



# Overdrive

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Between the Monsoon's of the past six weeks, the Haskell's, Gilhams' and Jim Frakes, left on a Thursday morning driving the Healeys to the Blue Grass AHC Springthing. We left Indy, taking leisurely back roads along the West side of town, then on to IN 67 towards Martinsville. Rain was our constant companion, but we pressed on, enjoying the ride, ending up in Spring Mill State Park for a very nice lunch in the Inn. More rain followed us and began to get heavy as we headed across the bridge into Louisville for our first overnight stay on this unusual, but fun,, twist on a Healey event. BGAHC's great hospitality and Funkhana in the Hotel was joined by a very large Healey turnout. Around 60 registrations from places such as Ontario Canada, Kansas City, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and North Carolina, Northern Indiana and our Central Indiana contingent including Dick and Ruth Buis. BGAHC's driving format certainly appeared to have a great influence on turnout or the group was just ready for Healey fun after a long winter.

Friday morning dawned overcast but not rainy. Ben Moore, event coordinator, explained the next two days events, which included packing our Healeys for a move to a new hotel in Bardstown, KY. We also were instructed there was no formal car show, but ballots were provided and voting could be completed anytime during the event as long as they were turned in by late Saturday afternoon.

Bardstown is the centerpiece of Bourbon County Ky, and known as **Bardstown Kentucky—Bourbon Capital of the World ®**, We arrived in time for lunch at the Old Talbott Tavern. There was plenty of shopping to be seen but also distilleries to visit. We had choices of Makers Mark, Jim Beam Heaven Hill or others.

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Alex Knop setting in Dad's Healey during recent tech session.

Saturday June 14th, four Healeys and a Panoz, made the trip planned by Roy Bowman, for our June Healey Drive. He could not have picked a better day, warm, not too warm, sun shining and a Strawberry Festival in Downtown Crawfordsville. Jim Frakes, Bruce Gilham, Steve and Martha Berenyi, Roy Bowman and Linda Ambroz, and Russell Ault, made the trip. We started with a guided tour of Gen. Lew Wallace Study, now a museum. Wow, the ultimate man's hideaway, designed by the General himself. If you have not read any history or seen the video, you may not know much about him, but he was and did nearly everything. Lawyer, General, Statesman, Ambassador, Inventor, Violin Maker, and world traveler and, what most people know of him, the author of Ben-Hur. The book was made into a movie three times and the last was with Charlton Heston. Pix next month!

## What's Inside

### What's Coming Up

**Next Meeting:** Tues, June 17, 2008; Oaken Barrel,  
Greenwood exit off I-65, go West 1 mile  
6:30 Social 7:30 P.M. Meeting  
Recipe Book Sent to Press! Jo Switzer & Crew!

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**Ohio Valley AHC**

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**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/>

**CIAHCA PAGE  
MAY Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

David Broyles, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Bill Coan, Jim Frakes, Bruce & Charlene Gilham, Bob Haskell, Paul Imel, John Mann, Jon Monies and Joan Wright, Brent Porter, and Jo Switzer.

The May meeting was held in beautiful downtown Indianapolis at the Elbow Room. President Bruce Gilham called the meeting to order and the April meeting minutes were approved as written.

In the absence of Craig Rice, Bruce reported that the membership is stable at 59 paid members for 2008.

The next topic was the recent Bluegrass Club's annual SpringThing. The CIAHC was well represented as 9 members attended. This year's event had a different venue every night of the three-day meet: traveling from Louisville to Bardstown to Lexington, Kentucky. There was no popularity judging, no car show and no rally - just driving through the hills of Old Kentucky. Our club won a bottle of bourbon and it is in the hands of Charlene Gilham, to be opened and enjoyed at SeptemberFest. Bob Haskell won an award of excellence but no potable prize. Next year's SpringThing is to be May 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on attending next year, as the Bluegrass Club has been faithful attendees at our past events. During back roads touring, Jim Frakes certified that the maximum mileage per tank of gas in a BJ8 is 236.

Jo Switzer gave an update of the Healey Cookbook project. The committee has been busy typing the recipes received and preparing for submission to the printers by the end of May. This deadline is paramount if we are to have books to sell by SeptemberFest. This is a fundraiser for the club. We are close to a total of 400 recipes. To keep cost reasonable, there will be black and white club photos between the sections of the book: appetizers, soups, entrees, desserts, etc. Be thinking of the number of books you want to order and remember this a fundraiser for the club.

A group of East Coast club members are starting at Hemmings headquarters in Bennington, Vermont, passing through Indiana on June 19, on their way to San Diego. They will lunch at the Overlook Restaurant in Leavenworth, Indiana and continue on to Vincennes for the night. A discussion ensued about members from the Central Indiana Club meeting the tour in Leavenworth and accompanying them to Vincennes. Jim Frakes presented a challenge to the club for the Make-A-Wish Foundation pledge in concert with the west bound Conclave participants

All pledges and funds received for the National Make-A-Wish Foundation will be returned to local chapters. In other words, the funds we raise will be used to benefit children and their families in Indiana. Our pledge to Make-A-Wish will be added to the funds raised by other clubs and presented to Make-A-Wish as a grand total once the tour arrives in San Diego. Jim suggested we offer co-workers, friends and family members the opportunity to participate by pledging money per mile driven (1-5-10-25 cents per mile) for either the round trip to Vincennes or for one of the drivers going all of the way to San Diego.

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### Page 3 BGAHC SpringThing

We chose Heaven Hill, a very beautiful setting which provided a tour of the aging rick houses and a great story about “Whiskey River”, when their rick houses **all** caught fire in the 1990’s, dumping thousands of gallons of straight Bourbon into the river. Reportedly, the area residents brought their buckets to the river and filled all of the jugs they could find! Willie Nelson later brought out a tune: “Whiskey River” .

Friday evening, most stayed around the hotel and did our judging and other BS about people, food and cars, oh yes, BGAHC provided some refreshments as usual.

Saturday was more driving and tours of Distilleries and seeing the lovely countryside, ending in Lexington for our third motel stay. From there, we drove to the Labrot & Graham, a small distiller and home of Woodford Reserve. After a great tour of the process, a very nice dinner was served in their distillery gift shops. Someone I know well, was trying to find out how far a BJ8 could go before refueling. Fortunately, the Haskell’s and Buis’ were following and helped the poor guy out.

### Conclave Drivers Tour and Fund Raiser Update:

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, several members of the local **Central Indiana** club will meet in the Indy area and drive back roads to “The Overlook”, a restaurant overlooking the Ohio River, in Leavenworth, IN. (Just West of Corydon). We will meet with the National Caravan and members of the Bluegrass club, for lunch where Bluegrass will present a symbolic check for the fund raiser. After lunch, the Central Indiana club will join the Caravan for a drive to Vincennes, the National Caravan’s overnight stay location. Central Indiana will present their symbolic check to the Caravan Leader. We will stay overnight and return to Indy via back roads from Vincennes. Along the entire trip to San Diego, the National Caravan will be making similar stops in NC, TN, KY, MO, KS, OK, NM and AZ before arriving in San Diego.

- The plan is to leave from the Cracker Barrel in Southport just off I-65. We should leave by 8:00 in order to have a leisurely drive down IN 135 to Leavenworth, a distance of 141 miles according to Microsoft. The recent floods in the area could alter those plans if any bridges are out. (If known, please let me know). I plan to have maps and directions printed for everybody.
- After lunch, the group plans to drive on US 150 and US 50 to Vincennes. We have an authorization from the Northern IN AHCA for a donation of \$650.00 which we will also be presenting.
- Central Indiana has authorized a minimum of a \$1000 donation which also will be presented as a symbolic check in Vincennes. The actual check will be made final by the end of the year. Any other funds that may come from member donations or fund raising of your choice, will be added to the CI-AHCA amount. Please let me know if there are funds by the 17<sup>th</sup> club meeting.
- After the lunch at Those who wish to return to Indy can do so at their leisure or visit nearby Corydon, a great shopping area.
- For planning purposes, I would like to hear from CI-AHCA members who wish to drive and stay overnight, or meet at either Leavenworth or Vincennes?

As a side note, I have asked for a VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION based on the total number of miles driven. The total trip to Leavenworth and on to Vincennes is approximately 285 miles. My company will match a portion of the funds raised.

The funds raised locally from the Central Indiana Club **STAY LOCALLY in the Central Indiana Chapter of Make-A-Wish. Northern Indiana funds will also be donated to The Indy Chapter of Make-A-Wish.**

**Cars in Progress corner;** This is intended to provide an update on cars currently off the road and in progress of being worked on. Please forward any information on your car’s progress or to find a part you are looking for.  
Jim Frakes Healey email; austinhealey@earthlink.net.

Jim Frakes; AH 100 BN2: Still under construction with no progress in April May or June!

**Conclave 2008 “Healeys on the Bay”**, sponsored by San Diego Austin Healey Club, June 29th to July 4th. [Www.sdhealey.org](http://www.sdhealey.org)

Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix June 27-29, 2008. British Car Showdown, Saturday June 28. Featured Marque; Austin Healey Sprite, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Sprite. <http://www.midohio.com>

**Cincinnati British Car and Bike Show** sponsored by Cincinnati British car Club, July 13, 2008, Wm Harbin Park, Fairfield, OH. [www.bccgc.com](http://www.bccgc.com) Gates open 9:00 A.M. Featured Marque is Triumph TR4, 4A, and TR 250

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**; Most clubs are in the process of firming up their local event calendar for 2008 so I thought I would send a reminder on the 2008 Ice Cream Social the weekend of Aug 22-24. Now an official event :-). This year's theme - **"54 hour ICS"** (6:00 pm Friday to 12:00 pm Sunday) ; Robb Handshuh, AHCA Event Coordinator.

**Lemon Creek Winery Festival and Brit car show** sponsored by the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club, September 6, 2008; Berien Springs MI. [www.lemoncreekwinery.com](http://www.lemoncreekwinery.com)

**Chicago All British Car Meet** sponsored by Chicago Brits, September 7th; (Next Day after Lemon Creek

**SeptemberFest** sponsored by Central Indiana Austin Healey Club, September 12 thru 14th, Nashville, IN. [Www.home.earthlink.net/~ciahc/](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~ciahc/)

**Southeastern Classic** sponsored by Middle Tennessee Austin Healey Club, September 18-20th;

**Fall Out British car Show** sponsored by Northern Indiana Lakes British car Club, October 4th; Winona Lake, IN.

**Fall Round-Up** sponsored by Miami Valley Austin Healey Club, September 26-28th.

**Euro Auto Festival** at the BMW factory in Spartanburg, SC. October 19-21st.

### **Minutes from May Cont'd;**

Jim Frakes made a motion, seconded by Jo Switzer, that our club would pledge \$1,000 to be presented by December 31 to the Make-A-Wish effort. The vote was unanimous.

John Mann said that he know of a couple in Tipton who had a BT7 that needs help. Jim Frakes suggested the club ask for a donation form the owner of the car if we assist them to get their Healey running.

Jon Monies concluded the meeting with a discussion of shirt colors for SeptemberFest. A consensus of those in attendance expressed a desire for sweatshirts instead of polo/golf shirts.

Upcoming events:

- June 19-20, Make-A-Wish Tour (see above)
  - **July 12 – Rush County Covered Bridge Tour hosted by Pat and Debbie Bruce.**
- July 13 Cincinnati British Car and Motor Bike Show held at William Harbin Park in Fairfield, Ohio. Some ICHIA members proposed to drive on to Fairfield after the Covered Bridge Tour.

Next meeting is at the Oaken Barrel in Greenwood June 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30.

**Call Pat or Debbie if you are going to the Rush County Covered Bridge Tour 765-565-6556**

### **TECH SESSIONS SCHEDULE;**

A lively group visited Karen Knop last Tuesday to review the BN6 her husband had been working on. He had made a yeoman's effort in putting together a reported "pile of pieces" and actually had it running in the neighborhood. It still needs more attention and we hope it gets the attention it deserves.

Brent Porter ably assisted Jim Frakes with changing the water pump on the BJ8. With a major squeal during a 550 mile Springthing trip, it finally started leaking last weekend. Thanks Brent ! The "Porter Special " fix on the choke cables works well also. Other tech sessions: None scheduled. Call Jim Frakes to schedule.



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Jan 15th, Meeting @Oaken Barrel.

July 12 Rush County Covered Bridge Tour.

Jul 15 Meeting @ Logan's 82nd

## July 2008

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Feb 17th, Daytona Party @ Switzer's  
Feb 19th, Meeting @ Logan's 82nd

Aug 19, Meeting at Oaken Barrel  
Aug 24th, Annual "drive your Healey to the Ice Cream Social"  
TBA

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Mar 1, Tour of Skillman Classic Cars  
Mar 18, Meeting @ DuckPin Bowling

Sept 6, NIAHCA Lemon Creek Brit Field Day

Sept 12-14 September-Fest 2008 Nashville, IN

Sept 18-21st, SE Classic, TN (Jack Daniels)

Sept 26-28, Fall Round-up, Dayton

## Sept 2008

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Apr 15, Meeting @ Logan's 82nd St.

Apr 19, Shake out cruise & Z'ville Toy Museum

Oct 21, Meeting @ Logan's 82nd

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May 4, NEOAHC Brit Swap Meet

May 10 Spring Clean @ Frakes' Noblesville

May 15-18 Springthing BGAHC Clermont, KY

May 20 Meeting at Elbow Room

May 25 Indy 500 Pitch-in @ Wright-Monies

Nov 18, Meeting @ Oaken Barrel

## Nov 2008

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Jun 14 Driving tour TBA  
Jun 17 Meeting @ Oaken Barrel

Jun 20-21 Driving tour for Conclave charity

Jun 29-Jul 4, Conclave 2008, San Diego

Dec 6 CIAHCA XMAS Party (tentative)

No Dec Meeting

## Dec 2008

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