



# Healey Enthusiast

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Fred Ambli's 1967 Healey ready to be loaded into a container and shipped to Norway with five other Austin Healeys. Note the USA Tour Group banner on the side!

## Upcoming Events

Fri-Sun	19-21 May	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend
Sat	20 May	InterMarque Spring Kickoff
Sat	27 May	Cars & Caves Car Show
Sun-Fri	21-26 May	Conclave 2023

See the website for details: [www.mnhealey.com](http://www.mnhealey.com)

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## PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

**Date:** Wednesday, June 7, 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:*

**Fred Ambli**  
**Dave Hatzung**  
**John Hatzung**

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



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## **President's Column**

Welcome Spring! I'm sure most of us have our cars out and hopefully running smoothly. I'm in the small percentage of Healey owners that love to drive but are nincompoops when it comes to fixing them or working on them in any form. I used to do stuff, but don't even feel like changing the oil anymore, but that's my problem, and one I just must work through myself. Fortunately, I know a couple of mechanics who do good work, and I can depend on them to get my car ready for spring.

Unfortunately, I just found out I have some delayed maintenance that is catching up to me. For a car that's over 50 years old (my 1967 3000) needs brakes all around and kingpins, and a few other things that I think I better get done. Despite all that, it's been an unbelievable car. My dread is that when I take it out, that I hope I make it home, and I always have! My friend and club associate **Steve Rixen** has always said "just drive it, that's what they're made for – they're tough little cars." On one hand, he's right, but if I'm out with my car and it breaks down, I'll have to call Hagerty or AAA, Steve can probably fix his. No offense Steve, "just saying." You're fortunate to be so talented and patient.

Which also brings up another point, which is all the talented people we have in our club. From the racers to the everyday drivers, we've got a great group of club members – too numerous to mention.

With that being said, we've also got a lot going on this summer. **John Hatzung** (my brother 😊), plus numerous other people have the DCTC Autocross dates set, so don't miss that opportunity to get out and race your cars in a pretty conservative, yet great opportunity to track day your vintage car! Also, Spring Kick Off in Osseo is Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Other fun times on Saturdays are Cars and Caves at the Chanhassen AutoPlex. Briffest in Hudson on August 12<sup>th</sup> is a fun day also.

So rev your engines guys and girls and get out there and have some fun in your vintage cars.

***Healey On!***  
***Dave Hatzung***  
**President Minnesota Austin Healey Club**

# PIE Meeting Notes, 03 May 2023

by Daphne Walmer

VP John Hatzung opened the meeting in Dave Hatzung's absence by welcoming new members Annie and Malcolm Johns. They have a Factory100M (with the slanting windscreen), which Malcolm inherited from his dad.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Intermarque Spring Kick Off** Jay Jaycobson reported there are 10 slots for Healeys. The featured cars this year are racecars (although many may be a Road America racing that weekend.) As usual, the event will take over downtown Osseo. Last year more than 300 cars were there. The event is for all old foreign cars. Show up at 9:00 AM. They are going to do a Tech Session where cars can be checked and certified them as safe to race for the year. This year some antique motorcycles are coming.

**Road America** is also a nice trip. Visitors "have to" go to the Thorpedo, a café that's been there since the 40s. It's on the north side of the street. Cheese is on the south side. May 18-21. Many of the cars are faster than when they were new. They have a Concours afterwards, which requires dressing up.

**Rendezvous** will be June 8-10 in Ashland WI. This year it is sponsored by the Triumph Club. Car clubs from Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, and all the Minnesota clubs are invited.

**MAHC sponsored Track Day** will be June 24 and Aug 4. It's a low-key track day at Dakota County Technical College, which has a small one-mile racing track used for training police, truck drivers, etc. One car is on the track at a time, doing two laps. Rosemount. Each car can get 5-7 runs if they want. Not like a Metropolitan Sports Club event; it's more like a party with cars. John asked if anyone is interested in doing food, but with no responses he mentioned doing box lunches.

**Intermarque Picnic:** The topic arose about whether the Healey Club will host a picnic in the park? Participants bring something to eat and something to share on the last Sunday of the month. Four-year road repair and reconstruction has meant we had to be in the flood plain rather than in Cherokee Park, so along with COVID restrictions there haven't had nearly as many people. We don't have to provide food. We used to do the June event because it was June 30 and Don Healey's birthday was July 3. People reminisced about the Pimm Cups the Willodson's used to bring.

**Attendees:** John Hatzung, Jay Jacobson, Jeff Johnk, Malcolm and Annie Johns, Jeff Lumbard, Scott McQueen, Dan Powell, Rich & Liz Stadther, Carl & Betty Stine, Daphne Walmer, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Greg Willodson.

# **A Window of Opportunity**

**by John Hatzung**

Clear, crisp midsummer dawn in western North Dakota, I-94 sweeps across the high plains. Westward bound my lime-green 1967 Ford Galaxy two-door Fastback, long and lean. Four guys and a trunkful of backpacks headed for the East Rosebud trail in the Beartooth Mountains. I was at the wheel, having slept remarkably well between Fargo and Mandan, where we gassed up. A keen edge feeling came with the low sun lighting the first truly western landscape, and I followed the car's shadow dead straight toward the distant vanishing point. Mark and Greg were asleep in the back seat; Jim rode shotgun.

The Galaxie 500 two-door Fastback evolved to cruise the new freeway system. The 390 CID engine with a two-barrel carb came up to speed reasonably well and loped along happily at Interstate speeds—it had long legs and got decent mileage for a big block. The sun comes up early on those long northern summer days. At 5:00 a.m. on that Saturday morning, the Peterbuilts and Kenworths sat in the truck stops and rest areas. Farmers, crops in the field, were still in bed or drinking coffee and reading the paper.

I gazed down the empty road, gave the gas pedal the slightest pressure and glanced down to see the red needle swing slowly across the horizontal line of numbers past 75. A little more pressure moved it across the 80 mark, and I glanced over at Jim. I added throttle and the car seemed to tighten and slightly lift between 90 and 100. I kind of sensed Jim's level of awareness was also becoming elevated—as was mine. By this time my foot was on the floor and the needle moved beyond the 110 mark. At this end of the 60's-style gauge the actual speed indicated was pretty vague, but I wasn't paying much attention to that as I was focused on the general instability of the car and maintaining direction. The car now felt loose and on the verge of control, so I lifted my foot.

Jim relaxed and took his hand off the dashboard as the car settled into its familiar cruise mode. By this time Mark and Greg were conscious, and we talked about getting gas and breakfast in Glendive. The little old ladies at the truck stop there made killer breakfast burritos.

# Ambli car loaded for Oslo, Norway



Fred and Sandi Ambli watched as their red 1967 Healey was prepped for loading into a shipping container with five other Healeys to travel to Oslo, Norway, for a four-week tour through Scandinavia. The trip includes a week-long European Healey meeting in Geiranger, Norway. It will take about six weeks for the Healeys to

make the journey from Savannah, Georgia, to Oslo, Norway, on the ship MSC Joanna. It will take another six weeks or so for it to return to the states after the great adventure in Europe.

Here's a link to a driving video in Norway, for those who'd like to salivate at the thought:

<https://youtu.be/eS8yf2YITzQ>

Best of luck, Fred and Sandi!



# **Intermarque Spring Kick Off**

The 2023 Intermarque Spring Kick Off is coming soon: Saturday, May 20, 2023. The show will again be held in Osseo, Mn. We start loading cars into parking spaces at 8 AM, and the show runs to 3:00 PM. The Minnesota Austin Healey Club has donated space for 10 cars.

The featured marque this year is the Vintage Sports Car Racing group, and cars will be trailered to the parking lot of Premier Bank, on Central St. Once unloaded, cars will be moved two blocks away to the front of the Osseo City Hall, where the first VSCR safety check of the racing season will be performed on each participating car. That should be a crowd-pleasing event! Directions and maps can be obtained from Steve Nichols, Rich Stadther, or Jay Jacobson.

Donations of non-perishable food or hygienic items are requested for Cross Services, which will be collected in barrels by the registration table. (If you forget, items can be purchased from Dean's Grocery Store on Central Avenue, after you park your car). The Girl Scouts will again be selling tickets for visitors to pick a "People's' Choice award. The Intermarque Spring Kick Off is a family event, and I look forward to seeing you there.

**Dick Leighninger**  
**SKO Chairman**

SAVE THE DATE!



SPRING  
KICK-OFF



30TH  
ANNUAL  
VINTAGE  
FOREIGN  
CAR SHOW

MAY 20,  
2023  
OSSEO,  
MN

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**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

## Rendezvous 2023 Update

I'm happy to say that with both hotels are reporting that our block of rooms is almost gone, The Cobblestone Inn will expand the number of rooms available at the discounted rate. For both hotels, be sure to mention that you're with the Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous event, otherwise you will be told they're full and you won't get a room.

The [Cobblestone Inn and Suites](#) (715-682-5066) [The Chequamegon Hotel](#), 715-682-9095

When both these hotels fill up, the town of Ashland still offers a wide range of accommodation up and down the price scale.

<https://www.visitashland.com/plan-your-visit/lodging/>

Thursday June 8, registration will open at [1.pm](#) at the Chequamegon with a funkhana going on in the parking lot across the street followed by a Meet & Greet, deck party with drawings from 6 till [9.pm](#)

On Friday the Madeline Island trip by ferry will leave at [9.am](#).

<https://www.madelineisland.com/> This year's ferry pricing is \$31 for a car plus \$17 per person.

For those who want to sleep in, other tours will be run on a more leisurely start of 10.30. The schedule of driving events and activities planned are shaping up, and we'll keep adding updates to our website as they're available.

Saturday will be even busier with a Car Show, Autocross and Poker Run finalizing with another party/banquet on the deck at The Chequamegon Hotel.

The team of volunteers from the Minnesota Triumph Club invites everyone to come and enjoy the beautiful roads and meet the great people that make this get together such a success every year.

Register now at <https://www.mntriumphs.org/2023-rendezvous-online-registration/>

**Patrick Holt**  
**Minnesota Triumphs**

# Rendezvous in the Black Hills

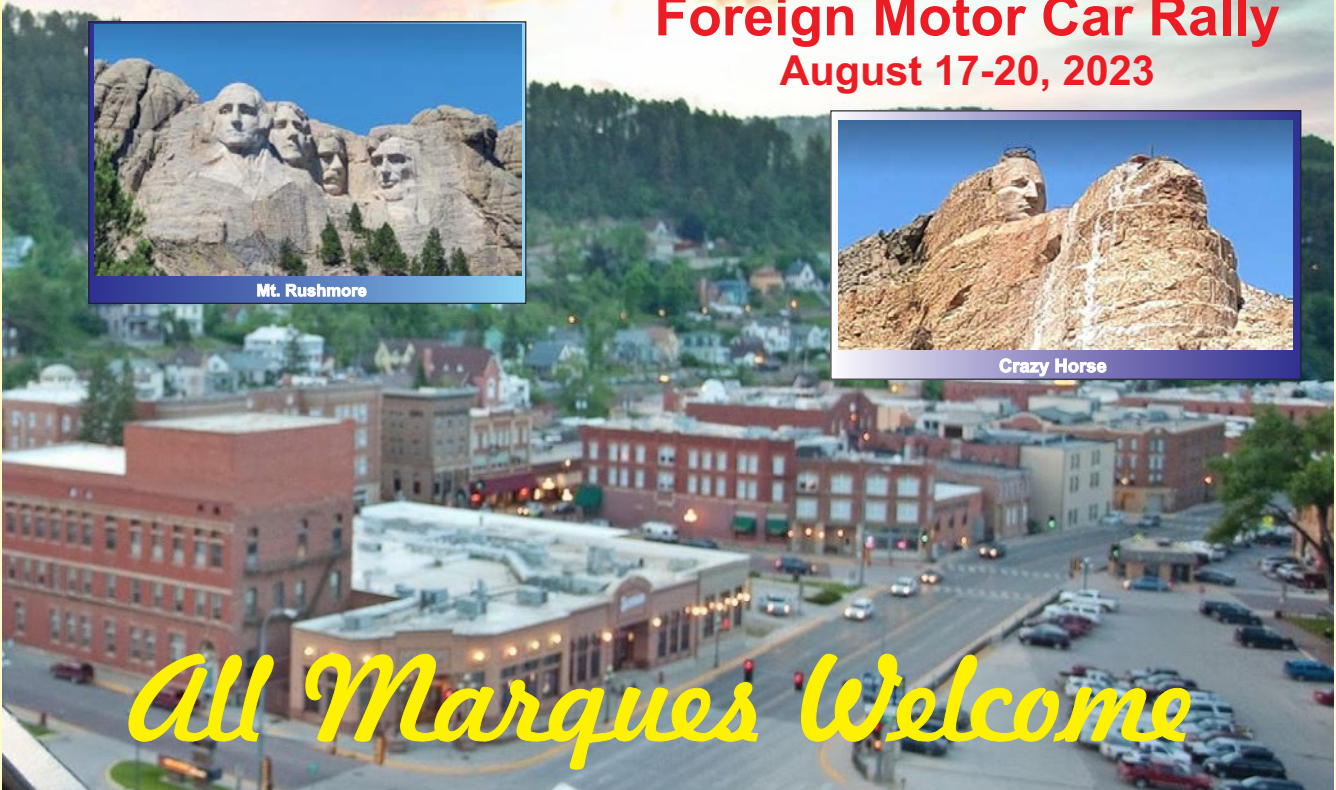
Foreign Motor Car Rally  
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If you have questions contact Bob at  
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**Don't forget to renew your membership!**

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

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## Instructions for joining the Minnesota Austin Healey Club:

### MAHC “local only” members:

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

1. Get the Membership Renewal form on the next page of the *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. Bring to a PIE meeting (on the first Wednesday of the month at Joseph's Grill).

### 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.



Minnesota Austin-Healey Club  
Open – Membership Director

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 )  
  Bring to a Club Meeting (First Wednesday of the month)**

# MAHC Planning Calendar 2023

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
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
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	8-5	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	8-5	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	
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

### 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](http://www.intermarque.org)



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