I appreciate the opportunity. Please always feel free to pass on pointers on what I should and should not be doing! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you!



Dave Hatzung, Daphne Walmer, & Kim Rixen

The Presidents Informal Evening

By Daphne Walmer

(Steve Rixen ran the meeting in Kim's absence, so that Daphne could write these notes.)

Upcoming events

- The **annual banquet and election of officers** is Saturday, November 16 at Joseph's Grill. This year it is \$10/person. As of the P.I.E. meeting, 48 people had signed up. The deadline for signing up is November 12; Barb Ronning is taking names and money. We decided to include a Silent Auction.
- The **Saturday morning Intermarque Breakfast** has moved to the 400 Tavern, which is *inside* the Delta Hotel and Convention Center on the corner Industrial Boulevard, off 35W. (No more waiting in the cold or rain for the restaurant to open!) They seem to want us, so go this weekend and show your support! It starts about 8:00 a.m.
- **Rendezvous 2020**: More information is now available about the events that will take place. Go to www.rendezvous2020.com Registration isn't available yet.
- **Brule** (our Conclave entertainment) will be playing at Black Bear Casino in Carleton on November 29 in a better show with more performers and cameras that project closeups of performers on a big screen.

We need some volunteers to run for office. Open positions and responsibilities are below:

- **Vice president**: Record notes of MAHC meetings for publication in newsletter. Serve as president if the president is unable to attend meetings/events. Serve as president in 2021.
- **Board of Directors**: Two positions are open this year. The board meets twice a year to approve events calendar and discuss business as needed.
- **Newsletter editor**: Get information out monthly about upcoming events and happenings. Note: Gary Ronning has done an amazing job with the newsletter for many years. He has set the bar high. Whoever takes this on does NOT have to continue such tradition. The important thing is to get information to members in a timely manner. This does not have to be Pulitzer-quality reading.
- **Webmaster**: Upload the newsletter, enter the calendar, and update/maintain content.
- **InterMarque Delegate**: Communicate with InterMarque and relay pertinent information to MAHC members, assist with InterMarque Spring Kickoff, and plan an MAHC-hosted picnic for InterMarque, if called for. Intermarque meets Saturday mornings before the kickoff at the IM breakfast. Can we find a regular breakfast goer to step up?
- Phil Dawson has agreed to be the keeper of the autocross equipment. Thank you, Phil.

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Delegates Meeting:

- Eileen and Gary Wetzels leave Friday, November 8, for the AHCA national delegates meeting in Indianapolis. She needs to know from officers about number of MAHC members, how much money the club has. Best event of the year – which was obviously Conclave 2019.

National used to put out a paper membership book every year, but in 2018 mailing costs went through the roof. In 2019, the man in charge of printing it had a computer crash. A debate has arisen whether it needs to be in paper or just online. The consensus within MAHC is to :

- maintain it online and that way it can be updated continuously or at least yearly. We recommend printing your own membership card online.
- It's membership time; don't forget to re-up.
- Steve got a 10-year award in 2001, and wonders where his 20- and 25- year awards are. You have to write and pay for it now.
- The national will auction an opportunity to escort a race driver at the Montreal Grand Prix. If you might be interested, ask Eileen; and she will bid for you.

Conclave 2019: Greg Lauser thanked everyone who contributed to the upcoming Conclave issue of the Healey magazine. He also presented to Eileen a special thank-you found in Cheyenne: a pink pig with wings and the words, "When Pigs Fly."



People who attended PIE this evening:

Daphne Walmer, Dan Powell, Gary & Barb Ronning, Carl & Betty Stine, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Dick Matthews, Tom & June Moerke, Dave & Cheryl Rademacher, Andy Lindberg, Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lombard, Dave Hatzung, Jay Jacobsen, Rich & Liz Stadther, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Steve Rixen, Kate & Clarence Westberg, Eileen & Gary Wetzels, Jim Kriz, Jim Manion, Chuck & Mary Sue Ash, Dick Leighninger, and Lynn Luepke

Kim Rixen: Steve and Kim want to let everyone know that Kim has been diagnosed with thymoma or thymic cancer, a very rare cancer that affects the thymus, a little gland on the back side of the sternum. About 8,000 people have been diagnosed in the world, and Kim is one of them. She had chemo a week ago today and is still trying to recover. With chemo every three weeks, she has about one good week in three. She is going to Mayo on the 22nd for labs, imaging, and consultation about condition and future treatment. Her next chemo is scheduled Thanksgiving week. She'll be at the banquet on the 16th, but not at future meetings because her t-cell count will be down far enough that she can't be in a crowd.

*MAHC Annual Banquet
Saturday November 16th*

The evening started out with a social hour from 6:00 to 7:00, and then the beautiful buffet dinner was ready. The main entrees were beef and salmon along with all the trimmings. Many nice desserts followed.

President Kim Rixen welcomed all and started out by calling ticket numbers for some nice door prizes. There were reports given from the various officers. The club seems to be healthy, happy, and well funded.

Election of officers was next on the agenda. We are fortunate to have so many willing and very able people to keep the club moving ahead and active. Brothers Dave and John Hatzung will be the new President and Vice-President team for 2020. Daphne Walmer has volunteered to be the new Editor. New Board members are Jim Manion and Dan Powell. Other volunteers have agreed to serve for another year (as seen on page 2 of this publication). Many thanks to those that served during this past year. Kim Rixen did a fine job as President during 2019 and was given a very unique gift for her efforts.

Eileen Wetzel gave a thorough report of the AHCA delegates meeting that she and husband Gary attended. There were several items to discuss regarding the national club and its maintenance.

More door prizes were given out, and people were asked to make their last bids on the many Silent Auction items on the back tables. People were looking forward to our next meeting to make plans for events in 2020. It was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to all !!



New Vice President couple John & Lisa Hatzung

*MHC Annual Banquet
Saturday November 16th*



**Rich Stadther, Jeff & Betsy
Lumbard, Jean & Chuck Norton**



Dan & Lauri Powell



Kent & Jane Brown, Eileen Wetzel



Diane Rossi & Liz Stadther

2020 MAHC Breakfast & Planning Meeting



When: Saturday December 7, 2019

Where: Joseph's Grill 140 Wabasha St. St. Paul

*Time: 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet begins
9:30 am Planning Meeting*

Cost: only \$5.00 per person (club will subsidize balance)

*RSVP by 12/3 to: Barb Ronning
763-684-4041
barbararonning@yahoo.com*

Board of Directors' Meeting will occur after the Planning Meeting



*Note: No calendars will be furnished.
Please bring one, if you like.*

Membership / Renewal Form

Minnesota A-H Club Dues New Renewal \$20.00
Austin-Healey Club of America Dues New Renewal \$50.00
BOTH CLUBS \$70.00

Minnesota A-H Club (Local only) Dues New Renewal \$25.00

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

E-mail address: _____

E-mail address: _____ (spouse)

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

Make checks payable to: MN Austin Healey Club (or MAHC)

Checks covering AHCA membership renewals must reach Jim Kriz no later than **January 15, 2020**, to assure that your information appears in the 2020 AHCA Membership Directory.

Note: Sending dues directly to AHCA can slow the process.

Send form and checks to:

**Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Pkwy.
Minneapolis, MN 55405**



The Thanksgiving Story

Most stories of Thanksgiving history start with the harvest celebration of the pilgrims and the Native Americans that took place in the autumn of 1621. Although they did have a three-day feast in celebration of a good harvest, and the local natives did participate, this “first thanksgiving” was not a holiday, simply a gathering. There is little evidence that this feast of thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can, however, be traced back to 1863 when Pres. Lincoln became the first president to proclaim Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following Fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. The remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast – including 91 natives who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true “thanksgiving” observance. It lasted three days.

Governor William Bradford sent “four men fowling” after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term “turkey” was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. It is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin; and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. There were no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly-discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. The feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums.

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It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her *Boston Ladies' Magazine*, and later in *Godey's Lady's Book*. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality. In 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the *last* Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt. He set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the President to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. In 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, occurring the *fourth* Thursday in November.



Happy Thanksgiving!!

Kenora, ON June 11-13, 2020

Accommodations

Host Hotel
Clarion Lakeside Inn
470 1st Ave South
1-807-468-5521

Alternate Hotel
Travelodge
800 Highway 17 East
1-807-468-3155



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Activities

- Meet & Greet at Lake of the Woods Brewing Company
- Scenic Driving Tour & Pickerel Lunch at Smith Camps
- Art Gallery & Museum Tour with lunch at Boston Pizza
- Evening Cruise on the historic M.S. Kenora
- Fun Rally
- Harbour front Charity Car Show
- Awards Banquet at Lakeside Inn



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Events Schedule

Dec. 7

PIE/Planning Breakfast – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2020 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Dave Hatzung. A Board of Directors meeting will follow. **See page 8.**

THE LAST HURRAH !!



InterMarque Breakfasts

The Saturday morning location has been changed to:

**The 400 Tavern
1300 Industrial Blvd. (near I35W)
Minneapolis, MN.**

Phone: 612-455-6312

InterMarque Newsletter

Check out InterMarque's multi-marque calendar in their latest newsletter for even more car events!

InterMarque.org



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