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# Overdrive

## **From the President:**

Switzers' MGB is finally coming together after 18 years off the road. It appears to be road worthy for the trip to Kingston and the Conclave. The Switzers wish to thank a lot of people who helped make this trip possible. Among them are Ron Francis on the great interior installation job, Steve Martin on an engine tune-up, Bob Haskell on nearly everything, and a few others joining in when they can; Coors Lite included. The baby blue exterior is well set off by the Tan interior and newly recovered and reportedly very comfortable seats. Congrats to the Switzers!

British Bash in Louisville this weekend was well represented by the Central Indiana Club on a beautiful sunny afternoon at the St. Joseph Children's Home. Bob Haskell was my chauffeur for a leisurely trip down U.S. 31 in the BT7. Craig and Sue Rice were already in position, followed by Jim and Sandy Burck in their Black 100, Doug Bruce and son in the square body Sprite traveled over from Bloomington, as well as Dan and Darlena Lindsay in their very nice Healey Blue BJ8 (it received several comments from passersbys). A big surprise was Bill Coan and his son, Craig, in the newly restored, all black, TR3. The car has been a few years in the making and it was well worth it. Bill took top honors in the TR3 category. Rices took second in the 100 class (which is tough in Louisville with Bill Fryrears red over black 100M and Dave Case' very nice Florida Green BN6 with hardtop). Also attending were Rich and Frankie Pfile, driving down from Indy in their Spitfire.

I personally enjoyed spending some time with my grand niece Mekayla Howard, who is a counselor at the home. She plans to enter U of L this fall to get her masters in social counseling after graduating last year from Anderson College in Anderson, IN.

Mike Strader, a former Central Indiana member, showed his recently completed, long term project, the Bugeye. His efforts were rewarded by a first in class

for the Bugeyes and it was well deserved. A lot of very fine touches set this car off from the rest, not just the paint or exterior. Well done Mike.

Bonnie Chreste presented a very nice large silver cup award in honor of Herb, to Bernie Lamp for his OEW BJ8, voted as "Best Healey" of the show cars.

Next week, a group of six central Indiana Healey Club members will begin their trip to Kingston Ontario and Conclave 2009. Three Austin-Healeys, two BJ9's, and a Baby Blue MGB plan to make the trip. Wish us all good luck! We expect to take four leisurely days enjoying back roads while visiting some of the sites along the way. Niagara Falls and some lighthouses are planned as well as the ferry to Wolfe Island and a ferry to Kingston. We plan to return Sunday evening the 28<sup>th</sup>.

See you this Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Monical's Pizza in Traders Point shopping center.

Jim

## **Next Meeting**

**Location Changed!** We were going to be at the Oaken Barrel Pub in Southport, but the room was double booked.

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Monical's Pizza of Traders Point, 6010 W 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 124, Indianapolis, IN (317) 870-7722. Monical's is in the Traders Point Shopping Center at I-465 and 86<sup>th</sup> St on the northwest side of Indy – located in front of the Showplace 12 theater and across from the Cold Stone Creamery.

There will be a a door prize for one 'lucky' attendee. Assuming Bob remembers to bring it.

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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

For those going to Conclave: I was reading in a AAA tour book that "U.S. Motorists should obtain from their own U.S. insurance companies a yellow Non-resident Inter-Province Motor Liability Insurance Card (accepted as evidence of financial responsibility in Canada). Those not carrying proper proof may be subject to a substantial fine (minimum \$575). Fines vary by province." My insurance agent (State Farm) needed to know travel dates (to confirm my policy is in effect) and which car we're taking.

I'm happy to report that Bruce Gilham is on the road after his heart transplant earlier this year. The Healey isn't too far behind – Jim Frakes and Bruce did a little electrical work and both should be ready for some summer driving.

I would like to publish the newsletter by the first of the month. One of these times. Articles or photos for the newsletter are welcome. Please get them to me by the 25<sup>th</sup> so I can include them in the next issue.

Bob

## May 2009 Meeting Minutes

Jim Frakes called the meeting to order.

Attending were Jim Frakes, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Jim Bush, Sandy and Jim Burck, David Broyles, Ruth and Dick Bius, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Craig and Sue Rice, Bruce and Barbara Watson, Patrick Bruce, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker.

Bruce and Barbara drove their Healey Blue 3000 to the meeting.

Membership report from Craig Rice-62 members for 2009.

No delegate report

Recent events:

Jim Frakes put the 100 project away for the summer.

Jim Frakes and Jo Switzer attended the Officer's Meeting in Charlotte on the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup>. The Healey Marque is 40 pages all in color. Dues have not increased in 11 years. Insurance coverage has increased to \$2 million.

April 16<sup>th</sup> the Schoppenhorsts had a Tech Session at their house. The group put the Bugeye on the rotisserie. Norm and Suzy appreciated the help.

Mannensmiths hosted a Spring tune up at their house in Fort Wayne on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Barb and Bruce Watson and Bob Haskell

## ***Business Meeting Minutes cont'd***

attended. Bruce Watson passed around pictures of the Spring Tune Up at the meeting.

Future events:

May 14 – 16, Bluegrass SpringThing. Haskells and Buis planned to attend. Dick and Ruth are driving their Durango. The Central Indiana group are planning to drive to Louisville with the Northern Indiana group.

May 24<sup>th</sup>, Jon Monies and Joan Wright will host their annual Indy 500 Party. Plan to arrive after 10:00. Coordinate food for the pitch-in with Joan. A sign up sheet was passed around at the meeting. Haskells, Buis, and Bruce were planning to attend.

SeptemberFest, September 25-27<sup>th</sup>, in Rushville Planning is going well.

June 6<sup>th</sup> is the British Bash. It is a nice car show with a lot of shade. This year the featured mark is the TR6. Proceeds of the event go to the Children's home.

Next business meetings are June 11<sup>th</sup> at Oaken Barrel (now Monicals) and July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Conclave is June 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> in Kingston. Jim discussed the plans for the drive to Kingston including a light house tour and Nigeria Falls. We may stop by Bob H's parent's house on the way. Jim proposed getting magnets for the cars that say "Central Indiana AHC on tour". Jim will check on the price. On the way to Vermont we stopped in Amish Country. Jim wants to take the interstate around Youngstown. Dick Stores is going for the Rally and wants to go to Watkins Glenn.

Frakes plans to have an ice cream social at his house. It will be in July or August.

Melanie suggested the club meet at the Square in Noblesville for the Saturday night car show. The show starts around 4:30 -5:30.

We discussed have a photographer at an event to take pictures of our cars and/or families. Melanie will look into the details.

## ***NIAHC Spring Tune Up***

Bruce and Barb Watson, and Bob Haskell drove their Healeys up to the Northern Indiana Club's Spring Tune Up at Tim and Renee Mahnensmith's. The trip up was windy enough to suck the air out of my nose. The women went shopping and the guys worked on the cars. Bruce got the oil pan gasket changed and the exhaust system tightened up. Tim's new gadget for the garage was a pneumatic can crusher.

## ***Spring Thing***

Two couples from the club went down to Kentucky for SpringThing. Dick and Ruth Buis drove their Durango, and Bob and Melanie Haskell drove the tri-carb. The Haskells met four couples from the Northern Indiana club in Pendleton. Somewhere before Pendleton, one of the cars hit a bird in low-level flight – the bird was removed before continuing to Louisville via SR-9, SR-7 and US-31. Traffic was pretty bad at the Kennedy bridge over the Ohio, but on the plus side we were moving slow enough that John Eslinger was able to pick up the claw hammer laying in our lane. Jack Overly will be putting it to good use.

Friday was spent on Millionaire's row at Churchill Downs. After an excellent buffet, we found that there were plenty of different bets one could place on the races. With the skies threatening, we headed back to the hotel, but just had to drive through a few puddles.

For the rally on Saturday, the Northern Indiana folks decided to make a detour and visit a couple of distilleries, south of Frankfort. So we didn't get to go through Switzer, Kentucky. When we got to Frankfort, we had lunch at the Marshall's Backstretch restaurant that was in the movie Dreamer starring Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning. We ended up going to the Buffalo Trace distillery in Frankfort and tasting a few samples. Folks seemed to really enjoy the Crème Liqueur. After cleaning up, we headed to the Kentucky Horse Park for a tour and dinner. Bob's GPS gave us two choices for the address given; unfortunately, Bob picked the wrong one. But we got turned around and arrived in plenty of time for a hay ride tour of the farm and to visit a couple of the museums before dinner. After dinner was a clogging demonstration which welcomed audience participation. Afterwards, there was a shorter trip back to the hotel for the awards ceremony.

For the trip home, we picked up 421 in Frankfort and took it to Madison, IN. There we stopped for lunch and picked up SR 7 to Columbus and then SR 9 to Pendleton where Bob tried to lead the group Anderson, instead of Noblesville.



## **Indy 500 Party**

Joan Wright and Jon Monies hosted the annual Indy 500 party in Brown County. Club members Dick and Ruth Buis, Pat and Debbie Bruce, Bob, Melanie and Tim Haskell, Jim and Jo Switzer watched the race and ate too much along with Joan's brother and a couple of friends of Joan and Jon's. There were two Healeys attending this year – the Buis' drove their 3000 to keep Pat's Sprite company. Unfortunately, both got a bit wet on the trip home.

Joanie, Pat would like to talk to you about one of the cars out by the barn...

## **Tech Sessions**

None planned at the moment. Contact Jim Frakes to schedule one.

## **Progress**

The Switzer's MGB went to Ron Francis' so Ron could install the interior. Ron drove the car to the Noblesville square on Saturday and had a matching blue tarp to use as soft top for when it sprinkled. Sunday saw Jim Switzer, Steve Martin, Jim Frakes and Bob Haskell at Ron's to continue the work. Steve did some carburettor work – swapping out the Grose Jets for standard needle and seats; looking to cure a stumble around 2500 rpm. Steve and Jim F. installed some riv-nuts to replace the missing welded nuts that are used to mount the top frame. Bob and Jim S. worked on the boot lid, trying to get it flush (at least closer) to the body and to install the latch. Didn't have much luck with the latch, but we were able to confirm that a 6' 9" body will fit in the boot and that the boot light does go out when the lid is closed. Jim and Jo have taken the car out on a couple of shakedown drives. This past Sunday, Ron, Bob and Jim F. got the soft top installed, the trunk lid latch working, the badges installed and the headlights aimed. Still a bit more to do.

Bob Haskell has been working on the fuel sending unit and gauge of the tri-carb. Seems that the gauge was never reading much below  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a tank. He found that the lever arm of the sending unit float was bent. After straightening it, it read  $\frac{1}{4}$  of tank when the fuel pump started pumping air. You know, there use to be a couple of gas stations in downtown Zionsville. The next step is to see if bending the arm a bit (in the other direction) will get the gauge closer to zero when the tank is empty. Will drain the tank rather than running it dry on the road.



*British Bash - Bill Coan and his winning TR3.  
Photo by Jim Frakes*



*Jim Frakes, Dan Lindsay behind Dan's 3000*

January 2009							February 2009							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	January 8 <sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
4	5	6	7	<b>B</b>	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	February 15 <sup>th</sup> Daytona Party
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	<b>B</b>	20	21	February 19 <sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> British Car Swap Meet (Chicago)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31								
March 2009							April 2009							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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8	9	10	11	<b>B</b>	13	14	5	6	7	8	<b>B</b>	10	11	April 9 <sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
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10	11	12	13	<b>B</b>	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	May 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Carlisle Import Car Show (Carlisle, PA)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Champagne British Car Festival (Champaign, IL)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30					June 5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> British Bash (Louisville)
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July 2009							August 2009							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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September 2009							October 2009							
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6	7	8	9	<b>B</b>	11	12	4	5	6	7	<b>B</b>	9	10	September 12 <sup>th</sup> Lemon Creek
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	September 17 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> SE Classic
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	September 19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Indy British
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	September 25 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> Septemberfest
November 2009							December 2009							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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