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On a sunny, 37-degree day in Winona, Cliff Black brought his car out to warm it up! He says if it weren't for the heavy salt on the highways, this photo might depict the beginning of a quick tour in the countryside. Instead, it was a short trip down the driveway and back. Happy New Year to everyone, and let's hope for a swift arrival of spring!

Upcoming Events

Wed	1 March	PIE Meeting
Sat	11 March	Scott McQueen Tech Session
Wed	05 April	PIE Meeting
Wed	03 May	PIE Meeting

See the website for details: www.mnhealey.com

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(MAHC)**

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PIE
(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. social hour; meeting at 7:00

Place: Joseph's Grill
140 South Wabasha
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-222-2435

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

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

Dave Hatzung
John Hatzung
Scott McQueen

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President's Column

Welcome 2023! I want to first thank everyone in the **MAHC** who helped make last year a fantastic recovery year for our club. We had great attendance at our **PIE** meetings, and also plenty of successful get-togethers ... PLUS our autocross at DCTC, which went very well. I'd also like to thank the officers who served another year, and all those who helped to get our club back on track.

I just reviewed my recent issues of the **AHCA Marque**, the January issue of **Classic Motorsports**, and **Panorama** (the Porsche National club magazine). All discussed varying views of collector car values and how they've fluctuated through and after Covid. I noticed in **Classic Motorsports** the absence of any Healey's for sale in the marketplace section (at least no Big Healey's; there were a couple Jensen's listed). I'm not sure if that's good, bad, or what. **Hagerty** had an ad for their upcoming road trips that featured a Healey Blue 3000, and it also had a rather extensive article about two brothers restoring a Bugeye Sprite. I wish my brother and I had as much success as those brothers when we attempted a sad job working on our Sprites. I thought the on-line version of the **Healey Marque** was awesome – let me or **Eileen Wetzel** know your thoughts on that.

I've been watching Barret Jackson, and a few big Healey's have come up for auction and seem to have gone for good money. It's unbelievable what some of the other cars and trucks seem to be going for – especially the old pickups.

Sorry to be missing February's PIE meeting, but you're in good hands with **John Hatzung** and **Dan Powell**.

Stay well, stay warm, and "Healey-on" my friends,

Dave Hatzung
President Minnesota Austin Healey Club

Are We There Yet?

by John Hatzung

It snowed again. I had cleared the driveway and we were having dinner. Lisa exclaimed, "Only two and a half months 'til Beppy comes out!" Beppy is the name she's adopted for our first-generation Miata. It sits in a giant corrugated steel Quonset hut in Chanhassen – until April first, when it and the other hundred or so cars stored there are cleared for snowmobiles. It warms my heart that she shares some of the anticipation that starts rustling inside me on these cold, dark Januarys, since that rainy day in May when she followed me back from Sioux City.

These slowly lengthening days mark the time to take stock of the past year and visualize what the emerging year could bring. Time passes quickly spinning on the old Bianchi on the training stand in front of the TV watching YouTube videos of differential swaps and laps of Road America, complete with sounds and full diametrics.

Strategies swirl around addressing power, handling, and robustness, driven by hard memories of the thrills, not quites, and mistakes of past years. The cause of that oil spot, intake and exhaust, head mods or changes. How to go faster and longer. Events: which, when, and how to fit them all in a season of just 150 days with all the other commitments and obligations that don't involve cars. A lot to think about and plan:

I need to talk to Dan and set up a time to drop the car off – he'll be booked solid once the weather turns. Address that leak first and see what he suggests for a little more power ...

Only two and a half months minus five days and ticking!

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

March Tech Session

Come visit the McQueen carriage house to hang out and take in a tech session centered around Austin-Healeys and vintage racing in a surrounding that celebrates British Automobilia. The guest speaker is **Dan Iburg** from Midwest Motor Sports, who is my crew chief for MJG582 Austin-Healey #106

Topic

We will be doing a three-part session, followed by a Q&A:

1. A racing Austin-Healey history: MJG582 Austin-Healey #106
2. A comparison of a racing Austin-Healey to a stock Austin-Healey
3. Racing a vintage Austin-Healey

When

March 11, 2023

10:00 am–1:00 pm Saturday, March 11 (or TBD)*

All are welcome, MAHC and other friends!

Where

The McQueen Carriage House
415 11th Ave SE.
Minneapolis, MN 55414
Scott McQueen, (612) 802-4599

Follow the sidewalk to the side door along the right side of building on the main level. The main garage door may also be unlocked (depending on the weather).

Parking Instructions

It will be spring break at the University, so my neighborhood is less congested and there should be some street parking. I have also arranged the use of the neighboring Alpha Gamma Delta sorority parking lot right next door to make parking easier as well. It's still a good idea to carpool if that's easy for you. There will be coffee and other beverages, also donuts for those who enjoy nourishment between meals.

Note: The sidewalks and streets in the area, may have some ice and snow so plan accordingly. Hope everyone can make it. It's been a few years since we could do this event.

*We're monitoring the street ice and parking, and I will send an email before the event to verify the date. Or you can check the website Events page.

PIE Meeting Notes, 1 Feb 2023

Vice President John Hatzung ran the meeting in the absence of his brother and President Dave Hatzung.

1. **New members:** No new members attended the meeting.
2. **Past events:** We all had fun at the annual banquet.
3. **Upcoming events** (New events are on the website www.mnhealey.com/events)

Tech Session

March 11 (note the change from March 4)
Scott McQueen Carriage House
415 11th Ave SE.
Minneapolis, MN 55414
Sat morning 10:00 to 1:00

Depending upon this winter's horrible ice and the street parking status, this event might have to be cancelled. We'll send an email and update the website if that happens.

Topic: Racecar-centric tech session in 3 parts. Guest speaker is Dan Iberg, who tends to Scott's car.

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Rendezvous

in Ashland, Wisconsin this year, June 8-10. The main hotel is The Best Western Hotel Chequamegon on the shore of Lake Superior. Ashland is a cool and thriving small city now. Lots of backroads abound, and it's a short run up to Bayfield from there. There will be a car show downtown. The trip there is about 4 hours; nice driving on 63 through Hayward.

Conclave 2024

Eileen Wetzel reported. No hotel has been chosen yet. Looking at Elkhart Lake Cheboygan, as well as the Elkhart Lake Hotel. Want to involve the racetrack. Would probably start Sunday night so that people could go up for the racing and stay for Conclave. Date would probably be the third week in September 2024, after fall vintage racing weekend.

The Wisconsin chapter has several people who are eager to host, but some members are concerned they don't have enough members. In general, the Midwest clubs have fewer members than the clubs on the coasts. Ohio would do the speed events. Could we help with

1-2 events? Clarence is good at rally. Someone pointed out that it would be one of the closets Conclaves to us—in fact, much closer than the one in the Black Hills that we hosted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Membership: Most of us have renewed our membership, but don't forget!

DTCT Track Days

June 24 Sat and Aug 4 Friday are the dates.

They will have a nominal cost, but insurance costs are up in the air, so need to run by the board to verify acceptable.

Coolie Classic Rally

Clarence brought up idea of reviving Ed's Coolie Classic Rally, which would be the day after one of the two track days, whichever makes more sense. John Hatzung will check on whether need to add cost; in the past there has been a \$30-\$40 add-on insurance cost for adding the rider. Eileen wondered whether we'd get more participation if it were on a different weekend from the Track Day. Clarence said traditionally it was in June, but so much is going on that August might be better. It usually starts in Maidenrock, WI. Afterwards, maybe a stop at the cool winery in Lake Pepin. The pizza place is no longer an option.

Attendees:

John Hatzung, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Dick Leighninger, Jim Manion, Scott McQueen, Tom Moerke, Dan Powell, Steve & Kim Rixen, Jeff & Diane Rossi, Rich & Liz Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westberg, and Gary & Eileen Wetzel



**The Minnesota Triumphs
Sports Car Club
will be hosting another
South Beach Rendezvous
in 2023.**



**Come enjoy Lake Superior's
South Shore in historic
Ashland Wisconsin
for 3 fun nights
and event filled days.**

2023 Rendezvous

June 8-June 10 at Ashland, Wisconsin

MN Triumphs are the host club for the 2023 Rendezvous, an annual multi-marque gathering of clubs in the upper midwest and Canada.

Get Registered

Registration is open now! Basic registration is \$130 for two people and one car, with options to add guests, vehicles, banquet dinners, and event t-shirts.

Attention early birds! Everyone who registers before May 1st, 2023 will be entered in a drawing for a refund of the basic registration fee (\$130).

[Online Registration \(Preferred – Check or Credit\)](#)

or

[Fill and Print Form](#)

Location

Our host hotel is [The Chequamegon Hotel](#), located right on the shore of Lake Superior. Book your room now by calling 715-682-9095.

The [Cobblestone Inn and Suites](#) (715-682-5066) is also giving us a block of rooms with the rate.

For both hotels, be sure to mention that you're with the sports car Rendezvous event, otherwise you will be told they're full and you won't get a room.

Room availability update: As of December 2022, The Chequamegon Hotel is full, but there are still some rooms left at the Cobblestone Inn and Suites.

Schedule of Events

This schedule will evolve as we finalize more details!

Thursday

- Afternoon: Registration, Bar/Deck will be open for lunch & drinks
- Evening: Welcome/meet & greet Deck Party, Chequamegon Hotel (hors d'oeuvres)

Friday

- Touring
- Autocross
- Shopping
- Trolley ride
- Dinner on your own

Saturday

- Morning car show downtown (charity event)
- 1 pm Poker run, starting downtown with bi-directional figure 8 course
- 5 pm Social Hour on the deck then dinner banquet

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MAY 20, 2023 OSSEO, MN

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Since many of us are preparing to put our cars into winter hibernation, now is a good time to remind you to save the date of Saturday, May 20, 2023, for next year's InterMarque Spring Kick-Off (SKO) car show. Again, we hope to fill the main street of Osseo, MN with cars from area car clubs. The 2023 event will once again include valve-cover racing and a Peoples' Choice award, with ticket proceeds going to a local Girl Scouts group.

Every year we select one marque or club to be featured, and for 2023, the Vintage Sports Car Racing Club has been chosen to display their cars in front of the Osseo City Hall. The VSCR is an organization, founded in 1975, for

those who like to race their cars in Vintage Car Race events. They race both closed and open wheel cars around mostly in the Midwest, including Brainerd International Raceway. Samples of these cars will be on display.

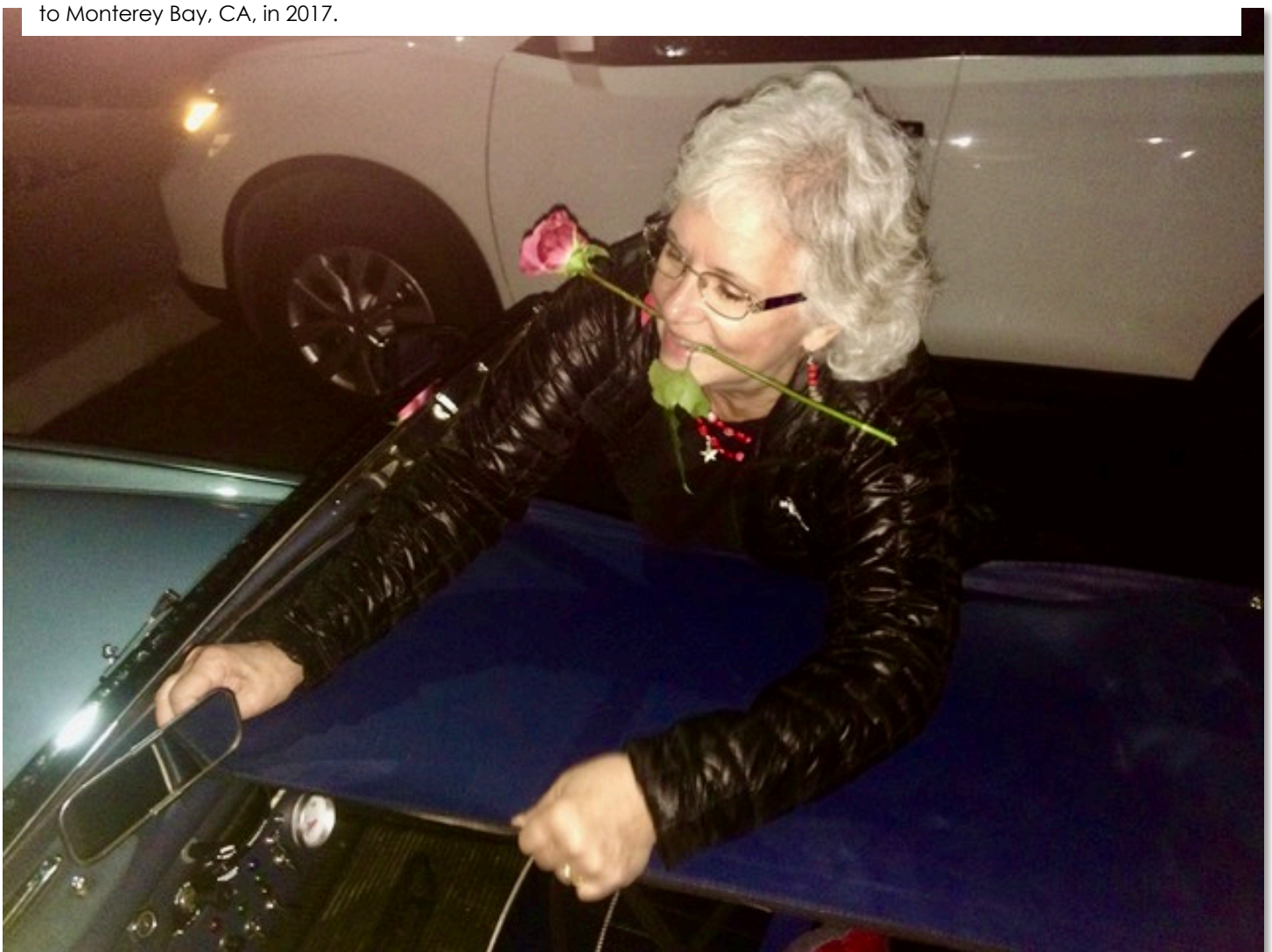
The InterMarque Spring Kick-Off is a family event that runs from 9 AM to 3:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Dick Leighninger
SKO Chairman**

Don't forget to renew your membership!

Go to <https://healeyclub.org> and click Join

Your editor's husband (Dave Herreid) likes this photo and keeps bugging her to put it in a newsletter. So. Here I am, Daphne Walmer, helping to put our Austin Healey away for the night, rose in teeth, after a lovely dinner on the road to Monterey Bay, CA, in 2017.



Instructions for joining the Minnesota Austin Healey Club:

MAHC “local only” members:

For MAHC “local only” members renewal price is \$30.00.

Get the Membership Renewal form on the next page of the Nov/Dec 2022 *Healey Enthusiast*, or

- a. Go to the MAHC website at <https://www.mnhealey.com/>
- b. Click on **Membership**.
- c. Scroll to the bottom of the page.
- d. Click on **Membership Form**.
2. Print and fill out the form.
3. Enclose your check for \$30.00.
4. Mail to Jim Kriz at the address on the form.

MAHC/AHCA (local and national) members:

For MAHC/AHCA members you will receive reminder to renew. Below are detailed instructions:

1. Go to <https://healeyclub.org>
2. Click **Join** and then on **Click here** on the part of the screen shown below:



Already a member? [Click here](#) to login and renew your membership.

3. Log in using your new username and password. The first time, you can change the password to something that is more intuitive. Save both to a safe location.
4. In the upper left of the screen, you should see your name and a red dot. Click on the red dot.
5. Follow the instructions on the screen. Note that you have an opportunity to add information for secondary and/or tertiary members, such as a spouse.
6. On the Payments screen you can choose whether to pay with a credit card online or by mailing in a check.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or crises, please email me (Jim Kriz, Membership Director) at jkriz1@comcast.net or call/text me at **612-321-0123**. I may not have a ready answer, but I know where one can be found!



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MAHC Membership Form
(for Local only members)

Minnesota A-H Club Dues (Local only) New Renewal \$30.00

Dues for both Minnesota AH-Club and Austin-Healey Club of America Dues

\$20 Minnesota + \$70 National New Renewal \$90.00

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) _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ Original Owner (Y/N) _____

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, 2023, to assure that your information appears in the 2023 AHCA Membership Directory.

Send form and checks to: Jim Kriz
2000 Kenwood Parkway Minneapolis,
MN 55405

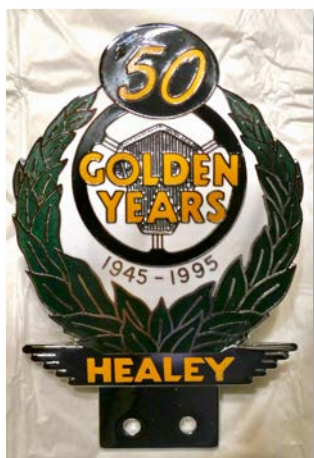
MAHC 2023 Calendar of Events

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
Wed	1-Mar	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	4-Mar	Tech Session		Scott McQueen's
Wed	5-Apr	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Wed	3-May	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	19-21 May	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend		Elkhart Lake
Sat	27-May	Cars and Caves Car Show	9:00 AM	Chanhassen AutoPlex
Sat-Sun	27-28 May	Street Car Showdown		Brainerd International Raceway
Sun	20-May	Intermarque Kickoff		Osseo, MN
Sun-Fri	21-26 May	Conclave 2023		Crystal River, FL
Sat	3-Jun	BMC Spring Car Show	10:00 AM	Isanti, MN
Wed	7-Jun	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Thurs-Sat	8-10 Jun	Rendezvous		Ashland WI
Sat	24-Jun	DTCT track day		Dakota County Technical College
Sun	25-Jun	Intemarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	5-Jul	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Thurs-Sun	13-16 Jul	WeatherTech International Challenge	8:00 AM	Elkhart Lake
Sun	30-Jul	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
	Jul/Aug	Wetzel Tour and Party		Wetzel House
Wed	2-Aug	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	Aug	Brit Fest	AM	Hudson WI
Fri	4-Aug	DTCT Track Day		Dakota County Technical College
Sun	27-Aug	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
Sat-Sun	2-3 Sep	Labor Day Brainerd Race		Brainerd International Raceway
Wed	6-Sep	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sun	17-Sep	Lynch Mexican Fiesta	3:00 PM	Mike Lynch Home
Fri-Sun	15-17 Sep	Aviens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend	8:00 AM	Elkhart Lake Road America
Sun	24-Sep	Intermarque picnic		Cherokee Regional Park
	Sep?	Waumandee		
Wed	4-Oct	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	7-Oct	Wisconsin drive and breakfast	tentative	
Sat	7-Oct	BMC Open House	10:00 AM	Isanti, MN
Fri-Sun	13-15 Oct	Ozark International Raceway		
	Oct?	Fall Color Tour		
Wed	1-Nov	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	18-Nov	Banquet		Joseph's Grill
Sat	2-Dec	2024 Planning Meeting	9:00 AM	Joseph's Grill

Marketplace

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FOR SALE: 1967 Sprite. 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. \$7000. Contact Tom Politiski at healemog@yahoo.com



Healey Bar Badge: This is the last known existing bar badge (at least to my knowledge). It commemorates the first 50 years of Healey production. A beautifully designed bar badge. \$70 or give me a reasonable offer. Contact Jeff Rossi at casadirossi@hotmail.com or call 612 822 7069.

