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Greg and Allison Carlson with their newly refurbished '67 Sprite, Scottie. MAHC member Tom Politiski donated it along with parts as a project car to the Manitoba car clubs to use as a fund raiser. See article on page 13.

Upcoming Events

Tues	21 Apr	Austin Healey National Media Day
Sat	26 Apr	Cars & Caves
Thurs–Sun	1–4 May	Gingerman VSCDA Raceway & School
Sat	2 May	Cassman Garage Tour
Wed	6 May	PIE
Tues	12 May	Plains Zoom Tech Session
Wed–Fri	13–15 May	VSCDA Spring Break Drivers' School
Fri–Sun	15–17 May	VSCDA Gingerman Race & SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend
Sun	16 May	Intermarque Kickoff
Sat–Sun	23–24 May	Harvey West Memorial Day Classic Races
Wed	3 Jun	PIE
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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026
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.

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Reality Check

Im-Prez-ions on Life with Healeys

by **Steve Rixen**

When Donald Healey and family were invited to attend the early Conclave events in the 70s and 80s, Donald, Goeff, and Bick were many times asked detailed questions about the cars in attendance and asked what they thought of the Healeys that they were seeing. Donald usually expressed surprise and wonderment that the cars were, in fact, still running and driving twenty to near thirty years after they were produced, when most cars of that era were expected to only last for two or three years for the first owners and rapidly decline to rust, unreliability, and obsolescence for the second and third (younger and less well to do) owners and be done and gone to Healey Heaven by the age of ten.

Over the past months, I have been called four times about finishing up projects for people who can't complete them due to advanced age and health concerns, from some current owners with the intent to pass their Healeys on to family members, and some to get ready for sale.

I myself, after living an uneventful 74 years, have faced health challenges and setbacks the last two of which have awakened me to fact that if I don't get a move on my "Project Car" will be someone's "Parts Car."

With the help and encouragement of a club member (thank you, Greg Willodson), I am showing progress on a weekly time frame, reporting what I have accomplished and what's next to be done. It is good to have someone to keep us focused.

So, let's take a minute or three to think about our Healeys and their future, because they will live on when we are gone. as my Healey did when it came to me from my dad. He had it for 20 years, and I've had it for 35.

Why did we buy/obtain them?

To drive and enjoy in most cases. The evening drives, the sounds—ah yes, the sounds they make—the people who we pass who smile and wave and give us a thumb's up. The conversations with strangers, often starting, "My friend/sibling/folks had one..." There are the other owners we can talk to, lifting the bonnet, commiserating on problems and solving them. Camaraderie. Of, by and for the Marque, with those of like mind and enthusiasm.

The challenge of problems and solutions and overcoming obstacles fascinates me, and anyone who owns a Little British Car (LBC) either has that fascination or will need to develop it. Young people need this skill as well.

When purchasing any of my various LBCs, I never gave a thought to turning a profit when I fired of them. If I had, I feel I would not have the satisfying relationship I have had with them.

The thought of flipping a Healey for end profit would have prevented my developing one. Here I go anthropomorphizing my relationship with a machine, although when I pay attention to it, our mutual enjoyment seems to increase.

So, if we look at the monetary factors of LBC purchase back in the day or now what do we find? In a personal example, a 1957 AH 100-6 would have sold for about \$3000, plus or minus... In today's dollars that is \$34,725. About what a #2 to 3+ driver example is today out in the marketplace. Thus, no real difference in value then to now. When I think about what time, parts, and professional talent investments I've made since it came under my care that current Book Value is probably about 25% of my real investment.

So, what do we do with them? Do they really owe us anything? Do we owe them? All of us, as Healey owners need to think about this now and revisit it occasionally in the coming months and, hopefully, years. By considering the hand-over of this hunk of emotion and metal to another generation, we see the need to evaluate who will carry on when I/we can't and decide what I/we need to do now to prepare the next generation to be good stewards of the Healey Marque.

I need to evaluate, at this time of my life, what do I want to do with these machines with which I admittedly have an emotional relationship. Since I am lucky enough to have grandchildren who have expressed interest in continued ownership, I am starting to figure out how to facilitate the passage to the next generation. To that end, I am getting the grandkids involved in the cars, the MAHC, and the events of the LBC community. Taking them to Intermarque Breakfast at Elsie's on Saturday morning with the ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out.)

This will require some tutelage of Marque history, basic ownership tasks and techniques, and the driving, maintenance schedule, old car uniqueness, and interest on the part of the new-owner candidates. But they can't get it without some help from us.

Hopefully they will develop the fascination, dedication and love of the Marque to

HEALEY ON!

PIE Meeting Notes 1/7/2026

by Daphne Walmer

Steve Rixen read the following article.

Hello, ALL!

When I started Pie Meetings 30 years ago during my first term as president, it was truly a pie meeting, held in the back area of the Baker's Square on Ford Parkway in St Paul: pie, coffee, conversation.

There was no agenda at that time except to gather and talk amongst ourselves about the central issue we all had, that of the Austin Healey automobiles we drove, possessed, or coveted.

We seemed to get along well with that informal agenda, talking about our individual problems, individual and group successes and what we did last month and what we wanted to do the next month or year.

It was an off-the-cuff success formula then, and it is my firm belief PIE continues today because of that early, simple formula.

Over the intervening years we, as a club, have had to formalize our organization writing mission statement and bylaws and registering as a formal organization with the state and feds when we prepared to host Conclave 2001.

Organizing included officers, committees and a Board of Directors, which approves our MAHC planned activity calendar after our planning meeting and is identified in the formal Bylaws of the MAHC as **The Governing Body**.

Over the years we made some money for our treasury by hosting occasional Rendezvous and gymkhanas and Conclave, which gave us more to worry about than our meager club financial solvency month to month.

Like worrying about our balance and how to not spend it.

And filing taxes and non-profit status applications yearly.

And on it goes.

All of this *Organization* means that, at this time, about 33.3333 percent of the people at any MAHC event are likely to be officers, directors, or committee members.

Primarily, per the MAHC Bylaws, there is **one** formal business meeting on the MAHC Calendar and that happens in November at our annual banquet. If you want to know the particulars of MAHC governance, bank balance, committee reports, AHCA (National) Healey concerns, etc., this is the meeting for you.

Then, "What is a **PIE?**" The early days of **eating pie** has evolved to become "**PIE!**" In our current iteration the **President's Informal Evening**. The PIE meeting is one of our memberships planned and governing body approved activities of the MAHC. It was scheduled monthly and placed on our calendar last December at our annual planning meeting.

How we can use this **Informal** meeting to help our organization further our mission to promote the marque, the club, and members, individually and as a whole?

On **my Informal Evening** there is no business to discuss except as may impact any current or future event. Other than that, ask the BOD / Governing Body. At PIE we will only deal with that which is stated within the purview of *Our MAHC Mission Statement*:

MAHC Mission Statement: The purpose of the MAHC is to bring together those with a common interest in the ownership, restoration, preservation and driving of any car built and designed by Donald Mitchell Healey, and to share resources and knowledge and thereby enhance the enjoyment of owning and driving a Healey. Fun and camaraderie are to be the hallmark.

Come to PIE for Healey camaraderie and fun!

Oh, yes! Almost forgot. The standing PIE Agenda will be:

1. What we **did** last month
2. What we **will do** this next month and possibly during the year.
3. What do **you** want to talk about?
4. Talk amongst yourselves.

The same, month after month...

As long as it is **my PIE**.

Daphne No Longer Editing Newsletter After 2026

I announced that 2026 will be the last year that I will edit and publish the newsletter. By then I will have done the newsletter for eight years, including a year in 2016 and from 2020 on. (Last year I reduced the number of issues to span the driving months.) I am willing to show someone else how I do the newsletter, but another editor could do it however they want. If someone does want to learn how I do it, it would be good to start this summer.

I would guess it takes me 8–16 hours per issue to do the newsletter, but I do some things that aren't strictly necessary, such as editing others' text, making all the text the same font, and editing/enhancing photos. I have written instructions for how I do the newsletter.

Also, I realized after the meeting that the club could elect to pay someone outside the club to do the desktop publishing. In that case, a club member would still need to gather and decide on content and coordinate with the desktop publisher.

Note that I will continue to put the calendar on the **MAHC website** and make any other minor changes necessary.

I am willing to continue sending **email**, but it is a very easy job that takes little time, and I would appreciate it if someone else would be willing to take it on.

Zoom Training: There will be training on the Austin Healey Club Website on Jan 20 at 6:00 p.m. Central time. One person will train on membership part—how to use the website. Another person will train on other resources on the members-only parts of the website.

Wetzel Wine and Cheese: On Saturday, January 17, the Wetzels are hosting a wine and cheese get together from 2:00 p.m. to whenever. Bring some nibbles and wine if you want. 500 Hunter Pass, Wayzata, MN.

Zoom Tech Session: Second Tuesday of every month. This month on Tuesday, Jan 13 at 7:00 p.m. You can submit questions to the host ahead of time or ask a question during the time. You can also find recordings of past tech sessions on the national website. Usually runs one to two hours.

Next PIE Feb 4.

Rendezvous will be in Selkirk, Manitoba in June.

Conclave in Galena, IL, in September. Can stay in the hotel or rent an AirBnB. Five-hour drive in a beautiful location.

Healey-Club-Promoting Cling Wraps Curt Carlson brought some of these for promoting the club. Curt counted only one car with a sticker in the parking lot, and it was his car.

Relatively new member Dave Cassman is looking for a new Healey. He wants a BJ8, but he might be open to something else. (Steve says he should get a roadster.)

Suzanne Willodson brought up the idea of doing a new **Second Harvest Heartland** volunteering session. We would have free lunch afterwards. Suzanne will prepare an email suggesting a couple of potential dates, maybe in April.

About the Club

It is not a requirement that one own a Healey to be a member of the club.

Curt Carlson mentioned that he is going to restore a car for a former member to help promote the marque. Benefits of club ownership include camaraderie but also to making it easier to find and/or own a car. Eileen Wetzel mentioned that the new owner could get a complimentary membership and get the magazine for free for the first year.

Attendees: Curt Carlson, Dave Cassman, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Charley Klima & Deb, Dan Powell, Steve & Elena Rixen, Rich & Liz Stadther, Clarence & Kate Westerberg, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Greg & Suzanne Willodson.

PIE Meeting Notes 2/4/2026

by Charley Klima

What we did last month

- Wine and cheese party at Wetzels was a very nice, well-attended event.
- Good attendance at the monthly Zoom tech session.
- National Healey club had a web site training session but was thinly attended.

What we will do next month and beyond

- Registration for Selkirk Rendezvous is open.
- Registration is open for Conclave in Galena.
- Next Zoom tech session is Tuesday 2/10. Link will be emailed beforehand.
- The Dawson for an electric-focused tech session needs to be rescheduled. Info forthcoming.
- Planning for Scott McQueen open garage 3/21 10-1. To be confirmed.

What do you want to talk about?

- Daphne is done newslettering in November. The club needs a volunteer to take over newsletter responsibilities
- Discussion about possibly doing a Second Harvest event in Brooklyn Park. Considering noon on March 7. Lunch to follow. Greg Willodson will send info re: Daphne via email.
- If you are not receiving club emails, reach out to Liz Stadther.
- Matt Miron suggesting an lunch-time drive and event at the Horse and Hunt Club in Prior Lake. Looking at July 29th.
- Per Curt Carlson, still at 75 members.
- Vote approved to send \$100 to Intermarque.
- All-Healey race July 5 in Donnington England. Scott McQueen planning to participate.

Attendees: Curt Carlson, Dave Cassman, Dave Herreid & Daphne Walmer, Charley Klima, Dan Powell, Steve Rixen, Rich Stadther, Matt Miron, Dave Cassman, Eric Wesman, Scott McQueen, Dick Leighninger and Greg Willodson.

Charley Klima won a t-shirt courtesy of Curt Carlson.



PIE Meeting Notes 3/4/2026

by Charley Klima

What we did last month

- No events

What we will do next month and beyond

- Registration for Selkirk Rendezvous is open.
- Registration is open for Conclave in Galena (September)
- Scott McQueen open garage 3/14 at 10am.
- Still looking for a date for Second Harvest. Suzanne in charge.
- Tech session at Steve Rixon residence 4/11/26 at 10am. Second date is 4/25.
- Event at Horse and Hunt club. Info forthcoming.
- Spring Intermarque Kick-off 5/16
- The Dawson for an electric-focused tech session needs to be scheduled.

What do you want to talk about?

- We still need a new newsletter editor. Daphne will help transition.
- Still quite a few non-national members who have not renewed membership
- Curt C: about 72 members currently.
- Curt C looking for a volunteer to help with rejuvenating a car of a former (deceased) member
- If you are not receiving club emails, reach out to Liz Stadther.

Attendees: Dave Herreid and Daphne Walmer, Steve Rixen, Charley Klima, Dave Cassman, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Eric Wesman, Scott McQueen, Jim Kuktavy, Greg and Suzanne Willodson, Curt Carlson, Rich and Liz Stadther, Kate and Clarence Westberg, Geoff and Diane Rossi.

PIE Meeting Notes 4/1/2026

by Charley Klima

What we did last month

- Scott McQueen open garage, good weather and turnout, 20 attendees, too many pictures of bent cars.
- Carl Stine's 90th birthday happened during a major snowstorm. Great event for those that were brave enough to attend.

What we will do next month and beyond

- Dawson electrical tech session to be scheduled.
- Tech session at Steve Rixon residence 4/11/26 at 11am. The backup date is 4/25. BYOB.
- Cassman open garage in Columbus on 5/2 at 11 am.
- Tech session 5/14th at 7pm via Zoom.
- Spring Intermarque Kick-off 5/16.
- Registration for Selkirk Rendezvous is open.
- Registration is open for Conclave in Galena (September).
- Event at Horse and Hunt club in July. Info forthcoming.
- Celebration of Life for Mike & Gloria Lynch 6/20 at 4 pm at Celtic Center in St Paul.

What do you want to talk about?

- Steve proposed a youth auxiliary.
- We still need a new newsletter editor. Daphne will help transition.
- Liz is looking for a new treasurer. Anyone?
- Curt C: about 80 members currently.
- Charley proposed a drive to Hungry Hollow engine show 6/28. Info forthcoming.

Attendees: Dave Herreid and Daphne Walmer, Steve Rixen, Charley Klima, Eileen Wetzel, Eric Wesman, Scott McQueen, Jim Kocktavy, Greg and Suzanne Willodson, Curt Carlson, Rich and Liz Stadther, Phil Dawson.

Wetzel Wine and Cheese Party



Friday, January 16 arrived with snow, followed by a sharp drop in temperature. By Saturday, the day was blustery, punctuated with occasional flurries. As I looked out at the wintry scene, I wondered how many would brave the cold and potentially slick roads to attend our wine and cheese

gathering. I hadn't asked for RSVPs, because it truly didn't matter. The more, the merrier. And since it was a "bring something to share" affair, I wasn't concerned about a shortage of food. A few people had mentioned they planned to come, so I expected perhaps eight guests.

What happened next was a delightful surprise. With three front doors to our house, it's always a bit of a mystery which one guests will choose, but all were put to good use. People arrived through every door, and by 2:30 we found ourselves happily hosting 26 friends. The wine flowed generously, each bottle offering its own lovely bouquet. Cheeses and appetizers filled the tables, abundant and delicious, and the desserts were truly the icing on the cake.

We mingled all afternoon, savoring not just the food and wine, but more importantly the company. After the heaviness of recent civic events, the afternoon felt like a welcome balm. Conversations wandered easily through topics like Austin-Healeys, upcoming and ongoing projects, winter getaways, books, and hobbies. It was restorative to be surrounded by longtime friends, as well as newer members who have recently joined the club. I hope they felt as welcomed and included as I hoped, and that they sensed the warmth and camaraderie that make this group so special to me. We are a wonderfully diverse bunch, united by a shared passion.

I am deeply grateful to all of you who came. You are dear to me, and I feel truly honored by your presence. Thank you for making it such a joyful and memorable day. I very much look forward to hosting all of you again.

Warmly, Eileen Wetzel

Attendees: Almeda and Matt Miron, Gary Ronning, Scott McQueen, Betty and Carl Stine, Suzanne and Greg Willodson, Stephanie and Phil Dawson, Deb and Charlie Klima, Jaime Horner and Jim Koltavy, Danne Walmer and Dave Herried, Diane and Jeff Rossi, Liz and Rich Stadther, Kate and Clarence Westberg, Kim and Steve Rixen, and Gary and Eileen Wetzel



Tech Session Recap

by Steve Rixen

Saturday April 11th there was a tech session at Steve and Kim Rixen's garage, where we were to talk about assembling an Austin-Healey 2.9 short block. Attendees were Steve Rixen and Gary Wetzel (who were hosting the event), Dan Powell, Eric Wesman, Eileen Wetzel, Scott McQueen (who took photos which he may or may not have submitted prior to leaving for England), Jim Koktavy, Chuck Norton, Dave Herreid, Carl Yamamoto, and probably a few others that I can't remember at this time.

Discussion far outweighed any actual process and progress of assembly, not that that made any real difference. It turns out the ring kit which was believed to have a set of six was actually a set of only four, so now I'm trying to find more rings from JE or other source. (Each box contains only a set of four, so there should have been two boxes.)

First, discussion was of the machining process involved. This included initial cleaning of the block, measuring of new pistons, and boring the block for them to fit. Post machining cleaning and measuring to determine how much of the block deck to remove to attain the compression ratio desired of 10:1. Line boring of the main bearings and fitting new cam bearings and line honing them to fit the cam journals follows as well as conditioning and line-honing the rods.

Once the block and parts are returned to the shop, it is time to do a pre-assembly cleaning. The block is cleaned with mineral spirits and a rifle / shotgun cleaning kit. All oil passages are brushed clean and blown out with compressed air. The crankshaft passages need to be cleaned thoroughly, whether it has been polished or ground undersized.

After time was called at 1 PM by Kim, we all adjourned to have a light lunch that she and Eileen had prepared for us.

So, the second April Tech session for Engine Assembly is postponed until parts are located and assembly can truly commence.

Will update!

Scottie's Story

By Ted Moorby

Reprinted with permission from the British Car Club of Manitoba, The Herald, December 2025.

Your 2026 Red River Rendezvous co-chairs (John Rempel, Peter Foreman and Ted Moorby) would like to officially announce that the 1967 Austin Healey Sprint named Scottie has been completed and sold to its new owners, Greg and Alison Carlson.

Most of you know that this project was generously donated to our Rendezvous committee in May 2024 by Tom Politiski from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. The hope was that we would reassemble the car and then sell it with enough profit to cover the losses our three clubs incurred having had to cancel our 2020 and 2021 Rendezvous due to Covid.

Although we have a few minor details to complete on the car next spring before it is put on display at 2026 Red River Rendezvous in Selkirk, most of the accounting is completed. John Rempel and I picked up the car (a bare shell and a truck load of parts) from Tom in May of last year but we didn't start working on it until last September.

We worked on the car all last winter then took another break this summer and finished it this fall. In all it took approximately 450 man hours of work from start to finish. Additional hours were put in by Mark Rogers who coordinated the advertising and selling of the spare parts that came with the car. Initially we were able to spread the work around to people including Tom Struthers for sand blasting, Peter Foreman and Rob Molyneux for cleaning and painting parts, Jim Jackson for reconditioning switches and gauges, and Rocky Hovorka for reconditioning the fuel tank. There was limited room in Rick Unruh and Barb Engel's garage so once we got down to bolting bits back on the car we became a team of Peter Foreman, Mark Rogers and me. Peter helped until we had the motor, suspension and steering installed, and then Mark and I did the rest of the work to finish the car.

The car turned out fantastic and we exceeded our initial goal of making a profit of \$3,000 by almost double. In round figures we spent \$8,500 to bring the car to Manitoba, paint it, and bolt all the parts back on. We sold it for \$12,500 and sold approximately \$2,000 worth of spare parts. The bottom line is that we cleared almost \$6,000 that will be divided evenly between the Austin Healey Club of Manitoba, British Car Club of Manitoba, and the Mid Canada Mini Group.

I would like to say special thanks to:

- Rick Unruh and Barb Engel for letting us use their warm and well-lit garage to work on the car.
- Classic Motor Works for giving us a discount on the parts we bought from there.
- Jim Pattison Collision for doing a really nice paint job in less than a week.



Tom Politiski



- Tom Struthers for lending us seed money so we could start buying parts.
- John Webb for sourcing some of the parts we needed and arranging for Jim Gauthier Mazda to waive the cost for the safety.
- And of course, Tom Politiski.

Scottie has:

- The dash autographed by the late John Sprinzel.
- 1275 cc motor rebuilt by Ernie West of Dead Lake Motors.
- 5-speed Datsun transmission.
- All new brakes, lines, and hoses,
- New rear springs.
- Rebuilt front suspension and steering.
- Aluminum radiator.
- Complete new interior.
- New convertible top.
- New tires on Minilite wheels.
- New exhaust system.
- And much much more!





**All of us wish Greg and Allison lots of enjoyment with Scottie,
their new little '67 Sprite!**



Intermarque Spring Kick Off Saturday May 16

The next Intermarque Spring Kick Off show is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. This is an annual foreign vehicle show that takes place on the Main Street of Osseo, Minnesota. In years past, we've had up to 300 cars and motorcycles. The featured marque this year is MG, and the club will display MGs as far back as 1932, with an MGJ2. Each of the area car clubs contribute financially to the event, so there is no admission charge for spectators, making this a perfect family event. Brian McCullough of BMC British Automobiles will be our guest speaker. We will also feature valve cover racing, and a People's Choice Award. The Girl Scouts sell tickets for selecting the winner, and all participants are asked to donate food and or hygienic products to Cross Industries, a local food shelf. Time is from 10 AM to 3 PM, rain or shine. For more information, go to Intermarque.org. The Minnesota Austin Healey Club will be happy to learn that the Austin Healey has been selected as the featured marque for next year's show, May 22, 2027.

Dick Leighninger
Spring Kick Off Chairman

Overdrive Switch Tip

A few years back the overdrive on my BJ7 would not kick in, so I attempted to take the switch out for possible replacement. Alas, I could not unscrew the toggle switch on the dash. In my attempt to loosen the nut I sprayed some WD40 on the toggle. Still couldn't loosen the nut, but the next time out and about I flipped the switch and—voila—the overdrive worked. Several years later the overdrive wouldn't engage and again the application of WD40 solved the problem.

Barry Wahlberg

Legislation about collector vehicles introduced in Minnesota submitted by Curt Carlson

Rep. Meg Luger-Nikolai introduced [HF 3865](#), *Authority to operate collector's vehicles modified, and technical changes made*, to the Minnesota House of Representatives on March 3, 2026.

A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying certain authority to operate collector's vehicles; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 168.10, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1d, 1h, by adding a subdivision; 168.105, subdivisions 1, 2; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 168.10, subdivision 1c.

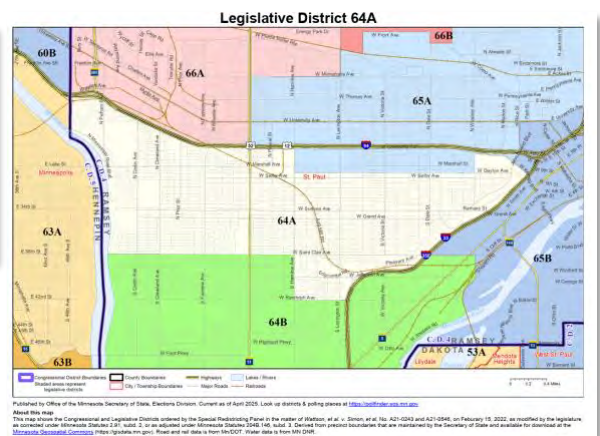
Section 3., Subd. 1c. **Collector's Vehicle, collector plate.** (b) The vehicle owner must execute an affidavit stating (1) the name and address of the seller and of the new owner, (2) the make of the motor vehicle, (3) the year and number of the model, (4) the manufacturer's identification number. (5) in the case of a vehicle described in paragraph (a), clause (1), item (ii), that the vehicle has a body or engine style of which not more than 500 were manufactured or imported into the United States in any model year, and (6) **The affidavit must further state that the vehicle is owned and operated as provided in subdivision 5.** The owner must also prove that the owner has one or more vehicles with regular license plates.

Section 6., Subd. 5. **Vehicle operation.** A person may operate a vehicle registered in the collector class under subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, or 1h, or under section 168.105, solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes. **Operation as a collector's item includes: (1) transportation for a collector vehicle club activity, exhibition, tour, parade, or similar use; and (2) operation on Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset.**

The highlighted text of the bill stipulates that **collector cars may not be driven on weekdays** except for activities related to club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, or similar uses. These uses exclude a warm summer evening drive to get ice cream, a run up the St. Croix Valley, an evening dinner at the winery, or a quick run to the coffee shop or grocery store. Vehicle operation after sunset is prohibited.

How do you feel about this?

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2026 Red River Rendezvous

June 11 - 13, 2026

Selkirk, MB



Join us June 11th to 13th, 2026 in Selkirk, MB for the 34th Annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous! Returning to a Manitoba location for the first time since Pinawa in 2008.

Check back often as more details will be added as planning continues.

Presented By



We are now in the final two months until Rendezvous 2026 in Selkirk! We encourage you not to delay registering as a late fee will be applied to any registrations submitted after May 11th. Also, there is a seating capacity limitation on the room the Saturday Banquet is being held in. While we are hopeful that it will be big enough to hold everyone, tickets will be allocated based on order of registration. For both reasons, we suggest you register early.

Everyone that has registered should have received an email from me via the "registration@rendezvous2026.com" email address indicating that their registration and payment was processed. If you have not received such an email it may mean that your registration has not been received. If in doubt, don't hesitate to send a message to registration@rendezvous2026.com to confirm.

Reminder that the host hotel is now fully booked. That is over 80 rooms filled with fellow vintage sports car enthusiast! If you have a room booked but your plans change, please do not cancel your room before checking with your fellow club members, or us, to see if there is someone that would like to take your reservation. Room cancellations with the hotel will be available for anyone to book, and we would like to ensure that fellow Rendezvous attendees have first chance at them. There are still rooms available at the alternate hotel if you have not yet made a booking. Information for that hotel, as well as general event information, can be found on the event web site, <https://rendezvous2026.com/>.

We look forward to seeing you to Selkirk this June!
Chad Edwards
2026 Rendezvous Organizing Committee



Join Us for an
Austin Healey Club
Summer Lunch

Wednesday, July 29th, 2026
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM



Join us for a scenic lunch at:



Prior Lake Horse & Hunt Club
Prior Lake, MN

Enjoy Great Food and Classic Cars!



RSVP Today!

We hope to see you there!

mjmiron@frontier.com

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: **Prior Lake Horse & Hunt Club**

2920 220th St E, Prior Lake, MN 55372



Date and Time: Sunday, September 13, 2026, 8:00 AM until Friday, September 18, 2026, 5:00 PM Central Time (US & Canada) (UTC-06:00)

Join us for the 50th anniversary of AHCA's treasured national event—a golden milestone of fellowship, driving, and Healey heritage. This year's celebration takes us to Galena, Illinois, a historic town set amid one of the most geologically fascinating landscapes in the country: the Driftless Region.

The Driftless Difference Unlike much of the Midwest, the Driftless Region escaped the flattening effects of the last Ice Age. The result is a landscape of dramatic bluffs, winding rivers, and valleys that feel more like the Appalachians than the prairies. For Healey drivers, this means one thing: roads with character. Tight curves, rolling climbs, and breathtaking vistas make this a driver's paradise—without needing to trek to the mountains or coasts.

Why Galena? Galena itself is a jewel—rich in history, with 19th-century architecture, cozy restaurants, and boutique shops just a short drive from our host venue at Eagle Ridge Resort. It's the perfect base for a week of spirited driving, good company, and new adventures.

Highlights of the Week • Scenic Touring: Discover the Driftless Region on curated drives designed for Healeys. • Driving Fun: Autocross, funkhana, and other events to test both skill and creativity. • Austin-Healey Car Show on the river: Celebrate Healey beauty on the show field with the Mississippi and downtown Galena as the backdrop. • First-Timers Meetup: A special welcome for newcomers—get connected from day one. • Explore Galena: Wine tastings, walking tours, and cultural outings for those looking to explore off the road. • Banquet & Awards: Close the week with a celebration of 50 years of Healey gatherings.

Join Us Be part of history. Registration is open now! We look forward to seeing you at a Conclave 50 - 2026

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa

Eagle Ridge Website

444 Eagle Ridge Drive
Galena, IL 61036
USA
800.892.2269

[Register here](#)

2027 European Healey Meeting

At the Healey Museum this summer, Jeff Johk heard about the next Europe Healey meeting coming in 2027. He knows more than a couple Australians who have in the past shipped their Healeys to Europe and raved about this event. Great Europe scenery, great people and great driving experience in their Healeys. If you ever want to see Europe in your Healey ... this is it. Jeff brought home this great poster.





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) _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____ Original Owner (Y/N) _____

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 55119

MAHC 2026 Calendar

Day	Date(s)	Description	Time	Place
Tues	21-Apr	Austin Healey National Media Day		
Sat	TBD	Tech Session working on upper end of Wetzel car		Rixen house
Sat	26-Apr	Cars & Caves		Chanhassen Motorplex
Thurs-Sun	1-4 May	Gingerman VSCDA Raceway & School		South Haven, Michigan
Sat	2-May	Cassman Garage Tour		Dave Cassman Garage Columbia?
Wed	6-May	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Tues	12-May	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Wed-Fri	13-15 May	VSCDA Spring Brake Drivers' School		
Fri-Sun	15-17 May	VSCDA Gingerman Race		
Fri-Sun	15-17 May	SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend		Road America Elkhart Lake
Sun	16-May	Intermarque Kickoff	1:00 PM	Osseo, MN
Sat-Sun	23-24 May	Harvey West Memorial Day Classic Races		Brainerd International Raceway
Wed	3-Jun	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	6-Jun	Curt Carlson Garage Sale		Curt Carlson house
Tues	12-Jun	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Thurs-Sat	11-14 Jun	Rendezvous		Selkirk, Manitoba
Fri-Sun	19-21 Jun	Blackhawk VSCDA		South Beloit, Illinois
Sat	27-Jun	Ice Cream Social		Selma's Afton/? Delano
Sun	28-Jun	Intemarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	1-Jul	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Thurs	3-Jul	Donald M Healey's Birthday 1898		
Tues	14-Jul	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Thurs-Sun	16-19 Jul	WeatherTech WIC		Elkhart Lake Road America
Wed?	Jul	Miesville Baseball Game		
Sat or Sun	? Jul	BBQ/Potluck and Drive		Wetzel House
Sun	26-Jul	Intemarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	29-Jul	Summer Lunch	11:30 AM	Prior Lake Horse & Hunt Club
Wed	5-Aug	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Tues	11-Aug	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Sat	1 or 8 Aug	Brit Fest	AM	Hudson WI
Fri-Sun	14-16 Aug	Grattan VSCDA racing		Grattan Michigan
Sun	16-Aug	Wetzel BBQ & Drive		Wetzel House
Sat-Sun	29-Aug	Jack Pine Sprints VSCR racing		Road America Elkhart Lake
Sun	23-Aug	Intermarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Wed	2-Sep	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill

Sat	1 or 8 Aug	Wheels and Wings		Osceola
Tues	8-Sep	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Sun-Fri	13-18 Sep	Conclave 2026		Galena IL
Fri-Sun	18-20 Sep	Ariens VSCDA Vintage Weekend	8:00 - 5:00	Elkhart Lake Road America
Sat	26-Sep	Waumandee Time Trials		Alma/Waumandee WI
Sat	26-Sep	InterMarque Lift Garage Car Show?		
Sun	27-Sep	Intermarque picnic	1:00 PM	Cherokee Regional Park
Sat	3-Oct	Herreid Pizza Party		Herreid Afton House
Wed	7-Oct	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Fri-Sun	9-11 Oct	Ozarks VSCDA Racing		Ozark International Raceway
	12-16 Oct?	Two-day Color Tour		
Sat	? Oct	BMC Stiff Upper Lip		
Tues	13-Oct	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Sat or Sun	?	MG Fall Color Tour		
Wed	4-Nov	PIE	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Sat	6-8 Nov	National AH Club Delegates Meeting		Indianapolis, IN
Tues	10-Nov	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Sat	14-Nov	Annual Meeting and Banquet	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Wed	2-Dec	2027 PIE and Planning Meeting	6:00 PM	Joseph's Grill
Tues	8-Dec	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Mon-Fri	7-11 Jun 2027	Austin Healey 75th Anniversary Meet		Lake Tahoe, CA

InterMarque Breakfasts

Contact Todd Bjercknes to be added to email list for the week's location
 RSVP to
 tbjercknes46@gmail.com

InterMarque Newsletter

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

Marketplace

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.

Free! Contact Fred at 218-348-3178.

- Four sets of ceramic-coated manifolds.
- Upper and lower radiator hoses, Kevlar variety.
- 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.

