

# JAGUAR CLUB *of Minnesota*



Superb cake again this year! Ken, looking pretty casual in those Foster Grants, and Ruth doing most of the lifting.



Jim Harris showing off his recent acquisition from the UK ... a lovely, comfy cozy Riley.

## Jaguar Minnesota 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Picnic



That FOMOCO 302 fits nicely in the Hawkinson's show quality E-type.



From left, Jerry and Mary Wolfe in front of their primrose E-type coupe, then new members Eric and Amanda Hawkinson in front of their brilliant silver Ford powered E-type coupe. Everyone knows the rest of the line up.

# PRESIDENTS' CORNER



## *Hello Again!!*

We've gone from one extreme to the other with our weather so far this year, and summer is finally here. So remember to cover your head from the beating sun when driving around with the top down.

We have had some fabulous events since our last newsletter. We had some snow for our Sweetheart Drive and Luncheon in April, but everyone seemed to have a great time in spite of the weather. The InterMarque Car Show and Banquet as always was a lot of fun and some of our club members received awards for their beautiful cars. The City Drive and Luncheon was a grand time even if some of us couldn't follow the directions -- we all found one another somewhere along the way. See what you've missed by not attending these events!

If you didn't attend the annual anniversary picnic, you missed the most splendid event. Our chefs (Mike and Gloria) and their assistants prepared their delicious ribs again. A new item on the menu, spicy pork chops, came from Wendy and Dick, and we also want to thank Sharon and Beth for standing over those hot grills to cook the hamburgers and brats for all to enjoy. I want to thank everyone that volunteered and those whom I called and asked to volunteer, because without you we couldn't have done it. Yes John - that means you, too, for all your support along the way!

We have a change to announce! Our Webmaster (Dick Jones) has turned over the baton! We can't thank him enough for the wonderful job that he has done with our website. He is always making those little tweaks to make it the BEST WEBSITE EVER. We will miss you and I know that you will lend a hand to our new Webmistress (Jill Bean) as she takes on this challenge.

Thank you Jill for adding this to your list of Jaguar activities. If you don't know, Jill is involved in the newsletter publication as well as doing many of our event flyers.

Remember to visit our website to check out the many pictures and the upcoming events.

Again, be safe and of good health, and I look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

*Elaine Brahms  
President  
Jaguar Club of Minnesota*

# JAGUAR CLUB PIZZA NIGHT



Satisfied customers!

For those of you who like Italian food of all types, you might want to check out Mansetti's in Shoreview sometime. A hardy dozen Jaguar members did just that on April 16 for our annual Spring Pizza Party hosted by Jim and Marcia Easton. Thanks again you two ... always fun to sit and enjoy Jaguar company on a leisurely week night. Good to see Ken Smith coming all the way from Victoria. Looking forward to next year's Pizza Party!!

Glenn Nickleski



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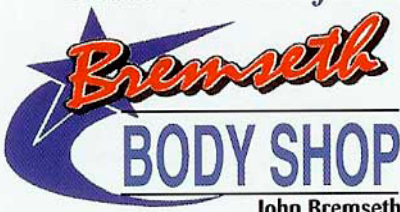
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# JAGUAR MINNESOTA RENEW

MAY 24



A nice curve of curvy Jaguars



Leader Dale Martin explaining the route. Note the Ford sign in the background. Perhaps an omen of sorts?

It was a great day for a drive through the parks and neighborhoods of the Twin Cities. Twelve cars and 26 enthusiastic Jag owners (and 1 grandson) met at the overlook for the Ford Dam on the Mississippi River in St. Paul. After coffee and treats and a few instructions we headed out along the river for a pleasant drive North for a few miles, then west to the Kenwood area, then on to the chain of lakes to end the Minneapolis part of the tour. On our return we crossed the Ford Dam Bridge into the Highland Park area, then down Summit Avenue to the Cathedral and Capital. Just over the Wabasha Bridge we pulled into Joseph's Grill for Lunch and Libation. Overall it was a great day for a pleasant drive through parts of the cities many had never before visited.

Dale Martin



After a hard morning on leather seats it's time for some refreshments. No Guinness for the youngster, though!!!



# Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off

Always one of my favorite events of the year is the Inter-Marque Spring Kick-Off. The Inter-Marque folks try and bridge the gap between various area car clubs. The kick-off event is one great way to try and accomplish this objective. This year the weather cooperated, many different marques were represented (officially 25!), and some Jags brought home (as well as delivered) some winning hardware.

All told the Jaguar Club had 10 cars at the show. John & Janet Rugeberg from Winona took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the hard top category with their great looking black 1973 E-Type Coupe. Dale and Barb Martin also took home as well as delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in the Master Class. Actually, they



*John & Janet Rugeberg's prize winning 73 E Coupe*



*Mike & Gloria Lynch's 59 Mk IX Saloon in full bloom*

*The "Master"... Dale & Barb Martin's 58 XK-150 FHC*



fabricated and delivered all the trophies for the event. Not only is Dale a Master Class winner, he is also a master class woodworker. He has been personally fabricating and supplying trophies for this event (and others) for many years now. Thanks, Dale and Barb!

This year none of my vehicles were in any kind of shape to drive to the event, so I reluctantly accepted a ride with a friend of mine owning a Triumph TR-8. Maybe next year I will campaign again for that coveted Unpolished Pearl award with (geez, most of my cars fit into that category!!). Guess I'd better spend more time in the garage.

Glenn Nickleski



*Custom fabricated dash in the "Master"*

*E-Type admirers must see Gene & Jana Berghoff's 61 E Roadster*



*What is that in the window of Daniel & Ann Buchen's 67 E Coupe?*



# RENDEZVOUS 2008

PINAWA, MANITOBA • JUNE 5,6,7

Group organization this year was quite impressive: Tom Moerke led from Stillwater to Virginia, then Int'l falls to Pinawa. We hosted a group from Rogers direct to Int'l Falls via 169. Gary Ronning & Tom Politiski left the D.L. area and came through Piney, meeting up with the British Iron boys from Fargo/Grand Forks. Four ladies in MG's came up behind us later Wednesday.

Since I had the winch trailer, everyone had my cell phone number, but of course there were no breakdowns since I had a full shop and spares in the Suburban. Our group started out with Gloria & I, Jan & John Rugeberg (E coupe), Dick Mathews (P356) and Sue & Joe Werner (Vet). We stopped in Grand Rapids at the Forest Lake Inn for lunch and the Thunderbird Resort for dinner. The Poppenhagens joined us for dinner and the Gillettes pulled in late.



Roger and Elaine's ever popular "People's Choice"



Mike and Gloria getting ready for the rally in their red Jag ...  
(errr, Austin Healey)

We all got the early start in the morning and had a beautiful drive with GOOD WEATHER up through Sioux Narrows/Kenora to Pinawa. The Werners forged ahead for their tee time and called us to change route for some very bad road on our proposed route.

All events went well with scattered showers, none of which even crimped our style. One hundred cars registered and it was quite the variety. Dirk Bolger brought his Mini Racer which did the Targa Newfoundland this year. He gave us a great presentation with large screen professional and car cam pictures of this beautiful, rough, and scary event. They placed 1<sup>st</sup> in class and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, the

best any rookies had ever done. Many cars DNF with mechanical failures or crashes.

Our Mr. Gillette won People's Choice in the jag class and is still trying to figure out how that happened. He and Elaine drove on to Saskatchewan to see relatives. All meals were served 'group style' and were quite good. I especially liked the cheesecake.

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# RENDEZVOUS 2008

PINAWA, MANITOBA • JUNE 5,6,7

Pinawa was a fascinating little town which was purpose built from scratch by the government to house a nuclear research facility in the 50s & 60s. By 1980 they decided to stick with hydro power and gave the town to the people. It now exists as a government protectorate. Several tours were offered, and most of us attended the hydro dam/plant outing just a few miles away on the Winnipeg river. Bill Sullivan (ex-senior engineer for hydro) upstaged the poor tour guide with more info than she had. The plants four water powered turbines are rated at 37,500 HP each and they product 13.5 MW on half throttle. We import much of our power from Manitoba and Ontario.

The car show was beautifully laid out in the market parking lot adjoining. Cars were in a huge circle by



Treasurer Brent and his XJS, no doubt thinking about the exchange rate.

marque with a double row down the middle. It was the best layout I've seen for attendees to peruse and many locals showed up to gawk and talk.

Most groups split up the trip back with only the Ruggbergs and Mr. Mathews with me. We blazed a new trail down through Steinbach, skirting Winnipeg. Dick dropped back after the border because John & I were just too fast for his Porsche (I hope the Porsche Club doesn't hear about that). Everyone was more than a bit disappointed by the poor showing from Minnesota: 3 Jaguars and one Healey. Dick (Porsche), The Weiners (Vet) and the Ronnings (Buick!) helped swell our numbers. Our old friends Sue & Leroy Joppa from Wisconsin were the sole entrants from that direction. British Iron Society turned out well.

A fine time was had by all, and now we have 2009 Ashland by the Healey Club to plan for. I certainly hope we'll get better participation since the Jag club has been such a major power in the last few years.

Mike Lynch



Dick Mathews thrashing about in the Gymkhana. Next year will you bring the XK-120?

# DETAIL, DETAIL, DETAIL...




On 6/21, "The Complete Garage" in Minnetonka held their yearly demonstration of various car car products. If you are picky with your vehicle's appearance you might consider checking out their products. You may have heard of or received a catalog from "Griot's Garage." A full line of these products are available at "The Complete Garage."

A core product in the Griot's line is a paint cleaning clay used to remove all contaminants on your paint surface before any waxing or polishing need be done. This paint cleaning clay removes everything that shouldn't be there. Traditional polishes are a little abrasive and remove these contaminants, but they also remove a micro-layer of your

paint or clearcoat. Per Griot's procedures, you are way better off using the cleaning clay first to remove all contaminants, then go straight to the wax for protection. You would only use polishing compounds in areas that indeed do have some minor scratching. Sounds like a good idea to me!

Thanks, Dick Bass for alerting the club about "The Complete Garage." If you have any questions, give Dick a call. He is now our "Griot's Garage" specialist.

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# STONE ARCH BRIDGE ART (& CLASSIC CAR) FESTIVAL

If you want a little of everything rolled into one complete package, you might consider attending the Stone Arch Bridge Festival next year. I've never been to one of these, so this year was the year. Since it was Father's Day, my co-pilot Gwen agreed to go anywhere I wanted. Isn't that nice? It's my guess that over 50 cars of all shapes and sizes were on display, plus many many more art and food vendors. As with just about all car shows, some Jags and Jag club members were part of the festivities. Oh, did I forget to mention people watching? Or music? My favorite was a definitely all teenage band exclusively playing Led Zeppelin. Darn kids!!!

Glenn Nickleski



Dave Bodziak's Cord Replica



Gene Berghoff and Gwen.  
How fast does it go, Gene?



Bud Bresnahan's beautiful 91 XJ6

# DON'T DO THAT!!!!

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The lifting arm normally should be straight.  
Anyone have an extra E-Type jack for sale?

Recently I needed to raise my MGB for some underbody inspection. My shop floor jack was on the fritz, the MGB jack was neatly tucked away in the trunk, but my E-Type jack was within an arm's reach. "I'll just use this one" I intrepidly thought. I appropriately placed the E-Type's jack under the MGB, just about in the center of the car near the transmission. I figured a Jaguar jack would be way good to use on an MGB ... WRONG. After about five minutes in the air I noticed the whole car sag a few inches. That really was a sinking feeling.

Take a look at the picture. The lifting arm of the E-Type's jack couldn't stand the weight. The arm should be straight, not bent. Sheesh. The moral of the story here is to use only the jack designed for the car, and only on the correct jacking points.

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# 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Picnic!

It's hard to write about these picnics. It's like preparing a commencement address. Our picnics, like commencements, have been done so well, so many times ... what can one say that's new?

The organization was great (Elaine and John, again). The feature entrees were wonderful (ribs by Lynch, chops by Tweed, and I bet those were Elaine's baked beans). The club brats and burger preparation was spot on (Sharon), the prize drawing had a great MC (Ron also again this year). The music was stellar, Mr. Jones ... and the cake was divine, Mr. Smith!

Then, there was the set-up and clean-up crew that usually go nameless because of their sheer numbers. Well done all.

Elaine found and recognized the new members attending. Not easy as we



Mike and Sharon lookin' good doing their annual entree prep stuff.



Ron, the ever popular MC of the door prize extravaganza.

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don't take formal attendance. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Great to meet you, and welcome to the club!

So what was different? Well, it wasn't 90 bloody degrees! That's major. There was, consequently, even more beautiful Jaguars topside than usual. Nice display!

My camera battery went unexpectedly dead, but I hope you enjoy what I did manage to record.

George Arthur



President Elaine quickly conducting our after-dinner business.



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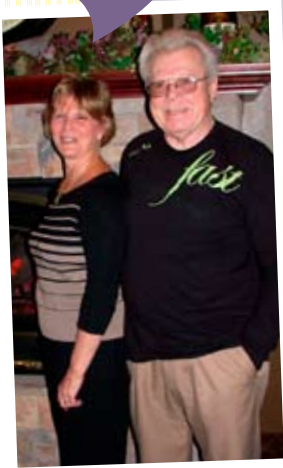


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# sweetheart luncheon & drive

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Our Host/Hostess, John & Jake

The Sweetheart Luncheon on April 26 was not a top down day for the brave who took out their convertibles. The weather was a little nippy with about a half inch of snow that fell in parts of the Twin Cities.

We met in Eagan at 11 am for our journey to Owatonna. The club had 16 brave souls on this chilly drive of which 9 Jaguars were willing to brave the snow. Our gracious hosts John and Jake Gulickson took on a mystery stop, or better said a mystery shop at a local knitting mill. There the men gathered and talked while our sweethearts shopped. We then finished our trip at lunch at Tobey's restaurant ... a great spot.

Host John gave out a hand made card in the shape of a Jaguar into which he had placed a heart (sweetheart) to all couples attending, as well as a red rose for all the ladies. John also placed some of his jaguar collectibles on each table as a table setting.

The older jaguars stayed home, the oldest jaguar being a 1973 x12. We had a great day for our first drive.

Jim Oricchio



Dale and the Chief ... Mom, can I have this? Can I? Pleeeease?



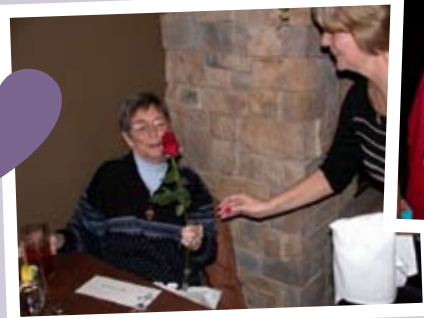
Guys checking out the purses on our rest stop at Faribault Woolen Mills



Ladies in charge of purchases, guys wandering around (as usual) in the back



Wake up Willilam, Don's joke wasn't THAT bad!



Roses for the sweethearts



# BELIEVE IT, OR NOT!!!!



Dashtop removed in 1992



Dashtop replaced in 2008

Many of you are familiar with my trusty old 1968 E-Type Roadster. Well, the Open Dash Board Sportive Spider Grand Luxe Cabriolet is no longer! Actually, it's a good story instead of a bad one. Some time ago I removed a split dash top with the intention of replacing it with a new molded one. I bought a new dashtop and proceeded to glue it in place on the old dashtop frame. Then I thought it would be a good time to repair a few electrical switches that weren't working. A nice idea but my follow through was awful. All this happened in 1992. Since then I've been driving around (dash) topless. Guess you can say I got used to it. Ugh.

Finally I decided enough is enough is enough. I made sure all the electrical items were completed and recently spent some time assembling the new dashtop. To my surprise all the little bits and pieces were still in their original hiding place and the installation proceeded quite well. In fact, it only took a few hours to finish.

I might be the only person in existence that procrastinated 16 years to do a three hour job.

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# ALMELUND'S FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

A small but satisfied group of Jaguar Club members showed off their Jags at the Flag Day Celebration in Almelund, MN on June 14. Almelund is north of Stillwater situated on Hwy 95 between North Branch and Taylors Falls. The celebration was organized by and centered around the Immanuel Lutheran Church, headed by the Reverend Brian Bergin (Jag Club member, aka the Blaster Pastor). You will have to ask Brian in person about his alias.

Five Jags showed up for the car show and had top billing. Bringing a Jaguar entitled you to eat free at the noon church

pot luck, plus all the questions you could answer about your car. In addition, there were games, crafts, live music, and a birthday cake celebrating Minnesota and Amador Township's 150<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot of history in Almelund, particularly if you're a Swede. There is a Heritage Center in town with a museum and even some original restored buildings of a Swedish Immigrant Log Farm.

Thanks, Brian for inviting the Jag Club to this event.

Glenn Nickelski



Jag Club attendees, but where's Roger Gillette?

Jags in front!



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# MY JAGUAR STREET ROD

I recently sold my 1933 Rolls Royce. It was not for sale but a fellow in New York City made me an offer I couldn't refuse. I have owned about 15 Jaguars over the years and presently have two, an 85 XJ6 and a 93 KJS convertible.

Having this money burning a hole in my pocket, what was I to do? I have always admired street rods and thought I would like to build one someday. For some not familiar with street rods, typically it will be an old body with a completely updated and modern engine, drive train, and suspension. The body and interior will be updated but will retain the character of the original body style.

I started looking at Ebay motors and Old Car Trader on the internet and made a couple of bids but always seemed to get beat on the last minute of bidding. I also ran across several obvious scams. I found a nice '48 Lincoln Continental and called the seller who was in Las Vegas. I wanted to look at the car and he wanted a deposit to hold it. He told me the car was in Inverness, FL. We live in Florida in the winter and Inverness is only about 30 minutes away from where we live. I asked for the location and he became very evasive and eventually would not return my phone calls.

Another obvious scam was for a lost bid on a 1949 Riley which was located in Massachusetts. I lost the bid and the next day I got an Email saying the winning bidder could not complete the transaction. This person said he worked for an international shipping company and would have it shipped to Florida free of charge. All I had to do is send the money to Spain!

I kept looking and one day I found a beautiful Jaguar Mark VII that had been completely restored with a body off restoration. The chassis, suspension, and drive train had all been updated with a 350 Chevy engine and transmission, new front and rear suspension, and power rack and pinion steering. The seller had many very good photos of the car and it looked great. I made a few bids and was hopeful of getting it but after the bidding closed, it did not meet the reserve and was not sold.

About two weeks later, the car was on Ebay again. I started watching the bids and decided I wanted this car if it was as good as it looked.

The car was being sold by Moto Exotica in St. Louis. I called and spoke with

the owner of Moto Exotica and made him an offer which he accepted and he immediately removed it from Ebay. I gave him a \$500 deposit to hold the car and if I did not like the car he would refund my deposit.

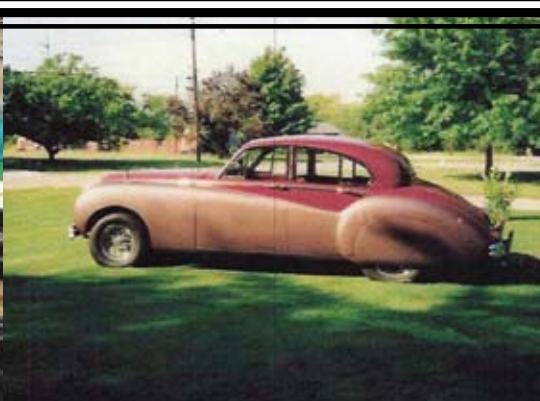
The following week I got on a plane to St. Louis and was picked up at the airport and went to their shop to inspect the car and drive it. The car was as advertised, no disappointments.

An hour later I was driving the car from St. Louis to Florida. The car ran beautifully, was powerful, smooth, and a joy to drive.

When I left St. Louis it was about 30 degrees with light snow. As I was driving it got colder and colder in the car. I had a light jacket, no gloves or hat and my fingers were almost numb. When the car was restored, air conditioning was installed but no heater. Apparently the original builder didn't plan on driving the car in the winter.

The rest of the trip was uneventful except for all the looks and thumbs-up the car received.

Ron Nordwall





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## THE ART OF MOTION

Many club members have already visited the Hopkins Center for the Arts during this important exhibition that is running June 28 through August 3.

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| 4. Dan Iberg       | 1952 XK120 Rdstr  |
| 5. Dick Krentz     | 2002 XKR          |
| 6. Mel Bourne      | 1996 XJS Conv     |
| 7. Don Coy         | 1974 E-type Rdstr |
| 8. Dick Matthews   | 1954 XK 120       |
| 9. Bob Chadfield   | 1961 MK IX Saloon |
| 10. John Shorrocks | 2008 XF           |

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George Arthur



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# Jaguar Club of Minnesota

## Calendar of Events (August - December)

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
Every Saturday: 8:30 AM	InterMarque Breakfast	Square Peg Restaurant, Minneapolis, MN	Daniel Buchen: 651.222.3899 dwbuch@hotmail.com
June 29 - Aug 3 (Friday Aug 1: British Car Exhibition)	Velocity: The Art of Motion British Concours D'Elegance	Hopkins Center for the Arts 1111 Main Street, Hopkins MN	Phyllis Galberth: (952) 898-6914 deegalberth@yahoo.com
August 3	**Third Annual Mexican Fiesta	Mike & Gloria Lynch's Chanhassen, MN	Pls RSVP by 7/29 Mike & Gloria Lynch: (952) 474 -642 cmi@cmeters.com
August 9	Ellingson's All-British Car Show & Swap Meet	Ellingson's Car Museum Rogers, MN	Jim Pennoyer: (763) 536-5472 jim.pennoyer@minvalco.com
August 10	** Share-a-Ride & Picnic Lunch	Central Park Pavillion Eagan, MN	all or e-mail for headcount: Glenn Nickleski: (651) 439-3948 gxgnickles@aol.com
August 23	Amery Airport Event V (Austin Healey Club)	Amery Aiport Amery, WI	Tom Hazen: (612) 237-1883 myliberty@comcast.net
August 24	Wheels of Italy	Lake Calhoun Minneapolis, MN	Dick Jones: (952) 828-0828 dick_jones@comcast.net
September 6	Lake Elmo Aviation Day	Lake Elmo Airport Lake Elmo, MN	John & Jake: (651) 454-0626 elaineb@dakcom.org
September 6	Wheels & Wings Car & Plane Show	Classic Motorbooks Osceola, WI	Bill Hohn & Daniel Buchen jhohn1190@comcast.net dwbuch@hotmail.com
September 14	** 3rd Annual Golf Outing & Barbeque	Brookview Golf Course & Park Golden Valley, MN	Pls RSVP so tee times can be reserved: Dick Bass & Wendy Tweed: (952) 933-2490 wmarkuson@comcast.net
September 19-21	Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival (VSCDA)	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	Brent Poppenhagen: (952) 906-1541 bwpoppenhagen@yahoo.com
September 27	** Challenge Tour	TBD	Ken Smith: (952) 443-3959 kenskatsxke@netzero.com
September 27-28	British Reliability Run	Michigan Run Alabama Run Pennsylvania Run	Brent Poppenhagen: (952) 906-1541 bwpoppenhagen@yahoo.com
October 18	** Fall Color Tour	TBD	Daniel Buchen & Tom Hazen dwbuch@hotmail.com myliberty@comcast.net
October 25	** Last Fall Tour	TBD	Denny Bure: (651) 983-0504 den_100@yahoo.com
November 8	Service Project & Lunch With Healey Club	Feed My Starving Children Meal Packaging Center Eagan, MN	Dale Martin: (651) 436-5902 dale.martin5@comcast.net
November 11	** Pub Night	TBD	Jeff Flynn: (952) 906-3901 jrfxj13@aol.com
November 15	** Tech Session	DM Garage Eden Prairie, MN	Dave Meek: (612) 799-5555 xk150dhc@hotmail.com
December 6	** 2009 Activity Planning Breakfast	TBD	John & Jake: 651.454.0626 elaineb@dakcom.org
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