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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

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# Overdrive

## From the President:

Healeys still seem to be on everyone's mind, even in this frigid and snowy weather. Last weekend, a lively group of Healeyites joined the Jagin (Jaguars Indiana) club to visit Hammer Art in Gasoline Alley. Bob Haskell, Brent Porter, Craig Rice, John Mann, Dick Storrs, Steve Berenyi and his son, David Broyles, Rich Pfile, and David Morrison, joined me, Doug Frakes and my 11 year old grandson Nolan Tighe in touring their shops. Our hosts were even gracious enough to serve us a very comprehensive free lunch (complements of the owner's wife) complete with adult beverages. A most ambitious project, the restoration - duplication of the SuMar special which raced in the 1955 Indy 500, was explained in detail. Amazingly aerodynamic for its time, the race car, driven by Jimmy Daywalt, finished a very respectable 9<sup>th</sup> after removing the outer body shell. It seems the aerodynamics gave the car a skittish feeling of lifting off the track. Hammer Art owner Denny Jamison explained the history of another vintage vehicle, an original 289 Cobra, purchased new by the owner. It seems when the owner married, the couple took the car on their Honeymoon. Somewhere along the trip, they were rear ended and the car suffered tremendous damage. The old photo of the humped up rear end is still pitiful to look at. Repairs were done by a Chevy dealer with riveted sheet metal (no respect for the classic to be). Now, years later, the original owner has decided to have it completely restored. The aluminum body is now nearly ready for paint, thanks to the Hammer Art talents. A Jag XK was also in the shop for extensive repairs and in the paint room, a nicely repainted and very AC ACE.

We also were treated to some of the area shops where everything racing seems to be getting a restoration. Mel Kenyon's famous # 56 midget was one of my favorites. A closer look at some of the machinery used in restoration, was a delight. We did not get to the fuel injection garage as Doug, Nolan and I left shortly after lunch to drive to Ray Skillman Classic Cars. Bob Haskell and fellow car enthusiast Jimmy Ray, also decided to view the wonderful showroom in Greenwood. No admission is charged, for this fantastic

collection, most of which is for sale. It was very difficult to get Doug away from the '67 Mustang Cobra GT 500 that had just been restored to excellent quality. It was a beautiful light blue with white stripe down the center, front to back. And it could be yours for only \$500,000. Nolan, eleven, was fascinated with all of the cars. The collection is extensive and not a pig in the bunch. If you like Detroit iron, you will love this couple of hours of entertainment. (free).

Jim



Hey Healey friends, this is a last minute plan, however it is a plan. Jim and I would like for you to come next Sunday, the 15th, for the Daytona race and Chili Cook off. Please RSVP to me (it helps a lot to know how many) before Friday the 13th. If you have questions please call me.

Hope to see you here,  
Jo (and Jim) Switzer  
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## Next Meeting

Will be on the THIRD Thursday of the month as most of the officers are planning to be out of town on the second Thursday of February.

February 19th, 6:30 PM at the Battery Park Saloon,  
201 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN (317) 237-3388

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#### Central Indiana AHC

<http://home.earthlink.net/~ciahc/>

#### Bluegrass AHC

<http://www.bluegrassclub.com>

#### Northern Indiana AHC

<http://web.mac.com/amalin>

#### Midwest Region AHC

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

#### Ohio Valley AHC

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

#### Indiana British Car Union

<http://www.ibcu.org>

#### Marque Matters Blog

<http://www.marquematters.blogs.com/>

#### AH Club of America

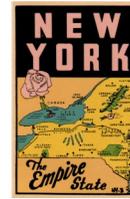
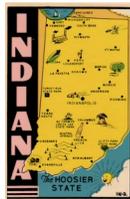
<http://www.healeyclub.org/>

## From the editor

I would like to publish the newsletter by the first of the month. So I would like contributions by the 25th. Didn't work so well this month.

Someone on the Healey mailing list asked where one could find the old souvenir travel decals. Ah, something else to collect! So a little searching on the web led me to <http://www.losthighwayart.net/>. I ended up buying ten decals – one of each state that Melanie and I have driven the tri-carb in. Now, do I put them on the car?

Bob



## January 2009 Meeting Minutes

1/9/2009 at Battery Park Saloon

Attendance was taken, but the list didn't make it back to Melanie. New members Bruce and Barb Watson came to the meeting with side curtains from their 1962 BT7 tuck under their arms.

Treasurer/membership report from Craig Rice: membership is at 65 and 60% of us have renewed so far, 4 have paid their dues on-line. Renewals are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. The cost for the Christmas party was \$600.

A couple of comments from the Delegates meeting by Jim Switzer – this is the 11<sup>th</sup> year without dues increase and the club insurance is up to \$5 million.

Conclave 2009 is in Kingston Ontario, June 21st-26th. Best way to pay is with credit card (exchange rate). Jim Frakes is looking into a light house tour on the way to conclave in Kingston

Tech sessions:

Norm and Susie on Sat. Jan 17th, to look over Susie's bug-eye. Pat Bruce wants to have a session; will coordinate with Jim Frakes.

Events for year:

Need a volunteer for a Daytona Party. Previous years have included a chili cook-off.

## ***January Meeting Minutes continued***

Skillman showroom classic cars, Bob Haskell will coordinate.

March 7<sup>th</sup>, Muncie Imports (Restoration Shop for British Cars) with Jag Club 10:00 AM-12:30PM. The staff of Muncie Imports will give presentations. If you want to attend, let Dewey Poskon or Jim Frakes know by mid Feb. Will probably meet in Fishers and drive together. Rain out date is March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Need a volunteer for the Poor Man's event. Potential dates are March 28<sup>th</sup> or April 4<sup>th</sup>.

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Spring Tune Up at the Mahnensmith's house – Northern Indiana AHC event on the south side of Fort Wayne.

May 9<sup>th</sup> West Baden hotel tour with the Jaguar club.

May 14 – 16, Bluegrass SpringThing. The Bluegrass Austin Healey Club driving event, 3 different hotels in three nights.

The May business meeting is on May 14<sup>th</sup>, may move due to conflict with SpringThing.

June 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> British Bash in Louisville

June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Jaguar club is going to Dr. Foster's Museum in New Castle

July 11<sup>th</sup> Jaguar Club Concours de Elegance

Need an event to tie in with the ice cream social.

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Jaguar club has London to Paris with overnight in Madison.

Dayton Show in August

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Lemon Creek Winery, put on by Northern Indiana

Sept. 25-26 September Fest

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Winona Lake, Northern Indiana

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> Story Indiana tour with Jag club

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween Party at Jim and Bev Bush

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party

Still have plenty of cookbooks to sell.

SeptemberFest:

September 25-27<sup>th</sup>, need to settle on location in Rushville or Corydon within 2 or 3 weeks. Talked a little bit about Funkhana – may-be miniature golf. We will need committee chairs for new location

## ***Tech Sessions***

Still working (slowly) on the 100 at the Frakes garage. It is almost ready for the engine trial fit before the engine is sent out for painting.

The tech session at Susie's and Norm's was postponed due to a septic system problem.

## ***The Trip to Gasoline Alley***

Gasoline Alley is a place that you just want to park your car and walk around and knock on doors (politely). There is some neat stuff going on there.

A couple of Kurtis cars being built at Van Craft's. Van worked for Shelby American in the early-mid 60's and now owns the original jigs and the rights to the Kurtis Kraft name.



An original 289 AC Cobra body undergoing restoration at Hammer Art. The SuMar Indy car chassis is in the background. See the drawing on the wall.





Denny Jamison of Hammer Art demonstrating the English Wheel to John Mann. (image by Brent Porter)

Nolan Tighe and Doug Frakes at Hammer Art. (image by Brent Porter)



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January 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

February 15<sup>th</sup> Daytona Party  
 February 19<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
 February 22<sup>nd</sup> British Car Swap Meet  
 (Chicago)

March 12<sup>th</sup> Business MeetingApril 9<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

May 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
 May 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> SpringThing 2009  
 May 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Carlisle Import Car  
 Show (Carlisle, PA)  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Champagne British  
 Car Festival (Champaign, IL)

June 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> British Bash (Louisville)  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
 June 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Conclave (Kingston,  
 ON)

July 9<sup>th</sup> Business MeetingAugust 13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

September 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting  
 September 12<sup>th</sup> Lemon Creek  
 September 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> SE Classic  
 September 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Indy British  
 September 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Septemberfest

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