OVERDRIVE

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What's Coming Up

Next Meeting: Tues, Jan 18, Logan's Roadhouse, 4825 E 82nd, 598-1347, social at 6:30 pm

Renew Membership for 2005

Dues statements have been sent, no increase for 2005. Renew early and renew often! Check your personal data carefully, especially **your e-mail address**. Deadline is Feb 15, 2005.

On the cover: Donald Healey's 1954 Bonneville team record runs are reflected in his Christmas card, displaying the image of the Roy Nockholds' painting. See page 2 for the inside of the card. The source for this and other great Healey articles and items is: *http://www.acmefluid.com.au/larry/index.html* . Check it out!

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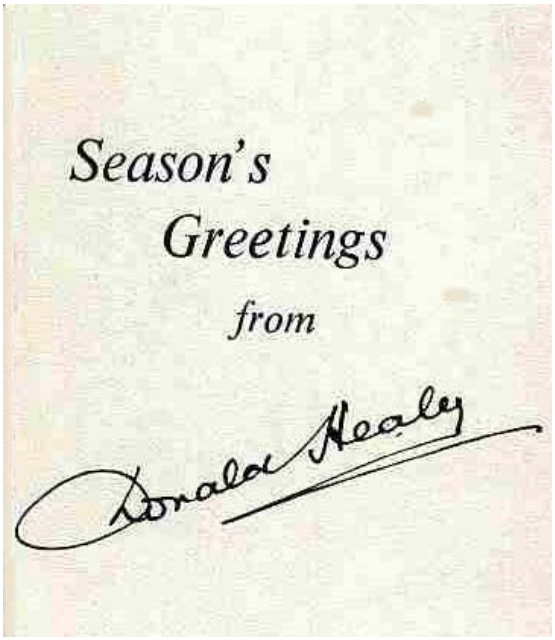
Another Christmas season is upon us before we are truly ready. I hope you have talked to Santa about everything Healey you wanted in order to get ready for the spring driving season. My Christmas present came a little early in the form of a garage lift. It has been installed in the newer garage here at the house. It should make it a lot easier to work under the car (and take away any excuse I may have had). Already we have found a few more items to complete underneath the BN4. I have not tried the BJ8 on it yet. My Christmas wish is for some time, and maybe a little push, to work on and finish the red over white BN4! Speaking of finishing, we should have another bumper crop of freshly re-done cars on the road this coming season. Fred Southworth sounds like his BJ8 is getting close, Don Goodrich may have the answer to his Healey being ready and Jim Switzer is actually working on his MGB.

This year's Central Indiana Healey Club Christmas Party was even better than the last with happy Healey people enjoying some great food and good fun. That is, unless you were Jim Switzer! He must have lost nearly ten gifts in the exchange before finally settling on retrieving one of his former prizes. Our turnout was the best all year and NO business meeting. We were able to raise $220 for the Australian Healey Challenge, thanks to the Northern Indiana Club's donation of paintings and the lively bidding at the party.

Before next month's Healey meeting, it will be time for your New Years resolution. A good resolve would be to enjoy your Healey friends more and drive your Healey to more events in 2005. We are starting planning very early on SeptemberFest 2005, right here in Indy, to make it a great event again. Our first social event of the New Year will be the Daytona party at the Frakes house. Mark your calendars for Feb 20th; we will have good food and hopefully a good, full 500 mile race to start the season. Doug and I are anxiously awaiting the return of the racing season on TV, since the choices are limited for racing fans during this time of the year.

As we write this month's message, Ron Francis and I are preparing to drive to Louisville tomorrow for a memorial service for Sally Bower, longtime very active member of the Bluegrass Cub. Sally fought a valiant effort with cancer and it seemed, for a while, she had it whipped. Her energy for the Club, her red BJ7 and constant smile will be missed.

Jim



Right: ... *from page 1*
The inside of the Donald Healey Christmas card.

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Nov Meeting Minutes

Date and Place: Nov 16, 2004, at Logan's Roadhouse
Attendees: Craig & Sue Rice, David Broyles, Bruce Gilham, Jim & Sandra Burck, Bob Haskell, Roy Bowman, Jim Frakes, Rich Pfile, Don & Mary Lou Goodrich, Dick Lutin, Dick & Ruth Buis, Brent & Robyn Porter, and John Mann

After a social hour, Jim Frakes called us to order at about 7:30 pm. He indicated that Doug was recovering from recent surgery. Don Goodrich has sent his car to Wicker's for door fitting and Jim Burck's may go up as well for repainting. The Bluegrass' Sally Bowers has been hospitalized.

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

Treasurer/Membership - Craig Rice reported on our balance of funds, and welcomed our newest member Dick Lutin, who now has brought our membership to 62.

Delegates Report - Brent & Robyn Porter attended the Nov National Delegated Meeting in place of Jim Switzer. He reported that Edie Anderson is collecting pictures and stories for a history of Conclaves prior to the 30th in Winston-Salem next summer. Future Conclave locations include Akron (2006) and Burlington, VT (2007). A new membership program with incentive prizes is being proposed called *Recruit and Win*.

Calendar - Holiday Party Dec 4th - Jo Switzer reserved the Somerset Lakes Apts Clubhouse. She and Ruth Buis are coordinating. The gift exchange is for up to $15 items, labeled male, female or unisex. No meeting in Dec. Springthing 2005 - The Bluegrass Club's event will be April 22-24.

SeptemberFest 2005 - Jim Frakes has secured the Wingate Hotel at I-465 & 71st for our Sept 23-25 event. He will design the brochure and be contacting *Healey Marque* and *Austin Healey* magazines for placement in their calendars shortly.

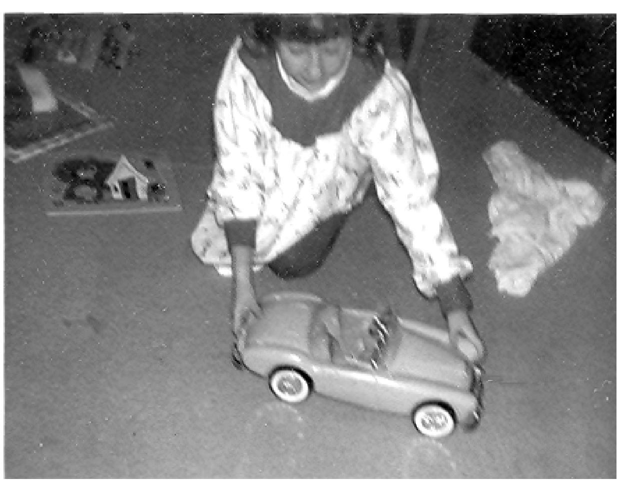
2005 Australia - US Healey Challenge - Brent was recognized once more to introduce the topic of this summer's series of vintage racing and to explore our potential support for it. Various ideas were discussed such as driving to one of the events as a Club, inviting some of the participants to Indy for the 500 in late May, and providing one or more of the contestants with monetary support. These items will be discussed at our Jan 2005 meeting. For now, at the Dec 4th Holiday Party, we do plan to auction off the prints given to us by NIAHCA and donate the proceeds to the Challenge.

Other Club Business - Tech session for Brian Jones was Thurs eve Oct 21st. Attending were Jim Frakes, Jim Burck, Brent Porter, Craig Rice and Bob Haskell. Brian's Sprite has a clogged fuel system. Jim Frakes is planning a session to work on his BN4 on Thurs eve, Nov 18.

Next Meeting Place - Our next meeting is on Jan 18 at Logan's Roadhouse. We then adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Below Left: Debbie Bruce as a child proudly displays her Barbie Healey at a Christmas past *Photo: Pat Bruce*

Below right: An ad appearing in the Dec 5 *New Yorker* magazine
Source: Austin Healey & Sprite: A History in Advertising 1954-1989 CD



A relaxed Sunday afternoon attacted several CIAHCA cars

This informal get together was sponsored by the Classic Car Club IN Region and brought out about a couple of dozen cars representing an interesting variety of marques and eras to the Clermont Lions Club Park on the afternoon of Sunday Oct 31. On this late fall day, the weather was partly sunny and moderately cool, relatively kind for the running temps of those who brought out vintage cars.

Top left: CIAHCA Healeys present included those of Jim Frakes, Gene Marinacci and Ron Francis.

Top right: (L to R) Jim, Ron, and Gene

Top Photos: Bob Haskell

Bottom left: A lovely 1910 Buick Touring

Bottom right: A spectacular 1942 Darrin 180 Packard convertible

Bottom Photos: Jim Frakes

S'mores at Storrs

Brats, tasty treats and a warm fire on the deck

On Friday eve, November 5, Dick and Sherry Storrs invited the Club over for brats and s'mores hot from the the fire on their deck. Attending were Bob and Melanie Haskell, Jim and Eileen Burns, Craig and Sue Rice, Rich and Frankie Pfile, Jim Frakes, Roy Bowman, Jim and Sandy Burck, and Ruth and Dick Buis.

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Left: (L to R) Ruth Buis, Jim Burck, Sandy Burck, Craig Rice, and Sue Rice enjoying the treats

Below left: (L to R) Sherry Storrs, Eileen Burns, and Ruth Buis around the warm fire

Below right: (L to R) Melanie Haskell, Bob Haskell, and Dick Storrs

Photos: Jim Frakes

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Jul 1 Carolina Conclave (concludes)

Feb 20 Frakes Daytona Party

Mar 19-20 10th Missouri Endurance Rally

Sept 23-25 SeptemberFest 2005

Sept 22-26 SE Classic

Apr 22-24 Springthing

May 13-15 AUHC (Healey Challenge), Road America

Jun 10-12 AUHC, VIR
Jun 16-19 AUHC, Watkins Glen
Jun 24-26 AUHC, Mid-Ohio
Jun 26-30 Carolina Conclave

Dec 3 Holiday Party (probable)

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