On Sunday May first your Board of Directors conducted one of its several meetings per year to discuss the status of your organization and plans for future events.

With sincerest sympathies we must announce the passing of Aileen Battistoni's mother, Pauline Colbert. You will find an announcement in the Chicago Tribune.

In attendance were: Gregg De Zutti, Sandy Ganun, Dave Johnson, Barb Carroll, Don Brubaker, Wayne Seely, Chuck Schmidt and the undersigned.

Our next major event is or Driver's Ed and Lapping day at Blackhawk Farms in South Beloit. As of this moment there are no registrants but it remains early in the season. Of principal import, in our conversation is promoting the event to other groups. We are already working in conjunction with the Midwest Austin Healey Club of America (MAHCA) and it was decided to lobby other groups such as the Miata club, MG Club, Windy City Z Club. If you have a contact in any of these groups or another please promote our event to them. Registration and flyers are posted to our web site.

Other upcoming events include:

The Wisconsin Chapter's Annual New Glarus Hillclimb this coming Saturday, May 7th.

In July we will have our annual trek to the Sugar Grove Family Fun Center for a night of drifting. This always proves to be an enjoyable event for the whole family and will be on Saturday July 23rd. A trip to a local restaurant afterwards is in the offing.

Our annual picnic, typically one of our best attended events, is on the book for August 14th and plans are moving along well. Dave Johnson is making the arrangements for the site and Barb Carroll again is organizing food with Billy's.

Due to potential conflicts with other organizations we have not finalized our date for our annual banquet. Last year we wound up changing date due to conflicts with the Meadowdale Preservation group and VSCDA. Barb has reached out to these groups in an effort to avoid a conflict, but as of this day has no feedback. We expect ours to be the first or second week of February 2017. The moment we have finalized a date it will be posted so you can mark your calendars. We also anticipate holding it at Chicago Prime Italian again.

With the exception of the anticipated tour through Iowa next September, future tours are somewhat up in the air and no firm decision was made. If you have an idea for a tour or a shop visit let is know.

We also set August 21, and December 11, 2016 as tentative Board meeting dates.

As always, I solicit your input.

Dennis May 2, 2016