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It was a nice day for the Car Show at Rendezvous 2019

JULY EVENTS

Wed JULY 3

PIE Meeting

Fri-Sun JULY 5-7

Racing at BIR

Thur-Sun JULY 18-21

WeatherTec Challenge at RA

Sat JULY 27

Mexican Fiesta Party

Sun JULY 28

InterMarque Picnic

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President's Informal Evening

Date: Wednesday July 3rd

Time: 7:00 p.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:

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Presidential Ponderings

By Kim Rixen

Running out of gas in Iowa.....

It was our second trip in the Healey, post-restoration. The first was nearly 700 miles round trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario and back. (Why start by going around the block, right?) This one was to Harlan, Iowa - Steve's home town - more than 300 miles south and east.

Harlan has a special charm. It's the county seat and often a stop on the RAGBRAI. It's also just west of Walnut - Iowa's official "antiques city." The main street and a few others are filled with antique and vintage stores. Even if you're not looking to buy, it's fun to browse. A stop at the bakery is also a must.

We had spent a Saturday morning walking around the shops. The Healey drew its share of attention. People would stop and look, then ask: What year is it? How long have you had it? You drove it all the way from the Twin Cities?

We were on the backroads heading back to Harlan when the car started to sputter, then quit. We coasted to a stop along the side of the road. Steve opened the bonnet and the boot. When we tried to start it, we heard the telltale sound of a fuel pump sucking wind - even though the gas gauge read a quarter tank. We weren't on a well-traveled road, and cell phone service was spotty at best. But we did notice a house about a quarter mile up the road. Steve went to see if anyone was home, and if they happened to have a full gas can. I waited in case someone came along and offered help.

When Steve didn't return immediately, I thought either he was having success or being cornered by a teeth-baring dog. But this is Iowa! Just then a young woman and her brother in a truck stopped and asked me if I needed help. I saw Steve walking down the road carrying a red gas can. We were in friendly country. We fed the car, returned the gas can, and offered some money to the woman who lived in the house. She was impressed with the car and reluctantly accepted our money. We had enough gas to get us back to Harlan, and she had a story to share.

Running out of gas wasn't so bad. The sky stayed dry even though the clouds threatened earlier in the day, we learned the fuel tank is empty when it reads one-quarter full, and that no matter how callous the world seems, people are still happy to help someone stranded on the side of the road. Healey on... !



The Presidents Informal Evening

By Daphne Walmer

VP Daphne Walmer officiated in Kim's absence.

Past events

- Thanks to Dave and Mary Hatzung for hosting their Steak and Cake Party. We had a good turnout on a gorgeous day.
- The Healey Club was well-represented at the Intermarque Kickoff. There were Big Healeys, Bugeyes, and Race Cars in attendance.
- Mother's Day Rally was not well attended. Clarence may consider a different day next year.
- Vintage racing at Elkhart Lake and Brainerd were great two weekends in a row.

Upcoming events

- Rendezvous in Eau Claire, WI starts Thursday June 6.
- Coulee Classic is scheduled for the next weekend June 15. Clarence suggests calling Ed Solstad before going.
- Back to the 50's Car Show is Fri-Sun, Jun 19-23.
- Amery Autocross is Sat June **29** (changed from the 22 so it doesn't conflict with the Back to the 50s show). As always, Healey Club members can work half-day and drive half-day. We still need volunteers to work corners, etc. Contact Greg Willodson.
- InterMarque Picnic is Sunday June 30 at Cherokee Park in St. Paul.

Conclave Update

Advance materials: Greg Lauser distributed an advance copy of materials to will be emailed to all attendees, including a map, a nearly final schedule (tech session titles to be finalized), announcements, registration locations, and information for ordering regalia. A survey (which will be ready to preview soon) will help us further nail down expected attendance. Please respond promptly.

Important date: Regalia orders must be in by midnight June 30. Only a small amount of regalia will be for sale at conclave. Also, the registration fee goes up \$30 after June 30.

For trailers: If you are trailering your car, park the trailer **before** going to the hotel or to register. The streets are not big enough for trailers. Two parking lots are available for trailers. See the map. On the north side of town (top of the map), is the biggest lot, Tatanka Trailer Parking. It is across the highway from the Lodge at Deadwood. On the south side (bottom of map) is Sherman Street Parking. It is closer to the Comfort Inn, the Gold Dust, the Holiday Inn, the Mountain Grand, and downtown. Another advantage is that it's paved, and it's located near the sheriff's office. The Sherman Street lot is the one to go to, if you come early. After parking your trailer, drive your tow car or your classic car to register and to the hotel. We are still negotiating with the SD Department of Transportation to get permits to put up temporary signs for lots.

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The Presidents Informal Evening

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Registration locations:

- On June 4-5 at Mountain Grand Hotel - Mezzanine Level at the Event Center. Also, all the big catered meals take place there.
- On June 6, registration moves to the Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce downtown. Six tables will be set up, one for each of the hotels associated with Conclave, and one for all other hotels. Regalia will be in the hallway outside. It is possible to enter directly from the parking lot to registration. GPS listing of the addresses will be included in the materials.

List of MAHC members at Conclave

Eileen Wetzel distributed a list of MAHC members and spouses attending Conclave, asking for any corrections as well as vest sizes for our working host apparel (i.e., for registration desks, events, etc.). We'll wear western vests with a deputy badge. People joked the cowboy hats were BYO. Eileen had a men's Large and a men's Medium vest to try on. (All the vests are in men's sizes.)

Hotels: There have been a few cancellations at some of the hotels. Contact Eileen if you are looking for a room or wanting to upgrade.

National: Eileen distributed postcards to give to recruits for a free first year AHCA club dues. She has more!

People who attended PIE this month:

Daphne Walmer & Dave Herreid, Barb and Gary Ronning, Dick Leighninger, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Jim Manion, Rich & Liz Stadther, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, Jeff Johnk, Scott McQueen, Dan Powell, Dave Hatzung, John Hatzung, Kate & Clarence Westberg, Steve Rixen, Andy Lindberg, Nancy & Greg Lauser, Dick Mathews, Lynn & Diane Luepke, Jeff Lumbard.



C'mon to Conclave !!

Rendezvous 2019

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

The years pass quickly, and it was Rendezvous time in June again. A nice crowd of about 100 registrations (meaning upwards of 200 people) assembled in mid - Wisconsin. The weather cooperated nicely, and festivities started Thursday evening. There was complimentary wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres in the large Chippewa Ballroom of the Best Western Motel. The motel was a very nice venue.

Friday started with breakfast and drivers' meetings for venturing out on various tours. One tour went to the Leinenkugel's Brewery and another went to the historic Cook-Rutledge mansion. Lunches were arranged and a Winery tour was available in the afternoon. For dinner, there was an optional one in the Ballroom or people could dine out. After that, the Morris Garage Band – headed up by Steve Rindt – played for the crowd in the Ballroom. There were even some dancers out there !

After breakfast Saturday, everyone headed to Carson Park for the Classic Car Show. Car photos were taken upon entering. A very nice venue for the show was enjoyed and a local charitable group served refreshments and lunch. People could purchase tickets to deposit in their favorite cars' buckets, and they could also vote on best cars by category with a ballot. After the Car Show, the Funkhana was held just across the street from the show.

Later in the afternoon, there was a Dave Braun Tech Session and a Wine & Cheese offering – for both ladies and gents. A social hour preceded the Awards Dinner on Saturday evening. Lots of trophies and picture taking ensued. Also, Silent Auction items were disbursed. A very pleasant evening ! A huge THANK YOU to Diane Rindt and her volunteers for all the arrangements of the weekend !

Sunday morning was departure time after breakfast with many long goodbyes. The Winnipeg car clubs extended their invitation for 2020 at the Saturday night Banquet. Some people were reserving their rooms for next year already ! Another Rendezvous is now in the record books. Good times !!



Rendezvous 2019

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



Cheryl & Dave Rademacher, John Colosimo, and Clarence Westberg enjoying refreshments



The Cook-Rutledge Mansion built by a lumber baron in the mid 1800s.



Phil Von Pinnon, Ken Merrill, Gary Ronning, Tom Politiski, and Greg Eriksmoen inspecting Phil's recent Fargo find. Plus it has German heritage.

Rendezvous 2019

Eau Claire, Wisconsin



A nice 1959 A-H Sprite with a Sprinzel type Bonnett !



Lots of refreshments, food and people having a good time !!



Glen Paterson was the “ lucky” winner of the Hard Luck Trophy (after losing his glasses off the end of a dock...and diving unsuccessfully for them).

THEY'RE AWAITING YOU IN DEADWOOD!

Don't miss your chance to embrace nature in all of its forms while enjoying the "wildlife" of Conclave 2019. Ranging from encounters like this one in the Lodge at Deadwood parking lot to Mount Rushmore and on to Custer State Park, the Black Hills teem with scenic views best seen from behind the windscreen of your Healey.



Minnesota Austin-Healey Club members join native wildlife in welcoming Conclave 2019 guests. Gymkhana/Funkhana for speed aficionados, a variety of touring or rallying options and a bus tour are designed to get you outdoors, up close and personal with national and state parks, national monuments and cultural memorials.

All that plus an 1890s hotel ballroom tea, museums and exposure to the economic and cultural significance of the Black Hills are part of Conclave 2019 planning. We want you to revel in the Wild West.

Register before it's too late at:

[www.mnhealey.com/conclave 2019](http://www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019)

See you in Deadwood!



FULL THROTTLE GYMKHANA

&

GOLD STRIKE FUNKHANA

Turn right when you see this Easy Rider!

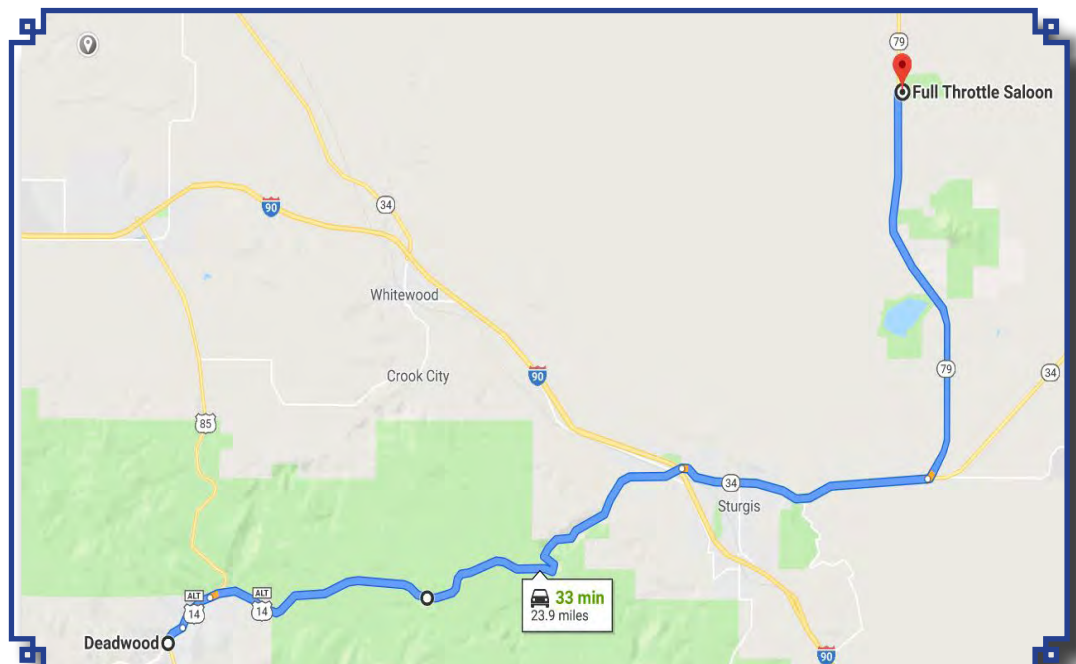


Drivers and spectators will enjoy what awaits at Full Throttle Saloon. In addition to gymkhana thrills and chills on the course, all can spend Eight Minutes with Healey Expert Steve Day, who'll offer solutions for what ails your classic. Don't miss the saloon interior's impressive sculpture and machinery display. It also offers intriguing libations when you are done competing or watching the action.

Gold was first discovered here in 1874 and the Black Hills' population swelled by 10,000 miners, muleskinners, madams, gamblers and gunslingers invading Deadwood Gulch. But don't despair, there is still gold to be panned during the Gold Strike Funkhana. Finding it and keeping it won't be easy. There are some desperados on the prowl. Be part of the "Gold Strike Fever" fun!

Directions from Deadwood

- Take US 85 North/ US 14A East.
- At Y, bear right on US 14A to Sturgis.
- Follow US 14A into Sturgis.
- At junction US 14A/ SD 34 in Sturgis go straight on SD 34 East.
- Turn left onto SD 79 North.
- Full Throttle is seven miles north.



Road Racing LOL Mid-Summer Classic Dbl Divisional 2019
July 6 - July 7



**Mid-Summer Classic Race
Double Divisional RunOffs Qualifier
Presented by Land O' Lakes Region
July 6-7, 2019 at
Brainerd International Raceway**





Please join us for a

Lynch Mexican Fiesta

Saturday, July 27th at 3 PM



**Hosts Mike & Gloria Lynch invite you to enjoy
fantastic food & great company!**

6630 Horseshoe Curve

Chanhausen, MN 55317

Cost is \$15.00 per person

RSVP

Please let Mike & Gloria know if you are coming by July 22nd

Phone: 952-474-5642

Email: mikegloria.lynch@gmail.com

BRITISH INVASION OF HUDSON

Brit Fest 2019

Vintage British Car Show



FREE ADMISSION to Show your Car!

August 10th, 2019

**on Walnut Street in Hudson, Wisconsin
between 1st and 2nd Streets
(in front of Dick's Bar)**

9:00am to 2:00pm

Awards presented at 1:00pm

**Collecting non-perishable food items for the
Hudson area food shelf**

Cars will be judged by
Charity Voting
proceeds benefitting



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Northwestern Wisconsin**

See the areas Finest British Car Marques and Clubs

**Attention British Bike Clubs/Owners!
You are also invited & encouraged to participate!**

sponsored by



111 Walnut Street
Hudson, WI 54016

for more information contact Bob Anderson - 651.439.6876 - robtwander1@juno.com





Come share your favorite car stories at the Dawson's Patio Party Saturday, August 24th at 2pm, N8569 635th Street in River Falls
RSVP Stefanie at 651-747-6516 or stefphil1972@hotmail.com

InterMarque Breakfasts

Elsie's Restaurant, Bar and Bowling Center is the breakfast destination every Saturday at 8:00 AM. The second Saturday of the month is Ladies' Day, though of course, they are welcome every week.

Location: 729 Marshall St. N.E. Minneapolis.

Map at <http://elsies.com>.

InterMarque Newsletter

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

InterMarque.org



Events Schedule

- July 3** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2 for details.
- July 5-7** **Racing at Brainerd International Raceway** – (Fri – Sun) The SCCA will be heading up regional racing on the Road Course.
- July 18-21** **WeatherTec International Challenge.** (Thur-Sun) The largest racing event of our area will be held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI this weekend. Lots of excitement.
- July 27** **Mexican Fiesta Party** – (Sat) Mike & Gloria Lynch will again host their annual Fiesta !
- July 28** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic will be held at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- August 7** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- August 10** **The “New” Brit Fest** – (Sat) At Lakefront Park in Hudson, WI. Sponsored by the MN MG Group.
- August 17** **Amery Airport Run – CANCELLED FOR 2019**
- August 24** **Dawson Party** – (Sat) Phil & Stefanie Dawson are planning to have another party at their home in River Falls, WI.
- August 24-25** **Racing at Brainerd International Raceway** – (Fri – Sun) The SCCA will again be heading up the regional racing on the Road Course.
- August 25** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Sept. 4** **PIE Meeting** – There will be no PIE Meeting this month.
- Sept.. 6-11** **AHCA Conclave 2019** – (Fri – Wed) The Minnesota Austin Healey Club will be sponsoring the National AHCA Conclave in Deadwood, SD. All members of our club are encouraged to attend and assist at the event.
- Sept. 13-15** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - (Fri-Sun) Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Watch our members competing in their cars !
- Sept. 27-29** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. **CANCELLED FOR 2019**
- Sept. 29** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Oct. 2** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 5** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Dave Herreid.
- Oct 12** **MG Fall Color Tour** – (Sat) Enjoy touring for colors with our MG friends.
- Nov. 6** **PIE Meeting** – (Sat) Club meeting at 8:30 a.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 8-10** **AHCA Delegates Meeting** – Our club representatives will be attending this meeting.
- Nov. 16** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual dinner, election of officers, and business meeting will occur on this evening.
- Dec. 7** **PIE/Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2020 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Daphne Walmer. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

Please note that the 2019 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete. Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.



MARKETPLACE

Marketplace policy: All ads are free to current members. For non-members, the charge is \$5.00 per month. Ads will be run for three months after which time the advertiser needs to submit new ad copy. Please inform the editor if your item or items have been sold during the three month period so the ad can be removed.

For Sale: One set of manifolds for the 6 cylinder Healey. They are meant for 3 Weber Carbs or 3 SU Carbs. Made out of Steel and have been porcelainized. Asking \$800.00/set. Contact Fred Ambli by email at fred@liftpro.com . (4/19)



For Sale: A set of four 72 spoke wheels with tires. The wheels are not pretty, but functional. I also have four used 60 spoke wheels. Two are mounted with tires. From an unfinished project started in 1992, 32 long, 64 short spokes and 96 nipples together with a spoke wrench (all new in the box). I would like to sell the whole kit and caboodle as a lot. Asking \$350.00, but will consider all offers. Email Barry Wahlberg at geo4bar@gctel.com (4/19)

For Sale: 1964 Austin Healey BJ7. 72 spoke chrome wires, factory overdrive, great driver and runs perfectly. \$37,500. Steve Walburg, 612-272-7069, swalburg13@gmail.com. (4/19)

