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What's Coming Up

Next Meeting: Tues, Oct 18, Santorini Greek Kitchen, 1417 Prospect St, near Fountain Square 917-1117, 6:30 pm

Holiday Party: Sat, Dec 3, details to be announced

On the cover: While driving the BJB of Bruce & Charlene Gilham on the SeptemberFest rally, Brent & Robyn Porter stop near one of the many wonderful covered bridges in Parke County for this great shot.

Photo: Brent Porter

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President's Page

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September, our busiest Healey family month of the year, was certainly all it was expected to be. For Central Indiana Healey members, your choice of events included every weekend after Labor Day. Some members attended the Lemon Creek Winery event in Southern Michigan, sponsored by the Northern Indiana club. On a following weekend, our own SeptemberFest was attended by a small, but fun group in Crawfordsville, IN. Our Friday night hospitality and Funkhana event was excellent with Ruth and Dick Buis coordinating the food and the Switzer's provided the Funkhana. On Saturday, the Ropkey Museum hosted our car show followed by a relaxing Rallye with a great drive in even greater driving country. Thanks to Dick Storrs for finding those roads and Sherry Storrs for being the Rallye route checker. Saturday evening, the Ropkey Museum again hosted our dinner event with food provided by Miller's catering. Many thanks to Fred and Lana Ropkey for their great hospitality. Good food, great people and nice awards completed our event.

Sunday, the Indy British Motor Days show was a bit wet, but the British iron did not seem to notice; they came in droves. This had to be a near record year for Healeys, at least in the past few years I have been attending. And we have to be very proud of the awards garnered by Healeys. In every class where a Healey was parked, it won an award.

September 30 and October 1st was Miami Valley's Fall Round-Up, their 25th year of this annual event! Congratulations to Miami Valley for such a record. It was well attended with over 42 registrations, including our Ron and Karen Francis, Craig and Sue Rice, Jon Monies and Joan Wright, Jim Frakes and guest Karen Crask. I want to personally thank the Miami Valley Club for making my friend feel welcome. She had a great time and stayed for the Saturday evening events also. It had to be a difficult situation for her meeting about 80 strangers who already knew me. Friday evening hospitality was complimented by a professional DJ and a surprise appearance by Elvis! You may view the DJ pix on site www.crossproductions.com. Saturday's car show was judged by Miami Valley Club member, Vic Jacobs. I liked the format, as opposed to popularity judging, as it gave everyone a chance to do more visiting and not have to worry about judging all the cars.

The Fall season is waning, as we await Halloween with the holidays not far behind. We are currently planning our annual Christmas Party and looking for a venue to hold it. If anyone knows of a good location, let Jo Switzer, Ruth Buis or me know. We will also be looking for Super Bowl hosts, and most likely Doug and I will host the Daytona Party again this year. Don't forget our meeting at Santorini's Greek Kitchen on Prospect Ave. We had a great time there last time with excellent food! Don't miss it.

Healey on!

Jim

Sept Meeting Minutes

by Robyn Porter

Date and Place: Sept 20, 2005 at MCL Cafeteria, Southern Plaza

Attendees: Jim Alderson, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim Bush, Bill Coan & Sandy Ferguson, Jim Frakes, Margaret Finzen, Don & Mary Goodrich, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Dick Lutin, John Mann, Jerry Miller, Brent & Robyn Porter, Craig Rice

After a social hour and dinner, Jim Frakes called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Jim welcomed members and guests. Everyone with current cars in progress reported they were all waiting on various shops to complete work. Craig Rice is working on a device to balance wire wheels. It is designed to work with a Coats 1055 balance machine and will be available for club member use when completed.

August meeting minutes – were approved as published in OVERDRIVE.

Treasurer/Membership – Craig Rice reported on the balance of funds and that we now have 66 members. Our newest members are Bill & Barbara Watson, who have a Bugeye AN5.

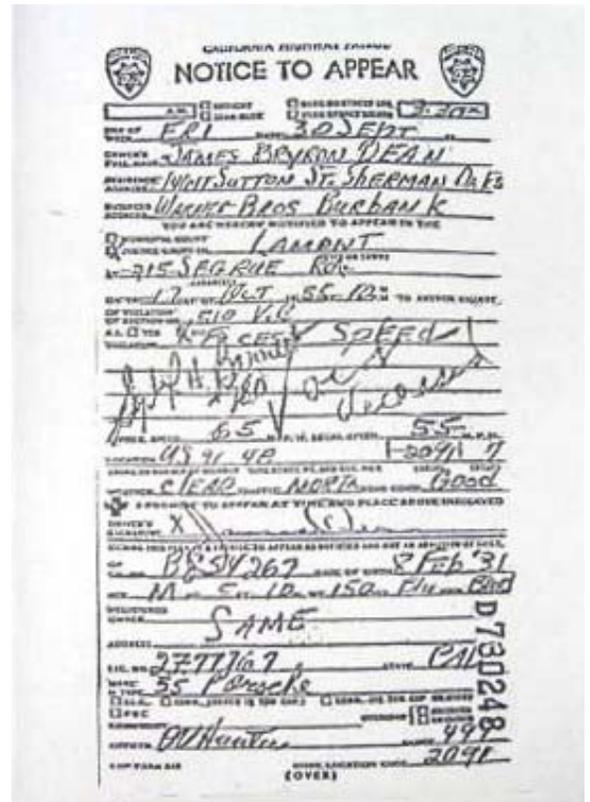
Delegates Report – President Jim Frakes reported that Edie Anderson has resigned as national membership chairman. Mike Schneider, Sr has agreed to assume responsibility for this position.

Calendar – SeptemberFest 2005 is this next weekend in Crawfordsville. Jim Frakes expects around 17 registrations. On this Sunday is the annual IBCU's Indy Brit Motor Days Show at Eagle Creek. The Holiday Party is tentatively scheduled for December 3. The clubhouse we've used for the last number of years is no longer available for use (unless you live at the apartments). We need suggestions regarding a new location.

Dick Lutin observed how much fun his recenty restored Healey is after 16 years. We adjourned about 8:20 pm. Next Meeting is Oct 18 at Santorini Greek Kitchen near Fountain Square.

Below left: James Dean and his mechanic, Rolf Wutherich, are excited after just taking delivery of his new, rare Porsche 550 Spyder.

Below right: Shortly before his fatal crash on September 30, 1955, Dean received this speeding ticket in his Porsche 550 Spyder on the way to Salinas for his first race event in the car. The writing across the ticket indicates the reason it was voided.



Ropke Military Museum was a perfect setting for our annual event

A beautiful fall day graced us on Sat, Sept 23 for our show, awards dinner and auction at the Museum near Crawfordsville and our rally designed by rallymaster Dick Storrs through the lovely and historic environs. In addition to the wonderful collection of military hardware and memorabilia, the Museum has many historic cars and motorcycles, including several vintage racecars. Silent auction proceeds: \$310. Thanks to Jim Frakes and all the volunteers, including the Buis', Storrs', Switzers and Porters for their efforts.

On Sun, several CIAHCA cars stopped to participate in the IN Brit Motor Days show at Eagle Creek, despite the almost constant rain. Receiving Awards of Excellence were Jim Frakes, Roy Bowman, Joan Wright, Jim and Cheryl Thomas, and Bruce and Charlene Gilham (BJ8 driven by Brent Porter).

Photos: Jim Frakes



Awards at SeptFest

Best of Show Jim Frakes

Convertibles 1st - Roy Bowman; Award of Excellence - Bruce & Charlene Gilham

Roadsters 1st - Dick & Ruth Buis; Award of Excellence - Dick & Sherry Storrs

Sprites 1st - Jim & Beverly Bush; Award of Excellence - Pat & Debbie Bruce

Rally 1st - Jim Frakes & co-driver - Roy Bowman

Top Left: A Korean War era M47 Patton tank stands guard over the front line of Healesys in formation.



Top Right: One of the many points of interest along the rally route was the gravesite of baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Mordecai "Three Finger" Brown near Nyesville.

Bottom left: The Sprites of the Buses and Bruces stand smartly at attention.

Bottom right: This 100 of Frank & Diana Heathcote from Logansport appeared at the IN Brit Motor Days show on Sun.



Wine, great rockabilly and Brit cars in the sunshine were the magic mix



Saturday, Sept 10th was the 2005 edition of one of best little events on our annual calendar: Lemon Creek Brit Car Field Day. Jointly sponsored by the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club and the Lemon Creek Winery, which was celebrating its 150th year, the event attracts about 50 Brit car entries. Attending from CIAHCA were Craig and Sue Rice, Bob and Melanie Haskell, and Roy and Blake Bowman.



Top left: About a dozen Big Healeys lined up for display.

Mid left: A couple of Austin Minis form a salt and pepper shaker set.

Bottom left: The Rice's secret ingredient is Sue's spit and polish. So, where's Craig? She won't let him near the car! Their formula works as they were awarded the 1st Place award here and followed up the next day with a 1st in Class at the show in Palos Hills, IL!

Bottom right: The Bel-Airs crank up their version of Chuck Berry's *Memphis*.



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Oct 8-9 Abingdon Endurance Trials, from Jasper, IN

Oct 16 Brats 'n Beer, CCCA event

Dec 3 Holiday Party (probable)

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