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Upcoming Events

Sat-Sun	Aug 28-29	Jack Pine Sprints, Brainerd
Sun	Aug 29	Intermarque Picnic
Wed	Sep 1	President's Informal Evening
Sat	Sep 11	Rotary Club Annual Car Show
Fri-Sun	Sep 17-19	Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival
Fri-Sun	Sep 24-26	Waumandee Time Trials
Sun	Sep 26	InterMarque Picnic

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: **Wednesday, July 7, 2021**

Time: **6:00 p.m., 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 Dave Hatzung's Very Presidential Column

On hiatus this month.

PIE Meeting Meta Minutes

by Dave Herreid

The meta-PIE meeting occurred on the first Wednesday of August, not many members were there, and I can't say a call to order occurred, but the business at hand got handled, I think...as required.

Our President was off on a secret mission so John Hatzung, our Vice-President, presided over the gathering. Two tables were at full capacity so a lot of table talk occurred. I know for a fact the racers talked about stuff. Dinner was served, our Vice President made an appearance at the racer table to discuss up-coming race stuff and a final round of drinks were ordered prior to being paid for.

Attendees: John Hatzung, David Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Dick Leighninger, Jeff Lombard, Scott McQueen, Tom & June Moerke, Dan Powell, and Eileen and Gary Wetzel.



MAHC DCTC Re-start

by John Hatzung



Photo by William Valenga-Clark, will.v.c on Instagram

Thank you all for joining the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club for our first Dakota County Technical College Track Day. We couldn't have asked for a better group of drivers to pilot this new event for our club. We hope you had as much of an exhilarating day as we did.

I'd like to thank our drivers for stepping in and volunteering to work corners and the timing desk, start cars, and anything else we needed. Shout outs go to our photographer, Will Vallenga-Clark, his dad, Steve Clark, our videographer, Greta Hatzung (my daughter), Lisa Hatzung (my wonderful wife), Bob Rolfes (corner work), Michael (who wandered in, did some corner work and got in a ride and a half - somebody find that kid a Sprite!), Merlin Schwaiger, Jeremy Fohrenkamm, McColloughs who helped with take-down, and all the others who helped keep things going throughout the day.

There's definitely an attitude in this club that makes it stand out – passionately can-do and laid back at the same time. None of this would have been possible without numerous MAHC members who inspired and helped run the event from its inception, including: Dave Hatzung (my brother and MAHC President), Dan Powell (MAHC Board Chairman), Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Liz & Rich Stadther, Jeff Johnk (course design), and Phil Dawson (equipment manager and mosquito control).

It was great to have Jeremy Fohrenkamm and his screaming-fast Spitfire with us. Not surprisingly, he led the field with a time of 58.540. We were equally happy to have Will Kibbe join us in his first event ever, three generations of the McCullough family and everyone else, from the tourers to the mid-packers to the big track drivers in their road cars.

The Big Healeys were the stars, cantankerous as usual, but the range of other cars added immensely to the fun, from the blazingly fast Spitfire and Darth Vader GTS to the navy Boxter sniffing through the turns, the TD-V8, Amzoil Kia and '48 Chrysler having fun on skinny tires.

Volunteers came from as far as Illinois and as close as our homes. We had three families driving (three generations of McCulloughs) and a number of big track racers in their road cars in the mix.

Please don't hesitate to let us know what you think of our event. We learned a few things and are already thinking of next year. We would love to have your input.



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Track Day Results

MAHC Restart - Dakota
County Track Day I

Friday, August 6, 2021

FTD	Driver	Vehicle	Car #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
58.540	Jeremy Fohrenkamm	1976 Triumph Spitfire	976	59.290	59.762	58.540	59.799	59.442	59.287				
1:01.344	Shannon Ivey	1982 Porsche 911 SC	7	1:10.000	1:01.678	1:01.812	01:01.8	1:01.344					
1:01.397	Dave Hatzung	2019 Porsche 911	19	1:07.726	1:02.611	1:01.648	1:02.197	1:01.578	1:01.397				
1:02.503	Scott McQueen	1957 Austin Healey 100-6	106	1:06.746	1:04.445	1:04.601	1:04.904	1:06.418	1:05.428	1:06.450	1:04.448	1:02.503	1:07.241
1:02.959	Phil Dawson	1976 MG Midget	79	1:08.118	1:05.547	1:04.817	1:04.704	1:05.273	1:03.239	1:03.286	1:02.959		
1:03.979	Brian McCullough	1980 MGB (GM V6)	16	1:06.219	1:04.079	1:03.979							
1:04.134	Eileen Wetzel	1966 Austin Healey 3000 BJ8	202	1:07.177	1:06.949	1:09.186	1:08.143	1:07.891	1:08.491	1:04.134			
1:05.454	Greg Willodson	2006 Porsche Boxster S	11	1:08.994	1:05.454								
1:05.506	Tom Sabow	2016 Porsche Cayman	8	1:05.977	1:05.506								
1:08.704	Jay Silverberg	1971 Datsun 240Z	111	1:11.757	1:08.902	1:08.704							
1:08.759	Steve Rixen	1957 Austin Healey 100-6 BN4	55	1:12.370	1:12.235	1:09.208	1:10.207	1:08.759					
1:09.820	Trevor Justin	1986 Monte Carlo	6	1:11.790	1:09.820	1:09.908							
1:09.869	Steve Powell	1961 Austin Healey 3000	33	1:14.689	1:12.079	1:12.026	1:13.677	1:15.085	1:09.869	1:10.439			
1:11.172	Dwight McCullough	2017 Kia Forte5	61	1:15.510	1:12.776	1:11.449	1:13.712	1:12.298	1:11.172				
1:11.202	Merlin Schwaiger	1999 Mazda Miata	3	1:18.433	1:16.776	1:13.736	1:14.019	1:13.469	1:13.156	1:11.202			
1:11.697	Eileen Wetzel II	1963 Austin Healey 3000 BJ7	17	1:12.552	1:11.697								
1:11.763	Amanda McCullough	1980 MGB (GM V6)	161	1:24.775	1:19.617	1:17.435	1:16.254	1:13.061	1:11.763				
1:15.575	Brian Duoos	1973 Jensen Healey	71	1:19.561	1:17.595	1:15.575	1:17.159	1:16.208	1:16.526	1:16.232	1:17.153	1:16.874	1:17.402
1:15.768	John Hatzung	1991 Mazda Miata	102	1:19.181	1:18.825	1:15.768	1:27.483	1:16.540	1:17.154				
1:16.297	Clarence Westberg	1958 MGA	58	1:21.059	1:19.985	1:18.250	1:17.312	1:17.263	1:17.169	1:16.297			
1:16.571	Andrew Petry	1980 MGB (GM V6)	611	1:40.911	1:24.829	1:21.945	1:16.571	1:16.857					
1:18.568	Mike Rounds	1985 Corvette	4	1:18.568	1:19.982	1:19.088							
1:18.955	Bill Connell	1969 Triumph TR6	14	1:23.555	1:22.118	1:21.635	1:20.809	1:20.870	1:20.043	1:19.640	1:18.955		
1:20.931	Jeff Sprout	1962 MGA	2	1:24.729	1:23.951	1:20.931							

1:25.582	Steve Clancey	1974 MGB GT	5	1:29.465	1:25.582	1:26.809							
1:28.270	Paul Kibbe	1999 Porsche Boxster	711	1:28.270	1:31.939	1:28.939	1:30.037	1:32.615					
1:32.603	Rich Stadther	MG TD	95	1:32.603									
1:49.518	Will Kibbe	1999 Porsche Boxster	717	1:52.023	1:56.704	1:54.896	1:49.518	1:49.623					
Total Starts				28	27	24	18	18	13	8	4	2	144 ²

New MN Healey Club website released

by Daphne Walmer

The new club website is out there! You'll see it if you go to the old web address. You might have to refresh your browser the first time—if you get the old website, try typing in the name again: www.mnhealey.com

The website was redesigned with the help of Assistant Professor Daniel Card and his students in the Technical Communications program at the University of Minnesota. The redesign was an ideal project for the students, because of its relatively complex functionality, real live users, and lack of a hard deadline. It also will be easier for us to use and maintain.

The new website has great calendar features. When you click on **Events**, you'll see a list of them with the highlights for each one. If you click on a specific event, you will see more details and you can add it to your electronic calendar (if you use one). You can see where the venue is on a GPS map. You can also look at the events by month.

Notice that the Welcome page includes a link to one of Jessica Johnk's exciting racing videos. I would like to commission a video with more information about the Austin Healey club in general.

For the first release of the website, we don't have photos of members with their cars. I'd like to get new photos, and also to make sure that the captions protect members' identity.

Club Re-start Event

Director's Notes by Dan Powell

August 6th was a special day for our club. It was the first Minnesota Austin Healey Club event held since the outbreak of "that which shall not be named." Our club's strength has always been the involvement of its members in having regular monthly meetings, a newsletter, driving and social events, and special events such as Amery, Waumandee, and now the Dakota County Technical College Track Day.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, all of those except the newsletter have been missing, and attendance at our last two monthly dinner meetings has been much lower than pre-pandemic. Maybe that's due to vacations, continuing concerns about the pandemic, other commitments, or (hopefully not), a loss of interest in actively participating in club events. The Re-start Track day was proposed by John Hatzung and approved by the Board once the vaccine rollout seemed to be bringing our world somewhat back to normal, and as with all good ideas he ended up doing the all the planning, organizing, and execution of the event. I cannot imagine how many hours John spent doing this on behalf of the club ... a BIG thank you to John Hatzung for all his efforts!

As Board Chair, I was regularly consulted as the planning progressed. I felt that this type of event – a track day for our club members Healeys (and their European cousins), and no cost for spectators to show off their cars if they didn't want to run the course, would be a great way to jump-start interest in our club by our members. Without the support of our club members, there really isn't much reason for our club to exist.

This is not a recap of the event ... that I leave to others. However, I did want to say that there were a number of volunteers who stepped up all day long to make sure the event went smoothly. I can't provide a list without omitting someone, but particular mention goes to Jeff Johnk for his expertise in developing a safe but fun course layout, Phil Dawson for hauling cones and equipment and with cone setup/take down, Rich and Liz Stadther for timing, registration, and corner working, and Suzanne and Greg Willodson for timing, registration, and many other functions, for their hard work in making this event happen.

Report from the MAHC racing contingent – July 2021 at Road America by Dan Powell



So ... the calendar said it was mid-July. That could mean only one thing ... a clutch or flock or murder or herd ... whatever a group of Big Healey racecars are called, descended on Road America near Elkhart Lake Wisconsin to again take on the task of vanquishing the Phony Porches, Awful Alfas, Fearless Fiats, Trembling Triumphs (ok... enough... you get the idea). Our Big Healey contingent included Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lombard, Eileen Wetzel, Scott McQueen, and me. Support staff included Betsy and Scott Lombard, Gary Wetzel, Carol and Jessica Johnk, and Steve and Jake Powell. Rich and Liz Stadther paddocked near us with their Formula Ford, and Cliff Black from the Winona branch of our club drove over and spent time with us.

We arrived Wednesday afternoon to get our paddock space secured and then enjoyed dinner at the Fig & Pheasant (old Stafford 52 in Plymouth), which featured live Irish folk music on Wednesday evenings. The food was wonderful as usual, and the music was loud and good ... also as usual. Thursday morning was spent getting the cars through tech and prepped for racing that afternoon. Our schedule was a little different this year, with one session Thursday, two on Friday, and one each on Saturday and Sunday. This allowed lots of time for tweaking things, chasing problems, and socializing. Saturday Tom and Kaye Kovacs of Fourintune had all of us over for a casual dinner at a lake home they rented. Phil Coombs was there, visiting from Santa Fe; he raced the sister



Above: Lining up to go into town. **Right:** Dan Powell's son and grandson driving away from the downtown car show.

car to Scott McQueen's in the 1990 Brit/American race series. I once tried to follow Phil on the track to see his racing line, but he disappeared into the distance after about three corners.

Friday evening is the traditional car show and concours for racecars in downtown Elkhart Lake. We had all five Healeys entered and were able to group ourselves together for the drive into town. The crowds lining the highway into town and on the sidewalks in town were larger than ever, with people happy to attend events once again. At the end of the show the winners were announced, with our own Scott McQueen taking second place in our judging group. The winner was an original Cheetah racecar, one of a 10-12 made. The best of show/popularity judging took place at noon on Sunday by victory lane. With the Cheetah unable to attend (it couldn't make it back to the track at the end of the car show), Scott McQueen was thrust into the fray with little notice. Although his car was obviously the best race car there (no bias here), he didn't win, but had the pleasure of showing off his car to lots of car enthusiasts.



Racing stuff: Scott McQueen was breaking in a new motor and had overdrive issues that were not resolved until Sunday morning. Jeff Lumbard had his two-year-old Healey suddenly decide it was no longer happy with one of the wiring circuits, and it intermittently blew a fuse that caused the engine to shut down. (I wired the dash, so I am interested to see what the problem was). Jeff Johnk's only problem was that Eileen was faster than him one session.

Eileen ran strong all weekend but had the misfortune to be the first one through turn eight (a sharp left; about 75 mph) after a driver had dumped oil on the track from an engine failure. Oil on the track is the same as racing on "black ice." The outside wall was about ten feet too close to the track and she tapped the right front and rear fender against it at about five mph. Gary was pleased to find that he has something else to do in retirement. As accidents go, this was a good one ... driver fine, not responsible for the outcome, and the car was driven back to

the paddock. I ran fine all weekend looking at the back of the other Healeys, but when warming up the car shortly before the Friday afternoon session, I noticed fuel coming out of the pressure regulator when I was revving the engine. The regulator is located directly above the exhaust header—not something to be ignored. With my son's and grandson's help, we were able to swap some internal parts from a spare I had been carrying around for years, and I was good to go. Turned out I was first in class in the final race of the weekend ... got a medal and another hat!

Other than Eileen, none of us set new personal records, but all had a good time and are planning our next Road America outing in mid-September. As usual, there is a standing invitation for you to hang out in our paddock area. Who knows ... you might even score a free beverage or two.



Right: Scott's McQueen's car at the car show. Above: Scott car with 2nd place award for judging group.

Coverage of Road America by the Elkhart Lake Depot Dispatch highlights Austin Healeys



Racing fans of all ages turned out to fill the streets of downtown Elkhart Lake on July 19 for the annual Road America Concours d'Elegance race car parade and viewing. Vintage race cards in town for the WeatherTech® International Challenge with Brian Redman race week annually parade from Road America to the heart of the village, where the races were first held. Thousands of fans turn out for the parade and a first hand glimpse of the racing machines.

Les Tension photos by Michael D. McGill

Out of over 100 cars, the *Depot Dispatch* chose a Healey for a big picture, which includes Carol, Jeff, and Jessica Johnk. Over the years, several of our members have taken awards at Road America, including Eileen Wetzel, Dan Powell—and this year—Scott McQueen.

NASCAR, Concours thrill fans

As it does every summer, Road America racing action has thrilled fans from both near and far. The recent Concours ride through the village (lower right) brought out scores of onlookers for an up-close look of the race cars. The recent NASCAR race was televised nationally from the world-class track.





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1966 Austin-Healey Sprite for sale by charity.

Car was donated to the Center for Vision Loss in Allentown, Pennsylvania. 166K miles. VIN: HAN8L53998. Contact Dennis Zehner at (610)433-6018 x 241 or dennis.zehner@centerforvisionloss.org.

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

Marketplace (continued)

Wanted: Vintage car emblems and badges. I am a 58-year-old car nut from the Netherlands. Because I had a series of strokes, I started collecting car emblems. I love car emblems, and collecting them is great memory therapy. Do you have any old or slightly damaged Austin Healey emblems for my collection, please? I truly hope the deadly virus Covid 19 didn't get you, your friends or family, and that you'll be able to enjoy your beauty again soon. With kind regards,

Marc Veenhuis
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The Netherlands

Back issues of Marque and Healey Enthusiast

Issues dating back to 1991 are heading for the recycling bin shortly unless there is any interest. Email Barry Wahlberg at geo4bar@actel.com

FOR SALE: Getting desperate—make an offer A set of three 72 spoke wheels with tires. The wheels are not pretty, but functional. I also have five original 60-spoke wheels. Three 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. \$150. I have back issues of The Marque and Enthusiast dating back to 1991. Email Barry Wahlberg at geo4bar@gctel.com

If nothing else, the wire wheels would make a great art project or boat anchor.

4 tires and wire wheels for sale: These are from my 1967 BJ8, which I replaced some chrome wheels that I bought from the Wetzels. Best or any offer ... as with the rear exhaust from the same car. Hoping someone can use them. Dave@hatzunginsurance.com or 952-913-6313.

Body parts from 100-6 for sale: Front scroud, beautiful condition, stripped. Rear deck. Hood. Door, one side only. Fender, left (driver's) side? Also, other minor parts. Call Dennis Koepsell 920-400-6052 anytime or email koepselldennis@gmail.com.



Marketplace (continued)



FOR SALE: 1961 Austin Healey 3000 MKI

This was my race car, raced primarily at Road America 2014 - 2018. It was unfortunately damaged in an incident. It has a lot of special features: a Denis Welch rally cowl vent, removable carburetor access panel, and lightened doors and sills. It comes with chassis, fenders, doors, dash, MSD ignition box, Accusump, 10-circuit Painless wiring harness, and windshield frame. The front frame has damage along with front shroud, RF and RR fenders. Therefore, it is a project car. There is no drivetrain, steering, or suspension. I have many photos I can send.

Asking \$ 2,500; will be sold on a Bill of Sale.

It is currently mounted on a rolling carrier made of square steel tubing for easier transport and loading into an enclosed trailer. If interested, I would sell this also for \$200, which is the cost of the wheels, which are high end. Contact Jeff Lumbard at lumbard@msn.com or 952-642-1073



For sale: 1962 Austin Healey BT7 MK II. Very low miles restored to a high level. Red with white hard top. Asking \$50K. Contact Chuck Ash 715-245-7303 cwash211@comcast.net

