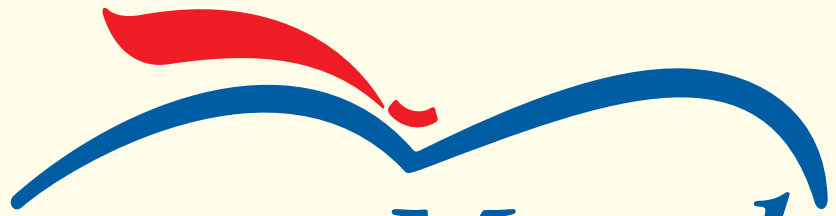


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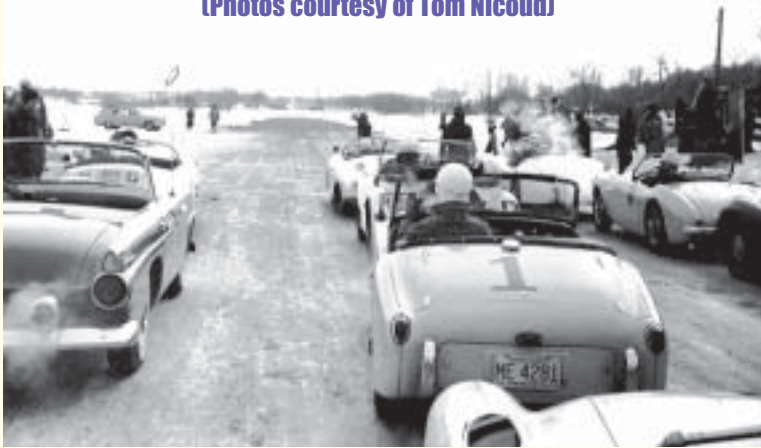
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The Way It Was! Lake Phalen in the mid-50's

Can anybody ID any of the drivers?
(Photos courtesy of Tom Nicoud)



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IMM on the Web: The Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club has posted the *InterMarque Monthly* on its website. Brent Kiser, web mechanic, tries to get new editions up as quickly as possible. For your *IMM* fix, click to www.mntriumphs.org.

Miscellaneous Mumblings

by Andy Lindberg, editor, publisher,
gopher

Ah winter . . .

The season when you put your car's sun visors down at noon. The season when you care more about how fast your car's heater will take you from zero to sixty degrees than how fast its engine will take you from zero to sixty miles per hour. And, speaking from personal experience, the season when vintage car enthusiasts can procrastinate on the projects that they put off from last summer.

Another new "club"

Last month we told you of the formation of the Mercedes Benz Pagoda group. This month we have received rumors that the "new" MINI group is kinda getting organized. (Note: This group is for people that drive year 2000+ MINIs; not another club for pre-2000 Minis.)

The "new" MINI group has existed for a couple years as an informal, e-mail message-linked, society. They've had informal get-togethers, tours, and have commiserated with one another's trials and travails. In many of their activities they have joined or been joined by the new and old Minis of the Mini-Sota Minis, Pizza Eating, and Psychiatric Self-Help Association.

Recently, however, some members of the informal group decided it would be nice to have a web site. This meant that they had to decide officially on their name plus their web site name (domain address). This generated a heap of e-mail traffic with the final result being the formation of the Mini Motoring Society with a web address of www.minimotoringsociety.com. While they don't yet have such superfluous positions as a president, somebody did take minutes of their meeting and a web site design team has been formed. Can by-

laws and Robert's Rules of Order be far off?

Good Deeds

Speaking of the Mini Motoring Society, try to catch the KARE 11 news on December 19. The Society intends to deliver a maxi load for Toys for Tots. If they get any camera time, they promise to be wearing MINI hats, carrying MINI toys, and behaving in a MINI manner (whatever that is).

In a less visible act of good citizenship, it appears the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club will adopt a state road someplace in Scott County and be out there three times a year picking up litter.

Two nice efforts. Let me know if your club has anything similar.

Australia/US Healey Challenge

As you may be able to deduct from looking at the calendar, our local friends spearheading the AUHC have had some trouble with track dates. While they had firm contracts in hand, the American LeMans series (more \$ for track owners) changed its dates (reportedly due to the French changing the date for the real LeMans). At any rate, the AUHC folks are quickly moving to new dates. It's been a real pain in the kiester for them, but the Challenge still promises to be an exciting show. We'll have "firm" dates soon and encourage you to attend.

Double-Secret Inter-Marque Council Meeting

A few weeks ago, the Inter-Marque Council got together in a St. Paul hideaway. Our correspondent crashed the meeting. Unfortunately, his pen ran out of ink and his memory is running on empty too. From what we can piece together from his disconnected ramblings, it ap-



pears that two items of business transpired.

First, Sunday, **MAY 22**, was selected for **SPRING KICKOFF 2005**. The event will be at the same location as last year.

Second, an informal inter-marque rally committee was formed. Its purpose is to share info and spread the word on how much fun it is to drive on the local sports car roads.

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Today's Tech Tip from Doctor Ernie

Subject: Some things to think about regarding the laws of physics.

What prompted my choice of this subject was the soft sounding thud of my knuckles trying to move the frame alongside of the drive shaft. I knew it was probably going to happen as I pulled harder and harder on the wrench when loosening the u-joint bolts. But being I was in a hurry, I thought that just maybe I could beat one of the basic laws of physics: kinetic energy.

Maybe at this point I should try to explain what some of these laws of physics are. Sometime back, some smart guy with more time on his hands than you and I came up with these ideas. I can't remember who it was, maybe Paul Harvey, Isaac Newton, or Henry the Eighth. But at any rate I suspect he was taking off u-joint bolts. These rules, more or less, state that things in motion tend to stay in motion, and things at rest tend to stay at rest. Then he threw in a couple more ideas that energy can be stored, like with a spring. Also that the speed of an object has a direct effect too.

Now back to the u-joint bolts. First off I was pulling on the wrench with maybe 70 pounds of pull. This means I had 70 pounds of pull that was stretching and bending bones, muscles, and tendons (I.E. the spring or stored energy) and at the exact moment the bolt cracked free, in spite of my intentions to stop pulling, the wrench and my knuckles were accelerating at a terrific rate. Enter now, the frame.



In this photo, Dr. Ernie ignores a basic law of physics at his own peril. The 2,900 lb. Jaguar is raised six inches above the ground on a rickety old lever jack. Kids, do not try this at home!

Well, you know the rest of the story, and as you might suspect I really regretted my decision to try to cheat the laws of physics. By now you should be getting the drift that this tech tip is about safety. You're right. Working on automobiles is a hobby or profession that is full of dangers.

One thing to consider also is time. If you are working alone, think of how long it might be before your wife or girlfriend (who's probably mad at you anyway) comes to check on you and tries to unwrap your fingers from under the fan belt or your arm from under the suspension a-frame. Maybe she's like my wife who can faint at the sight of a nosebleed. In which case she won't even get 911 dialed.

Or the next scenario: too much help. Don't laugh, it's happened, that some over-zealous help has decided to check to see if the car's in gear by just bumping the starter button (of course with the key on). Resulting in a new garage opening with a distinctive man silhouette. Or they decide to slam the trunk, hood, or car door without noticing where your hand is. If anything, more care needs to be

exercised if two or more people are working.

Let's revisit physics. It's not hard to visualize what damage a 400 to 700 pound motor can do if that motor is supported by your finger, but that same damage can be done by a much smaller object if it's propelled at high speed. The worst thing to come to my mind is the danger of belt driven radiator fans. Don't be tempted to

use the handy area on top of the radiator to lay your tools or nuts and bolts. Even at lower engine RPMS a bolt or tool can be ejected at bullet speeds. That gives you two examples: big and slow dangers and small and fast dangers.

Next some examples of stored energies: suspension springs are prime examples. It stands to reason if a spring can support its corner of a 2000 to 5000 pound car, it also has the potential to severe comparatively soft flesh and bone. My greatest caution is exercised when working in these areas. Make sure all spring tension is controlled or relaxed before unhooking or driving out that last bolt.

No warning about a mechanic's safety would be complete without mentioning two gasses. Ignoring the potential that exploding fuel presents can actually turn you into a projectile. And not heeding the warnings about carbon monoxide can find you assuming room temperature when your wife finally does decide to check on you.

P.S. The gender roles can be reversed in all these scenarios.

INTERMARQUE CALENDAR

INTERMARQUE SHOWS & EVENTS

JANUARY 22

John Natole Open House The former co-owner of GT Cars invites you to an open house at his new shop in Chaska. I think it's called the "Sports Car Shop" but I'm not 100% on that. Better info next month.

MARCH 12

GT Cars Open House The current owner of GT Cars invites you to an open house at the shop in Bloomington. Better info next month.

MAY 22, 2005



Noon to 4:30 p.m. Plymouth Radisson, Plymouth, MN. Same great deal as last year. Lots of cars, lots of fun. More details when I have more time to type them in!!

InterMarque Council Show & Banquet

MAY 28 - JUNE 5

British Car Week Location: everywhere that somebody has the guts to drive their Brit machine around. The object of this 9th annual event is to show folks that these old fogies can still get out and polka. So, if you've got one, drive it to Starbucks, drive it to Menards, drive it to work, or just drive it. The Queen Mum will appreciate it. Info: www.britishcarweek.org

MAY 31 & JUNE 1 - 2

Morgans Over America Stillwater, MN on May 31 and Duluth on June 1 and 2. Not really in intermarque event, but if you want to see a lot of these quirky cars, they'll interrupt their coast-to-coast odyssey for lunch in Stillwater and two nights in Duluth.

JUNE 12

Classic Car Club of America Show Rice Park, St. Paul, MN. Rumor is that, in addition to the impressive CCCA cars, the Minnesota Mercedes Club will also be showing their cars at roughly the same location.

JUNE 16 - 19

Vintage Sportscar Rendezvous 2005 - "Rally at the Rapids" Sugar Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids MN. To insure a room, call the Lodge now at 800-450-4555. Seventy-six rooms have already been reserved and there aren't that many of them left. Hosted by Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. Info: Greg Lauser 715-262-9813 glouser@presenter.com See the flyer for all the exciting details!!

AUGUST 13

Ellingson's ALL British Car Show & Swap Meet 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Ellingson's Car Museum, Rogers, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota MG Group. Info: Jim Pennoyer 763-536-5472

AUGUST 25 - 27

Paradise Shores - Rally in the Valley 2005 Location is Paradise Shores Resort in Wisconsin near Hayward. Tours, car shows, and visits to Al Capone's hideout. Event was so much fun last year that Steve and Diane Rindt have reserved every room in Paradise Shores for this year. OK, that's only 43 rooms but, hey, the entire lodge. Wowser! More info when I get it.

SEPTEMBER 10

Wheels & Wings Classic Motorbooks, Osceola, WI

RECURRING INTERMARQUE EVENTS

InterMarque Breakfast Every Saturday morning! Square Peg Restaurant, 2021 East Hennepin in the Hennepin Square Building. Humungous parking lot! Breakfast starts at 8:30 or whatever time you want to show up.

INTERMARQUE RACES, RALLIES, & TOURS

MARCH 19, 2005

InterMarque Go-Kart Challenge Pro-Kart Indoors in Blaine, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota Jaguar Club. A great way to lose your mid-winter stupor. More details when available.

APRIL 25

Novice Rally Nore info when available.

MAY 13 - 15

Australia/US Healey Challenge, Round 1 Road America near Elkhart Lake, WI Sanctioned by SVRA. This is the first in a series of five races between US Healey racers and their down-under counterparts. Other races are at Watkins Glen, VIR, Blackhawk Farms, and Mid-Ohio. Minnesotan Jeff Johnk is one of the key people behind this exciting race series. Info: www.auhc.net And if that isn't enough, Saturday night features a special appearance by **Sponge Bob Square Pants!!** You'd have to be a flounder not to be there.

This date will probably change! Hang tight for more info.

- MAY 14** **The Blossom Tour** Rain date: May 15. Everybody's welcome, from rusty Yugos to 100-point Rollers. A true inter-marque event hosted by Tom Hazen and the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. More info later.
- ~~**JUNE 17 - 19** **Australia/US Healey Challenge, Round 4** Blackhawk Farms near Rockford, IL. Sanctioned by VSCDA. This event was just scheduled for June 17-19, but was canceled six weeks and is the fourth in the series of five races between US Healey cars and their down-under counterparts. By the time they show up at Blackhawk, they will have completed races at Road America, Watkins Glen, and VIR. Info: www.auhc.net~~
- JULY 9** **Afton Alps Healey Hillclimb IV** Rain date: July 10. Full color flier and registration info after the first of the year.
- JULY 14 - 17** **Brian Redman International Challenge** Road America near Elkhart Lake, WI. Sanctioned by VSCDA. This is the biggest vintage race of the year in these here parts. Some of the best cars in the world will be there. Race car concours on Friday night; sports car concours on Saturday. In town and free to the public. It costs to see the races but it's worth it. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com
- AUGUST 20** **Healey Gymkhana** Brown & Bigelow parking lot, St. Paul, MN. Fast or slow, you'll enjoy a drive through the cones. If you go off course here, you won't have to call your insurance agent. Always a lot of interesting cars. More info later.
- SEPTEMBER 17 - 19** **Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** Elkhart Lake, WI. Sanctioned by VSCDA. The fall festival is always fun. Not as many expensive cars and pit poopsies as the BRIC, but not as crowded and much friendlier. The weather is usually better also. Info: www.vscda.org and www.roadamerica.com
- SEPTEMBER 24** **Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival** Rain date: September 25. Everybody's welcome, from rusty Yugos to 100-point Rollers. A true inter-marque event hosted by Tom Hazen and the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club. More info later.

MARQUE NATIONALS & UPPER MIDWEST REGIONALS

- JUNE 26 - JULY 1** **Carolina Conclave** Location: Winston Salem, NC. Austin-Healey Club of America. Host Club: Triad AHC. Info: Gary Brierton 336-249-8869 gbrierton@hotmail.com
- JULY 1 - 3** **Mini Meet East 2005** Location: Dublin, OH (near Columbus). Info: www.mme2005.com/como_home_001.htm
- JULY 7 - 10** **Great Northwest MG Adventure** Location: Olympia, WA. North American MGB Register 14th annual convention. Hosted by the MG Car Club Northwest Centre. One of the events is a tour to Mt. St. Helens, however, "due to the vagaries of nature and the temperameent of Mt. St. Helens" this tour may be changed. For info, see www.mg2005.com.
- JULY 26 - 30** **A Time for Triumphs** Location: Clock Tower Inn, Rockford, IL. Vintage Triumph Register National Convention. Event runs Tuesday afternoon through Saturday morning to give attendees more travel options. Hosted by the Illinois Sports Owners Association. Info: www.vtr2005.org
- AUGUST 25 - 29** **LOG 25** Location: St. Louis, MO. Lotus Owners Gathering
- JUNE 18 - 23, 2006** **Northeast Ohio Conclave** Location: Akron, OH. Austin-Healey Club of America. Info: Wayne Ward 440-235-8326 wardwe@aol.com
- JUNE 22 - 25, 2006** **MG2006** Location: East of the Mississippi. This is the every five year gathering of all MG's. Info: INFO@MG2006.com

REGULAR CLUB EVENTS

British Iron Society Informal gathering, every Saturday morning at Courtyard Cafe, 3105 North Broadway, Fargo, ND. Info: Don Carlson 701-293-6882

Mercedes Benz Club of America, Twin Cities Section Informal dinner and discussion, first Wednesday of the month, 6:45 p.m., Lion's Tap Restaurant, Hwy 212 and Cty Rd 4, Eden Prairie. Info: 952-829-0848

Minnesota Austin-Healey Club Pie and/or Pint With the President, **first Wednesday** of the month, 7:00 p.m. or before. Fort Snelling Officers Club. Info: Tom Hazen 612-237-1883 tom_hazen@adp.com or www.mnhealey.com

Minnesota MG T Register MG Luncheons, **every Tuesday**, 11:15 a.m. American Legion, 6501 Portland Avenue, Richfield. Info: Bob Figenskau 952-935-7909 or www.mnmgtr.com

Minnesota SAAB Club Monthly Meeting, **first Thursday** of the month, 7:30 p.m., the Whatzit near Har-Mar, the restaurant just as you turn in to the movie theaters. Info: Chris Luick 507-252-1888 or www.mnsaabclub.org

Minnesota Minis Pizza Eating and Psychiatric Self-Help Association Regular monthly meetings at irregular times and locations. Check www.mini-sota.com or cbaumann@kdiilink.net or 320-963-5681.

Minnesota Triumphs Monthly Meeting, **second Thursday** of the month (except Nov. & Dec.), 7:00 p.m., Fort Snelling Officers Club. Info: John Withrow 952-736-8391 or www.mntriumphs.org

The Regulars, twin cities vintage scooter club Semi-monthly gathering (weather permitting). **First and third Sunday** of the month, 2:00 p.m., Pizza Luce, Lyndale and 32nd in Minneapolis. Info: www.minnescoota.com

Stella del Nord chapter Alfa Romeo Owners Club Monthly Gathering, **second Monday** of the month, 7:00 p.m. Various locations. Info: Ed Solstad 612-822-0569 or esolstad@pressenter.com.

Twin Cities VW Club Monthly meeting, **first Wednesday** of the month, 7:00 p.m., West Side VW. Meeting usually lasts 30 to 45 minutes and attendees gather afterward at TGI Fridays on I-394. Info: www.twincitiesvwclub.com

START PLANNING YOUR NEXT RENDEZVOUS NOW!

It's never too early to start thinking about summer – summer 2005 that is. The Minnesota Austin Healey Club is hoping to see you again June 16-19 when it hosts Rendezvous 2005 – Rally at the Rapids – at beautiful Sugar Lake Lodge near Grand Rapids, Minn.

Those who attended Rendezvous 2002 know what a great setting and sumptuous food the lodge provides. A dozen rooms have been added to the main lodge building and we are planning some new wrinkles among the events, ensuring that there will be something new for everyone to enjoy.

For the first time, we'll have two car shows. The Friday popularity event will be in the center of downtown Grand Rapids around the Old Central School Square. The public will be encouraged to attend and vote for the best in each marque with ballots cast in the form of \$1 bills. All proceeds will be donated to a local community service group – Bridges Kinship Mentoring, a program for children 5-17 years old who, for a variety of reasons, need to develop trusting relationships with adults who can provide positive role models for their lives.

Saturday's lakeside car show will have owners of one marque selecting the most popular cars in another marque, so everyone will have the opportunity to appreciate and vote for vehicles from a marque they don't drive to Sugar Lake Lodge.

There will be Friday and Saturday driving events – optional driving tours, a rally and elapsed-time speed contest – a special Ladies Tea and plenty of parking lot tech talk.

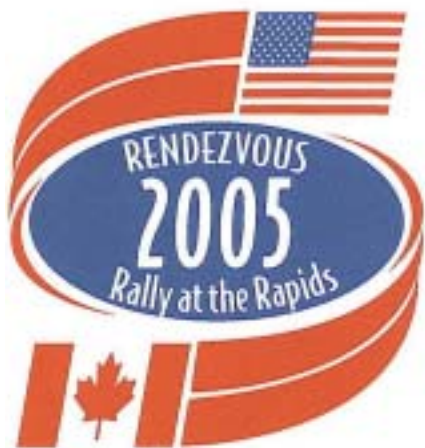
Best of all, will be the camaraderie among those attending. Plan now and send in the accompanying reservation form and fees to Fran Stein (her email and street addresses are on the reservation form).

Make room reservations by calling Sugar Lake Lodge at 800.450.4555. **Flash!! Hot news!! More rooms available!!** Good news for those planning to attend Rendezvous 2005 but who haven't yet made room reservations. In addition to 18 accommodations remaining at Sugar Lake Lodge, Barb Ronning convinced two motels in Grand Rapids to hold blocks of rooms for our gathering.

The Sawmill Inn – Ph: 800-804-8006 – is holding 30 rooms for us until May 16 at prices ranging between \$78 - \$84, plus tax. Ask for the "Rendezvous 2005" group rate on their rooms.

Next door to the Sawmill Inn, the Country Inn & Suites – Ph: 218-327-4960 – is holding 20 rooms for us until June 1 at a price of \$75 per room (accommodating from 1 – 4 people), plus tax. Ask for the "Rendezvous 2005" group rate on rooms there.

Both motels are closer to downtown Grand Rapids and about 12 miles from Sugar Lake Lodge. See you at Rendezvous 2005!



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Number Attending Saturday's Complimentary Ladies Tea _____

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Make checks to MN Austin Healey Club (U.S. funds) and send with completed form to:

Fran Stein, 6483 Bowman Circle, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Registration questions to: frannie.s@comcast.net. Other questions to: glauser@presenter.com

Cancellations before May 15, 2005, are subject to a \$10.00 fee. No refunds on or after May 15. After May 15, registration packages will be sent to those who paid but were unable to attend.

Call Sugar Lake Lodge directly for room reservations @ 1-800-450-4555.

This event is being hosted by the Minnesota Austin-Healey Club