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On the cover:

Mike Lempert took this image of *Healey Marque* magazine Editor Reid Trummel as he focused his trained eye and lens on the beautiful Spruce Green 100 of Craig and Sue Rice in front of the Stan Hywet Hall at Conclave 2006. For more of the event, see pages 2 & 4.

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What's Coming Up

Next Meeting:

Tues, July 18, 6:30 pm, Oaken Barrel Brewing Co, 50 N Airport Parkway, Greenwood, 887-2287. **Agenda:** SeptemberFest Committee Meeting and planning with all others welcome to attend and join in !

British Car Day Cincy:

Sun, July 9, Noon-3:30 pm, gates open at 9 am, Fairfield, OH

London to Brighton Run:

Sat, July 22, sponsored by the IN Brit Car Union, cars gather at 9 am, leave at 10 am, Triton Central High, London, IN

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www.ibcu.org

Marque Matters Blog

www.marquematters.blogs.com/

AH Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org/>

Several short adjectives or phrases adequately describe Conclave 2006: wet, friends, track fun, Concours judging, car show, Stan Hywet mansion, wet, criss-cross rallye, wet, banquet and, finally, lots of fun!

Ron and Karen Francis, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Craig and Sue Rice and Karen and Jim Frakes made the entire event, with Roy Bowman and Jim Switzer appearing for the car show on Tuesday and Switzer the delegates meeting that night. This was the first Conclave for my wife, Karen, and it was amazing the number of people who made her feel very welcome.

I did the track experience on **Monday**, which started off wet in Akron, but changed as we got to the track for a very fun, sunny day. Karen Francis and Karen Frakes both enjoyed the "Flower Pounding" class put on by Hazel Klein during the day. **Tuesday** was spent at the car show on the grounds of the Stan Hywet mansion, former home of the Goodyear founder, Frank Seiberling and family. It is impressive, being built in the teens and designed by the architectural firm that designed the Biltmore in Ashville. I spent most of the morning judging a BJ8 in the Concours and toured the mansion with Karen later. It was a great sunny day, just what we needed for a car show! Bruce, Charlene, Karen and I met up with a local NE Ohio club member who took us to a very nice restaurant for dinner. **Wednesday** was drizzling most of the day, but diehards still did the Funkhana and Gymkhana (not me). A very nice BBQ style dinner was followed by some awards. Ron and Karen Francis were awarded the best exterior, by the teenagers present at the car show, for the 100M. Jim and Karen Frakes were awarded best interior for the BN4, by the same group. **Thursday** was clearer during the day, after much rain the night before, making the rallye very hot and humid. It was a criss-cross rallye in place of a touring type which I would have preferred, so we bailed early and went back to enjoy the afternoon. By evening, the rains came in again, but this time in torrents, filling the rear entrance of the Hilton and running in to the elevator shafts. The banquet went on, with excellent food, and awards were presented in very short order, completing around 8:30. This was a probable record short session, but done very well by the NE Ohio Club. Craig and Sue Rice placed first in the 100's, with Ron and Karen Francis first in the 100M class. Best of Show award went to Charlie and Mary Ann Warner for their red over Olde English White 100. Next year, the 2007 is planned for Vermont, near Burlington. It should be a great time, so plan on the trip! We are, if possible.

Jim



B&W Photo: Les Healey au Mans by Herve Chevalier, pub. by O'Born Fine Art, Inc.



Left: At the 1953 Le Mans, this modified 100 piloted by Gatsonides/Lockett made Healey history by finishing 12th overall/2nd in class. For sale at a cool US \$346,000, check it out at www.healeyfactory.com.au. **Above:** Just behind the 10th place finisher, an American Cunningham C4-RK, powered by a Chrysler V8.

June Meeting Minutes

Date and Place: 9:30 pm, June 18 at Embassy Suites North

Attendees: Roy Bowman, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim Frakes, Don Goodrich, Bob & Melanie Haskell, John Mann, Jon Monies, Robyn Porter, Craig Rice, Tom Sipher, Jim & Jo Switzer, Joan Wright

After a social hour and breakfast, Jim Frakes called the meeting to order at 10:25 am. Jim welcomed all those in attendance.

May meeting minutes – were approved as published in OVERDRIVE.

Treasurer / Membership – Craig Rice reported on our stable balance of funds, and that our membership has increased to 62.

Calendar – Jim led discussion of Healey-related recent and future events:

- Bluegrass Club's Springthing, May 19-21 - A very successful event this year with about 42 car entries
- Indy 500 party, May 28 - hosted by Monies/Wright, had 14 in attendance. Frankie Pfile was the race pool winner.
- Champagne, IL Brit Car Festival, May 26-28 – Rices took the 100 over for the Sunday show and reported having a great time.
- Marques on the Green, June 2-3 – Rices also attended this event.
- Conclave 2006, Ohio Odyssey June 18-23, Akron
- Indy Concours Grand Prix Show, July 1, around the Circle
- Cincinnati Brit Car and Motorcycle Show, July 9
- IBCU's London to Brighton Run, July 22

SeptemberFest 2006 – An event committee consists of the following:

- Banquet Chair: Joan Wright and Jo Switzer
- Facilities Chair: Joan Wright
- Communcations: Jim Frakes, done (brochure and enrollment form)
- Publicity: Jim Frakes and Brent Porter
- Funkhana: Jim Switzer
- Registration: Open
- Car Show: Roy Bowman
- Rally: Jon Monies
- Trophies: Robyn Porter, embossed wooden frames
- Hospitality: Melanie Haskell and Ruth Buis
(Jim Frakes will bring the beer)
- Auction: Brent and Robyn Porter

Considerable discussion took place regarding the venues to be used for the car show or the awards banquet. The two major choices were between the shelter house in Brown County State Park and a parking lot near the Hotel. The unanimous decision was to pursue renting a tent, table, and chairs for \$400 for the parking lot, if available, with the shelter house as possible backup. As a promotional incentive, a proposal was discussed to offer to waive the entry fee for an enrollee and guest from each of the adjoining Healey clubs.

Other – Dick Buis is recovering nicely from hip replacement surgery. Ron Francis has decided to retire, Jim Frakes believes.

We adjourned at 11:35 am. Our next meeting will be Tues July 18 at 6:30, at a location to be determined, with focus on SeptemberFest Committee planning.

Healeys add note of grace to the Great Meadow

Like a huge flock of prized sheep grazing on the expansive green in front of a Baronial manor house, the Popularity Show at the 2006 Conclave provided a lovely venue for the approximate 250 cars attending. That place: the historical estate of F A Seiberling, a co-founder of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio. Named *Stan Hywet* Hall (old English for "stone quarry"), the Tudor Revival mansion itself consists of 65 rooms, boasting 23 fireplaces, 21,000 panes of glass, and considerable hand-carved paneling and ornaments of the finest hardwoods.

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Stan Hywet Hall became a favorite spot for the famous and powerful to visit, including President Howard Taft, Will Rodgers, Shirley Temple, Helen Keller, and the Von Trapp family. Over the entryway door, the crest bears the Latin motto, *Non Nobis Solum*, ("not for us alone") which conveys the Seiberlings' philosophy of entertaining their guests. Healey owners and visitors to the Show could certainly sense that even today.

CIAHCA attendees at Conclave included Jim and Karen Frakes, Ron and Karen Francis, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, and Craig and Sue Rice. Jim Switzer and Roy Bowman came by for the Show. Congratulations are extended to the Rices' for winning 1st in the 100 class, and the Francis' for 1st in the 100M class. (For more on Conclave, see Jim Frakes' President's message on page 2.)



Top-Left: Frakes' BN4

Top-Right: Francis' 100M

Mid-left: Rices' 100 with Sue

Mid-right: Gilhams' BJ8

Bottom: A view of Stan Hywet Hall
Photo: Edited and cropped from
www.stanhywet.org.

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 Jul 8-9 Mad Dogs & Englishmen Fair
 Jul 9 Cincy Brit Car and Motorcycle Show
 Jul 22 IBCU London to Brighton Run

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Sept 9 NIAHCA Lemon Creek
 Sept 15-17 SeptemberFest 2006
 Sept 22-24 IBCU Brit Motor Days
 Sept 29-30 Fall Round-Up

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Dec 2 XMAS Party

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