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## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**Wed SEPT 4**

**Fri-Wed SEPT 6-11**

**Fri-Sun SEPT 13-15**

**Sun SEPT 29**

**NO PIE Meeting !**

**AHCA Conclave 2019**

**Fall Vintage Race Festival**

**InterMarque Picnic**

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**P**resident's **I**nformal **E**vening

**Date:** Wednesday September 4th

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. (or before)

**Place:**



**Thank You**

To the members that submitted news, articles, and photos for this newsletter issue:

**Kim Rixen**                      **Barb Ronning**  
**Daphne Walmer**            **Greg Lauser**

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# Presidential Ponderings

By Kim Rixen

Black Hills bound...

The last time I was in the Black Hills was 2001. I was driving Thelma, my 1971 Triumph TR6, on the way to the Triumph equivalent of Conclave in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Sure, we could have powered out to Denver on the freeway and followed the mountain roads to our destination, getting there in a little more than a day. Why do that, however, when you can take the road less traveled (well, maybe that's a stretch in July when vacationers are out in force)? We followed U.S. 14 through Minnesota and into South Dakota. This was Laura Ingalls Wilder country.

After a stop at Wall drug, we put Thelma's top down. We were one with the outdoors - framed by the reds, yellows, and pinks of the Badlands. The scenery seemed more like a watercolor than reality. We got out for a short hike and felt like we were on a stage with a backdrop words can't easily describe. Nature is amazing.

We joined the crowds at Mouth Rushmore and passed the Crazy Horse Memorial, then headed toward Hot Springs - our stop for the night. While having a late lunch on the main drag, we heard that distinct British Sports Car sound. Three Triumphs drove past! I ran out and flagged them down. It turned out to be a group of friends from Minnesota! They stopped and joined us. For the rest of the trip, we were a caravan - stopping at historic Fort Laramie and hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park before pulling into Breckenridge for the convention.

Our trip to Deadwood will offer new opportunities for adventure and friendship. Along the way, don't hesitate to stop, get out of the car, and take in the scenery. Put the top down and breathe. If you hear the sound of a Healey, flag it down. You just might meet a new friend and traveling companion!





# The Presidents Informal Evening

By Daphne Walmer

## Visitors

- Doug and Laurie Dawson (Phil Dawson's parents) are here from New Zealand and came to PIE. Doug is a long-time Healey owner and enthusiast. They are here for two months, including for Conclave 2019.
- We welcomed Fred Ambli and Sandie Swenson back to Minnesota.

## Past events

- Thanks to Mike and Gloria Lynch for hosting another successful Mexican Fiesta for both the Jaguar and Healey clubs. As always, they served wonderful food and drink.

## Upcoming events

- The **Brit Fest** car show in Hudson is Saturday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of Dick's Bar on Walnut Street between First and Second Streets. The awards presentation is at 1 p.m. They are collecting nonperishable food for the food shelf.
- Clarence Westberg is leading a **rally after Brit Fest**, a 60-mile two-hour run to Belle Vinez winery near River Falls. You can do it as a rally or as a fun drive. It starts at the Barn Board Grill and Saloon, east on UU (Vine Street) about 10 miles out, close to the Roberts intersection of 5 and UU. A gas station with non-oxy is located there. The rally starts before Brit Fest is over, between noon and 12:30.
- **Phil and Stef Dawson's Party** to welcome his family from New Zealand is on Saturday, August 24 at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Phil or Stef. Sports cars can drive all the way up the driveway; others can park by the shop. Bring a chair.
- **Racing at Brainerd** the weekend of August 24 will include some MAHC members.
- An **Intermarque Picnic** is scheduled Sunday, August 25. The first two were rained out.
- **No PIE meeting in September.**

## Cars for sale

- **A-H 3000 BJ8:** Jeff Johnk mentioned that former MAHC member Sharon West is selling the Healey that she and Harvey owned. Club members could also take whatever they want from the bag of everything related to the Austin Healey.
- **A-H 3000 1967 Mark III:** A woman who lives in Hill City, near Custer SD., contacted Suzanne Willodson about her late husband's car. She wants to hire someone to bring the car to Conclave to sell it. Suzanne will forward her phone number for Eileen Wetzel to suggest that she needs to be responsible for getting the car to Conclave.

## Future Austin-Healey gatherings

- Doug Dawson mentioned that the **New Zealand Club** is considering a rally from the top of New Zealand's North Island to the bottom of the South Island in 2021 or 2022. It would be a "brilliant" way to see New Zealand. After the rally there's another tour. It's possible that a member of the Jag Club (who ships Jaguars all over the world) might be able to help us find a container to ship six or so cars to New Zealand.
- The 2022 European AH club will be meeting in Hardanger, Norway.

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## CONCLAVE 2019 UPDATE

**Registration:** 550-570 people are coming. 35 club members will be there to help. Total Minnesota attendees include 32 couples (roughly 64 people). Please fill out the email survey so that we know how many people will be at each event, what day you will arrive, and how many trailers are coming. Suzanne Willodson will be sending a reminder email to those who have not yet submitted the survey.

**Volunteers:** Greg Lauser thanked everyone who has already pitched in and reminded us there are still ample opportunities to help. The organizers assigned duties, since not enough people signed up. At the meeting people were to check the list to see whether they were assigned to something they don't want to do. The organizers agreed to email that list to all volunteers. The organizers want volunteers to come on Wednesday Sept. 4 if possible, or by Thursday Sep 5. We'll have briefing, training, and issue-resolution meetings both days.

- **Trailer parking:** The first few days we need 3-4 people per trailer parking lot to help with people getting their trailers parked before trying to come downtown to the Holiday Inn or Gold Dust. Otherwise, they have a 120-degree turn on one-way one-lane street. Go to Sherman Street lot on the south near Mountain Grand or the Tatanka lot across the highway from the Lodge at Deadwood on the north. (If you are bringing a trailer, let Eileen know; we may need you to take materials to Deadwood, but not back again.)
- **Silent auction:** If you still have silent auction items, please contact Eileen or Gary Wetzel or Greg Lauser.
- **Upcoming preparation days:**
  1. Registration Packet Stuffing at Wetzel's on Aug 25 at 1:30. Send Eileen an RVSP if you want to come.
  2. Event leaders should attend an August 17 presentation practice at Gary Wetzel's office in Minnetonka Boat Works in downtown Wayzata on Lake Minnetonka.

**Rally/road trips:** Thanks to Clarence Westberg for laying out the rallies and road trips. Many are beautiful, and there are no bad roads. Iron Mountain Road was just re-surfaced and is now smooth as glass. Iron Mountain Road is very scenic, with lots of tunnels and pigtails. You can see the presidents' faces on Mount Rushmore from that road. Obey the speed limits! The speed limits are to keep you and your vehicle safe. Wildlife is plentiful and have the right of way. Limit your speed urges to the Gymkhana and Funkhana.

**Mt. Rushmore** is under construction, but per the park rangers and the manager of the Marriott's food service, the Marriott is open and has accommodation for 500 people to dine before the lighting ceremony at 8:00 p.m. The bus tour there will be back to Deadwood by 10:00. **Note:** If you are signed up for the bus tour, we need your help to ensure we get everybody back onboard each bus before the animals take over.

**Custer and Crazy Horse Tour:** About 39 people are signed up for this tour led by the Moerke's in June's red Jaguar. It leaves on Sat at 9:00 a.m., will take most of the day, and returns in early evening. It starts at the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center Parking Lot. Participants should arrive in cars already filled with gas at 8:30 and will leave promptly at 9:00. No MAHC members are signed up; it appears they are all working.

**Commemorative gifts:** Greg distributed a photo of the wooden commemorative gifts for each participant. They need to be picked up at the Holiday Inn.

**Awards:** Thanks to Steve Greenway who delivered more than 90 awards that he made for Conclave.

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## **Other event leads:**

Regalia	Barb & Gary Ronning
Funkhana	Tom Politiski
Gymkhana	Suzanne & Greg Willodson
Registration website	Suzanne & Greg Willodson
Poker Run	Dave Herreid
Photo Rally	Daphne Walmer

**Reports for Austin Healey National:** We are negotiating timeframes for reports for submission to AHCA's Healey Marque magazine Conclave 2019 coverage in November issue. Currently the deadline is October 11. **Note to Event Leads:** Event leaders need to write a summary of their events, including how many people participated, winners or fastest times, etc. Greg will email Marque editor Reid Trummel's suggested format to leaders of various events.

**Concours Judging:** Consider entering your car to be used to train Concours judges; Conclave 2019 will be a good venue for training, because people will be there from all over the U.S. So far only one car is registered. Your car would be inside the Mountain Grand Event Center for this judging from 9-11 on Saturday morning. They are looking for a BJ8, in particular, for judge trainees to concentrate on the engines. Cars to be judged should not be perfect on the one hand; but on the other, the judges can't spend hours judging. This event is from 9-11 on Saturday morning. Come to the inside of the Event Center. Scott McQueen is our club's lead on the Council. Possible BJ8s that come to mind as examples to have new judges review are: Jim Manion's, as Jim is the original owner. Also, perhaps Jeff Lombard's car that was owned by Jim Cassidy. This car is close to original and unrestored.

**Photo website and competition:** We will be sharing photos from Conclave on an easy-to-use website that enables participants to submit photos either by email or by uploading. It will facilitate slideshows for the BBQ and the Banquet. Also it would be good for downloading individual photos or ordering all of them on a USB drive. Participants can enter their two best photos into a competition to be judged by Event Lead Daphne Walmer. See [www.dropevent.com/Conclave2019](http://www.dropevent.com/Conclave2019).

**Poker Run:** This is walking event through downtown Deadwood during the Popularity Car Show. Those who choose to participate will find cards in the registration packets. They will need to visit seven Deadwood businesses to be stamped, draw a card at each business, and then return their Poker Run contest forms to the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center lobby on Sunday afternoon, September 8. Participants with the three best poker hands will receive prizes provided by the Chamber. Thanks to Dave Herreid for coordinating this.

People who attended this month:

Kim & Steve Rixen, Gary & Barb Ronning, Fred Ambli & Sandie Swensen, Tom & June Moerke, Carl & Betty Stine, Phil & Stef Dawson, Doug & Laurie Dawson, Dick Mathews, Diane & Geoff Rossi, Rich & Liz Stadther, Dan Powell, Jeff Johnk, Jeff Lombard, Dick Leighninger, Jay R. Jacobson, Greg & Suzanne Willodson, Kate & Clarence Westberg, Daphne Walmer & Dave Herreid, Sue & Steve Greenway, Greg Lauser, Eileen & Gary Wetzal, and Lynn Luepke.



**Stefanie in her domain**



**Phil, with one of his lady friends !**

## **Dawson's Patio Party**

**Editor**

Saturday afternoon was beautiful. It was a perfect day to take a ride in Wisconsin's very lush green countryside. Many people decided to respond to the invite from Phil and Stefanie Dawson to come to their Patio Party ! There were people from the MG and the Austin Healey clubs in attendance. Some people even came from New Zealand to attend ! Phil's parents, Doug & Laurie Dawson, have come for an extended stay and are even going to Conclave in Deadwood !

Their beautiful yard was well equipped with tent and chairs, so people could lounge and visit. Refreshments were available ! On the veranda, a delicious selection of foods were presented. Stefani evidently loves to make exotic hors d'oeuvres and Betty Stine loves to make delicious pies. I'm sure others were involved in the food preparation as well.

For the guys, Phil showed his collection of Sprites in his "car barn". He has ambitious plans – for the cars and the "barn". He also was cooking at his self-made outdoor pizza oven. It is a beautiful construction. Evidently it gets hotter than Hades in there, if you let it.

There was live entertainment going on all afternoon. The Riddle Brothers did a fine job of providing nice background music, as we sat and conversed. It certainly was a very enjoyable afternoon for car club friends to relax and enjoy each other's company. Hopefully the Dawsons will continue this pleasant tradition !



# Dawson's Patio Party



Lots of people, cars, and sustenance in a beautiful outdoor setting !



# FULL THROTTLE GYMKHANA

&

# GOLD STRIKE FUNKHANA

Turn right when you see this Easy Rider!

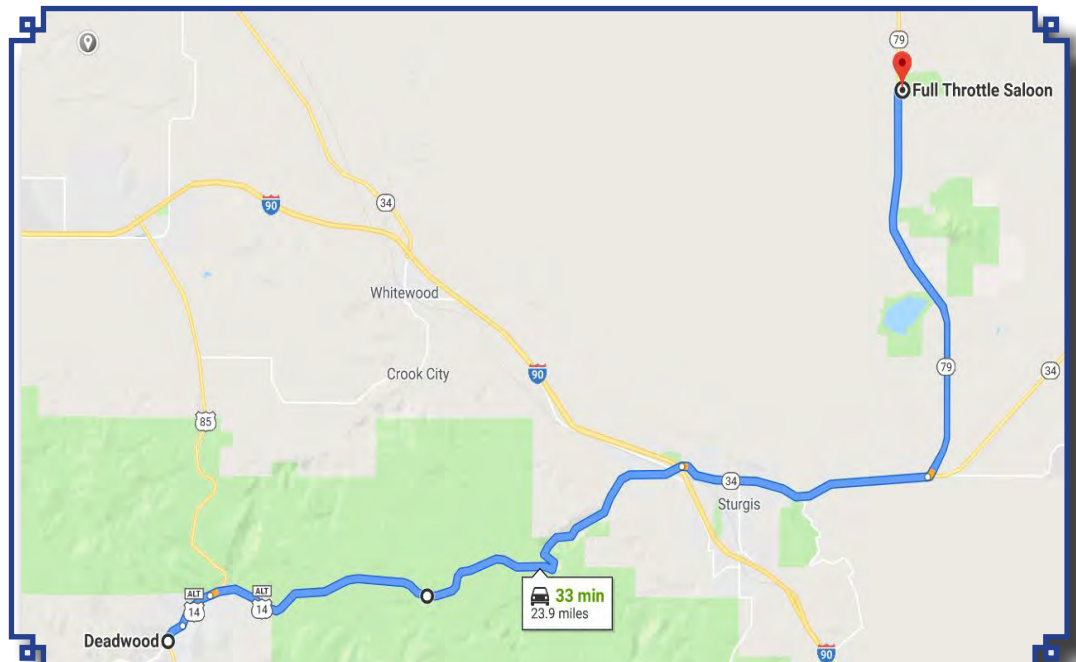


Drivers and spectators will enjoy what awaits at Full Throttle Saloon. In addition to gymkhana thrills and chills on the course, all can spend Eight Minutes with Healey Expert Steve Day, who'll offer solutions for what ails your classic. Don't miss the saloon interior's impressive sculpture and machinery display. It also offers intriguing libations when you are done competing or watching the action.

Gold was first discovered here in 1874 and the Black Hills' population swelled by 10,000 miners, muleskinners, madams, gamblers and gunslingers invading Deadwood Gulch. But don't despair, there is still gold to be panned during the Gold Strike Funkhana. Finding it and keeping it won't be easy. There are some desperados on the prowl. Be part of the "Gold Strike Fever" fun!

## Directions from Deadwood

- Take US 85 North/ US 14A East.
- At Y, bear right on US 14A to Sturgis.
- Follow US 14A into Sturgis.
- At junction US 14A/ SD 34 in Sturgis go straight on SD 34 East.
- Turn left onto SD 79 North.
- Full Throttle is seven miles north.



# THEY'RE AWAITING YOU IN DEADWOOD!

Don't miss your chance to embrace nature in all of its forms while enjoying the "wildlife" of Conclave 2019. Ranging from encounters like this one in the Lodge at Deadwood parking lot to Mount Rushmore and on to Custer State Park, the Black Hills teem with scenic views best seen from behind the windscreen of your Healey.



Minnesota Austin-Healey Club members join native wildlife in welcoming Conclave 2019 guests. Gymkhana/Funkhana for speed aficionados, a variety of touring or rallying options and a bus tour are designed to get you outdoors, up close and personal with national and state parks, national monuments and cultural memorials.

All that plus an 1890s hotel ballroom tea, museums and exposure to the economic and cultural significance of the Black Hills are part of Conclave 2019 planning. We want you to revel in the Wild West.

**Register before it's too late at:**

[www.mnhealey.com/conclave 2019](http://www.mnhealey.com/conclave2019)

**See you in Deadwood!**



## Conclave Stuffing Event

Editor

On Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>, the committee and volunteers for the 2019 AHCA Conclave assembled at Gary & Eileen Wetzel's home. There they were met with boxes and bags of materials that are to be distributed at the event – coming up in about 10 days.

There were many tasks to perform. Large envelopes and registration sheets had to be attached. Name tags had to be inserted into lanyard pockets. Many kinds of event tickets were put in the proper packets. In another area, bags were stuffed with free goods and advertising information. It was quite a busy time, but all was accomplished. Club members are the greatest !

Eileen and her helpers prepared snacks and refreshments. Later she served lunch and desserts. It was a working afternoon, but always fun with good friends and good food. Many thanks to Greg and Nancy Lauser for their administration and to Gary & Eileen Wetzel for their hosting. See you in Deadwood !!



# Events Schedule

- Sept. 4** **PIE Meeting** – There will be no PIE Meeting this month.
- Sept. 6-11** **AHCA Conclave 2019** – (Fri – Wed) The Minnesota Austin Healey Club will be sponsoring the National AHCA Conclave in Deadwood, SD. All members of our club are encouraged to attend and assist at the event.
- Sept. 13-15** **Fall Vintage Race Festival** - (Fri-Sun) Held at RoadAmerica in Elkhart Lake, WI. A great opportunity to see vintage racing up close. Watch our members competing in their cars !
- Sept. 27-29** **Waumandee Hill Climb** – (Fri-Sun) The annual vintage car uphill slalom will be held under the direction of Tom Hazen. **CANCELLED FOR 2019**
- Sept. 29** **Intermarque Picnic** – (Sun) 1:00 p.m. Monthly gathering for a picnic at Cherokee Park in St. Paul. Bring your own food and refreshments.
- Oct. 2** **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. See page 2.
- Oct. 5** **Adopt a Highway Clean-up** - (Sat) The second of our two clean-ups for the year is to be on this date. Arrangements by Dave Herreid.
- Oct 12** **MG Fall Color Tour** – (Sat) Enjoy touring for colors with our MG friends.
- Nov. 6** **PIE Meeting** – (Sat) Club meeting at 8:30 a.m. See page 2.
- Nov. 8-10** **AHCA Delegates Meeting** – Our club representatives will be attending this meeting.
- Nov. 16** **Annual Banquet / Business Meeting Party** – (Sat) The annual dinner, election of officers, and business meeting will occur on this evening.
- Dec. 7** **PIE/Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2020 will be on the agenda for this meeting hosted by Daphne Walmer. A Board of Directors meeting will follow.

Please note that the 2019 Events Schedule is tentative and may be incomplete. Watch for announcements and changes as the year progresses.

## InterMarque Breakfasts

**Elsie's Restaurant, Bar and Bowling Center** is the breakfast destination every Saturday at 8:00 AM. The second Saturday of the month is Ladies' Day, though of course, they are welcome every week.

Location: 729 Marshall St. N.E. Minneapolis.

Map at <http://elsies.com>.

## InterMarque Newsletter

Check out InterMarque's multi-marque calendar in their latest newsletter for even more car events!

[InterMarque.org](http://InterMarque.org)





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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](mailto: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](mailto:jrgadola@gmail.com)

