

# OVERDRIVE



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**On the cover:** Promoter extraordinaire Carl Fisher, born in Greensburg, IN is well known among Indianapolis Motor Speedway aficionados as one of the pioneers who developed the Speedway and who served as its first Corporate President. He also had one of the country's earliest auto dealerships and was a major proponent of the development of the first transcontinental highway. The 3,389 mile Lincoln Highway stretched from New York's Times Square to San Francisco's Lincoln Park. In 1913, he was a participant in the Indiana Hoosier Tour, 1700-mile, 27-day auto trip from Indy to San Francisco and Los Angeles, riding in a Marmon along with other dignitaries in 19 vehicles. He amassed a great fortune in the promotion and development of Miami Beach, most of which he lost by the end of the Great Depression. Suffering from alcoholism, he considered his life a failure when he died in 1939. In 1971, he was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame, as was Donald Healey in 2004.

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## What's Coming Up

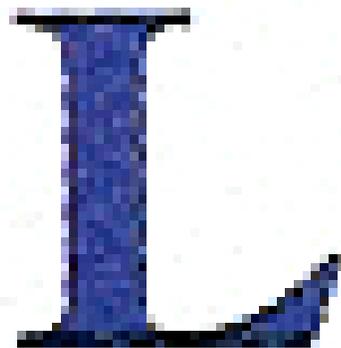
**Next Meeting:** Tues, June 19,  
6:30 pm, Logan's Roadhouse, 4825  
E 82nd, 598-3471

**British Bash:** June 2, Louisville, KY

**Conclave Vermont:** June 24-29,  
Burlington, Vermont



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#### Bluegrass AHC

[www.bluegrassclub.com](http://www.bluegrassclub.com)

#### Midwest Region AHC

<http://members.aol.com/midwestah/club/>

#### Ohio Valley AHC

<http://members.aol.com/ovaustinhealey/>

#### IN British Car Union

[www.ibcu.org](http://www.ibcu.org)

#### Marque Matters Blog

[www.marquematters.blogs.com/](http://www.marquematters.blogs.com/)

#### AH Club of America

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

## May 11 Meeting Minutes

by Jim Bush

Attendees: Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim & Bev Bush, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Jon Monies & Joan Wright, Jo & Jim Switzer, Craig & Sue Rice, Rich & Frankie Pfile, Bruce Gilham, Brent Porter, John Mann, and Jim Frakes

In a new twist, a monthly Healey meeting and a tech session were combined for the evening of May 11th. The setting was the Switzer residence on Connaught Dr in Carmel. After burgers and dogs and all the goodies brought by the assembled masses, President Jim Frakes called the meeting to order.

**Minutes** - April meeting minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer/Membership** - Craig Rice reported we have 64 members paid.

**Nominating Committee** - We have two volunteers for the nominating committee. Three additional members are needed to complete the group. The committee will collect job descriptions for the various Club officers, and submit a list of candidates for the offices in September for an October election.

GET INVOLVED !!!! Contact Jo Switzer by email at [joswitzer@earthlink.net](mailto:joswitzer@earthlink.net)

**Christmas Party** - The Christmas Party will be Sat, December 1st at the South Harbor Clubhouse.

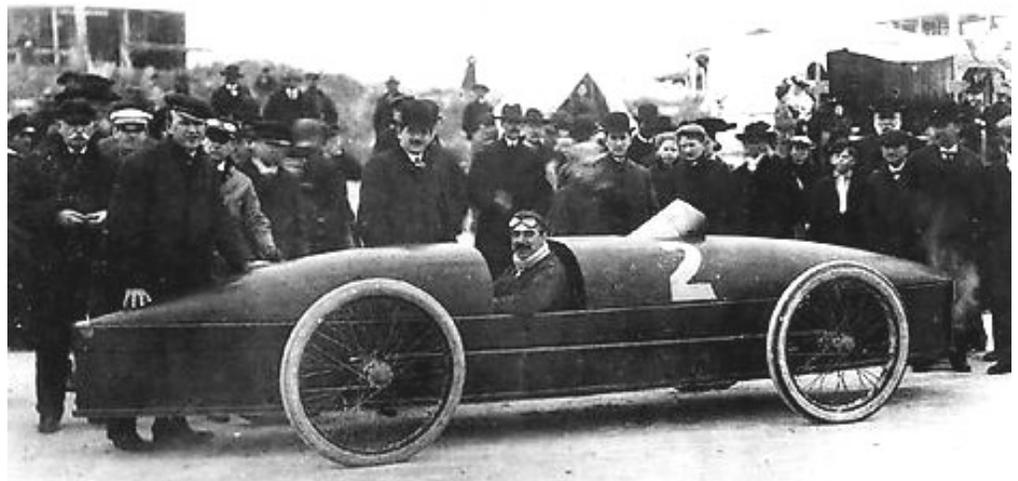
**SeptemberFest** - We need volunteers - specifically checkers for the rally. This will be a poker run format where drivers will draw a card from the checkpoint. Please contact Jon Monies to volunteer. Also, we need a person to coordinate the silent auction. We still would like to have all of the Committee chairpersons to meet twice prior to the actual event in Nashville.

**Other events** - May 27, 10 am, 500 Race Party at Jon Monies & Joan Wright, 1008 Nelson Ridge Rd, Columbus; June 24-29, Conclave at Burlington Vermont, members attending are Burcks, Haskells, Buis', Gilhams, Rices, and Frakes'; End of August, National Ice Cream Social.

**Car for sale** - Round out your Healey collection by purchasing a Club member's BJ8. Jim Frakes has the details on the car, pricing, etc.

After the meeting adjourned, the helpers gathered for Jim Switzer's MG Tech Session and continued adding parts, correcting improperly installed parts (front stabilizer bar) and providing support in whatever manner seemed appropriate. Our next meeting is Tues, June 19th, at Logan's Roadhouse.

**Below:** ...with bicycle tires and bailing wire. Fred Mariott set the longest-held land speed record for the flying measured mile on Jan 26, 1906, in this Stanley Rocket, a twin-cylinder steamer steered by two levers instead of a steering wheel, at an amazing **127.6 mph at Ormond Beach, FL!** The following year, in a new and improved car, he attempted to break his own record. After successfully negotiating the 1st of two depressions in the sand surface, he crashed at the second, causing the complete disintegration of his racer. Incredibly, he survived and lived to be 83, never attempting another speed record.

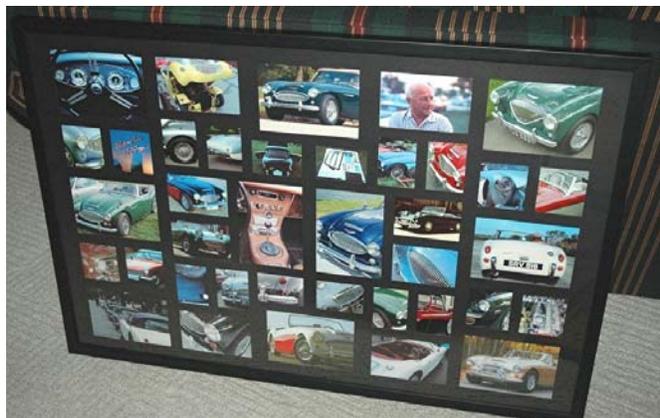


## May Evening at the Switzers by Jim Frakes

A very nice group of Healey enthusiasts gathered at Jim and Jo Switzer's house on May 11th to do what we do best, eat, imbibe and work on LBC's.

It is always enjoyable when the Central Indiana Club brings their favorite dishes to share while enjoying good conversation. A short business meeting, preceded by dinner, was followed by a large group attacking the various tasks to get closer to putting the Switzers' MGB back on the road after a long hiatus. Tasks areas included the fuel pump, front suspension, and radiator, among other items. As usual, there is still much to be done, but progress was made.

Jo Switzer showed off a beautiful Healey collage, made for Jim for Christmas by their son, Gannon Switzer. We all loved the entire project and are considering a similar one for auctioning off at SeptemberFest.



Bob Haskell and Join Monies provide the technical support as Rich Pfile seems to be doing the work! Jim Switzer is doing what all Tech session leaders should do, keep the tools and parts flowing. Bruce Gilham is an interested observer, since there is no room for another set of hands.



**TO JOIN THE  
2007 CIAHCA  
NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE  
TODAY !**

Contact Jo Switzer or  
your nearest recruiter

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Jul 14 IBCU's London to Brighton Run

Jul 15 Cincinnati British Car Day

Jul 31-Aug 4 Jaguar Clubs of North America, held in Indy

Sept 8 NIAHCA's Lemon Creek Field Day

Sept 14-15 SeptemberFest 2007

Sept 23 IBCU's Indy Brit Car Days Show

June 1-2 Louisville British Bash

June 24-29 Intl Conclave, Vermont

Dec 1 XMAS Party (tentative)

**Jul 2007**

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