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June and Tom Moerke with their Miata at the Rixen's Fall Tour on October 5, 2024.

Upcoming Events

Wed	06 Nov	PIE
Sat	16 Nov	Annual Meeting and Banquet
Sat	07 Dec	Planning Meeting

See the website for details: www.mnhealey.com

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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:

Thoughts of Power? Yes, I'm talking to you. You could distinguish yourself as that person that each month all present turn to. Want to write the great American novel? Start by editing a great little car club zine (Current editor Daphne Walmer offers to train you for the first year). Or are you wanting to burnish your resume? Well, volunteering for a MAHC officer's position is VERY EASILY DONE, you won't even be vetted. A few felony convictions? No problem, step right up. And while you are at it don't forget to sign up for our Annual Banquet on November 16. RSVP to daphne.walmer@gmail.com by Thursday, November 7. Tickets are \$20 each. Note: there will be a silent auction at the banquet so the opportunity to declutter and recluster your Healey world will be a hand. Hope to see you there.

Let's do it in the road!
Dave Herreid

PIE Meeting Notes 10/2/2024

By John Hatzung

Dave Herreid brought the meeting to order at 7:00.

Healey Challenge: Scott McQueen reported that the Healey Challenge came off successfully. MAHC hosted race weekend featuring some fast British and American Healeys from 14 states, Canada, and Australia. The Brits were tricky and fast. There were two all-Healey races with 15 Bigs and 30–35 Sprites. Jim Kuktavy ran his recently acquired Yellow 28 Healey, while Jaimie did a 2:49 lap in her TR-3.

MAHC racers made two podiums. There were many secrets shared in the friendly atmosphere, and also over gin and beer after the races wrapped up. The car show was well-attended with more than 100 cars in the VIP corral.

Conclave continued off the success of race weekend. Scott and Eileen dominated the autocross and Clarence and Kate's rally was well-attended, with 56 participants and one perfect score. Check out the Conclave video on YouTube.

Waumandee was about perfect as it could be. Blank Hill Road, beautiful weather and lots of fast cars. It was led by very serious cars (save a Miata NA with stock 1600 engine), including Phil Dawson's Midget breaking the top ten. John Hatzung came to realize he could go into the chicanes waaay faster than he did, but came in the top two-thirds. Rich Stadther's MG TD outshone them all in looks, coolness and pure joy of movement, if not speed. In all, ten British cars were well distributed among the finishers, including Matt Krajniak's beautiful 3000

Mk-II BT7. Jim and Jaimie Koltavy came down to see what the fuss was all about. Should be fun to see what they can do next year.

Circuit of the Ozarks: Rich Stadther and the Koltavys represented MAHC on the four-mile, 19-turn course.

Upcoming events

- Fall Tour this Saturday, Starts at Rixens – arrive at 11:30. The 1½ hour tour wraps up at the Dancing Dragonfly winery.
- Annual banquet will be held Saturday, November 16.
- Next PIE meeting November 6.
- Planning meeting will be the 1st Saturday of December, 8:15 am.
- Rendezvous 2025 site will be online by the end of the year. Rooms at Sugar Lake Lodge are going fast.
- Next Conclave will be in Branson, MO. There's already been talk about a Westberg Rally.

Other business

The National club has put out a call for donations in support of the Healey Museum in the Netherlands. The suggested donation is \$100 per year for 5 years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Attendees: Ron Corazzo, Phil & Stefanie Dawson, Phil Ethier, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Charlie Klima & Deb Ringwelski, Jim Koltavy, Jeff Lombard, Dan Powell, Scott McQueen, Steve Rixen, Rich & Liz Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Greg & Suzanne Willodson.

Book review

See this review of a new book, *Nash-Healey, a Grand Alliance*, written by a contributor to the Healey Marque.

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

More Healey Challenge Photos



Top: Racers and crew relaxing at Schwarz's Steakhouse on Sunday evening after a long weekend of hard racing at the Vintage Fall Festival at Road America. **Middle left:** Jamie Horner giving rides in Wetzel's Healey to spectator during "Touring" over the lunch hour at Road America. **Middle right:** Jeff Johnk congratulating Mike Manser during Sunday's All Healey race. **Bottom left:** Jeff Johnk looking on as Jim Koltavy waits at the false grid for the race to begin. **Bottom right:** Jessica Johnk and Mike Manser celebrating their birthdays at Schwarz's Steakhouse on 9/15 with cake for everyone. Mike Manser is a MAHC member who lives in Texas. *Photos courtesy of Carol Johnk.*

More Healey Challenge Photos



Clockwise from top left: Jim Koktavy's and Jaime Horner's big grins just after the All Healey Race on Sunday. The godfather checking in: Jeff Johnk with Jim Koktavy on the grid. From left, Colin Comer, Jeff Rawles, and David Brown. Road America race winners from left: Scott McQueen, David Brown, Jack Rawles, Colin Comer, MAHC member Mike Manser, and John Salisbury. Scott McQueen, Jack Rawles, and Colin Comer

Right top & bottom three photos courtesy of Jessica Johnk.



Conclave Rally Photos

Clarence Westberg



Waumandee Time Trials by Curt Carlson

I went to the [Waumandee Time Trials](#). There were a few “vintage” cars. Of course, the average age of the participants was half my age, I think, so I guess most of the cars are what *they* would call “vintage” 😊. The only Healey club member I saw was Rich Stadther. He did great, as usual, and it was fun to see him! It was a nice hot day for racing! (Liz says, “Rich said he was blindingly fast ... or was that slow?”)



Waumandee Time Trials (continued)



Rixen's Fall Color Tour by Eileen Wetzel

The weather couldn't have been better for the 20 souls who ventured out for the Rixen's Fall Color Tour on Saturday, October 5. We had met up at the Rixen's home before noon, and we had some nice refreshments and snacks before hitting the road. Steve and Kim took us on a beautiful tour past lake homes and horse farms.



Steve's occasionally backfiring Healey put horses into motion, which we following him watched in awe. We meandered toward the St. Croix and crossed at Osceola, ending our route at Dragonfly Winery. There we enjoyed wine tastings, bottles of wine, pizza, and assorted sandwiches, all with great conversation.



Rixen's Fall Color Tour (continued)



In attendance: Steve and Kim Rixen, Judy, Fred Ambli and Sandie Swenson, Dave and Mary Hatzung, Chuck and Jean Norris, Phil Ethier, Charley and Deb Klima, Phil and Stefanie Dawson, Tome and June Moerke, Jim Koktavy and Jaime Horner, Greg and Suzanne Willodson, and Gary and Eileen Wetzel. *Photos courtesy of Dave Hatzung.*

LED adventures: taillight upgrade

by Steve Brown

With all the recent talk of converting our rather dim taillights to a brighter, modern LED system, I finally purchased and installed a set on my '64 BJ8 and thought that others might be interested in the project. My car is the early Mark III Phase I with brake, running, and directional lights all in one unit, Lucas 594.

The parts to install consist of a round circuit board with three wires and dozens of tiny LEDs attached. The new unit is of the same diameter as the existing receptacle plate, has the three same mounting holes, and uses the original tiny nuts and bolts to hold it in place. The bolt heads from my unit were slightly too large in diameter and had to be ground smaller to avoid touching or covering some of the diodes.

The actual installation is rather easy, other than our usual problem of working in tight spaces. A good idea is to disconnect the battery before beginning.

A small screwdriver with the blade side edges slightly rounded can be used both for removing and replacing the lens and chrome retaining ring. The rubber parts are not removed. The screwdriver (turnscrew to the Brits) is inserted at the rim of the chrome ring and is used to carefully move around the surrounding rubber, enabling the ring to come off, followed by the removal of the glass lens, which pulls loose.

The three small retaining bolts holding the old plate in place are removed. Be careful not to lose the nuts on the back side (visible from inside the trunk). The plate and bulb then lift out and can be disconnected.

The new unit came with three wires: black (ground), red, and green. My car had black, red, and white with tracer. I connected black to black, red to red, and green to white, and everything seemed to work. The LED plate was then installed using the small nuts and bolts, the lens and chrome ring reinstalled, and the battery reconnected.

The manufacturer suggested that both left and right sides should be installed before checking to see if everything works. A new flasher is usually not needed if only taillights are converted.

The new setup is mean times brighter and probably a lot safer than the old one.

Several companies make and sell these kits. I bought my LED unit locally from Lew Palmer at www.brittrix.com. They have conversion kits for most of our British cars.



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, Cheateau 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>



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

1967 Healey BJ8 for sale

Daily Driver. BRG with black leather interior, wood-rimmed steering wheel, 72-spoke stainless wire wheels, spin-on oil filter, electronic ignition, new battery. Asking \$26,000. Contact Kent Brown at 320-250-1210 or kentbbj7@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

'61 Bugeye Sprite \$14,000

I've owned my 1961 Bugeye Sprite since 1996. I've decided to sell it after 28 years because I have other British vehicles, and it's time to move the car to someone who will enjoy it like I did when I first got it. The car is stock and in very good condition. Like most Bugeyes, it gets a lot of attention at car shows.

It's red with a black interior. Original stock 948 cc inline-four engine, lap belts, a four-speed manual transmission, a soft top frame and fabric (with a small hole on the top of the rib corner), sliding-window side curtains. Steel 13" wheels with polished AH-logo hubcaps and BF Goodrich 155/80R13 tires. It has had a front disk brake conversion (the original drum brakes are in boxes). A clean Minnesota title and the vehicle's complete service records (primarily at Quality Coaches). Contact Paul Lyon at 651-246-8017 or plyon1962@gmail.com.



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 Calendar 2024

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
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Sat	16-Nov	Annual Meeting & Banquet	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	7-Dec	2025 Planning Meeting	8:15 AM	Joseph's Grill

RSVP for the Annual Meeting and Banquet by Thursday, November 7 to daphne.walmer@gmail.com. Tickets are \$20 each.

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

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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 15.
- **1967 3000**, see page 16.
- **1961 Bugeye Sprite**, see page 17.
- **Big Healey**, see page 18.
- **1973 Triumph GTS MKIII**, see pages 19-20.

