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MAHC Healeys and Minnesota Triumph club cars lined up in the parking lot of the Rustic Roots Winery during the July 11 tour that Steve and Kim Rixen led.

Upcoming Events

Sun	26 Jul	Intermarque Picnic
Wed	29 Jul	Lunch Prior Lake Horse & Hunt Club
Wed	5 Aug	PIE
Sat	8 Aug	Brit Fest
Tues	11 Aug	Plains Zoom Tech Session
Fri-Sun	14-16 Aug	Grattan VSCDA Racing
Sun	16 Aug	Wetzel BBQ & Drive
Sun	23 Aug	Intermarque Picnic
Sat-Sun	29-30 Aug	Jack Pine Sprints VSCR Racing
Wed	2 Sep	PIE

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PIE

(President's Informal Evening)

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 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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Rustic Roots Winery Drive and Tour

by the Prez, Steve Rixen

These photos are from the July 11 Minnesota Triumph/Minnesota Austin Healey tour to Rustic Roots Winery just north of Marine on St Croix. The tour started in Centerville and wound through 45 miles of lovely Township and County roads, many fully canopied by trees, thankfully, because it was a warm sunny day.

Despite the warm temperatures, no classic car problems were reported, and all made it through to parking, as you can see in the photos. A few participants drove directly to the winery. Total attendance was 10 Healey owner vehicles and 13 Triumphs.

Healey participants were Steve and Kim Rixen, who guided the tour, Gary and Eileen Wetzel, Charlie Klima, Greg Lauser, John and Karen Frolich, Phil and Steffanie Dawson, Dick and Sally Leininger, Fred Ambli and Sandie Svenson, Bryan and Ann Johnson, and Greg and Susanne Willodson. If I have missed anyone, please remind me.

As you see in the photos, we arrived early enough to get Rock Star Parking and quick service with our 11:40 arrival. The Winery is a great venue with outdoor seating in a covered pavilion, many picnic tables on the grass under trees and other patio tables and indoor, air-conditioned tables as well.



PIE Meeting Notes 6/3/2026

by Charley Klima

What we did last month

- Intermarque picnic last week. Slim Healey participation.

What we will do next month and beyond

- June 27th is take a picture with your car at an ice cream shop day and post it on social media (such as Facebook or Instagram)
- Back to the 50's is June 19-21. Recommend going in Friday.
- Intermarque Spring Kickoff in Osseo MN on May 27, 2027, will feature Austin Healey
- Dawson electrical tech session to be scheduled.
- Tech session June 9th at 7pm via Zoom.
- Dave Cassman looking to reschedule his open garage/tech session.
- Rendezvous next month.
- Registration open for Conclave in Galena September 13-18.
- Matt has arranged an event at Horse and Hunt Club July 29 11-1pm.
- Celebration of Life for Mike Lynch 6/20 at 4pm at Celtic Center in St Paul.
- Charley proposed a drive to Hungry Hollow engine show 6/28. Info forthcoming.
- Steve Rixen Rustic Roots Winery drive July 11 at 10am.

What do you want to talk about?

- Steve proposed a youth auxiliary.
- Liz is looking for a new treasurer. Anyone?

Attendees: Dave Herreid and Daphne Walmer, Steve Rixen, Charley Klima, Eric Wesman, Scott McQueen, Jim Koktavy, Greg and Suzanne Willodson, Rich and Liz Stadther, Phil Dawson, Dick Leighninger, Phil Ethier, Matt Miron, Dave Cassman, John Hatzung, Jeff Lombard, Jeff Johnk, Jim Manion, Kate and Clarence Westberg.

PIE Meeting Notes 7/1/2026

by Charley Klima

What we did last month

- Rendezvous happened, lots of rain
- Blackhawk race attended by a handful of our members. Phil didn't need a tow.
- Scott McQueen in England testing his new car
- Ice Cream Social runs 6/27 through 7/6

What we will do next month and beyond

- Steve and Kim Rixen Rustic Roots Winery drive July 11 at 10am.
- Wick WeatherTech race at Elkhart Lake coming up
- Intermarque Spring Kickoff in Osseo MN on May 27, 2027, will feature Austin Healey
- Tech session July 14th at 7pm via Zoom.
- Intermarque Picnic 7/26 at Cherokee Park
- Registration open for Conclave in Galena, IL September 13-18.
- Matt Miron has arranged an event at Horse and Hunt club in July 29 11-1pm. Please RSVP to Matt 651.895.2589 by this coming Friday, July 3.

What do you want to talk about?

- Trip being discussed to Meisville for baseball game and a burger
- Liz is looking for a new treasurer. Anyone?
- Steve and Charley investigating options for the club newsletter. More info coming.

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Red River Rendezvous Recap

by **Kim Rixen**



When we left home Wednesday afternoon, it was 80 degrees and sunny—a perfect day for driving our '92 Mazda Miata north to Detroit Lakes to meet up with Suzanne and Greg Willodson, Lisa and John Hatzung, and a group from the Minnesota MG Group on our way to the Red River Rendezvous

in Selkirk, Manitoba.

As we were sitting inside having dinner at a pub in DL, clouds snuck in and the downpour began, leaving behind a double rainbow. It was a harbinger of things to come.

Winding tour of Winnipeg

The next day, we had five hours of driving. The six of us decided to find a late lunch/early dinner in Winnipeg. I found a place in a really cool neighborhood in the city. We got there, but getting back on the highway north wasn't easy.



Upper: Kim and Steve Rixen

Lower: Suzanne and Greg Willodson

Because we were in Canada, the GPS on our phones wasn't working. We knew where we needed to go, but we got tangled up in one-way streets that didn't go north or south. We probably spent half an hour driving around a one-square-mile section of town. We even got on a busway trying to get on the other side of some railroad tracks.

A warm welcome

We did get to Selkirk in time for the meet and greet at the golf club. It was great to reunite with friends and share stories about the drive north. The Canadians were especially happy to see us. They kept telling us through words and actions how much they love their American neighbors.



Welcome party – Our hosts, the Austin Healey Club of Manitoba, the British Car Club of Manitoba, and the Mid-Canada Mini Group, welcomed us and saluted the first-timers.

The Canadians made us welcome the entire time. If we needed help with a car, they were there for us. If we were looking for some thing or some place, they got us there. They provided kind words and sympathetic hugs when we needed them.

What was really cool was the fact that more people from Manitoba were there than usual. Manitoba is a big place, and one person drove something like 400 miles to get to Selkirk.

But back to the car stuff. On Friday, we had three optional tours – one to Lower Fort Garry, one to the Aviation Museum, and another to Gimli. We opted for Gimli. We started out with a walking tour led by MGB GT owner Cynthia Moorby. She showed us the places of interest and told us about the history. Even though the wind came up and it started raining hard, we stuck with the tour to the end. It was worth it.



The Gimli Seawall Gallery

The Gimli Sea Wall was most impressive. In 1997, local artists began transforming the drab, grey wall into an outdoor gallery showcasing works that tell the story of the town. We also discovered Gimli's connection to Iceland and why it's called Little Iceland. We also learned about the Gimli Glider, a 767 flying from Montreal to Edmonton that lost both of its engines mid-air at 40,000 feet. The pilot, Captain Bob Pearson, was an experienced glider pilot. He decided to land at Gimli, which had a World War II airfield that has since been converted to a racetrack.

Pearson was able to land and none of the 69 passengers and crew were killed or injured. Today, a small museum honors the history of the Gimli glider. It features some of the parts, a video made about the event that included interviews with the pilot, crew, and passengers, and a simulator, where you can try landing the glider.

The museum is the passion of two local women. They started it, have procured parts and stories, and raise money for it. Captain Pearson is in his 90s and still comes back for events. It kept raining on the way back to Selkirk, so our picnic dinner got moved to the host hotel indoors. The hotel staff and caterers were great about accommodating our impromptu picnic.



Exploring Selkirk

The next day, we did the poker run, which followed the Red River. (Selkirk was once known as the Red River Colony.) We were in awe of the flooding we saw there and on the way to Gimli. Farm fields looked like ponds, and trees and big branches were down. They had had a storm come through a few days before we arrived. They got eight inches of rain and had strong winds (almost tornadic).

We passed some impressive homes and the St. Norbert Arts Center, once a home for Trappist monks, where we stopped and drew a poker card.

We took the walking tour when we got back to Selkirk. It featured murals painted on buildings throughout the downtown. We skipped the car show because it was cold and very windy (yes, we brought waterproof jackets and umbrellas, but we were done by then), opting instead to go back to the hotel and socialize.



Upper left: Flooding along the Red River between Selkirk and Gimli.

Upper right: Downed trees and branches near Selkirk.

Lower right: Banquet—Until next time!

The sun started to come out in time for the banquet. It was our last chance to see everyone before we started back to our respective homes. It was bittersweet, as it looks like we won't have another Rendezvous until 2028 in Thunder Bay.

In the meantime, we'll remember our time in Selkirk and the friends we made and got reacquainted with. After all, it's not the cars that keep bringing us back, it's the people.



John and Lisa Hatzung's Miata got into a staring contest



Tom Politiski with the Sprite he donated to the Manitoba Austin Healey Club. The car was a project. The club reassembled it and sold it to help recoup costs from the Rendezvous that were cancelled because of Covid and the hotel fire.

Mike & Gloria Lynch – Celebration of Life & Remembrance

by Curt
Carlson



Ten members of the Austin Healey club came together on Friday, June 19, to celebrate the lives of Mike and Gloria Lynch at the Celtic Junction Irish Arts Center in St. Paul. For as long as I

can remember, Mike and Gloria had been strong, active members of the Healey club. They were also beloved members of the Jaguar club. Many Jaguar club members were in attendance as well, and the evening was full of Irish music, great food, wonderful memories, lots of laughter, and a few tears too.

The evening started with Irish music from a wonderful kid's Irish group, *The Redwing Ensemble*. An adult Irish group *An Luan*, based in St. Paul, finished out the music portion of the event. After the family offered some special memories and honors to Mike and Gloria, the floor was open to whoever wished to share. Holly Richmond of the MNJaguar club offered up some wonderful stories of the Lynches and their commitment to the Jag club. Eileen Wetzel from the Healey Club did the same, as did a few more from the audience. Listening to the stories, I thought I had known Mike and Gloria well for the past 30 years. But clearly there was so much more than what I knew. They both were incredible people, with hearts as big as the sun and a lifetime of service to the things they were passionate about. We grieve and cry at funerals because we feel a sense of loss and the realization that the joy of time spent with those we love and appreciate has come to an end. But the memories of those times we had together live on forever and last for our eternity.

Healey Club members in attendance included: Steve & Kim Rixen, Greg & Nancy Lauser, Curt Carlson, Geoff & Diane Rossi, Gary & Eileen Wetzel, and Gene Berghoff.

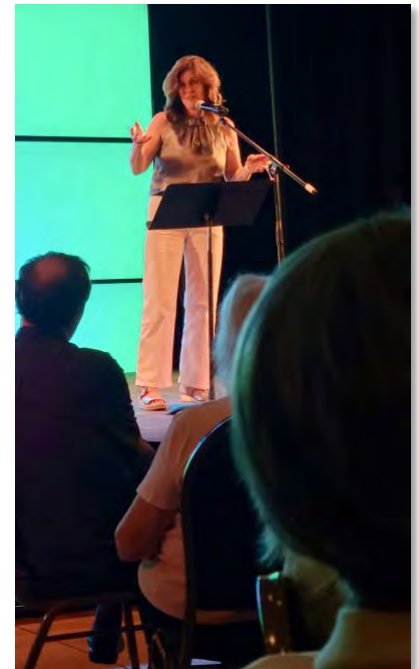


The evening concluded with an Irish song of remembrance.

*Of all the money that ere I had, I spent it in good company.
And of all the harm that ere I've done, alas was done to none but me.
And all I've done for want of wit, to memory now I cannot recall.
So fill me to the parting glass. Goodnight and joy be with you all.*

*Of all the comrades that ere I had, they're sorry for my going away,
And of all the sweethearts that ere I had, they wish me one more day to stay,
But since it falls unto my lot that I should rise while you should not,
I will gently rise and I'll softly call, "Goodnight and joy be with you all!"*

*Oh, if I had money enough to spend and leisure time to sit awhile
There is a fair maid in this town that sorely has my heart beguiled
Her rosy cheeks and ruby lips, she alone has my heart in thrall.
So fill me to the parting glass. Goodnight and joy be with you all.
So fill me to the parting glass. Goodnight and joy be with you all.*



Above: Eileen Wetzel talks about Mike and Gloria.

Left: Among a myriad of kind acts, Mike Lynch acted as chauffeur for Curt Carlson's wedding.

Winona Steamboat Days Car Show

by Cliff Black



The car show season is upon us, and there are simply too many of them to attend them all. The Viking Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America centered in Winona participates in five or six shows during the driving season. This year's Winona Steamboat Days car show on June 20 fielded more than 200 cars, most of which, of course, were Detroit Iron. That import/domestic imbalance is to be expected in the Upper Midwest, but I get frustrated by my Healey getting hidden by monstrous Chevys and Fords. This year there were only two imports: my 1962 Austin-Healey BT-7 tri-carb and a VW Beetle convertible. The two TR-6s in my club were no-shows this year. \Nonetheless, a favorite non-Healey of mine is friend Tom Klink's 1933 Plymouth, which is a gem and a very capable runner, able to cruise effortlessly at 60+ mph. Here's the Healey and the Plymouth at the show. Only immediate similarities: six cylinders and wire wheels. Everything else is delightfully different.



Wednesday, July 29th, 2026

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Join us for a scenic lunch at:



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.



Marketplace

1980 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite for Sale



Amateur restore in 1985. Original 948cc and trans.

Both strong. New seats, carbs, starter, gas tank.

Minor corrosion at bonnet seams; one quarter size rust through lower right side. NOT a barn-find "rust bucket."

Includes good top, side curtains, tonneau.

Asking **\$4,500.**

Located at Clear Lake, IA

Contact Jim Tjaden (641) 430-9985 or linda50428@yahoo.com.

Marketplace

1980 Triumph TR7 convertible with a Dolomite Sprint engine for sale, 67,000 miles



The Sprint engine that I bought in 2009 from Richard Truett is the performance engine Triumph intended for the TR7. I have a lot of manuals, parts, and even an original Triumph TR7 Sprint Handbook. Richard wrote about this engine in *The Vintage Triumph Magazine* #93 in the spring of 2005, which I can share with you.

The car's body is in good shape; it a few spots of surface rust. The seats, carpet, and top have been replaced.

The car sports Wilwood brakes, sport suspension, 15" Minilite style wheels, and low mile tires.

Lots of spare Sprint parts and the original engine on a stand.

The car is currently not running; it needs the newly rebuilt distributor to be installed, a new battery, and the like.

Asking: \$6,000 as is

Contact: Dave Herreid at david.herreid@gmail.com or 651-334-3879.

Marketplace

Cars for Sale by Don Heath, 612-616-4369,
Donrose96@msn.com

1957 MGA 1500 roadster with 106,000 miles

- Red with black Robbins top and Moss interior.
- Owned since 1976
- It does have a gas leak and has been stored for the last few years.
- Asking \$18,000 or best offer



2000 Honda S2000 in Silverstone Metallic

- Four-speed 240 hp with 31,000 miles.
- 240 hp with a 6-speed transmission.
- Black top and interior.
- Good tires.
- Fun care to drive.
- Asking \$34,000.



**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
Sun	26-Jul	Intermarque 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	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	29-30 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
Tues	8-Sep	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Sat	12-Sep	Wheels and Wings		Osceola
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
Sat	10-Oct	BMC Stiff Upper Lip		
Tues	13-Oct	Plains Zoom Tech Session	7:00 PM	
Sat or Sun	17-Oct	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 Bjerknes
to be added to email list
for the week's location
RSVP to
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1967 Austin Healey 3000 for sale, NEW PRICE. I have been the second owner since 1984. I have driven it to Conclaves in Colorado, Michigan, Quebec, and Illinois. Dr. Ernie recently rebuilt the engine, and Dan Iburg just overhauled the overdrive, so it is ready for the road. HBJ37328 is a bit cosmetically impaired with some dings and dents and minimal rust, and one repaint from years ago before I owned it. Original top and interior, but the carpeting is shot. Originally listed at \$38,500; I am now ready to listen to offers that are reasonable and respectful. Contact Tom Politiski at 218-841-1070.

