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CONCLAVE 2019 IN DEADWOOD

OCTOBER EVENTS

Wed OCT 2

PIE Meeting

Sat OCT 5

Adopt a Hwy. Clean-up

Sat OCT 12

MG Fall Color Tour

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President's **I**nformal **E**vening

Date: Wednesday October 2nd
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:

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| Kim Rixen | Barb Ronning |
| Daphne Walmer | Greg Lauser |
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to the many people that submitted pictures

(could not keep track but much appreciated)

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Presidential Ponderings

By Kim Rixen

Back from the Black Hills

Whew! What a trip, what a Conclave. It was such a privilege to be part of the Minnesota Austin Healey Club and be part of this event.

I want to thank all who helped organize Conclave and everyone who came and helped in so many ways – including Eileen Wetzel's sister Cindy Choo and her husband Mike, who came from Washington state, and Eileen's brother James Baldwin and his wife Ann, who came from Savage, Minnesota.

During our time in Deadwood, I heard nothing but good things about the Minnesota Club's hospitality, the events we planned, and the beauty of the region. I know many members made many trips to the Black Hills to plan the welcome, the rally, the autocross, the funkhana, the ladies' tea, the car shows, the banquet, and to find the best driving roads. You hit it out of the park.

Everyone has memories to share – including stories about wild trips home through the rain that swamped eastern South Dakota and southern Minnesota. So, I'll keep this short and give space to others to share their photos and tell us about their favorite memories and adventures. Healey on!



CONCLAVE 2019

AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB OF AMERICA

DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA

Editor

The hosting of the 2019 AHCA Conclave in Deadwood was indeed a huge endeavor. Many people worked long and hard on the event, but the successful outcome was very rewarding. Thanks to all.

It was quite a long distance to drive – especially in a small car – but the picturesque scenery on the west end of South Dakota was beautiful. The town of Deadwood is very western and has been well maintained. Certainly, there is newer construction, but the old is still present. Healey owners from far and wide seemed very appreciative and content with their accommodations and all the activities – both indoor and outdoor. The weather cooperated nicely. The grand event was enjoyable and memorable.





Event Time Schedule

Friday, September 6 -- Wednesday, Sept. 11

FRIDAY

- 1 – 5:30 p.m. Conclave Registration Check-in – Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center
- 1 – 5:30 p.m. Regalia Pickup/Sales – Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lower Level
- 2 – 5 p.m. Silent Auction – Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lower Level
- 6 – 10 p.m. Welcome Reception sponsored by Moss Motors – Mountain Grand Event Center
Heavy apps and two complimentary beverage tickets per registration.
Entertainment – Cultural & Historical Views of Black Hills & Deadwood
Announcements and Gymkhana Drivers Meeting.
- 9:30 – 10:30 p.m. Silent Auction – Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lower Level

SATURDAY

- 8 – 10 a.m. Late Arrival Conclave Registration – Mountain Grand Event Center
- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Gymkhana/Funkhana sponsored by Putzke's Fahrspass & Winner's Circle
Full Throttle Saloon – North of Sturgis, SD
- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Crazy Horse & Custer Guided Tour – Start @ Chamber Parking Lot
- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Concours Judging sponsored by Beverly Hills Car Club – Mountain Grand Event Center
- 10 a.m. – Noon Silent Auction – Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lower Level
Regalia Pickup/Sales, Mystic Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lower Level
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tech Session – Full Throttle Saloon
Eight Minutes with A Healey Expert – Steve Day, British Car Ranch
- 4 – 5:30 p.m. Tech Session sponsored by Fourintune – Mountain Grand Event Center
The Racers' Edge
Free time – All day or half day
Self-Guided Tours
Deadwood Shopping
- 4– 6 p.m. and 8 – 10 p.m. Silent Auction – Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites

SUNDAY

- Conclave Car Show
- 7:30. – 8:25 a.m. Conclave Car Show Vehicle Alignment – Rodeo Grounds Parking Lot
- 8:30 – 10:15 a.m. Conclave Car Show sponsored by AutoFarm, Healey 5 Speed & VTO Wheels – Rodeo Parking Lot
- 10:30 a.m. Parade through Main Street to Lead & return to Car Show parking
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Main Street Popularity Car Show sponsored by Hagerty
Buck Ballot voting by Conclave guests & public benefitting Black Hills Boys & Girls Club
Deadwood Poker Run & Shopping
- 1 – 3 p.m. Commemorative Photos sponsored by Ohio Valley AHC – North Main Street @ Deadwood Sign
- 2 – 4:45 p.m. Silent Auction – Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- 5 p.m. Mount Rushmore Bus Tour sponsored by Midwest Motor Sports
Buses loading at The Deadwood Mountain Grand Main Entry
Dinner on your own at Mount Rushmore
- 8:00 p.m. Mount Rushmore Night Lighting
- 8:20 – 8:40 p.m. Reload buses for The Deadwood Mountain Grand
- 10 p.m. Buses return to The Deadwood Mountain Grand

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MONDAY

- 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tunnels & Pigtales Rally sponsored by AH Spares – Start at Chamber Welcome Center Parking Lot
- 9 a.m. – Noon Silent Auction – Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lower Level
- All Day Free Time
Self-Guided Tours
Explore on Own
- 1 – 3 p.m. Silent Auction Final Bids -- Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- 3:30 – 5 p.m. Silent Auction Pick Up & Payment -- Savoy Room, Holiday Inn Express & Suites
- 4 – 5:30 p.m. Delegates Meeting – Conference 1 & 2, Mountain Grand (hall behind hotel lobby)
- 5:30 - 10 p.m. Wild Bill BBQ & Dance sponsored by Sports & Specialty and Lift Pro
Awards for Car Show – Except Best of Show & Concours Results
Awards for Gymkhana/Funkhana and Tunnels & Pigtales Rally
Conclave 2020 Preview – Tampa Bay AHC
Live Auction for Banners & Big-Ticket Items followed by Live Music Dance

TUESDAY

- 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free Time – Self-Guided Tours or explore area on your own
- 10 a.m. -- Noon Silent Auction Pick Up & Payment
- 2:30 – 4 p.m. Ladies Tea sponsored by Safeco Insurance
Grand Olympic Ballroom – Martin-Mason Hotel
Calamity Jane & Deadwood High Society
- 2:30 – 4 p.m. Tech Session – Conference Rooms 1 & 2 -- Mountain Grand Hotel (hall behind hotel lobby)
Avoid the Tow, Make the Show, David Nock, British Car Specialists
Don't Be This Guy & Other Horrors, Steve Rixen, Strictly British
- 5 – 9:30 p.m. Banquet & Brule sponsored by SkyView Partners – Mountain Grand Event Center & Mezzanine
5:00 – 5:45 p.m. – Social Hour
5:50 – 7:30 p.m. – Buffet Dinner
7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Entertainment – Brule
8:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Remaining Awards & Announcements

WEDNESDAY

Checkout & Goodbyes



Congratulations, Conclave Team!

Here's what folks have told us about their Deadwood adventures

"Eileen, thanks to you, Greg and the team for a truly extraordinary and outstanding Conclave. We had a fabulous and happy time throughout. Very well planned and executed. Seamless in fact. A wonderful team effort by all accounts. Brule was the icing."

"You put on a great experience! When I queried Conclave goers, ALL responses were that they had an absolutely a great time. Many have the unforgettable memory of a close-up and personal "Buffalo Encounter." You deserve an "atta-boy," so give yourself one along with a pat on the back. All your hard work and list making paid off in spades. I thank you, also, for allowing me to help when I could while spending most of my time with my son."

"What a great time at Deadwood. The Club did great job of organizing all the many events and functions."

Chuck and Edie Anderson very kindly and enthusiastically declared it "the best planned and executed Conclave they've attended!" (They've attended all 44 Conclaves) GL



**CONCLAVE 2019 GUIDED TOUR
TO CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL
AND CUSTER STATE PARK WILDLIFE LOOP
WITH TOM & JUNE MOERKE**



Ninety nine Healey Enthusiasts left from the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce visitors parking lot Saturday September 6th at 9:00 am on Tom & June's guided tour. We planned to visit the Crazy Horse Monument, Memorial, and Museum. Included in the tour was some entertainment and lunch. Then we would continue on to Custer State Park.

The group made two brief stops enroute. One was on Hwy. 385 at the picturesque Paclola Lake rest stop and one at the Paclola Lake Visitor Center with the Natural History Museum. After some great viewing and taking pictures, we saddled up and were back on the trail.

Upon arrival at the Crazy Horse Monument, Healeys assembled and were corralled into a special gravel parking lot to showcase the cars in front of the monument. The picture in this article does not include all the travelers (gravel can discourage some car owners!). There was much to see there, and we got pressed for time to experience it all. There was the Museum, a free movie, and a Native American performance on the outdoor plaza. Then we had to order lunch at one of the three food options at the site. At 1:00 pm we regrouped and headed South on 385 for Custer State Park and the Wildlife Loop.

Early in the Loop we came across a sizable herd of Bison (Buffalo) crossing the road in front of us. As we slowly and courageously wove through the herd, most of our group got a close look at the "Tatanka". The herd consisted of bulls, cows, and some young calves. At a nearby curve in the road there was a small wooden bridge over a tiny creek. We viewed a group of burros of mixed coloring. They were standing by some short trees (for shade) on either side of the stream.

Later we saw a flock of sheep in a field and a more distant herd of Bison again. Other wildlife can be seen at times on this road. One might see Mule Deer, Elk, Big Horned Sheep, Mountain Goats, Prairie Chickens, or Wild Black Dakota Turkeys ! We then saw another herd of Bison grazing and resting as we were leaving the Loop.

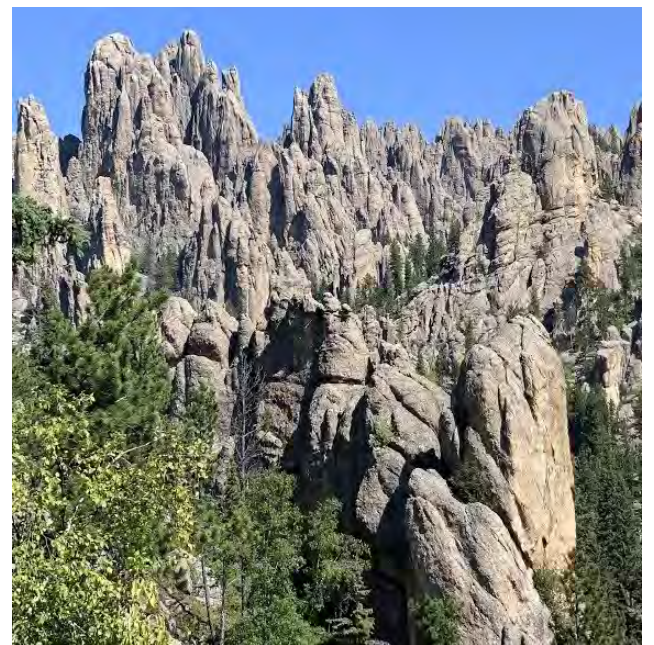
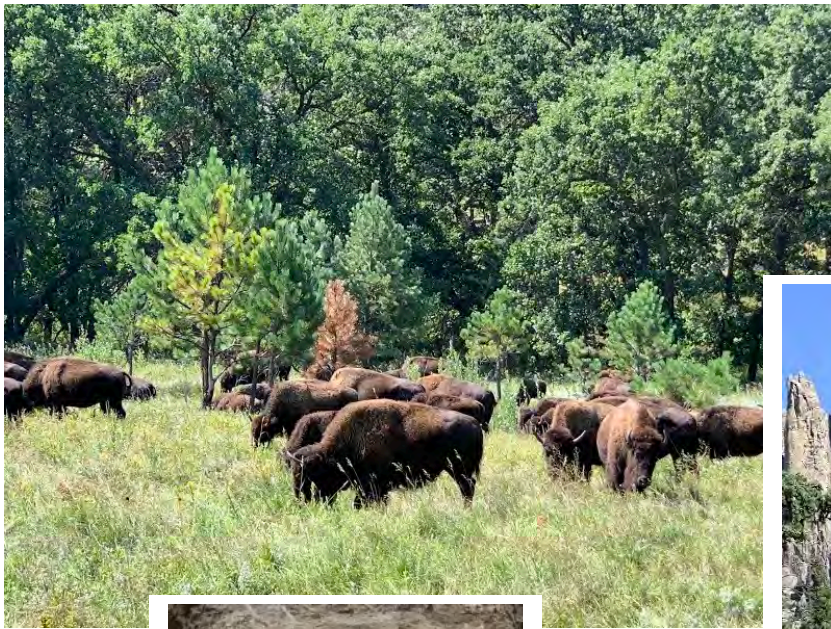
The first half of the drive through the Custer State Park Needles reminded me of the scenic drive between Sturgis and Deadwood. Scenic to be sure, but with plenty of quick turns and curves. One might wish to be alone on such a road – with no speed limits to slow down the enjoyment ! It was, however, the last portion of the Needles Highway that took your breath away. The tall spires and rock formations were at every bend in the road. The tunnels were unbelievable – some natural, some man-made. One-way Single cars only !! There were small areas in some places to pull off the road and view or take pictures.

At the end of the Needles route, we drove by beautiful Sylvan Lake on the North Stretch. People could stop or continue on back to Deadwood. They could travel North on 385 or take a route of their choice back to the Big Healey Herd in Deadwood !

Continued...



Moerke Tour in front of Crazy Horse Monument



Custer State Park Scenes

Hi Conclave Volunteers

Carol and I are finally back home and settled in after Conclave and the following event at Road America. I would like to take a minute to give a huge **THANK YOU** to all those that helped make the two car shows and parade a success on Sunday. When I asked for volunteers to help with these events...words cannot tell you how deeply I was moved, when nearly twice the number I thought were needed, stepped forward to help. Some had big jobs, some smaller, and some were just there to jump in when the unexpected issues caught me in the headlights. We did not get any dry-runs or do-overs, and you all made it run smoothly.

Conversations with city officials during and after those events brought praise as to how well it all went. The police officer in charge was shocked to learn our volunteer team had never done such a combination of events before. He thought we were hired pros! The city also expressed that they learned some things from us which they may adapt for their Cool Deadwood Nights car show.

What an amazing volunteer team you were! Carol and I would especially like to thank all of you who insisted on staying to help us count ballots. Carol and I thought we would be up late that night and do it ourselves; but some of you realized more than me, what a monumental task that was and insisted on helping. Thank you! Carol and I would still be there counting ballots without your help.

A final note, some of you may not know that the downtown car show raised nearly **\$3,500.00** for the Boys and Girls Club of Lead. They were thrilled; and according to both police chiefs, it could not have been for a more deserving organization. All of you made this possible - thank you again!

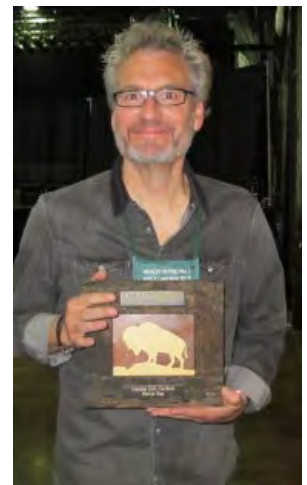
With my deepest respect and admiration for each of you. Jeff Johnk



CAR SHOWS !!!



CONCLAVE 2019 PICS !



RoadAmerica at Elkhart Lake

Dan Powell

With the Deadwood Conclave just over, the Minnesota racers Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lumbard, Scott McQueen, Eileen Wetzel, and I packed up our trailers and headed to Road America for the Fall Festival. Due to our desire to all paddock together - and knowing how crowded it would be this year - we had rented a large tent. It became "**Action Central**" for minor repairs (Eileen hard at work) and camaraderie both during the day and at the conclusion of racing each day. Amazingly, our after-race stories made us seem faster and better than it may have appeared on track!

The racing was interesting. Several non-Healey drivers appeared to be there for the first time, and were unsure what vintage racing is about. However, we all finished the weekend with smiles on our faces and cars looking and running the same (plus bugs and road dirt) as when we arrived.

After the final session on Sunday, we took a group photo of "**The Racer's Edge**" group and shared a glass of prosecco to mark the end of the season. Upon arriving home each of us had trailered our cars about two thousand miles in twelve days.... and had a blast! Now it's time to R&R parts of the race car and try to think up some new tweaks to gain a little more speed on the track next year.



MMGG Fall Colour Tour



There will be curvy back roads with plenty of trees, lakes, bogs, cattails, and other distractions along the way. I mean how many other drives have a trapeze park to drive by!

This year the tour is being coordinated with Brian McCullough of BMC British Automobiles in Isanti county - and is our destination at the end of the tour (with most importantly - Food & Beverage!).

So, while the MGs from MMGG we will be planning the tour, other Marques are welcome to join in.

WHAT: MMGG Fall Colour Tour

WHEN: Saturday 12th Oct 2019 - 9:00 a.m. meet - 9:30 a.m. Driver's meeting - 10 a.m. Depart

WHERE: Masonic Lodge parking lot behind McDonalds & Red Roof Inn on Hwy 61 in White Bear Lake, just south of Hwy 96.

DISTANCE: As I keep changing the route, it is currently an estimated 50-60 miles from WBL to BMC - this obviously is not 'as the crow flies' !

There is a Holiday gas station very close to start point that may even have non-oxygenated gas. The Kwik Gas station next to BMC does have it.

Depending upon weather and time, we may at least slow down for points of interest along the way.

For now, BMC's Open House is projected to be from 10 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. I am aiming to have our tour group arrive by noon.

Questions: Bob (Andy) Anderson, robtwander1@juno.com, 651.439.6876

On Saturday, October 12, from 10 to 3, BMC will be having our annual Stiff Upper Lip Open House & Car Show. We are located at 444 East Dual Blvd, Isanti, Minn. 55040. Complimentary Food, snacks, hot, and cold drinks provided. To insure you have a proper stiff upper lip, drive with the side-curtains removed (or roll down your "modern" later Healey windows). For those who are real tough, stow the top and come on up - hoods down!

This year, we have a Jule-enterprises Austin Healey Frame to be fit to a vehicle this winter. If the timing works out right, there is a possibility of two before the open house. As most probably have heard, Martin Jansen, the founder of Jule Enterprises passed away; but his son Joel is taking the lead in keeping the company going for Healey Enthusiasts for years to come. Since it's not often that a person gets to see the bare bones of one of these wonderful creations, it may be a good time for other Healey owners to stop in and have a look at what they are like before we get started.

To boot, BMC likely has one of the highest number of British cars under a single roof in the state of Minnesota, and the only shop in the State that solely Restores and Repairs British Cars. Come meet up with old friends, make new ones, have some food, see some Healeys, Jaguars, MGs, and other British cars that will be here at that time. We're here from 10-3; but if you need additional excuses, the Minnesota MG Group has an open-to-all-marques Fall Colour Tour that will end at BMC. There are plenty of other things to do near us, including other car shows. Hit multiple events in one day, but make plans to meet up and have lunch on us here at BMC on the afternoon of October 12th.

Cheers ! Brian McCullough

Events Schedule

- 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.

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





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For sale: 1999 Volvo, V70 XC, Silver with light tan leather interior.
Make offer or will trade for Sprite/Midget 5 speed conversion kit, something else???
Selling because I have other projects that need the space.
Just passed 130,000 miles. All wheel drive, ABS, 5 cyl. turbo. Great in the snow.
Lots of luxury options that all work. This is a rust free car.
Prefer contact via email: turcanik@yahoo.com phone: 507-374-7029 8/19



For Sale: 1960 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite \$2000 OBO 9/19
A diamond in the rough! Sat for 40 years and would love to see it go to someone who can see the potential. Currently in Zimmerman, MN. Call or email with any questions: 612-207-5576 or jrgadola@gmail.com

