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## The President's Report

By Tom Moerke

Oh, what a great Annual Banquet and Meeting we had, thanks to President Mike Manser, Membership Director Curt Carlson, Mike Martin, and many others. The program was very amusing. In his normal life does Curt Carlson have something to do with maps?

Before dinner it was announced that the club would pick up half the cost of the dinner. We can thank the Board of Directors and President Manser for that.

The door prizes were wonderful! I can speak with authority on the subject. I had two winning tickets, one of which was a large picnic basket filled with goodies. Can you believe two large wine bottles, two very large etched wine goblets, an Austin-Healey key fob, two stoppers for wine bottles, little things you put around your wine glass to identify yours, and an order form for a free wind shirt, which was the most expensive item of regalia the club offers.

Just to mention this makes me sound greedy, doesn't it. But I want to thank the person who selected and put together this wonderful package. My other winning ticket was pretty good too.

The auction was fun. I made the mistake of rubbing my nose and became the successful bidder on a steering wheel cover. Thank goodness I didn't make the same mistake on some of the high buck items.

I have to mention the wonderful table decorations all of which were made by Jan Huston. Very nice!

Club elections were held with Jim Kriz becoming the new Membership Director, Wayne Soderbeck and Mike Manser became Board of Directors members, Rod Richert became Vice President, and I became President.

I want to thank all club members for their support this past year when I was vice president.

I had a great time and I'm looking forward to the coming year.

Already some club members have told me of some exciting plans they have for events. By the time you read this our planning meeting on Dec. 1st will probably be over, but I'm sure we'll have a big turnout with lots of good events planned.

See you all at PIE Dec.5th at Ft Snelling Officers Club

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## PIE (President's Informal Evening)

**Date:** Wednesday December 5th

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

**Place:** Fort Snelling Officers Club

This location is on Hwy. 5 (east of I-494) on the southeast side of the Mpls./St. Paul Intl. Airport. Exit at the Post Road ramp, turn south (east) towards the river and proceed on to the road heading for the park, take the first left and wind around to the Officers Club building.

Come and enjoy refreshments and/or food with the friendly club members, catch up on news & events, and discuss cars & restorations.

## PIE REPORT

By Tom Moerke

PIE on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> was lots of fun

The meeting was attended by Herb Miller, Larry Nimmerfroh, Dan Powell, Jeff Lumbard, John Snyder, Ron Carazzo, Curt Carlson, Kim Kiser, Steve Rixen, Jan Huston, Wayne Soderbeck, Michael Manser, Gary Ronning, Barb Ronning, Bob Featherly, Rich Stadther, Liz Stadther, Greg Lauser, Mike Martin, Dale Martin, June Moerke, and Tom Moerke.

Much of the meeting was devoted to discussions on what, if anything, the club should do with the money in the club's checking / savings account. President Michael Manser explained there is no need to do anything but he thought a "rainy day fund" might be a good idea. Jan Huston felt the club could have very good PR by giving handicapped children rides in vintage sports cars, Healey's of course. Greg Lauser thought the club could donate money to the Make A Wish Foundation. President Manser decided to bring this issue to the Board of Directors for their decision and thoughts on this matter.

Herb Miller showed people his "big brakes for spridgets". This is a late model Spitfire rotor and an MGB caliper. All Sprite and Midget drivers would love to have this on their cars.

Everyone was looking forward to the Annual Banquet on Sat. , Nov. 17th and the Planning Session on Dec 1st.

**NEXT PIE IS DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AT  
FORT SNELLING**

## Breakfast at the Peg

This casual event every Saturday morning about 8:00 continues to be very popular! Great food, reasonable prices, & friendly LBC car enthusiasts make it a great place to keep in touch. **Meet in the room added on just for us!!** The location again is:

**The Square Peg Diner  
2021 East Hennepin Ave. Mpls.**



**TECH TIP:** by Ernie West    **Out Of Sight Out Of Mind**

That's kind of like forgetting your anniversary or your wife's birthday. The penalty can be severe. It's like the little things that don't have any "flashing red light" that still can cause you a lot of grief. So it's up to you to look for them and give them the attention they need. In years past, cars came with a maintenance book that spelled out every conceivable thing that needed service based on either or both time and mileage.

With my wife's new car there is practically nothing to do for 100,000 miles except change the oil and filter, and rotate the tires every 6,000 miles.

Apply that to your 39 Packard, 55 Chev, MGA, Jaguar E-Type, or Triumph and you'll be walking more than driving.

On a recent 160 mile trip to Fargo, ND. In our Jaguar powered 46 International pick-up, we enjoyed the first half at the normal 70 MPH plus five speed. But on our way back that slowly diminished to 55 MPH or so. The reason: A fuel filter that hadn't been changed for 14 years. Out of sight, out of mind.

If you own and drive an older collector vehicle, do yourself a favor and get out the handbook, call a mechanic that's familiar with your car, or go on-line and find out what the maintenance schedule and list is for your car. You'll be surprised at what needs attention and how often. These vintage cars had lube points and fluid levels everywhere. Some possible areas are: rear axle bearings, u-joints, spring shackles, king pins, tie rod ends, drag links, idler arms, shock links, brake cables, speedo and tach cables, generators, distributors, water pumps, door hinges and latches, brake and clutch linkage or pivots, starter bushings, carb dashpots, etc. Then there's all those fluid levels: transmission, rear end, brake and clutch fluids, steering sector, some idler arms, radiator, and some shock absorber reservoirs. Then there are the adjustments: Distributor dwell, ignition timing, belt adjustments, clutch adjustment, brake shoe adjustment, and throw in the multitude of carb adjustments like, hot idle speed, fast idle speed, choke mixture, choke pull off setting, hot idle mixture, float level, and throttle let down dash pot. And don't forget the fuel and air filters.

At this point, let me ask you. Are you sure you wished they built cars today like they did in the "good old days"?

Me neither.

Safe motoring!!!!!!!

DEAD LAKE MOTORS

## The VP REPORT by Rod Richert

My thanks for all the welcoming arms at the club banquet at the Fort Snelling officer's Club.

Years ago, the first time I drove to the officer's club, I missed the tiny orange sign directing one left from the Ft. Snelling State Park road. A couple of tenths of a mile in, I realized I'd missed the turn, so I turned around and headed back. Again missing (this time the back of) the little orange sign, I turned left at the top of the hill and drove deep into the woods. Well, that obviously wasn't right as the road changed from blacktop to gravel two lane ruts ending at a ten foot fence topped by a sign describing the undesirable consequences of trespassing upon a secure military facility. I really knew I was at the end of the proverbial road (!) when military security pulled up behind me. Would that be the M.P.s? My military experience is limited to two years as a civilian in Germany helping to fill the Fulda Gap.

But that's a different story for another time and I've got to come up with 24 of them in them in the next two years. I don't know if I have 24 stories much less 24 car stories! All the more reason to keep my eyes and ears to the road and attend as many events as possible. I would encourage everyone to do the same.

No rounds were fired those many days ago and Pat didn't have to appeal to Senator Durenberger's office to intervene, and I eventually made it to the event at the officer's club.

Meanwhile, back to the evening of Saturday, November 17, 2007. All the congratulations and encouraging words words show that the enthusiastic club members are who really make the club tick--not the officers. I'll be watching closely, Tom Moerke! Even after twenty years in the MAHC one doesn't necessarily pay attention to its inner workings. I've been too busy having fun!

## WELCOME TO OUR RECENT NEW MEMBERS

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## Events Schedule 2007

- December 1 \*\***      **Planning Breakfast** – (Sat) The schedule of events for 2008 will be on the agenda for this meeting. Tom Moerke has selected location to be same as last December, Old Country Buffet in Woodbury breakfast at 8:00am, meeting at 9:00am sharp see page 9 If you buy breakfast, you are allowed to eat lunch also included.
- December 5 \*\***      **PIE Meeting** – (Wed) Meet at 7:00 p.m. See page 3.
- December 8 \*\***      **Tech Session** – (Sat) – Dick Mathews will check into the possibility of our having a Tech Session at a local car museum in Long Lake, MN. Details to be advised at next PIE December 5th

## Events Schedule 2008

- June 5 – 8**            **Rendezvous 2008 Pinawa, Manitoba**  
Wilderness Edge Retreat and Conference, Pinawa, Manitoba, Canada  
Wilderness Edge is located one hour northeast of Winnipeg. This is the eighteenth annual Vintage Sports Car Rendezvous and will be all inclusive: room and meals. Hosted by Austin Healey Club of Manitoba. Info: Graeme Lowden 204-575-7043, Wilderness Edge Info:
- June 29 - July 4**      **Conclave 2008 San Diego**
- June 28 - Aug 3**      **VELOCITY: the Art of Motion**  
**Automotive Fine Arts Show in Hopkins, Minnesota**  
[http://www.hopkinsmncom/\\_hca/velocity.html](http://www.hopkinsmncom/_hca/velocity.html)

## Events Schedule 2009

- June 2009 \*\***        **Rendezvous 2009 Ashland, WI by MAHC**

\*\* Denotes MAHC official club activity

## **CHARITY EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS**

**By Tom Moerke**

I think Dale Martin was nervous that not enough people would show up for this event. With the help of an impassioned plea from Curt Carlson, there were plenty of willing helpers to package meals for hungry and / or starving children in third world countries.

Dale said 28 people showed up and also maybe a dozen girl scouts along with their leaders; enough that the group was able to put together over 14,000 meals! And it was fun!

There was a real assembly line set up with the first group filling a bag with scoops of corn, chicken, and rice. These packages were carefully weighed and more or less rice either added or removed from the package. Then Rod Richert, Jack Stein, and I would take turns heat sealing these packages, which were then carefully packed in a carton and sealed.

There were 6 or 8 of these lines set up so Jack, Rod, and I didn't really seal 14 thousand packages. This was all done in less than 2 hours and then we, most of us anyway, went off to an Old Chicago for lunch.

Thanks to Dale Martin for coordinating this event . Maybe he can be talked into doing the same next year



# MINNESOTA AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB

## REGALIA ORDER FORM



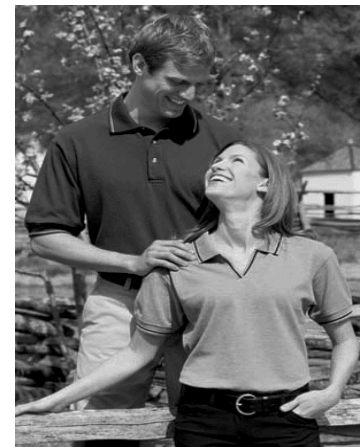
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#3 - Men's Jacquard Golf Shirt	Forest Grn	Front			\$ 28.50	
#4 - Men's Denim Shirt -Lg. Sleeve	Med. Blue	Frt&Back			\$ 34.00	
#5 - Men's Denim Shirt -Sh. Sleeve	Med. Blue	Front			\$ 23.00	
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#7 - Men's Micro-Fleece Shirt	Charcoal	Frt&Back			\$ 45.00	
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#10 -Women's Hooded Sweatshirt	Navy	Front			\$ 30.50	

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# Annual Planning Meeting

**December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am, breakfast 8:00 am.**  
**Old Country Buffet in Woodbury**  
**7433 Currell Blvd**  
**Woodbury, MN 55125**  
**651.739.3890**

## DIRECTIONS

FROM South of Mpls  
Take 494 east to Valley Creek Rd.  
Go east on Valley Creek Rd.  
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FROM East of Woodbury  
Take 94 West to 494 South  
Take 494 South to Valley Creek Rd.  
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Go east on Currell.

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Take 494 South to Valley Creek Rd.  
Go east on Valley Creek Rd.  
Go north on Queens Dr.  
Go east on Currell.



**Renewal procedure:**

- Local members or local members who desire to join the national organization may renew using the form below.
- Those members who are local and national will receive a notice each December from the national secretary instructing them to renew with the national form while updating any personal information. They should remit payment to the local membership director. The local membership director will process the membership and will forward the payment and information to the national organization for you. This method is preferred for local and national members and helps us keep our records up to date.
  - Membership dues are payable on January 1st of each year.
  - Renewals not received by February 28<sup>th</sup>, will be subject to a late fee of \$5.00. New members may join at any time.

Fill out the membership form and mail along with a check made payable to **MAHC** to:

MAHC Membership Director  
**Jim Kriz**  
**2000 Kenwood Parkway**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55405**

All memberships are considered dead if not renewed by April 1st.

**Membership / Renewal Form**

- Minnesota A-H Club**     New     Renewal .....    \$20.00
- Austin-Healey Club of America**     New     Renewal .....    \$40.00
- BOTH CLUBS** .....    \$60.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( )- - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( )- - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Receive Newsletter via email? Yes No

**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

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