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## What's Coming Up

**Next Meeting:** Tues, Apr 19, International Buffet (formerly Old Country Buffet), 7783 E Washington St, about 1/10th mile E from the I465 and US40 overpass, 351-8528

**Springthing:** Apr 22-24, Bluegrass AHC, Belterra Resort, forms available, or go to <http://hometown.aol.com/bluegrassclub/springthinghome.html>

**British Car Swap Meet:** Apr 30-May 1, NEOAHCA, Fairlawn, OH

**On the cover: *Do you know this car?*** Is it a rare prototype collaboration between auto legends Donald Healey and David Brown, called an "Aston-Healey" or an "Austin-Martin"? Recently, it graced the shop floor at nearby Royce Refined Autos (aka Royce Motors). Royce's Russ Ault and the car's owner, Denny Tindall, provided some fascinating history.  
*For more, see page 4 ... from the archives*

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## President's Page

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Thanks to all who attended and assisted in making the Chili Cook-Off a blazing success. Uh, the blazing might have been a day later, I suspect. We had a good time and enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere and the conversation. Of course, much of it centered around Healeys and many were able to see my red over OEW BN4 for the first time. As we speak, there are still seven punch list items to go. Speaking of the BN4, Ron Francis has been keeping my nose to the grindstone getting the car finished. I would not be this far along without him. Thanks Ron and to Haskell and Brent Porter also.

Spring, ah yes, it is finally here. Sunday, Ron, Grover and I took a drive over to Pendleton for an awakening stretch for the Healeys and some late lunch. It was a very nice drive, but just too darn flat here in this part of the country for really fun driving. On the drive, it soon became very obvious I had been spending too much time on the red BN4 and ignoring the BJ8. It showed and reminded me of the items I had promised to get done on it over the winter. No running problems, but there are things that just did not fix themselves.

That leads me into my message for the month; think about Healey driving weather, and then think about those items you really should do in order to get it ready for the season. Oil change, transmission oil change, air pressure, brake fluid bleed or change (mine is overdue), leak checks of radiator fluid, brake fluid or fuel. My personal failure is I intended to change both transmission fluid and the entire brake fluid. I even bought the quarts of Castrol LMA fluid, but just have not taken the time to do it.

Remember the upcoming Springthing sponsored by the Bluegrass AHC April 22nd and 23rd at the Belterra casino. We always have a good time with the BGAHC club.

Note: Last month I forgot to hold a drawing for the BP fuel gift certificate. We plan to do that this month, and remember, it's ladies nite! Only the ladies will be eligible to enter the drawing. Please, somebody remind me this time!

Jim

### *from the activities .....Karting (cont.)*

**Below: (L)** Bob Haskell exhibits a consistent, smooth line.

**(R)** Jim Frakes leaves the field of battle after a tough final heat.

*Photo: Robyn Porter*

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## March Meeting Minutes

**Date and Place:** Mar 15, 2005, at Logan's Roadhouse

**Attendees:** Jim Alderson, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Bill Coan & guest Sandy Ferguson, Jim Frakes, Bruce & Charlene Gilham, Don Goodrich, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Dick Lutin & guest Larry Truman, guests Jerry & Maggie Miller, Bill Murphy, Brent & Robyn Porter, Craig Rice, Dick Storrs

After a social hour, Jim Frakes called us to order at about 7:35 pm. Jim welcomed the large turnout, including our guests, and introduced Bill Murphy, a recent transfer from SE Michigan, who has been a Healey club member for 32 years and is the proud, original owner of a '61 Bugeye.

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

**Treasurer/Membership** - Craig Rice reported on our balance of funds, and then indicated that our membership now stands at 62.

**Cars Update** - Several of our cars are under restoration. The Burcks are having their 100 painted the original black with red seats. Jim Alderson has two cars in preparation and reported that he is having rechroming done. Dick Lutin is having Larry Truman do his body work. Bill Coan is looking for parts for his 100M and displayed his unusual 2-barrel Rochester carb setup. Jim Frakes' BN4 is running and has a new interior installed by Ron Francis.

**Delegates Report** - no report

**Calendar** - Jim Frakes reviewed the upcoming events in 2005. (See the CIAHCA calendar on page 6.) On Mar 19, he and Doug are hosting a Chili Cookoff. Jim Alderson and the Buis' are planning to go to Springthing. Dick Buis asked those attending about interest in participating in a car show event April 28 at the Oaken Barrel in Greenwood for the local Little League. There were no indications of CIAHCA cars available to participate. On the AUHC front, Craig Rice said the Royce Museum would be available as a possible site for a party or dinner a day or so before the 500 to honor the Aussie participants and spouses who are coming in late May. Jon Seneff of the Lingner Group could be contacted to video the event. Attendees expecting to go to Conclave 2005 are Jim Frakes, the Buis', the Gilhams, the Rices, and the Storrs.

**Other Club Business** - Bill Coan may ask for a tech session to review his 100M parts.

**Next Meeting-New Location** - Our next meeting is on Apr 19 at the International Buffet, 7783 E Washington St, about 1/10th mile E from the I465 and US40 overpass. Ph: 351-8528.

*from the activities .....Karting (cont.)*



**Left:** The action could be fast and furious.  
*photo: Robyn Porter*



**Right:** David Broyles (#20) perhaps trying a bit too hard.

**Can you guess the origin of this car?**

Originally designed in 1951, the car remained an undeveloped project until it was purchased from the original owner and designer and undertaken by its current owner, Denny Tindall, in 1985. Finally, in 2001, it was ready for the road. The fenders were all hand fabricated steel with the overall shape and lines reminiscent of European sports cars of the early 50's. However, the view of the rear deck (**lower right below**) provides a strong hint of its origin before a metamorphosis. Any good ideas yet?

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by Jim Frakes

This Indiana British Car Union event, on March 6 at Fastimes indoor track, is always a lot of fun, and this year was no exception. Ron Francis, Dave Broyles and Dave's friend Karl, Bob Haskell, Grover Knight, and Jim Frakes ran for the CIAHCA. The early heats are a race against the clock while in the final heat, you are racing for the glory of your British car marque, and these guys mean business.

Jim Frakes represented the CICHCA in the final. The competition in that one was rough and tough with lots of bumping, several spins and just plain wrecks, which resulted in some very heated discussions afterwards. Soon after the start, Jim was bumped handily to the back of the pack, where he could not have gotten into any trouble. His final position was sixth of eight cars, with the Mini drivers taking first and second. The best lap time of the last heat was 27.241, with Jim's best at 28.401.

Overall, it was a fun event, and we encourage your future participation.

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The powerplant is shown (**below left**), the original flathead V-8. **Below right** is a picture of the car, in its original configuration, after resurrection from the scrap heap as a totaled rollover wreck. Today, underneath, it essentially has the rolling chassis, except for a tubular frame, of the original car, a 1949 Ford!



**Jan 2005**

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Jul 9-10 Mad Dogs and Englishmen  
 Jul 16 IN BCU London to Brighton Run  
 Jul 17 Edgewater Park Brit Car Day

**Jul 2005**

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**Oct 2005**

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**Dec 2005**

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Sept 10 NIAHC Lemon Creek Winery Show  
 Sept 23-25 SeptemberFest 2005  
 Sept 22-25 SE Classic  
 Sept 30-2 Tri-Healey (MO/KS/OK)

Apr 22-24 Springthing  
 Apr 30-1 NEOAHCA Brit Swap Meet

May 13-15 AUHC (Healey Challenge), Road America  
 May 27-29 Champagne (IL) Brit Car Festival

Jun 4 Brit Bash, Marques on the Green  
 Jun 9-12 Brit V8 2005 (for modified Brit cars, Terre Haute)  
 Jun 10-12 AUHC, VIR  
 Jun 16-19 AUHC, Watkins Glen  
 Jun 18 Indy Concours Grand Prix  
 Jun 24-26 AUHC, Mid-Ohio  
 Jun 26-1 Carolina Conclave

Dec 3 Holiday Party (probable)