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Lime Rock Park Car Show. Jaime Horner's race car was picked to display.

Photo courtesy Eileen Wetzel.

Upcoming Events

Wed	3 Sep	PIE
Sat	6 Sep	Wheels & Wings
Fri-Sun	11-14 Sep	Ariens VSCDA Vintage Weekend racing
Sat	27 Sep	Waumandee / Cars & Caves German Cars
Sun	28 Sep	Intermarque Picnic / Lynch Mexican Fiesta
Wed	1 Oct	PIE
Tues-Wed	21-22 Oct	Fall Color Tour Driftless Northern Tier
See the website for details: www.mnhealey.com		

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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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PIE Meeting Notes 8/6/2025

by Daphne Walmer

Past Events:

- **Donald Healey birthday** was July 3
- **Cedar Lake Speedway Invitation** was the weekend of July 12th. Phil Dawson went. Car show wasn't great, but the drive was good.
- **July Road America** race at Elhart Lake was July 18-20. Lot of ups and downs. Eileen and Gary Wetzel bought a new Healey with a hardtop in Racine. Eileen had some issues with the racecar the first days. Tom Kovacs came back with parts that he knew worked, and the car ran better than it has in two years. On Sunday she passed 11 cars. Timing light was faulty. Scott had a shunt that got straightened out. Someone blew an engine and they called the race just as Eileen was pulling up to Mike Manser. Jim and Jaime were racing, along with Dan Powell, and Jeff. Rich was tech. Gin was imbibed at a marvelous gin bar. John Hatzung is looking for a crew position in September.
- **Cars and Caves** American Cars was Saturday July 26. Scott went; it started slowly but picked up speed. British cars were featured. Scott drove his 100 and towed GT6.
- **Wetzel BBQ and Potluck** was Saturday July 26. People had a wonderful time.
- That weekend of the BBQ, Phil Dawson pit-crewed for spec races, and after that weekend he decided he loves vintage racing. It was a job, not fun.

Upcoming events

- **Briffest** in Hudson, WI, Sat Aug 9. Good idea to get there at 8:00 to get a good parking spot.
- **Grattan VSCDA racing** in Michigan Fri-Sun 15-17 Aug.
- **CAN-AM Invitational Vintage Racing**, in Manitoba, Sat-Sun 16-17 Aug.
- **Jack Pine Sprints** VSCR racing 22-24 Aug in Brainerd.
- **Cars & Coffee** Aug 30 at Automotoplex. It starts at 9:00 but you need to get there at 8:00 if you want a spot. Hundreds of cars.
- **Cars & Caves** Sat 30 Aug
- **InterMarque picnic** 31 Aug
- **InterMarque breakfast**. Every Saturday morning there's an InterMarque breakfast at Elsie's.
- Every other Sunday there's an **InterMarque coffee** across the street from the old Schmidt brewery on west 7th and approximately Randolph. Bring a nonperishable food item to donate.

Old Business

- The club is going to need new board members this year; Dan Powell and Geoff Rossi are scheduled to retire. Dave Herreid planning to sign up. Board members are supposed to be national members.

New Business

- **Overnight fall drive through Driftless Area**: Greg Lauser and Geoff Rossi are planning a one-night overnight fall drive. The Lausers and Rossis are going to test the route next week. The drive will be sometime between October 15 and 27. They are not reserving blocks of rooms; it will be up to people to make reservations in either Decorah, IA, or Prairie du Chien, depending on whether we go down the WI side or the MN side. Greg asked whether we want to go on a weekend or during the week. On weekdays there will be less traffic and more and discounted hotel rooms. Only four of the people at the meeting are still working full time, so we decided to go on a weeknight. People could go just one day and drive home whenever they are ready. If you want to go on the test drive they are meeting at Freedom Park in Prescott on Thursday the Aug 14 and will be gone the 14-15; time TBD. Highlights: Decorah is a very picturesque college

town in Decorah, culturally Norwegian, most vertical waterfall in Iowa cascading 200 feet down, plus an ice cave, water coming out of it is 35 degrees F in summertime. Brushing Harper's Ferry effigy mounds. Lansing, IA, on the big muddy also beautiful. Highway 31 in WI through the Kickapoo Valley is stunning. There's a man-made cut in a rock formation that was made with horse and wagons, no machinery. Some brush with the Amish country in SE Minnesota.

- **Kim Rixen** is recuperating at Wetzel's from pneumonia; **Steve Rixen** is getting treatments in Rochester for several weeks through Labor Day. He comes home on weekends.
- **Wetzels, Jim and Jaime, Scott McQueen and Greg Thompson** plan to travel to Lime Rock, Watkins Glen, and back to Road America to race over three weeks.
- **Curt Carlson** bought a 3000 in addition to his 104. He asked for help or info fixing the fuel pump, and people at the meeting suggested possibilities.
- Newest club member **Dave Cassman is looking for a big Healey to buy**. Contact him at 972.467.9373 or d.m.cassman@gmail.com.

Officer Reports

- **Treasurer's report:** from Rendezvous MAHC got an additional \$929 back beyond the ~\$3,000 already received.
- **Membership report:** Now 29 local-only members, plus 42 national and local, for a total of 71 household memberships. There is a cheaper national membership if one gets only the digital magazine \$45.

Attendees: Dave Cassman, Curt Carlson, Dave Hatzung, John Hatzung, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Jeff Johnk, Charley Klima, Jim Koktavay, Greg Lauser, Jeff Lombard, Scott McQueen, Geoff Rossi, Rich Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzel.



Photo courtesy of Curt Carlson.

Fall Color Week Days Tour October 21-22**Drive the Driftless Area's Northern Tier**

After two days and more than 600 miles driving the Driftless Area, the Lausers and Rossis have decided on a shorter tour with an overnight in Winona, Minnesota. We'll spend Day One enjoying backroads and natural attractions on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi. Please join us for an excursion that will highlight towns, byways and scenic vistas in Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, and Trempeleau counties. If you can devote just one day to the tour, we'll be in Winona in time for an easy US 61 commute back to the Twin Cities.

Day Two will feature communities and curvy roads through portions of Winona, Fillmore, Wabasha, Goodhue and Dakota counties (mostly off US 61) back toward the Twin Cities. There will be plenty of opportunities for stopping, shopping, and noshing through Rushford, Lanesboro, White Water State Park, Wabasha, and Lake City.

Rain dates will be October 23-24. As we get closer to October and more precise weather predictions, further details will come your way. Regardless, those who plan on the overnight in Winona must make their own accommodation reservations. We hope you'll join us. If you plan to come, please email Greg Lauser at greglauser@gmail.com and indicate whether it will be for Day One or the full tour.

Steve Rixen rings the hope bell

Steve Rixen rang the Hope Lodge bell in a weekly celebration on completion of treatment at Mayo in Rochester. The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge is a residency facility for patients who live away from the Rochester area, one of many similar facilities around the country.



**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

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(circle one)

Name: _____ Spouse/Friend: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Day () _____ Evening: () _____

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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	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	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
Sat-Sun	TBD	Brock Thorson Garage Tour		Thorson House
Wed	1-Oct	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	10-12 Oct	Ozarks VSCDA Racing		Ozark International Raceway
Sat or Sun	21-22-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

InterMarque Breakfasts

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for the week's location
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Free! Contact Fred at 218-348-3178.

- Two sets of original intake and exhaust manifold that are ceramic
- Three drive lines that are sized for the original 4-speed and overdrive
- One set of rear resonators that are still in the bubble wrap, plus several exhaust parts
- Two BMC radios
- Two steering shafts that were working fine when removed

For sale: BJ8 overdrive unit, rebuilt by Jean Caron, \$800, and 4-speed transmission for BJ8, \$500 or best offer. Contact Fred at 218-348-3178.

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.

