



# OVERDRIVE

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Central Indiana Austin Healey Club

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## HAPPY HEALEY HOLIDAYS

### **THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

'Twas the night before Christmas and out on the street,  
Sat our poor little Healey all covered with sleet;  
The starter was frozen, the battery dead,  
And clusters of icicles hung from the head;  
Carol with the cables, and I with the crank,  
We were trying to start it, but drawing a blank;  
The best we could raise was a weak little clatter,  
That I sprang from the cockpit to see what was the matter;  
And what did our wandering eyeballs perceive,  
But a fat little man you just couldn't believe;  
His cap was made from a bundle of wire,  
The tails of his coat were crackling with fire;  
His eyes were like Halogens, and one wouldn't light,  
He flashed from contact that gave us a fright;  
He opened the bonnet and started to poke,  
Then causing a short and a puff of blue smoke;  
He popped and sizzled and whacked with a zap,  
He fractured the Lucas distributor cap;  
He walked 'round the back and gave it a thump,  
That it jammed the points on our SU fuel pump;  
Laying a finger aside of his nose,  
He flashed on and off, while we sat there and froze;  
He sprang to his tow truck with a stride so smart,  
That surely, we felt, our sad Healey would start;  
The starter turned over, and our motor ignited,  
when urging us on, he burst out so excited;  
"On Healey, on MG, on Triumph and Sprite,  
Fire up you Brit cars on this cold winter's night;"  
And I heard him exclaim as he drove off and roared.  
"Sorry you fools, but mine's powered by Ford !"

### **Special Reminders**

**Next Meeting:** Tues, Jan 20,  
Oaken Barrel Pub, 50 Airport  
Parkway, Greenwood, 887-2287,  
social at 6:30 pm

**Go-Karting:** Sun, Mar 7, at  
Noon, Fastimes Indoor Karting,  
98th & Keystone, (317) 566-  
0066, IN Br Car Union Event

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Ho, Ho, Ho! As Christmas fast approaches, we realize another Healey year has about come and gone. I have to say I feel it was another good year for the Central Indiana Club. So let us review some of the highlights and events we participated in.

A few of us traveled to the NE Ohio Swap Meet where selling and buying parts is the opening of the new season. BGAHC's Springthing in mid-May was an opportunity for Bonnie and I to attend the event for the Friday night hospitality, and to give a surprise birthday party for Bonnie. As always, the BGAHC produced another great event and have another planned in 2004.

June is a whirlwind of events including the Brit Bash in Louisville, this year in the very nice tree-lined (SHADE!) venue on the southside. We hope they return there. Conclave 2003 in DC, a five-day weekend event, was attended by Rices, Buis', Richmonds and me. Craig Rice really enjoyed the Summit Point race track where he ran his transportation home at a very respectable 79+ second run. Unfortunately, during the event we received news of the loss of long time Northern, IN Healey enthusiast, Malcolm Terry. We will all miss him, his humor and his masterful engine building talents.

Fan Appreciation Day at the Indy Motor Speedway saw two Healeys gathering attention among the host of Vettes, Ferraris, Porsches, etc. Craig and Sue's beautiful Spruce Green 100, parked in Gasoline Alley, caught just as much attention as any of the exotic iron.

July is always the Cincy British Car Show in Edgewood Park. The event is huge, the cars are great, the drag racing fun and the swap meet, while small, always draws a crowd. Monies/Wright and Francis' took home trophies in the car show. Dayton British Car Day at Eastwood Lake was attended by Ron Francis, Grover Knight and Bob Haskell. Ron took first in 100s and Best Of Show. Gene and Brenda Marinacci's 100 became the centerfold in the *Healey Marque* this month.

August is just too hot for Healeys, so the Club did their next favorite thing, eat! Our progressive dinner started at the Haskells', proceeded to the Switzers' and finished with great desserts and a few friendly contests at the Storrs'.

In September, we did not get to all the events we planned, but always enjoyable was the Miami Valley Fall Round-Up. Next year, it moves to a new date in early October. Boonschoft Museum's annual invitation-only Concours d' Elegance had the Francis' 100M and the Marinacci's 100. Ron's 100M took home a trophy in this really tough display of fine automobiles.

October saw the return of the Central Indiana event, Indy Fest. What an event it was with hospitality, car show in Zionsville, rallye to the West, and an awards dinner and auction in the special Royce Museum. We are currently planning for the 2004 event scheduled for the last weekend in September.

Yes, we are aware, the single item that brings this club together is our love of the cars of Donald Healey. This year had the debut of the long awaited restoration of the Rices' 100. We were not disappointed as it took many honors including a 1st in 100's at the Conclave in DC. Dick Storr's new paint and other upgrades to the interior showed very nicely. Roy Bowman was able to debut his rallye looking BJ8 at Indy Fest and took first in BJ8's. Dave Ham sold his BJ8 to a new member, Bruce Gilham. Cars under construction, to our knowledge, include John Mann's BN4, Rick Buis' Bugeye, Rich Pfile's Bugeye, new member Fred Southworth's BJ8, and my perpetual work on the BN4.

With all the events available, it is clear the Austin Healey Club of America provides a great opportunity for fun, friends, food, and the Healey driving experience. Don't forget our tech session teams who are always willing to help. Come join us in 2004, and make it **the** year you enjoy your Healey!

Jim

## November Meeting Minutes

**Date and Place:** Nov 18, 2003, at Somerset Lakes Apts Clubhouse

**Attendees:** David Broyles, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Craig & Sue Rice, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim & Jo Switzer, Jim & Sandy Burck, Steve & Martha Berenyi, Roy Bowman, Brent Porter, Dick Storrs, Jon Monies & Joan Wright, Marten Dane & Trisha Jenkinson, Rich & Frankie Pfile, John Mann

After a social hour, Dick Storrs our Club VP, in place of Jim Frakes, called us to order at about 7:20 pm. The agenda followed was as follows:

**Oct Meeting Minutes** – were approved as published in *OVERDRIVE*, having noted a needed correction that Rick Buis' tech session was for his MGA, instead of an MGB as stated.

**Treasurer/Membership** - Craig Rice reported that *Indy Fest* was very successful financially as well as socially.

**Delegate** — We approved a donation to the National of \$100 for D&O insurance costs.

**Election of Officers** - The entire present slate of Club Officers agreed to stand for election for 2004. Still in a state of shock, apparently, the membership present re-elected them by voice vote ! (See page 2 for the list.) Craig Rice asked that Roy Bowman provide confirmation of this election to Edie Anderson, AHCA VP/Membership, (which has been done).

**Calendar and Events** — Our upcoming calendar includes the Club's Holiday Party on Dec 6, with Ruth Buis serving as chair and Sue Rice assisting. There is no regular meeting in Dec. For 2004, the following events are scheduled: IN Br Car Union's *Go-Kart Challenge*, Mar 7; NE Ohio *British Swap Meet*, May 1-2; Bluegrass Club's *Springthing*, Danville, KY, May 14-16; *SE Classic*, Tampa FL, May 20-23; *Conclave Texas 2004*, San Antonio, June 20-25; IN Br Car Union's *British Car Days*, Sept 17-19; Miami Valley's *Fall Roundup*, Oct 1-2.

**Indy Fest 2004** — Jon Monies has volunteered to chair the 2004 event. He is encouraging the full involvement and effort of needed volunteers for a committee to plan and organize the 2004 event. With the 2004 calendar of several other events now known, *Indy Fest 2004* has been scheduled for Sept 24-26. Considerable discussion took place as to the possible locations. By voice vote, the membership supported the idea of moving the location of the 2004 event out of Indianapolis and Zionsville.

**Other Ideas for Club Activities** — Some suggestions were proposed such as a Drive To/Car Show at the Oliver Winery near Bloomington and a tour of the Chapman Root car collection in Terre Haute.

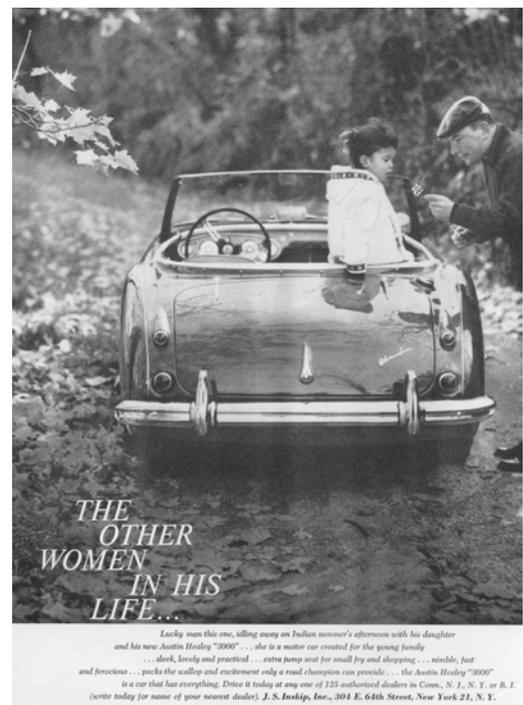
Our next meeting will be in January at the Oaken Barrel Pub, Greenwood.

We then adjourned at 9:00 pm.

## Rick Buis Holds Tech Session

Bob Haskell, Jon Monies, Cris Wright, Jim Frakes, and Dick Buis met at Rick's on Nov 8 to help him with his MGA. They added a new fuel pump and troubleshot the source of his clutch problems. Rick wishes to thank them for coming !

**Right:** The ad says the women are a daughter and his Healey 3000, which was available at 125 dealerships nationwide.  
*The Archives of Advertising: Austin Healey and Sprite CD*



**Many thanks to Chair Ruth Buis and Sue Rice for a great event**

On Saturday evening, December 6th, a very festive group of about thirty or so members and guests gathered at the Somerset Lakes Apts Clubhouse for our annual holiday party. Our spirit was set by the lovely ambience of the Clubhouse with its tall, resplendent Christmas tree, the abundance of holiday decorations chosen by Ruth and Sue, and the candlelit tables set for dinner. After a half hour or so of drink, appetizers and conversation, we were invited to partake of a most sumptuous buffet dinner feast, which included a wide variety of tasty dishes from those attending. Notable among them was the tender, moist pork loin roast brought by Martha and Steve Berenyi (**below right**) and the homemade coffee ice cream made by David Broyles. After dinner, we settled into our entertaining gift exchange in which individuals, upon their turn, could choose an item already opened or an unopened gift. One of the most coveted and hotly swapped items, among men and women alike, during the gift activity was a collection of micro-brewed beer!



As Jim Switzer looks on, Robyn and Brent Porter (**lower left**) closely inspect the micro-brew pack just having been chosen by Robyn. (**Lower right**) Pondering his gift choices, Grover Knight's thoughts are turning to that micro-brew pack, which is now in the hands of his guest, Tammy Kern. Sure enough, he then commandeered it from his own date! Or, was it a cool stratagem, giving up his choice to be able to retire hers? Who says chivalry is dead!



# CIAHCA Calendar

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## Dec 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Dec 6 Club Holiday Party

No Club Meeting

## Mar 2004

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Mar 7 IN BCU Go-Karting

16 Club Meeting

## Jan 2004

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Jan 20 Club Meeting

## Apr 2004

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Apr 20 Club Meeting

## Feb 2004

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Feb 17 Club Meeting

## May 2004

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May 1 - 2 NE Ohio Swap Meet

14-16 Springthing

18 Club Meeting 20-23 SE Classic