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SEPTEMBER FEST SOON

Our annual Fall event set for Sept 24-25 in Batesville



Above: Looking for a special one-of-a kind vehicle powered by some *real* horsepower? Check out this carved mahogany replica of a British Royal Coach from the showroom at Weberding's Carving Shop on IN SR 46 a mile or so east of Batesville.

With the leadership of Club President Jim Frakes and other involved Club members, our Fall event, September Fest, promises to be a relaxing and fun weekend in Batesville, IN. Festivities begin on the evening of Friday, the 24th, with a hospitality party and funkhana at the comfortable host hotel, Batesville's Hampton Inn.

Saturday highlights include a popularity car show near the hotel, and following that show is a rally/tour around the picturesque and rolling hills of southeastern Indiana. Some of the special sights within easy driving distance from Batesville are the quaint villages of Oldenburg and Metamora for antiquing and Weberding's Carving Shop and Showroom where the craftsmanship will amaze you.

That evening, we will have our dinner and silent auction at the Cricket Ridge Golf Club, with the awards presentations and Healey fun to follow with the Central Indiana Club.

We hope to see you there!!

Special Reminders

Next Meeting: Tues, Aug 17,
Logan's Roadhouse, 4825 E 82nd,
598-1347, social at 6:30 pm

Healey Fest: Aug 20-22, Rock-
ford, IL, Midwest AHCA

Lemon Creek: Sat, Sept 11, at
Lemon Creek Winery, Berrien
Springs, MI, NIAHCA

British Car Days: Sept 17-19,
Indy area, IN Br Car Union

Fall Round-up: Oct 8-9, at
Dayton, OH, Miami Valley AHCA

Register for September Fest NOW !!

Forms available or visit our website

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Unusual for Indiana in late July, but very excellent Healey weather found a small entourage driving to the Cincinnati British car show in Edgewood Park. Karen and Ron Francis and I took a leisurely early Sunday morning drive on the back roads, stopping for breakfast just south of Metamora at one of the local favorite establishments. Very friendly folks there.

Edgewood Park always provides plenty of shade and plenty of British iron to look at, even some very unusual marques. In addition, the drag strip provides some interesting side attractions for those so inclined. I rather enjoy watching the fun, especially Hazel Klein in her purple over white Bugeye, who really enjoys a good win. Most dragster's here are running primarily British, but a few American iron slips in occasionally. Many fun runs were made by Greg Ervin of NE Ohio, alternating between piloting an old Royal Enfield motorcycle and his Ford 302 powered red BT7.

Healeys were abundant with the Louisville club's Bernie Lamp and Bill Fryrear both bringing very nice BJ8's, several from Miami Valley, and Bill Denton's from Smoky Mountain AHC. Central Indiana's contingent included Joan Wright and Jon Monies in their Jaguar, Ron and Karen Francis' 100M, and my Olde English White BJ8. Grover Knight drove his freshly painted and very nice looking Bugeye down solo and returned with the Francis' and me. Of course, the local Ohio Valley contingent was also out in force. Most significant was a beautiful, metallic blue Bugeye. With some very tough competition, Ron and Karen Francis took the Chairman's trophy for overall Best of Show. Congratulations to the Francis' on another very nice award. Grover followed us back home in a nice Sunday drive of back roads again.

Saturday, August 7th, the Dayton British car club had their annual event in downtown Dayton's beautiful park along the Mad River. Ron Francis and Gene Marinacci drove their Healeys while Doug Frakes and I traveled the easier route in his new Dodge Hemi V-8 powered Durango. While it was very comfortable, I did miss the Healey. Nearly three hundred British cars showed up, with several marques I had not seen before. Can you believe only two BJ8's? In fact, five 100's made the show including Ron's 100M which, by virtue of a class win last year, had to go to the premier class. He still won an Award of Excellence in some very good company. Nice cool, sunny day, as evidenced by the slight redness on Doug's legs from the lack of sunscreen. It was an early morning (5:30) rise and shine, and we still returned in time for the "cars on the square", the Saturday night event of note in Noblesville. Those events brought us into the month of August, the lazy, hazy days of summer.

Next up is September, and a very busy month it is. Labor Day weekend kicks off the fall season for us and with it, at least one trip to the Auburn Auction. I believe Doug is going with me on Friday, along with a few friends, and that may be our only trip this year. September 11th is Northern Indiana's annual Lemon Creek Winery event. Jim and Jo Switzer and Bonnie and I attended two years ago and had a great time. If you want to drive up the night before and stay around the area, it can be a short drive to the winery. Northern Indiana AHC sponsors a very nice all British car show on the grass there, followed by lunch and a bottle of wine (all in the registration fee). Just after lunch, the music starts and plays until about four o'clock. It is a very relaxing atmosphere with some nice British cars, several Healeys and some really nice folks from the Northern Indiana club. We are planning to go, so we urge any one else thinking about it to give us a call to discuss plans. Indy British is on September 19th, and don't forget our own event, September Fest, on September 24th and 25th. HAVE YOU REGISTERED AT THE HOTEL?

Healey tech sessions have been a little slow this year. We are still looking for anyone needing assistance, especially if you are taking a car apart (we are really good at that). Back on the road this month is Bruce and Charlene Gilham's BJ8 after a fresh engine rebuild and installation by Brent Porter.

July Meeting Minutes

Date and Place: July 20, 2004, at Logan's Roadhouse

Attendees: Craig Rice, David Broyles, Don & Mary Goodrich, Ruth & Dick Buis, Ron Francis, John Mann, Joan Wright, Jon Monies, Jim & Eileen Burns, Roy Bowman, Jim, Bonnie and Doug Frakes

After a social hour, Jim Frakes called us to order at about 7:30 pm

June Meeting Minutes – were approved as published in *OVERDRIVE*.

Treasurer/Membership - Craig Rice reported on our balance of funds and our membership remained at 60.

Conclave Texas - Jim Frakes described this annual June event, and displayed some great digital pictures with his laptop. Attended by himself, Jon Monies and Joan Wright, he thought it overall was a success, with 146 entries. Future Conclaves are scheduled for Winston Salem (2005) and Akron (2006).

Edgewater Park - Jim also described this July 17th show, also attended by Ron & Karen Francis, Jon Monies & Joan Wright, and Grover Knight. Ron & Karen's 100M was awarded the coveted Chairman's Choice Trophy.

Calendar - Coming up are Healey Fest 2004, the Midwest AHC's Rockford, IL show, Aug 20-22; NIAHC's Lemon Creek British Car Field Day, Sept 11; IN BC Union's British Car Days, Sept 17-19 in Brownsburg; and the Miami Valley AHC's Fall Round-Up, Oct 8-9. Our event, September Fest, is Sept 24-25.

September Fest - Ruth Buis related that hospitality on Fri the 24th will feature cold cuts for sandwiches, and she will be canvassing Club attendees for covered dishes to bring. Jon Monies described options for event regalia, such as polo shirts, T-shirts, and caps. For simplicity, the Club voted to order khaki caps with a suitable Austin Healey logo design.

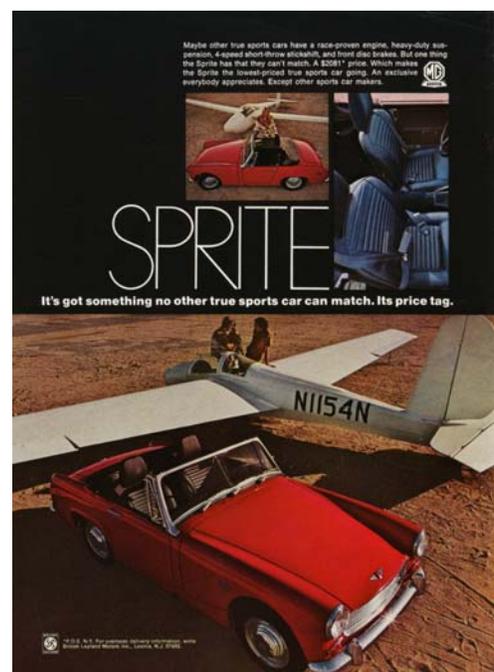
Other Club Business - Jon Monies announced that 15 guests attended his and Joan Wright's Indy 500 race party on May 30th, with Melanie Haskell and Joan finishing 1-2 in the race pool. Dick Storrs has sent out an e-mail describing some of the activities at the Oliver Winery in Bloomington for the interest of CIAHCA members looking for a nice drive and day. Craig Rice has some Brickyard 400 race tickets for sale, which will be announced via e-mail shortly.

Next Meeting Place - Our Aug 17th meeting place will again be Logan's Roadhouse. We then adjourned at about 8:30 pm.



Left: Introducing the Sprite in print advertising in the *Sports Illustrated* issue, June 9, 1958. The price quoted is \$1,795 (POA, New York).

Right: One of the last Austin Healey ad examples is this from *New Yorker*, July 5, 1969. The price quoted here is \$2,081 (POA, New York).



Jim Frakes provides a unique interior perspective of the recent Marques on the Green event



**Top Row: (L) 100
(R) 100M**

**Bottom Row: (L) 100-6
(R) BJ8**

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Top row: (L) Healey Silverstone
(R) Jaguar XK120



Left: A 30's MG police car complete with accessory handcuffs hanging on the dash. *Photo: Bob Haskell*

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Sept 11 Lemon Creek
17-19 British Car Days
24-25 September Fest

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Oct 8-9 Fall Roundup
9-10 Abingdon Trials

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Dec 4 Xmas Party (tentative)