



# OVERDRIVE

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## INDY FEST!!!

**Congratulations to Jim Frakes and his committee for a 1st class event**



**Above:** *In the Monies (Bugeye, that is) along the Indy Fest 2003 Rallye/Tour.*

*Photo: Jim Frakes*

The harvest moon was bright and full and the alignment of the stars seemed in perfect order for a great Healey event! Blessed by superb weather and newly turned fall colors, *Indy Fest* made its inaugural debut this past weekend.

The jovial atmosphere and generous spread Friday eve made for an auspicious start at the hospitality party at the Wingate Inn. The following morning, the Zionsville popularity show created much curiosity and interest among the visitors and residents alike. With moderate temperatures and kind autumn sunshine, the rallye/tour left early Saturday afternoon for the historic Crawfordsville area and back. That evening was every bit as special with the awards dinner and silent auction held at the Royce Museum. This private and eclectic collection of historic cars provided the perfect setting to enjoy a very tasty hog roast dinner, catered by Jack and Julia Epp.

If you missed it, SORRY! But like the Cincinnati Reds, there's always next year!

### Special Reminders

**Next Meeting:** Tues, Oct 21, 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. Pork sandwiches for supper. Bring a favorite snack if you like.

**Nov Meeting:** Tues, Nov 18, details TBA, election of officers

**No Regular Dec Meeting**

**Christmas Party:** Sat, Dec 6, details TBA. Plan now to attend!

### Help !

**Volunteers needed to organize and host the XMAS party. Please ask Jo Switzer for details !**

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Another Healey season is winding down as the colorful leaves we witnessed on Saturday's tour provide testament. The season for Healeys was another great year even though we, the Frakes, did not get to all the venues we had planned. What made it great was all of the very friendly Healey people we meet along the way. In our own Central Indiana Club, we see not only friendly but very helpful people. Once again, this weekend was another example of our Club's can-do attitude and Hoosier style hospitality. I wish to thank the committee members who participated in making this a wonderful and enjoyable event. Of special note was Melanie Haskell, food purveyor; Dick and Ruth Buis, our always faithful beer wagon crew; Jo Switzer, wine mistress and awards caterer; Jim Switzer, hotel facility; Sue Rice, registrar (assisted ably by Mary Lou Gifford); Craig Rice, financial and museum facilitator; Dick Storrs, rallye master and Brent Porter, auction master. Although this list looks short, we never had a shortage of people who helped when a task needed completing. Thank you all. And, for those who are not having fun in the club, let's think of what it takes to have fun, PARTICIPATION. We will be discussing, in this next meeting, our plans for next year. Please attend, offering your suggestions and volunteering for a task in which you would like to assist. Remember, the wallflower at the local dance NEVER seemed to have any fun.

Two major plans we need to make for next year are to focus on participation in the Indy British event and our own event, *Indy Fest*. Current thinking is to have ours in either Nashville or Batesville. We also are considering which weekend is best. Please attend the next meeting and provide your input as to what you would like the club to do.

It is YOUR club!

### Indy Fest Report

by Jim Frakes

*Indy Fest* 2003 was a great success this past weekend. We had Healeys from BGAHC, Miami Valley, Ohio Valley, a BJ9 from Northern Indiana AHC and our own Central Indiana AHC members who turned out in excellent numbers.

On Friday night, our hospitality hostess, Melanie, with some great assistance from others, provided an excellent make-your-own sandwich spread, accompanied by more desserts (primarily home baked) than the group could consume. The usual tire-kicking group was shocked when a sweeping duo made not one, not two, but three passes through the nearby construction area street. The third pass must have made them very happy as the dust cloud settled happily on the BGAHC contingent's vehicles. Fortunately, we brought a hose and wash bucket for Saturday morning.

Zionsville is such a nice venue with its brick-lined streets and quaint shops. We nearly filled the Main street lot with an excellent display of 4 100's, 5 roadsters, 9 convertibles and 4 bugeye Sprites.

Of special note were several cars making new appearances or renewed appearances. Roy Bowman finally was able to debut his freshly restored BJ8. It took a monumental effort by Brent Porter after an electrical fire erupted from the voltage regulator a couple of weeks ago. Grover Knight drove his Bugeye over, and Dick Storrs showed his very nice new interior and excellent exterior paint (freshly done after the shunt in Reno last year). The appearance of the recently recovered 100 of Craig Rice's young adulthood was the most interesting story. Trailered to the show, it was pushed out for display after the brakes locked up. The car was recently purchased from the estate of only the third owner. The car is in wonderful condition and, according to Craig, may only be left in its original working condition. On display also was a picture of a very young Craig sitting in the car.

We also enjoyed the young attendees admiring the cars as well. Steve and Martha Berenyi's barely walking granddaughter enjoyed the day, looking at herself in the chrome of grandpa's BJ8. Tim Varnau brought his son who had a real gleam in his eye while looking at the cars. The Rices' daughters, Katie and Piper, and Piper's son, Justin, spent most of the weekend with us; and Sue's mom, Louise, attended Friday night.

Rallye Master Dick Storrs created a driving tour with plenty of questions to make it challenging for the true rallye enthusiasts. We toured the country-side just north and west towards Crawfordsville. How Dick found such scenic roads among all of the corn and soybean fields is amazing.

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## September Meeting Minutes

**Date and Place:** Sept 16, 2003, at Lone Star Steakhouse, 38th Street

**Attendees:** David Broyles, Bob & Melanie Haskell with guest Hugh White, Craig & Sue Rice, Jim Frakes, Dick & Ruth Buis, Rich Buis, Jim & Jo Switzer, Roy Bowman, Jim Bush, Don Goodrich, John Mann, Rich Pfile, and guests Sam & Suzy Chandler

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

**Opening Remarks—** Jim Frakes welcomed members and guests and indicated a registration of about 15 so far for *Indy Fest*, with the expectation of several more in the last few days before the event.

**Aug Meeting Minutes —** were approved as published in *OVERDRIVE*. However, Craig Rice noted that BN1s have brake drums, both front and rear for the record.

**Treasurer/Membership —** Craig Rice reported that the current membership count was 59 1/2. The "1/2" is represented by potential new members, the Chandlers, who were guests. Our balance of funds has increased with the registration received for *Indy Fest*.

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

**Calendar and Events —** Roy Bowman liked the Lemon Creek Winery event. Jim Switzer described the In British Car Unions' weekend held in conjunction with the Mount Comfort Airshow. There were approximately 240 cars at the show. **Jim Thomas's car won an Award of Excellence.** Gene Marinacci, Ron Francis, and Jim Frakes attended the Bundshof Museum show near Dayton. The Fall Roundup and SE Classic are upcoming. At our November Club meeting, we will elect officers. On December 6, we will have our annual Christmas Party for which Jo Switzer is seeking a volunteer to be the host.

**Indy Fest—** Jim Frakes said Bonnie and Doug may handle the registration at the door. Dick Storrs has the plan for the Rally/Tour. Jim needs a Funkhanna idea and will call Tom Sipher. A 50/50 raffle is planned. Crystal decanters with medallions will be purchased as trophies for the event. **Having as many cars at the the Popularity Show as possible is to be emphasized.** Craig Rice noted the appearance of our event in the calendar in the *Healey Marque Magazine*. Jo Switzer outlined the menu for the hog roast awards dinner. We then adjourned at about 9:00 pm.

### *Indy Fest* from page 2

Dinner and awards at the Royce Museum proved to be just right for a group of car nuts with the BBQ pork catered right there by a farm couple who raises their own hogs. Hostess Jo Switzer found a couple who does this and then caters the entire wonderful meal. Royce Museum curator, Russell Ault, graciously agreed to open the venue, describe the collection and answer our inquiries. A couple of the best stories relate to how they no longer leave the original hood ornament of the 1929 Pierce Arrow Dual-Cowl Phaeton on since that ornament alone was just appraised at \$ 12K and the #3 Dale Earhardt Chevy, bought for about \$ 30K just before his death, has been appraised recently for \$ 250K!

Finally a lively silent auction was most ably run by Brent and Robyn Porter. Thanks to all the donors of items!



**(right)** Berenyis' granddaughter Megan applying some extra polishing for the Zionsville show.

*Photo: Bob Haskell*

**Top Left:** Ron & Karen Francis' 100M

**Mid Left:** Jim & Sandy Burks' 100

**Low Left:** Ron & Betty Dilgers' BT7

**Top Right:** Jim & Mary Lou Giffords' Bugeye

**Mid Right:** Craig Rice unloads his high school sweetheart

**Low Right:** Rallye Master Dick Storrs

*Photos: Jim Frakes*

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**Top Left:** Charlie Warner's triple Mikuni setup

**Mid Left:** Morrie Maurer's BJ8

**Low Left:** 1952 XK120 Jaguar

**Top Right:** Jim, Doug, and Bonnie Frakes

**Mid Right:** Dinner at the Royce Museum

**Low Right:** Curator Ault's favorite, the Stanley Steamer

*Top right photo: Brent Porter    Mid left and low right photos: Jim Frakes*



# CIAHCA Calendar

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Oct 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Oct 10-11 **INDY FEST !!!**  
21 Club Meeting

Nov 2003

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Nov 18 Club Meeting  
27 Thanksgiving

Dec 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Dec 6 Christmas Party  
25 Christmas Day