



# The Healey Enthusiast

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May 2019



*Not exactly a Sunday afternoon drive in the park....*

## MAY EVENTS

**Wed MAY 1**

**PIE Meeting**

**Sat MAY 4**

**Hatzung Party**

**Sat MAY 11**

**InterMarque Spring Kick-off**

**Fri-Sun MAY 17-19**

**SVRA Spring Vintage Festival**

**Fri-Sun MAY 24-26**

**Racing at BIR**

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## President's Informal Evening

**Date:** Wednesday May 1st  
**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:

<b>Kim Rixen</b>	<b>Greg Willodson</b>
<b>Daphne Walmer</b>	<b>Greg Lauser</b>
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<http://www.mnhealey.com/mnhealey/newsletter.htm>

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# Presidential Ponderings

By Kim Rixen

## Opening day

The Minnesota Twins threw out their first pitch in late March, just after the snow stopped flying (at least momentarily) and the ground became less treacherous for pedestrians. Many made the trip to Target Field to christen the season and be buoyed by hope for a trip to the World Series.

Sports car enthusiasts look forward to a different kind of opening day. It's the day when we head over to our winter storage spots, pull back the covers, remove the trickle charger, and fire our cars up for the first time. To us, it's the sound of the National Anthem and crack of the bat—joyful and as full of optimism as those Twins fans shivering in the bleachers.

The first drive is always one of the best. Even if it's along a busy, construction weary highway or out of the garden shed, into the driveway, and through the neighborhood, it lets us shake off our winter funk and anticipate the times ahead.

The season is already proving to be a busy one for MAHC. A core group has been meeting regularly to plan the upcoming Conclave in the Black Hills. From what they've been telling us, it's going to be a spectacular event and a chance to see one of the most beautiful and historic parts of the United States.

But the upcoming season isn't going to be all about work. We plan to have a lot of fun, too. And there's no doubt we do know how to have fun. Even as we clean up our section of Highway 61 and we're knee deep in wet grass and mud, we bond over the odd things people throw out their car windows (in the past, they've been known for drinking bad beer and a lot of 5-hour energy shots).

We're also looking forward to the almost Cinco de Mayo party at Hatzungs and the Intermarque Spring Kick-off—the real opening day for the sports car season. Although registration for the Amery Autocross opened just a few weeks ago, it's already filling up fast. We hope to see some Healeys there.

Now that the days are longer, look for any excuse to get out for a drive. Stop by your local Dairy Queen, take the Grand Rounds tour of Minneapolis, or drive to the nearest diamond and watch the up-and-comers at work. Play ball!

Healey update: "My" car now has a birth certificate, although Steve says it's not entirely correct.



# The Presidents Informal Evening

## Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2019

By Suzanne Willodson and Daphne Walmer

The meeting kicked off at 7 p.m. sharp. Greg Lauser drove his Healey!

### Past events

- Thanks to Scott McQueen for hosting his tech session on March 16, and to Steve Rixen for speaking. Scott in turn thanked all who came. It was a little icy and a little snowy, but it was good. No injuries!

### Upcoming events

- **Adopt-A-Highway** has been rescheduled to Saturday April 20. Meet at 9 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park in Lake City, at milepost 80 on U.S. Highway 61. Let Dave Herreid know if you're planning to come, so he can call you if it's raining or some other problem arises. Donuts will be there for breakfast, and the club will buy lunch afterwards.
- The **Hatzung Party** is on May 4. Dave Hatzung handed out invites. It will start at 1:00 pm for food. Dave Lee will send out RSVP invites. Members are welcome to bring appetizers or another dish.
- The **Intermarque Spring Kickoff** will be in downtown Osseo on Saturday May 11. Volunteers are needed. Suzanne Willodson will find out which shifts still need to be filled, and she will have Dave Lee send out an email to all with details. MAHC gets 5 primo parking places in return for its sponsorship. June Moerke mentioned and Rich Stadther verified that there will be tables inside the City Hall near the restaurants to allow clubs to recruit new members or for other purposes. Bring items to donate for the food drive. You can buy them at the Osseo grocery store. It's nice to use them since they lose much of their parking lot during the event.

### Security device

Dave Herreid brought up the topic of security for our cars when staying away from home. He read about an instance where thieves loaded an expensive car into a trailer. When traveling with our Healeys, are there any ideas for ensuring our Healey doesn't get stolen? This is important with upcoming trips to Eau Claire for Rendezvous and to the Black Hills for Conclave. Possibilities:

- A baby monitor wired to the car, so that you can listen to it from your hotel room.
- The Club on steering wheel. There are about 5 different models. Not sure they work on Healeys?

### Conclave updates

Eileen Wetzel reported that club members are coming in on Sept 5 & 6. It would be great if MAHC members can come on Sept 4 to help.

In the works:

- Sponsors – pushing hard now to get more sponsors on board
- Meet and greet arrangements

Continued....

# The Presidents Informal Evening

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- Band contracted for banquet night: BRULE' American Indian rock opera will be performing!
- There will be impromptu meetings to stuff envelopes, etc. in late August.
- Greg Lauser reported that Calamity Jane and Blossom will be performing for Ladies Tea along with descendants of a prominent family who will talk about the history of the area.

Gary Wetzel reported on current numbers and money so far:

Registrations	259	\$35,615	Registration fees alone
Bus Tour	295	\$39,775	Pass through for Ladies Tea/meals
BBQ	402	\$ 3,073	Regalia
Rally	178	\$ 2,790	Merchandise
Gymkhana	115	\$22,220	Sponsorships
Funkhana	97		
Car Show	203	\$89,563	Total funds received so far
Ladies Tea	54		
Banquet	364		

- We won't make a lot more money with additional registrations, but the idea is to give people a really good time.
- Eileen Wetzel asked if MAHC would like to sponsor an event, such as the meet and greet. To be decided later.
- Gary Wetzel said there are still plenty of hotel rooms. Although three hotels are filled, two more hotels were added, and the city of Deadwood has lots of hotels.
- Dave Herreid asked about the number of participants to Conclave 2019 compared, for example, to Waco, Texas. Our numbers are huge compared to any recent events. People are coming from all over the country plus Canada, New Zealand, and Australia.

## PIE Attendees this evening:

Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Clarence Westberg, Dave Herreid, Kim Rixen, Eileen & Gary Wetzel, Sue & Steve Greenway, Phil & Stefanie Dawson, Carl & Betty Stine, Dave Hatzung, Andy Lindberg, Dick Leighninger, Gary & Barb Ronning, Tom Hazen, Jim Kriz, Dave & Cheryl Rademacher, Greg Lauser, Tom and June Moerke, Rich & Liz Stadther, Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lumbard, Scott McQueen, Jim Manion.



*He's out there.....*

*Waiting for us.....*

## Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

By Dave Herreid

On Saturday April 20, eight MAHC members greeted a sunny brisk morning just north of Lake City on Highway 61. To me there is always a 'litter theme' one year it might be a brand of cigarette box, another year it's a type of caffeine delivery system such as 'Red Bull' cans. This year we noticed a lot of 'cold weather road patch' that was scraped off by snowplows. I talked to MNDOT and the good news is that next year our little heavenly highway is scheduled to get a new surface and no road patch. Another change is the new smaller sized MNDOT supplied trash bags. These bags are easier to carry until full and yet still that stylish 'county road-crew' yellow. What you say? Why am I babbling about this stuff? Well, when you come to this Fall's Highway Event, you too will appreciate the nuisances of our little strip of Highway Heaven.

After the 'road event' and dodging the mayhem of the annual motorcycle 'Flood Run', we had a relaxing meal at the Smoking Oak Restaurant provided by our favorite car club. Thank you MAHC!

This Spring's team included:

Steve and Kim Rixen

Greg Lauser

Carl and Betty Stine

Greg and Suzanne Willodson

Dave Herreid



**Bonus Highway Pick-up excitement** – The group happened upon a neighbor – Ernie. He evidently likes old cars too. He found this 1937 Chev along the side of a road in Wisconsin. It is all original and runs like a Swiss watch – according to Greg W. Dave said that the tires were not quite original – being replaced in about 1957... Never know what you might find while out picking !!

**OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART**

**HOW TO INTERPRET**

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**ANTIQUUE CAR ADS**

**IF IT SAYS:**

**IT REALLY MEANS:**

- Rare model..... Nobody liked them when new either
- Older restoration..... Can't tell it's been restored
- Needs engine work..... It's been frozen for 30 years
- Uses no oil..... Just throws it out
- No rust..... Body and fenders missing
- Rough..... It's too bad to lie about
- One owner..... Never been able to sell
- No time to complete..... Can't find parts anywhere
- Needs interior..... Seats are gone
- Rebuilt engine..... Has new spark plugs
- May run..... But it never has
- Low mileage..... Third time around
- Many new parts..... Keeps breaking down
- 29 coats hand-rubbed paint.... Needed that much to cover rust
- Clean..... It sat out in the rain yesterday
- Best offer..... About what I expect to get
- Always driven slowly..... Won't go any faster
- Prize winner..... Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
- Stored 25 years..... Under a tree
- Real show stopper..... Orange with purple fenders
- Easy restoration..... Parts will come off in your hand
- Ready to show..... Just washed it
- Top good..... Only leaks when it rains
- Good investment..... Can't depreciate any more

Sounds familiar...?

VINTAGE BEAUTY



How would you like this pair parked by your Hanger...



# Rendezvous 2019



Back to the '70s

The Minnesota MG Group invites you to  
**Rendezvous 2019!**  
**June 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**



## Experience Rendezvous in Wisconsin

It's time to get behind the wheel and see the breathtaking views! You'll drive on roads that twist and turn through the countryside with stunning scenery that's never ending including rolling hills, bluffs, streams, rivers and lakes.

### Some of the Event Details:

- ✦ Rally's to Excite the Driving Senses
- ✦ Domestic Local Winery Tours
- ✦ Tech. Sessions for the Guys and Gals
- ✦ Wine and Cheese Tasting
- ✦ Car Show on the Green
- ✦ Funkanna Skilled Driving Event
- ✦ Self-Guided Country Tours
- ✦ Awards Banquet with Entertainment

**Host Hotel:** The Best Western Plus Conference Center  
3340 Mondovi Rd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin  
(715)838-9989 or 1(800)780-7234

**Alternate Lodging:** The Hampton Inn by Hilton

2622 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, Wisconsin (*It's just down the road from the Best Western*)

(715)833-0003 or make your reservations on line by visiting the MN MG Group website Rendezvous page.



For more Information and to Register for this Event visit the MN MG Group website  
[www.mn-mggroup.org](http://www.mn-mggroup.org)

or

Contact Diane Rindt at:

(715) 379-6001

[drindt4271@yahoo.com](mailto:drindt4271@yahoo.com)

29<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Vintage Sports Car Event,  
Rendezvous



# CONCLAVE 2019

September 6-11

OH, WHAT WONDERS YOU WILL SEE  
ON ROADS AROUND DEADWOOD SD



From Top Left: Crazy Horse Monument . Mount Rushmore National Monument  
Devils Tower National Monument . Wind Cave National Park  
Custer State Park Needles Highway & Curious Burros . Badlands National Park

Register for Black Hills Conclave 2019 @ [www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019](http://www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019)

Hey, its  
Shake N' Bake Time,  
But we're having



# Steak N' Cake!

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Saturday,  
May 4<sup>th</sup>

1PM To?

The Hatzung's  
6708 W Shore Dr  
Edina, MN 55435

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*Please RSVP to [mary@hatzunginsurance.com](mailto:mary@hatzunginsurance.com) or 952.922.3246/  
Bring an app to share, we'll have the Steak, Cake and refreshments (water, pop, wine and beer)*

**DOWNTOWN  
OSSEO, MN**



**10AM-3PM  
RAIN OR SHINE**

# SPRING KICK-OFF

27TH ANNUAL VINTAGE FOREIGN CAR SHOW

**FEATURED  
MARQUE**

**MERCEDES**

**MAY 11  
2019**



**2019 VINTAGE FOREIGN CLUB SPONSORS**

- Alfa Romeo Owners Club, Stella del Nord Chapter
- Citroën Club of MN • MN Austin-Healey Club
- Jaguar Club of MN • Lotus Owners Of the North (LOON)
- Mercedes-Benz Club of America: Twin Cities Section
- Metropolitans from MN • MN MG Group • MN Triumphs
- Vintage Sports Car Racing (VSCR) • North Coast Borgward Club

**CRAFT SHOW**  
IN BOERBOOM VETERANS PARK

This is a FREE\* event open to 1999 OR OLDER, FOREIGN motorcars, motorcycles, scooters, and racers. FIRST COME FIRST PARKED. Placement starts at 9 am. Parking staff will be on hand to direct arrivals. Groups wishing to park together MUST ARRIVE EN-MASSE. \*Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Visit [InterMarque.org](http://InterMarque.org) for a map + updates.

Girl Scouts Traveling Europe (GSTE) will be handling the voting to help raise funds for their trip to Europe.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO  
THE CITY OF OSSEO!**



MAY 24 – 26 2019

# Events Schedule

- May 1** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 pm. See page 2
- May 4** **Hatzung Party** – (Sat) – See page 11. Please RSVP.
- May 11** **InterMarque Spring Kick-Off** – (Sat) The InterMarque Council will again sponsor this well attended event in downtown Osseo, MN. See page 12.
- May 17-19** **SVRA Spring Vintage Festival** – (Fri - Sun) This will be the first weekend for vintage races at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- May 24-26** **Racing at Brainerd International Raceway** – (Fri – Sun) The SCCA will be heading up the regional racing on the Road Course.
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- June 5** **PIE Meeting** - (Wed) Club meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 2
- June 6-9** **Rendezvous 2019** – (Thur-Sun) The location this year is in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The Minnesota MG Group will be hosting this year. Should be a great time on the WI backroads!
- June 15** **Coulee Classic** – (Sat) Details later.
- June 19-23** **Back to the 50's Car Show** – (Fri-Sun) The MSRA will again arrange this huge annual show at the MN State Fairgrounds – 11,000 cars...or more??
- June 22** **Amery Competition Run** – (Sat) Excellent test running of your favorite Sports Car orchestrated by Greg Willodson at the Amery WI airport.
- June 23** **InterMarque Picnic** – (Sun) The first monthly InterMarque Picnic of the season. Join your fellow British enthusiasts for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul.

## 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](http://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** – (Sat) Greg Willodson will hold a second run at Amery, WI.
- 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.



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## MARKETPLACE

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:swalburg13@gmail.com). (4/19)

