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PLANNING *INDY FEST* 2004

Steve Berenyi, Jon Monies, and Jim Frakes to explore options



Above: The B17 and B38 class lines up at the 2003 *Indy Fest* show in Zionsville

With the success of our inaugural *Indy Fest* 2003 fresh in our minds, Club President Jim Frakes led a discussion of our event at our Oct meeting and has begun the process to plan for an even better event in 2004. A Committee consisting of Steve Berenyi, Jon Monies, and Jim will formulate a proposal for *Indy Fest* 2004, including the schedule, length, and location for that event.

Considerations include the moving of the Dayton Fall Roundup to early October and the SE Classic to May next year, leaving Sept dates as possibilities. Venues could include Anderson, Batesville, Cloverdale, Nashville, Shelbyville, Turkey Run or Zionsville.

We thank Jim and this planning committee for their leadership and efforts to position *Indy Fest* as a most enjoyable and popular Healey weekend in the traditions of CIAHCA.

Special Reminders

Next Meeting: Tues, Nov 18, Somerset Lakes Apts Clubhouse, 3202 E 76th, 253-5219, social at 6:30 pm. Enter off of the 79th St north gate just E of Keystone with access code=#3202 (incl. #). **You are encouraged to bring some food and drink to share**

Election of Officers

At our Nov meeting. Bring your nominations. Come, vote early and vote often !

XMAS Party

Sat, Dec 6, at Somerset Lakes Apts Clubhouse. Chair is Ruth Buis with help from Sue Rice. More details TBA. Plan now to attend!

No Dec Meeting

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President's Message

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The fall car show season may be over here, but there's always one to attend somewhere, if you look hard enough. I took advantage of a business trip over the Halloween weekend to take in the Phoenix Nascar Race, visit with my niece in Scottsdale and find a hot rod show at the Arizona Casino. A darn nice show also, albeit shy on Brit iron, but a lot of eye candy (automotive style). Jack Davey, a retired military man, brought his very nice Healey Blue convertible (**below left**), the only Healey there along with a single Spitfire and a nice Sunbeam Tiger. The best car, in my mind, was a '32 Mercury coupe, a former dragster, that was just gorgeous. The real hit was a PT Cruiser (**below right**) with every part of it chromed or customized. The matching grey with red flames trailer sported an awesome sound system complete with a DVD player and screen in the trailer and in the back of the cruiser. A clear plexiglass floor showed three huge, gleaming bright yellow batteries to power the whole thing. Oh, and the race was great also, even if Dale Jr. won.

Last month's meeting was great with food brought by many people to share with others. It was very relaxed and a chance to recap the recent *Indy Fest* event. We "brainstormed" about what we did right and what we did wrong and what to change. We suggested locations for next year's venue and formed a search committee consisting of Jim Frakes, Jon Monies and Steve Bereryl. Some very good suggestions of locations were made, and the committee left with some possible dates in mind. Our first task is to look for the possible conflicts, the main one being the Indy British Car Union's annual event. We should know that answer by this coming meeting, and planning can begin. Oh, and by the way, we did well financially on this year's event, as reported by our treasurer, Craig Rice.

Please attend the meeting on November 18th and find out what we can do for you and your fun in a Healey in 2004!

Jim

Photos: Jim Frakes



October Meeting Minutes

Date and Place: Oct 21, 2003, at Somerset Lakes Apts Clubhouse

Attendees: David Broyles, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Craig & Sue Rice, Jim & Bonnie Frakes, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim & Jo Switzer, Jim & Sandy Burck, Bruce & Charlene Gillham, Steve Berenyi, Roy Bowman, Brent Porter, Dick Storrs, Jon Monies

After a social hour, Jim Frakes called us to order at about 7:40 pm. The agenda followed was:

Opening Remarks— Jim Frakes thanked the *Indy Fest* Committee and other members for their efforts in making the inaugural event such a success. They donated food, auction items and their time to the overall effort.

Sept Meeting Minutes — were approved as published in *OVERDRIVE*. However, the 1st page picture in the October issue was incorrectly attributed to Jim Frakes rather than Bob Haskell. Sorry Bob!

Treasurer/Membership — Craig Rice reported that he expects *Indy Fest* to be a net plus for our balance of funds, even before considering the silent auction.

Delegate — Jim Switzer noted the next national delegate's meeting is in Atlanta, Nov 6-8.

Tech Tip — Brent Porter presented a metal railing specimen showing his before and after results. He used the product called POR-15, a specialty metal protection enamel.

Calendar and Events — Our upcoming calendar includes the election of Club officers at the Nov meeting and our XMAS party on Dec 6, with Ruth Buis volunteering as chair. Sue Rice will assist her. There is no regular meeting in Dec. Rick Buis will host a Nov 8 tech session for his MGB at his house.

Indy Fest 2004— Jim Frakes is asking for a volunteer to chair this event for next year. Ideas regarding the scheduling, the length, and the location of the 2004 event were discussed among members. Jim Switzer will try to find out when the IN British Car Union's 2004 British Car Days will occur. Steve Berenyi, Jon Monies, and Jim Frakes will form a committee to take up these issues surrounding the offering of the 2004 *Indy Fest* event and will make a proposal for our consideration.



Above: Grover Knight in his Bugeye at the Zionsville show.

Photo: Jim Frakes



Right: A patriotic arrival in Zionsville.

Photo: Bob Haskell

Many changes in motorsport since the early 50's are illustrated in some images of that era. Juan Froilan Gonzalez (**top left**), a compatriot of the *maestro*, Juan Fangio, burst onto the F1 scene by capturing the 1st ever F1 victory for Ferrari at the '51 British GP. Nicknamed the "Pampus Bull" by his Brit fans, he was also called "El Cabazon" (Fat Head) by his close colleagues. His bulk seemingly hung over the sides of the cockpit while he flailed away at the wheel. Yet he was fit, tough and strong, winning the '54 Le Mans with co-driver Maurice Trintignant. Alberto Ascari (**top right**), the F1 champion in '52 and '53, and winner of the '53 Mille Miglia, was perhaps the equal of even Fangio. His frame earned him the Italian nickname "Ciccio" (Chubby). It was said that while Fangio could just miss a straw bale by the same margin every lap, Ascari could consistently dip it. During the '55 GP of Monaco, he crashed his Lancia thru a railing and into the harbor, a scene that was immortalized a decade later in the movie, *Grand Prix*. Exuberant "Drunken" Duncan Hamilton (**bottom left**) appears to be livin' large just before driving an HWM in the '53 British GP, having the prior month won the '53 Le Mans with co-driver Tony Rolt in a C-Type Jag. Fellow Brit Reg Parnell (**bottom right**), a dogged and versatile performer for Aston Martin, later became Aston's team manager.



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Nov 18 Club Meeting
27 Thanksgiving

Dec 2003

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Dec 6 Club XMAS Party
25 Christmas Day

Jan 2004

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Jan 1 New Years Day
20 Club Meeting