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Cliff Black's 1962 BT-7 Tri-Carb after a wonderful drive around Winona, MN, on a gorgeous October day.

Upcoming Events

Wed	08 Jan	PIE
Sun	26 Jan	Wetzel Wine, Cheese, Bday, & Garage Tour
Wed	05 Feb	PIE

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, Nov 6, 2024
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:

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President's Column:

Let's do it in the road!

There is a lot to look forward to in the new year; the gears are in motion after the MAHC Banquet, the December P.I.E./Planning meeting, and the Rendezvous Planning meeting. So, buckle up, review the upcoming event schedule both in this newsletter (and on our webpage), and start planning for your Healey New Year. I want to thank all who offered to host events. These efforts are one of the reasons why this club is so much fun.

The club functions as it does because of the many members who volunteer. We have three new Board Members; John Hatzung, Dave Hatzung, and Charley Klima, who will be joining Dan Powell and Geoff Rossi. A new Vice President, Steve Rixen, has been elected, and I will remain one more year as President. Daphne Walmer will continue as editor; however, the number of newsletter issues will be reduced, and they will be published primarily during the driving season. P.I.E. meeting notes will be sent out separately soon after the meetings, thus allowing important information to be disseminated in a timely way. The actual events can be reviewed at leisure in a combined newsletter. Liz Stadther will continue as Treasurer. Curt Carlson will continue as Membership Director. Also, he and I will review the MAHC video library and the collection of Healey-related documents that Gary Ronning has collected over the years. The hope is to catalogue and digitize the collection. We shall see how this unfolds (or maybe a better phrase would be "let the data bits fall where they may"). Eileen Wetzel will continue as our National Delegate to AHCA. Susanne and Greg Willodson are leading the MAHC side of the combined effort with Paul Lyon and the Minnesota MG Group to plan and host the 2025 Rendezvous in Grand Rapids this June. An official notice will be forthcoming—stay tuned...and help if you can.

To sum it up, lots of fun in cool cars with old and new friends this coming year. All you need to do is show up...

.... Oh yes, and get your dues in. You can pay online through the Austin Healey Club of America for both the national and local club at <https://healeyclub.org/>, or you can pay by check for the local club only. For local only, see the membership form at the end of this newsletter.

**Happy Trails to you,
Dave Herreid**

Banquet & Annual Meeting Notes 11/16/24

by Daphne Walmer

Dave Herreid welcomed everyone. **Curt Carlson** announced that a lot of the silent auction is from the Gary Ronning collection. Gary and Barb have moved into assisted living. Anything that doesn't get purchased goes into landfill.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave thanked the following people for their work in 2024:

- John Hatzung Outgoing Vice President
- Liz Stadther Treasurer, member list, and email list
- Curt Carlson Membership
- Daphne Walmer Communications
- David Herreid President and Video Librarian
- Greg Willodson Name Tags and Events
- National Delegate Eileen Wetzel
- Jay Jacobson InterMarque Delegate
- Regalia Gary Ronning won't be doing Regalia anymore.
- Board of Directors
 - Phil Dawson
 - Greg Lauser
 - Dan Powell
 - Scott McQueen
 - Geoff Rossi
- AND A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to the people who submitted articles and photos for our newsletter.

Brief recap of the year's activities:

- Scott McQueen garage visit and tech-session
- The Rixen's garage visit/tech-session and social gathering
- Intermarque Kickoff
- Rendezvous in Thunder Bay, Canada
- Lynch Mexican Fiesta
- The Healey Challenge at Road America
- Conclave 2024
- Steve and Kim Rixen hosted a Fall Color Tour

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers for 2025

- **Board members:** Three new board members were elected unanimously: John Hatzung, Dave Hatzung, and Charley Klima. Dan Powell and Geoff Rossi are serving another year.
- **President:** Dave Herreid agreed to serve another year as President.
- **Vice President:** The President is usually the former year's Vice President. John Hatzung, who has been serving as vice president, doesn't want to be president. Steve Risen was unanimously elected to Vice President.

The following people agreed to continue in their roles

- **Treasurer** Liz Stadther
- **Membership** Curt Carlson
- **National Delegate** Eileen Wetzel
- **Name Tags & Events** Greg Willodson
- **InterMarque Delegate** J ay Jacobson
- **Communications/editor** Daphne Walmer

Daphne Walmer would like to reduce the amount of time in the position she has held since 2019. She would be happy to help train someone else. Given that no one has volunteered, she will publish the Monthly PIE meeting notes soon after meeting and publish a newsletter 4-5 times a year during the driving season. She will also continue to send emails and populate the website.

- **Club Historian/Video Librarian**

Curt Carlson volunteered to organize the archives that he and Dave Herreid got from Gary Ronning. That includes a complete set of newsletters starting in 1973, with a pause and then restart in 1983. We also decided it makes sense to combine the positions of Video Librarian and archivist. Dave Herreid will make a list of what's in the video library. Curt would like to take a year to curate and organize the archives. Greg Lauser volunteered to take over as Club Historian after Curt organizes it.

- **Regalia**

Gary Ronning has requested that someone if interested take over the position. There was a lot of discussion about whether Regalia is needed. Greg Lauser says some clubs do Regalia through Lands' End. Jaime uses a pass-through company for her business. Gary did it through Brown and Bigelow. For 2025 Rendezvous MG Club has a regalia function and they will take care of it. Jaime Horner and Steve Rixen will talk about the possibilities for Regalia and report back to the club.

Planning Meeting: The planning meeting has been changed from Saturday morning Dec 7 to Wednesday Dec 4 at 6 pm (typical P.I.E. meeting time). Bring ideas and related dates, if you can't attend, email them to Dave Herreid.

Amazing Race Result: Jeff Johnk announced that we have a celebrity in our midst. In September MAHC's new race car drivers Jim Koktavy and Jamie Horner attended and raced The Healey World Racing Challenge at Road America, their first time ever racing at Road America. Very early in the weekend, Jamie's TR6 racecar broke down. Jim had happened to have brought along race Healey 28, which he had purchased earlier that summer from Jeff Johnk. So, with the TR6 broken, Jamie took over racing 28. After just a few practice sessions to get familiar with both the racetrack and 28, with which she had zero previous experience, Jamie started turning in some incredible lap times. Ultimately in the weekend she turned in a 2:49 time, a lap time Jeff said took him something like 210 years to get in 28 when he owned it. On top of this, *Victory Lane* magazine (the equivalent of the *Rolling Stone* magazine in the vintage racing world.) put Jamie racing 28 on their front cover. See the issue here: <https://www.victorylane.com>

Attendees: Chuck & Mary Sue Ash, Curt Carlson, Phil & Stefanie Dawson, Dave & Mary Hatzung, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Jim Koktavy & Jaime Horner, Jeff & Carol Johnk, Charley Klima & Deb Ringwelski, Jim & Patty Manion, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Dan Powell, Steve & Kim Rixen, Rich & Liz Stadther, Carl & Betty Stine, Brock Thorson, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Greg & Suzanne Willodson.

Annual Banquet Photos

by Curt Carlson



Left, clockwise from left: Betty Stine, Stefanie Dawson, Suzanne Willodson, Greg Willodson, Kate Westerberg, Clarence Westerberg, Carl Stine, and Phil Dawson. **Middle clockwise from left:** Mary Hatzung, Dave Hatzung, Greg Lauser, Nancy Lauser, Brock Thorson, Dave Herreid, and Daphne Walmer. **Below clockwise from left:** Chuck Ash, Mary Sue Ash, Patty Manion, Jim Manion, Steve Rixen, Kim Rixen, Charley Klima, and Deb Ringwelski.



Bottom left, clockwise from left: Geoff Rossi, Diane Rossi, Dan Powell, Jeff Johnk, Carol Johnk, Liz Stadther, Rich Stadther, Jim Koltavy, Jaime Horner. **Bottom right:** Jeff Johnk praises Jaime Horner's memorable showing her first driving a Healey racecar.



MAHC 2025 Planning Meeting Notes 12/4/2

by Daphne Walmer

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve Rixen is new VP; Dave Herreid is president for another year.
- Board of Directors
 - John Hatzung
 - Dave Hatzung
 - Charley Klima
 - Dan Powell
 - Geoff Rossi
- Scott McQueen: At the fall Healey World Challenge, our club supported hospitality. Scott got a call from Jim Donato, who is president of VSCDA and in charge of the fall race. Jim wanted to thank groups that helped, and he plans to give \$2K to the Wisconsin club and \$500 to MAHC. We weren't expecting any reimbursement. The Wisconsin club made money at Conclave and gave us \$500 to help defray the \$1000 that MAHC paid to support the races. Scott thinks we broke even, because we got another donation as well. Liz will send Scott the address, and Scott will have Jim Denado make a check out to the Minnesota Austin Healey Club (or MAHC).
- National membership is due this month.

NEW BUSINESS/2025 Planning

- The Brainerd International Raceway (BIR) has been sold again, so whether there will be any vintage racing there this year is yet to be determined.
- Barb and Gary Ronning sold their house.
- Wetzels are looking for someone to do drive the weekend of the Wetzel Party; probably Clarence & Kate Westberg will reuse the drive from the last Wetzel party. The Westbergs will check on dates with the Wetzels.
- Discussion about Autocross at Amery. Phil Dawson and Greg Willodson are in charge. It would be a timed event only, because of insurance, which needs to be reviewed again. John Hatzung will help work through the insurance. Phil Dawson suggested that maybe a first autocross could be open to the hot rods, which could then fund another one for vintage cars. Need 75 feet between the course and any people. How small will the course be? Using the secondary road to get onto the course would help to expand its size. No speed run means losing some drivers. Might be able to tap Tom Hazen about how to attract semi-vintage people. Dave Hatzung will help take the question to the board; Liz noted that we can't afford to lose a lot of money.
- Phil Dawson had an idea about having a couple of Healey racecars at Brit Fest as a good way to promote the club. Phil will reach out to see if we can reserve some spots. Tom Moerke used to coordinate Brit Fest; no one knew who from the MG Club is now in charge.
- Dave Hatzung will talk to Geoff Rossi about doing a Grand Round Tour October 4.
- Dave Herreid to talk to Greg Lauser about Weekend Trip April/May/June.
- Phil Dawson asked about impromptu drives; Daphne can put out an email, which because email is a push mechanism is better than just putting something impromptu on the website.
- The board needs to meet to elect a chair and approve the calendar of events.

Attendees: Phil Dawson, Dave Hatzung, John Hatzung, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Charley Klima, Jim Koltavy, Jeff Lombard, Scott McQueen, Dan Powell, Steve & Kim Rixen, Rich & Liz Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Greg & Suzanne Willodson.

A Restoration Tale

by Eileen Wetzel



It is always an exciting time when an Austin Healey hits the road for the first time in over ten years. That is how long it took Bruce Peters of Bakersfield, California.

Over ten years ago, Bruce and his dear friend, Greg Wold of Maple Grove, Minnesota, were talking a common language—cars. Bruce mentioned that he has always wanted an Austin Healey 3000. This led Greg to go on the hunt, and he found one. The sale was

negotiated with the owner, who had started a restoration but for health reasons was not able to finish it. Bruce bought it sight unseen, disassembled, from its Montana location. They hauled it back to California and Bruce started his own restoration project. The engine had been rebuilt in Montana, so hopefully that was solid. The Healey came with ten spoked wheels—none that fit. Years later came the time for painting. Greg suggested his friend in Iowa. Greg has had several cars painted there, but never a Healey. The car was hauled to Iowa in August of 2022 and underwent a beautiful paint job that was finished in March of 2024. Needed next were wiring, a new convertible top, and interior. Up to Minnesota it was hauled, to Greg Wold's garage. Greg made several trips to the Wetzel garage to look at the BJ8, to note how certain parts fit together. Greg worked on it lovingly on behalf of Bruce, his friend of fifty years. It was finished a week before Thanksgiving. Gary and I were invited to see the result before it was hauled back to California. It was beautiful and purred. Great job Bruce and Greg!



Hydraulic Tech Tips

by Steve Rixen

The worst thing about the Austin Healey brake (and hydraulic clutch) system is the amount of care and work it takes to keep it operating correctly.

The brake master cylinders, calipers, wheel cylinders and clutch slave cylinders originally had internal components made of gum rubber parts. These parts required the use of DOT 4 fluid to have any longevity. I have seen many Healey and early MG brake systems which have been serviced incorrectly with DOT 3 brake fluid that shortly turned the gum rubber seals and boots into just gum. I assume the newer parts now available are safe for DOT 3 use, but I continue to use DOT 4.

DOT 5 / Silicone Brake Fluid is an option, but it seems to seep out past even new seals when the weather is cold, which is about half the time here in Minnesota. Moss Motors also says the warranty on new brake and clutch cylinders is void if silicone brake fluid is used for that reason. I have worked with systems serviced with silicone fluid and have seen no degradation of the seals with it. Most sources say starting with a completely empty system with new or freshly overhauled components would be best if switching to silicone.

If you store your car in an unheated garage, you may find your reservoir empty in the spring, because the seals in the slave or master cylinder have contracted due to cold, and the fluid has seeped out over the months. You can possibly identify the source by inspecting the floor at each wheel position or for residue on the footwell carpet. I went a few years just filling the reservoir and bleeding the seeping rear cylinder in the spring after cold storage.

Brake fluid tends to absorb moisture, and over a short period of time it deposits it in and corrodes the brake cylinders. This corrosion attacks the aluminum or iron the cylinder is made of and pits it. Once pitted, the cylinder may be repaired by honing the cylinder and replacing the seal. Most times the corrosion is so extensive replacement of the component(s) is required. DOT 5 silicone doesn't absorb moisture, but small globules will form in the system.

Better than repair and replacement of the components, the brake fluid should be flushed out every couple of years. This involves using a turkey baster to suck out as much of the fluid in the reservoir as possible, maybe agitating the scum on the bottom to get the crud out, and replacing it with fresh fluid. Then go to each wheel/slave cylinder and bleed fluid until it is clear. Remember it doesn't take long to drain the reservoir, and then you have air in the system and a spongy brake or clutch system. A willing spousal unit comes in handy, as well as having at least a fresh quart of your selected brake fluid on hand.

Keeping moisture out of your hydraulic systems is also desirable. To this end, your brake reservoir should be sealed from too much air exchange. Moss Motors has a seal available for the Big Healey reservoir, part number 582-505, which limits this. If you go to the Moss Website and enter the part number in the search box and then click on the MORE INFO hot spot, you will find additional information about the seal, which is not cheap, but it is effective.

The seal not only keeps out air; it also keeps brake fluid in. The paint under and around the reservoir on my Healey has suffered from years of brake fluid seeping out from the cap. (Did I mention DOT 4 is an excellent paint stripper?) I installed the new \$10 seal and for the first time ever my reservoir exterior was dry then and remains to this writing. A picture of the new seal is below, in the cap and by itself.



By the way, the www.mossmotors.com website has many technical articles, blogs and YouTube videos (Moss TV), which are a great source of information for the novice as well as the professional about British car maintenance and repair.

When repairing the hydraulic system which has DOT 3 or 4 in use, cleaning of the system or components is best performed with rubbing alcohol (72 or up to 99 percent), which breaks down the fluid better than mineral spirits or any other cleaning agent and dries without leaving residue. A little compressed air or a heat gun helps drying. If you spill DOT 3 or 4 on a painted surface, it needs to be sprayed down with alcohol and wiped up a couple of times. Old original paint is or may be lacquer, which can react to the alcohol.

Book review of *Nash-Healey, a Grand Alliance*, written by a contributor to the Healey Marque:

<https://velocetoday.com/nash-healey-a-grand-alliance/>

From the Driver's Side: 2024 Fall Delegates Meeting

by Mike Schneider

Below is my delegate report for the 2024 Fall Delegates Meeting of the Austin Healey Club of America. This is not a gem in the sense that the grammar is perfect. I tried to reduce the wording in an effort to keep the report as short as possible.

Roger Hamel opened the meeting at 9:00 am Saturday 11-16, 2024.

Roger thanked Jim and Jo Switzer and the Central Indiana Club for all of the work they did to host the Fall Delegates meeting once again. Edie Lowery did a roll call. There are 17 people on zoom and 44 people in person attending the meeting. Not all people in the room are delegates. Some are visitors. An approval vote of the 2024 conclave delegates meeting minutes and 2023 Fall Delegates minutes were taken.

Area Club Reports: Quebec AHC is going to donate \$300 per year for 5 years to the Healey Museum near Amsterdam, Netherlands, quite a few other local area clubs also established a donation plan to benefit the Healey Museum, Golden Gate AHC started a google group messaging process in order to better serve their membership, and they have \$40,000 in the bank, Association of Southern California has \$58,000 in the bank, Capital Area AHC is producing a very nice jacket with a lot of patches on the jacket—it is very impressive; contact Michael Maloney, Florida clubs are slowly recovering from the storms, Minnesota AHC has 10 families that are participating in racing Austin Healeys, Flatwater AHC visited a number of memory care and assisted care facilities with their Healeys. The residents enjoyed the car shows, NER Pete Sturtevant is hosting a zoom tech session each month. Pete has been doing this for a little over 5 years. It is very successful. Pete asks the participants to submit questions ahead of time so he can make sure there is an expert on the zoom to respond, North Texas AHC hosted the Texas Healey Roundup—all the Healeys were parked in the hotel; they used pee puppy pads for the oil that succeeded in getting out, South Texas AHC is still doing the highway cleanup program.

A number of clubs reported a decrease in membership and a decrease in participation for both meetings and events.

Jeff Porada-VP Safety: Jeff's emphasis is to remind to drive your Healey safely, which means checking your tires. 7 years is the suggested cutoff time limit for tires. Even if you have a lot of tread left on the tire, the casing starts to break down after 7 years, and the tires become very unsafe. Howard Collins has assumed the position of chairman for the Sprite Registry. He has over 100 Sprites registered so far. Jeff is also focusing on attracting younger members into the club and mentioned Sprites are an excellent choice for an entry into the Healey world.

Neil Anderson – VP Conclave: The DMH trophy was presented to Bruce Gears for the Southeastern Michigan AHC that they earned during the 2024 Conclave in Wisconsin. Mike Swanger reported that they had 250 registrants for the 2024 Conclave. The 2024 Conclave had several other local area clubs help with putting on the 2024 Conclave, and as a result the Conclave committee awarded a total payout of \$2900 to the helping clubs. The Conclave committee also gave \$2000 to the Ronald McDonald House, The Wisconsin Team Healey raced along with 35 other Healeys in the recreation of the 1990 Healey Challenge. Mark Lewis with the 2027 International Healey Meet, which is scheduled for June 7-11 at the same hotel that was used in 2002, the Lake Tahoe Golden Nugget with a room cost of \$159/night ++. Mark and Dave Nock were wearing nice regalia shirts with the 2027 logo. There are Healeys registered already from Norway and the Netherlands in addition to USA and Canada. The 2025 Conclave in Branson is accepting registrations. The Conclave committee has launched a newsletter that is free to subscribe to. There is currently no conclave planned for 2026.

Steve Bell – VP Club Support: Steve has put in place a process for the local area clubs that have 'local only' members to pay their insurance fee. He mentioned in the last 20 years we have lost 10 local area clubs. He is stepping up his efforts to help local area clubs that are struggling to remain functional; a suggestion that local area clubs that are strong could offer to help a local area club close by. He suggested that a local club that hosted a regional event provide a write up to Reid so that it could be put in the Marque magazine. He emphasized how important it is for the local club delegate to participate in the delegate meetings—a local club that hosts a regional meet can have a free quarter-page ad listed in the Marque magazine one time to promote their meet.

Pete Sturtevant – VP Promotion: There were 100,000 views of the website for 2024, 85% of the views were from the US, 75% came directly to the website rather than be referred by another website, Healey Marketplace had 12,000 visitors, 61 Healeys were advertised on Marketplace with 21 Healeys sold so far. The ads in Marketplace are free to AHCA members. Lands End has two AHCA logos that can be embroidered onto any of their thousands of products, Pete has been hosting a zoom tech session for the New England Region club for about 5 years and he is in the process of developing a process for making a zoom tech session available to all AHCA members. When that is ready to go you will receive an email with the information.

Mike Schneider – AHCA Membership Director: Current membership is 2411, of that 511 are new members for 2024, 21% of the AHCA membership are new members, that is more new members than recent years, a lot of credit for this increase in membership has to be the website. A proposal was presented to print a 2025 version of the Membership Directory, the projected cost is \$23,000, which includes close to \$8500 for postage and related costs, printing and layout. The cost is quite a bit higher than the last printed version in 2021. This was voted on during the budget presentation by Bev Sealand; the vote failed so there will not be a printed version for 2025. Postage due for returned magazines is a considerable cost to AHCA; the post office returns the label for magazines that are not deliverable, the AHCA is charged \$0.90/per returned magazine, which amounts to about \$500.00/year cost. There is a feature in Club Express that allows a member to maintain their primary address and also have a secondary address that can be used by the snowbirds, for example, a member can put a check mark in the box next to their secondary address and that will be the address used to mail the magazine while the member is away from the primary address. Renewal email reminders will be emailed starting December 1, a second email will go out January 1 and a third email will go out January 30. This year a snail mail reminder will be mailed to all of the members that have not renewed by January 15. When a member renews by sending a check to their local area club membership director, the membership director needs to process the local area club portion only of the check in Club Express and then send a check to the AHCA membership director for the AHCA dues. A local membership director should never process the AHCA dues portion in Club Express. If a member renews online using a credit card, the local club dues will be rebated to the local club within 10 days or less, if the member renews with a check the local club dues will be rebated to the local club twice per year, once after the first quarter and once after the third quarter. A digital only membership directory will be available online by the end of November, this directory can be downloaded and then processed in Excel and then the member can use all of the Excel features to sort and print the required information. Linda Hakala developed a membership directory for the New England Region last year and offered to develop one for the AHCA, that offer was immediately accepted, the AHCA online membership directory will be updated once each quarter so that members will have the latest information available.

Edie Lowery – AHCA Secretary collects the reports from local clubs; completed the Delegates Handbook which is now available on the website, updated history documents are on the website, and a full summary is available on the website for all past conclaves

Roger Hamel: Chuck Anderson has been appointed as AHCA Historian; Edie Anderson has retired from that position.

Gary Feldman – Insurance: In the past insurance for AHCA cost about \$20,000/year and now in 2024 we are paying Church Mutual and JC Taylor for all liability coverage except for speed events less than \$12,000/year. The cost for our rider over the base coverage has doubled per million dollars of coverage so we have reduced the rider amount. The total coverage we now have is larger than any amount any vendor has required so far, and we have the ability to increase the rider if necessary, and it can be increased for a pro-rated term. The bond for the AHCA treasurer costs \$700 for \$100,000 coverage. That is renewed every 3 years. The coverage for gymkhanas is provided by K&K Insurance. The projected cost per event is expected to be in the \$275/event that is contracted for by March 2025 and the cost is based on at least 10 gymkhanas to be contracted for. AHCA will have to pay for the gymkhana coverage with one check but will allow the host clubs to reimburse the AHCA over a period of time with three separate payments.

Vince Barnell – Advertising: \$19,507 has been invoiced for 2024 and all payments are current. He is working on producing an advertising package in which an advertiser can have ads in the magazine as well as the website. Vince is working with Haggerty to advertise with AHCA. He has surveyed other advertising venues and feels our advertising rates are below market rates.

Reid Trummel – Editor: Budget proposal for the Marque magazine for 2025 is the same as 2024. The expense for the producing the magazine for 2024 is under budget. Reid will have produced over 700 pages of Healey content including the Marque magazine and the Ezine AH Quarterly for 2024. Reid has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the British Car Museum in Virginia.

Bonnie Ayer – DMH Memorial Fund: Majority of the funding for the DMH Fund came from the calendar insert sales, the auction income for participating in the F1 race in Montreal and some donations. The calendar and F1 income have been eliminated. The DMH Fund is still supporting the \$6,000 scholarships for the McPherson College. The big unknown expense is what to do with the windows that were donated to the St Michael's Church in Perranporth, England many years ago. This was DMH's church. The church has been closed for 2 years and is in serious need of repair. The church is owned by the Church of England and so far they have not agreed to repair the church. Moving the three windows will be very expensive and finding a location has also been a challenge. Donating the windows to the Healey Museum is being considered. Bonnie would also like to be informed when an AHCA member passes away.

Steve Byers – Delegate At Large: He generates messages to national members, that is members that are not affiliated with a local area club. He keeps the national members current on what is happening at the national level. He has noticed that even though he sends out over 300 emails he gets very few responses.

Steve Kirby – Western Regional Director for AHCA: He has joined most of the west coast clubs in an effort to keep in touch with the clubs. He has attended many of the meetings of the clubs close to him such as the San Diego club. One of the clubs questioned Steve what is the need for the \$5.00 fee for a "local only" member. He explained it to their satisfaction. The reason for the fee is because even though they are not members of AHCA, they are members of a local area club that is part of AHCA, and as such they are covered by the AHCA liability insurance.

Bev Sealand – AHCA Treasurer: Bev chaired the digital membership committee. The suggestion from the committee is to establish a digital only membership that is available to anyone worldwide for \$45.00/year. A member choosing this membership type will have all the benefits of membership except they will not receive a printed copy of the Marque magazine. They will be able to access the magazine in the members only section of the AHCA website. Bev then reviewed several options for the budget. The budget the delegates chose included the \$45.00 digital only membership and no printed membership directory. The motion for that budget passed 25 for and 5 against.

Sunday

Roger opened the meeting. Roger thanked Jim & Jo Switzer and the Central Indiana Club for all their help to make this 2024 Fall Delegates meeting possible. This year the meeting was held at the Holiday

Inn Airport instead of the previous hotel. The change was needed because the previous hotel had management problems.

Judd Perkins – Membership Retention Committee: Judd expressed a concern that so many members are not renewing and where are the Healeys going after the passing of a member. A committee was created to research this and track the outcome so that plans to reduce the disappearance of the Healeys can be developed.

Brad Swiggart: Motion made to increase the hotel expense allowance for delegates. Motion passed.

Brad Swiggart: Motion made to increase the plane allowance for delegates to \$300.00. A delegate can now contract for a plane ticket to attend the fall delegates meeting for up to \$300.00 without approval from the AHCA treasurer. Motion passed.

Brad Swiggart: motion made to reimburse delegates for hotel cost to cover 3 nights instead of 2 nights. The percent of reimbursement remains the same. Motion passed.

Gary Feldman – Nominating Committee for honorary and lifetime memberships. Honorary nominations made and passed for Jim Clemons, Jim Swernoff, Bernie Evans, John Seaman, Mike Swanger, Ken Sierszen, Jim & Jo Switzer. Lifetime nomination made and passed for Edie Lowery.

Gary Feldman – Nominating Committee for Officers. Motion made and passed for Roger Hamel - President, VP Club Support – Steve Bell, VP Conclave – Neil Anderson, VP Safety – Jeff Porada, VP Promotions – Peter Sturtevant, Treasurer – Bev Sealand, Secretary – Janis Maurer

Gary Feldman – Nominating Committee: Vote for delegate to serve on the nominating committee – replacing Eileen Wetzel whose term expired and wished to retire – Mike Swanger was nominated and motion passed.

Roger Hamel motion made for 2025 Fall Delegates meeting – Motion made to have the meeting November 8 & 9, 2025 at the Holiday Inn Airport, Indianapolis, IN.

Meeting adjourned

Conclave 2025

Registration is now open for Conclave 2025!

Branson and the beautiful Ozarks area of Missouri is an extraordinary vacation destination and will be the home base for Conclave 2025. If you enjoy live entertainment, exceptional attractions, and diverse outdoor activities, you don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime event at this unique location.

We want you to experience Branson and what the area offers, but we also want you to enjoy "all things Conclave," some with a slight Ozark twist. The scenic rally will take you on great Healey roads. Following the car show, you won't need to go far to lunch on farm-to-table delicious offerings at the Keeter Center on the College of the Ozarks campus. Join us for an exciting evening dinner show, watching the non-stop action of Dolly Parton's Stampede. It is one of the top show attractions in Branson.

The activities of Conclave and attractions of Branson will keep you busy, but our host lodging, Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa, will allow you to kick back and enjoy the luxurious accommodations of this Four Diamond resort hotel and convention center. The Chateau sits in a very scenic location, overlooking Table Rock Lake.

The dates for Conclave 2025 are May 18 – 23, 2025, The event is sponsored and hosted by the Kansas City AHC, Oklahoma AH Owners Club, Ohio Valley AHC, plus many other volunteers.

We hope to see you in Branson next May, where the hills of the Ozarks will be alive with the sounds of Healeys.

Neil Anderson
Conclave 2025 Planning Committee

To register: <https://conclave2025branson.com>

Promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBDuyjrAG9U>

Conclave 2025



For many of us, the cold of winter is fast approaching. Before we know it the holidays will be here with the new year right around the corner bringing Conclave 2025 into our windscreen view. The Branson organizing committee is shifting into 3rd gear and will be working hard this winter to start to make the hundreds of event details come together. The finish line is still a long way off, but as it gets closer, we will be in the beautiful Ozarks. Make it your New Year's resolution to join the Healey Conclave fun in Branson next May.



You're invited to Rendezvous 2025!

June 5-8, 2025

Sugar Lake Lodge

37584 Otis Lane, Cohasset, Minnesota 55721

Reservations at Sugar Lake Lodge can be made starting Monday, June 10, 2024. Call 218.327.1462.

Lodge reservations staff will work with you to select the best option for your stay. Please consider pairing up with friends to take advantage of 2-Bedroom Villas!

Studio Villa \$175
Lodge Studio \$195
Lodge Suite \$285
2-Bedroom Villa \$285
Lakeside Cabins \$285

Please check back to our event website for registration and additional event details:

Rendezvous2025.com

Hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club & Minnesota MG Group

Event contacts:

Paul Lyon, Minnesota MG Group: plyon1962@gmail.com

Suzanne Willodson, Minnesota Austin-Healey Club:
suzanne.willodson@gmail.com

FOR SALE
1967 Austin-Healey 3000 | Mark III | BJ8
HEALEY BLUE



- Knock off Wheels
- Stainless Steel spokes 72
- Over Drive
- Badge Bar with driving lights
- LED instrument lights
- New engine
- 2nd fuel pump installed



Restored by: **Fourintune**



For pricing information contact: Michael Larson, Owner at (920) 980-8996

Big Healey for sale



19620 Mark II BT7 Red

- Professionally restored, 1962 tri-carb
- New black leather interior and 72-spoke wheels
- Repainted ~10 years ago
- Very good condition
- Very low miles (28,000)
- White hardtop
- Asking \$50,000
- Email: cwash211@comcast.net

British Sportscar for Sale

1973 Triumph GT6 MKIII, Page 1 of 2

- Chassis #22028KF #KF21693
- Only 45,700 actual miles
- Original factory finish, "white" with some touch up spots with rare original blue cloth interior
- Standard 2.0-litre in-line 6/4 speed manual gearbox/Zenith-Stromberg carburetors
- Acquired from Grand Junction Colorado in 2005 with 40,026 miles. Originally delivered to Texas.
- No salt: Colorado car with clean Minnesota title.
- Sale includes original numbers matching stock 2nd motor removed at 40,026 miles and professionally prepped for preservation. The stock engine ran perfectly but I wanted my "new" professionally rebuilt engine from my other GT6 in this highly original car. Work was done by Ernie West of Dead Lake Motors. I only put 5000 miles on this car over my 19 years of treasured ownership.

Modifications to the motor:

- Bored .020" over/berry reground cam shaft/600rpm valve springs/9.25:1 compression.
- Larger 1-3/4" Zenith-Stromberg TR6 carbs
- Electric cooling fan/oil cooler/electronic ignition

Modifications to the car:

- Rebuilt gearbox/Avon Tyres/performance brake pads.
- Heavy duty suspension/competition front springs/adjustable spax shocks

Recent 2023/2024 work includes:

- Complete safety inspection
- Oil & filter change
- Brake inspection/fluid flush/new fluid
- New clutch master cylinder/new fluid
- New starter

New Lower Asking Price: \$18,000 or best offer
Looking for a good home!

Call Scott McQueen (612)802-4599 or email: mcqueen.scott@comcast.net

See photos on next page.

1973 Triumph GT6 MKIII for Sale, Page 2 of 2





Membership Form
(for Local only members)
Curt Carlson – Membership Director
Minnesota Austin-Healey Club

Dues for both Minnesota AH-Club and Austin-Healey Club of America
(\$20 Minnesota + \$70 National) Renew or Join via www.healeyclub.org \$90.00

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

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

Local only make checks payable to: MN Austin Healey Club (or MAHC)

Send to:
Curt Carlson,
1984 Nebraska Ave E,
Saint Paul, MN 5511

MAHC 2025 Calendar

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
Wed	8-Jan	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sun	26-Jan	Wine & Cheese, Birthday, & Garage Tour		Wetzel House
Wed	5-Feb	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Wed	5-Mar	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	15 Mar?	McQueen Garage Open House	10:00 - 1:00	Scott McQueen's
Wed	2-Apr	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat-Sun	12-Apr	Brock & Mary Gail Thorson Garage Tour		Thorson House
Sat	26-Apr	Cars & Caves		Chanhassen Motorplex
Thurs-Sun	1-4 May	Gingerman VSCDA Raceway & School		South Haven, Michigan
Wed	7-May	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
	16-18			
Fri-Sun	May	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend		Road America Elkhart Lake
Sun	17-May	Intermarque Kickoff	1:00 PM	Osseo, MN
Sun-Fri	18-23 May	Conclave 2025		Branson, MO
	24-25			Brainerd International
Sat-Sun	May?	Harvey West Memorial Day Classic Races		Raceway
Sat	31-May	Cars & Caves Classic Cars	9-1:00	Chanhassen Motorplex
Wed	4-Jun	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	??	Garage Tour Charley & Deb Klima		Klima House
Thurs-Sat	5-8 Jun	Rendezvous		Sugar Lake Lodge, Minnesota
Fri-Sun	13-15 Jun	Blackhawk VSCDA		South Beloit, Illinois
Sat	28-Jun	Cars & Caves Italian Cars		Chanhassen Motorplex
Sun	29-Jun	Intemarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	2-Jul	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Thurs	3-Jul	Donald M Healey's Birthday 1898		
Thurs-Sun	17-20 Jul?	WeatherTech WIC	8:00 - 5:00	Elkhart Lake Road America
	26-Jul	Cars & Caves American Cars		Chanhassen Motorplex
	26 or 27			
Sat or Sun	Jul	BBQ/Potluck and Drive		Wetzel House
Sun	27-Jul	Intemarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	6-Aug	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	9-Aug	Brit Fest	AM	Hudson WI
Fri-Sun	15-17 Aug	Grattan VSCDA racing		Grattan Michigan
Sat-Sun	22-24 Aug	Jack Pine Sprints VSCR racing		Road America Elkhart Lake
	Aug?	Autocross?		Amery, Wisconsin
Sat	30-Aug	Cars & Caves British Cars		Chanhassen Motorplex

Sat-Sun	30-31 Aug	Labor Day Brainerd Race		Brainerd International Raceway
Sun	31-Aug	Intermarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	3-Sep	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	6-Sep	Wheels and Wings		Osceola
Fri-Sun	11-14 Sep	Ariens VSCDA Vintage Weekend	8:00 - 5:00	Elkhart Lake Road America
Sat	20-Sep	Herreid Pizza Party or Dawson Party		
Sat	27-Sep	Cars & Caves German Cars		Chanhassen Motorplex
Sat	27-Sep	Waumandee		Alma/Waumandee WI
Sun	28-Sep	Intermarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Sun	28-Sep	Lynch Mexican Fiesta	3:00 PM	Lynch's Mexican Fiesta
Wed	1-Oct	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	10-12 Oct	Ozarks VSCDA Racing		Ozark International Raceway
Sat or Sun	25-Oct	Fall Color Tour		
Wed	5-Nov	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	8-Nov	National AH Club Delegates Meeting		Indianapolis, IN
Sat	15-Nov	Annual Meeting and Banquet	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Wed	3-Dec	2025 PIE and Planning Meeting	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill

Other Potential Calendar Events

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
	?	Weekend Trip		
		Jeff Lumbarde Garage Tour		
	March?	Greg Willodson Garage Tour		
		Autocross		

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!
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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 that the ad can be removed.

Tires: Set of 5 brand new Michelin XAS 180 HR 15 tires. Bought new in February but discovered a clearance issue during mounting, so had to remove them and go down a size. Zero miles. New lower price: \$1,000. Contact Charley Klima 952.913.7710.

Cars For Sale:

- **1967 BJ8**, see page 18.
- **Big Healey**, see page 19.
- **1973 Triumph GTS MKIII**, see pages 20-21.

