

OVERDRIVE

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On the cover: The personal, special Healey 100 Fixed Head Coupe of Donald Healey at the Cape works factory in Warwick. Lonnie Rix, a successful SCCA racer in the late 50's and early 60's, captured this view in 1955 while visiting Warwick and the Austin factory in Longbridge during duty in England as a USAF B-47 pilot. When the car was later put up for sale, it was described as follows: "100S engine with four speed gearbox and overdrive, Dunlop disk brakes all round, special suspension, sixty spoke wire wheels, Becker California self-seeking radio, wooden steering wheel, safety belts, etc. This car has recently been re-upholstered in white leather with red carpeting. An opportunity to purchase a unique motorcar at the very competitive price of 850 pounds." (*The Healey Book*, Bill Emerson, Coterie Press Ltd, 2002).

Photo: Lonnie Rix Collection

<http://forums.autosport.com/printthread.php?threadid=96517>



What's Coming Up

Next Meeting: Tues, Jan 15, Oaken Barrel Brewing Co, 50 N Airport Parkway, Greenwood. 6:30 pm

Renew for 2008: Dues are the same as 2007. Renew by Feb 15, sending your check to Craig Rice or go online to the National AHCA website.

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IN British Car Union

www.ibcu.org

Marque Matters Blog

www.marquematters.blogs.com/

AH Club of America

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

November Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Steve Berenyi, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Ruth & Dick Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim Bush, Jim & Karen Frakes, Bruce Gilham, Bob, Melanie & Tim Haskell, Paul Imel, Craig & Sue Rice, Jim & Barbara Stringfield, Jim & Jo Switzer

At 7:28 pm, Jim Frakes called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Treasurer/Membership – Craig Rice reported our membership is 66 and on our current balance of funds.

Oct Minutes – were approved as published.

National Delegates Meeting - The Frakes' and Switzers attended the Louisville Meeting held from Nov 2 - 4 and hosted by the Bluegrass Club. Our Delegate, Jim Switzer, provided a through report on the proceedings. Various Clubs presented reports on their status and activities, including their membership and financial position, their charitable funding raising and driving events. Nationwide, our current membership is 3572. Our Umbrella insurance contract was reviewed and renewed. AHCA Regallia will be revamped. 2008 Membership dues will not be increased. Members are encouraged to renew online via the redesigned AHCA website. Future Conclaves are 2008, San Diego; 2009, Kingston, Ontario; and 2010, Galena, IL. Craig Rice inquired as to the status of establishing a 'preservation' class for judging. Jim indicated that nothing was approved yet for this.

XMAS Party – Our party is set for December 1 at the South Shore Clubhouse in Noblesville.

Tech Sessions – Jim Stringfield and Bill Coan are interested sometime early next year.

We adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next meeting will be Jan 15, 6:30 pm at Logan's.

Farewell from Your Editor

When I accepted the 2007 duties as Club Secretary and Editor, *OVERDRIVE* last year, I indicated that this would be my last stint. It's been a fast and fun **five** years.

I'm sure some of you have said, "What I'd like to see is" Or asked, "Why doesn't he do this?" I hope one of you will step up and take on these duties with some enthusiasm and maybe move this little enterprise in a new direction. Perhaps more technical features or a continuation of the interviews with our members. The choice is yours - *OVERDRIVE* is a canvas ready for fresh paint to be applied each month. It's now time for me to devote more energy to my house, my Healey and my friend, the red Dobe, *Miss Ruby*. Thanks so much for all your support!

Below: *The Queen and her court.* In 2005, Pat Moss was reunited with the famous competition Healey URX 727 in which she made Healey and Rallye history by winning the 1960 Leige-Rome-Liege Rallye, often known as *The Marathon*. It was the first outright major rallye victory by a Healey and by a woman as well.



Notables present: 4th from left is Pat Moss. On her right is BMC Team Manager Marcus Chambers, co-driver Ann Wisdom, and other prominent BMC rallye competitors, Peter Riley and Tony Ambrose.

Photo: Big Healeys in Competition, by John Baggott, Crowood Press Ltd, 2006, p. 95.

Opportunity for a memorable Healey Trip



Over October 19-21, the 2007 version of this annual show and festival was held in Spartanburg, SC. Always outstanding, this year was very special for Healey fans: the Austin-Healey was the featured marque! So, three intrepid CIAHCA couples decided to not only attend, but to take advantage of the Fall season to drive their Healeys down together through the Great Smokey Mountains. Jim and Karen Frakes, Bob and Melanie Haskell, and Bruce and Charlene Gilham reported they had a most enjoyable driving experience and car event.

Above: *On the Road Again* south after a restful sleep-over.

Right: Healeys "marque" the Euro Fest headquarters scene at the BMW Zentrum Building.

Photos: Jim Frakes



Below left: Bill Emerson's Award winning and rare Healey Westland

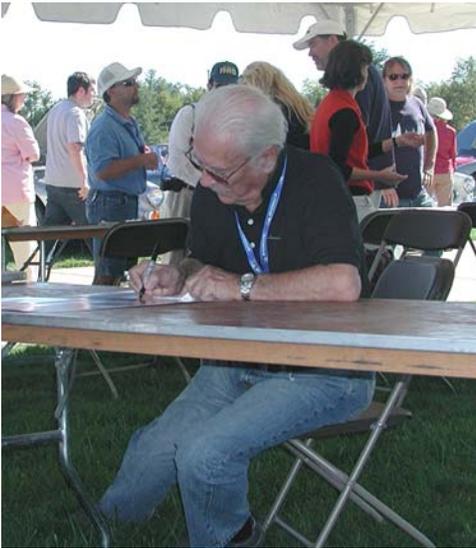
Right: The classic 100S

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Below-left: Celebrated Healey designer Gerry Coker signs autographs.



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Jun 29 -Jul 4 San Diego Conclave

July 2008

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Sept 6 NIAHCA Lemon Creek Brit Field Day

Sept 12-14 SeptemberFest 2008

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May 4 NEOAHC Brit Swap Meet

May 15-18 Springthing

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Jun 29-Jul 4 San Diego Conclave

Dec 6 CIAHCA XMAS Party (tentative)
No Dec Meeting

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