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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club Vol2010 Issue 3

Overdrive

From the President:

Snow, Snow, Snow! Cold, Cold, Cold! Spring, Spring, Spring! Ah, Spring which means SpringThing by the BGAHC is not far off. That's much better to think about than all the cold and snow of February 2010! But, look on the bright side, it gives us much more in-garage time to get our cars ready for that inevitable end to the winter and the joys of driving our Healeys! See, that's much better to think about. BTW, are you getting the Healey ready?

For sure, a few of us have been preparing our Healeys for the season. This past week, Ron Francis, Bob Haskell and I joined Bruce Gilham in the final steps to getting his Bj8 road worthy again after a delayed winter down time. The list of items repaired included new steering box seals (a tough job with a stubborn pitman arm requiring a removal of the steering box), new front kingpins, (delayed by a broken A arm bolt), new front disk brake pads, a generator to alternator upgrade, necessitated by a desired installation of a Vintage Air conditioner. This installation required removal of the radiator, relocation of the coil bracket and horns, removal of the dash center and glove box section and some re-wiring and fuse additions. Finally, the changing of the brake fluid preceded firing the car up again after a four month downtime. Ron Francis also took time to give the car one of his famous detailing procedures during the downtime and it sparkles. Last item is to charge the A/C and replace the remainder of the dash. Bruce will wait on the snow to clear before attempting to take it to a charging service.

The Healey tasks were completed this week with a note of celebration for Bruce and Charlene. It has been one year since Bruce's very successful heart transplant. What a year it has been for them. Double congratulations is in order since their daughter gave birth in early February to the couple's first daughter, always a special event.

My 100 chassis is in Kendallville having the previously painted body panels hung on and should be finished this week. Interior is next and with good luck and some hard work, it may be road ready by May.

March 12th, 13th and 14th, Central Indiana Austin Healey Club will be hosting the annual President's planning meeting in Indianapolis. The host hotel is the Drury Inn on North Shadeland Ave. in Castleton. On Friday, March 12th, some of our Central Indiana club members have volunteered to provide a Hoosier Hospitality for the incoming guests.

As usual, thoughts of spring turn us toward Conclave 2010 in Galena, We hope those who plan to attend have registered and made hotel reservations. If not, it is time!

See you on Thursday March 11th for the monthly meeting.

Jim

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 11th At: Monical's Pizza of Traders Point, 6010 W 86th Street, Suite 124, Indianapolis. (317) 870-7722.

Times: 6:30 pm - dinner
7:30 pm - meeting

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Midwest Region AHC

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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 went looking for Castrol brake fluid recently and ran across two varieties: GTLMA and GTLMA synthetic. Different labeling, but with the same part number. An email to Castrol USA got the following response:

“Castrol GTLMA now has a higher wet boiling point and the product label has been changed. The product formula has not been changed; Castrol GTLMA has always been a fully synthetic brake fluid. The wet boiling point has increased from 311°F to 329°F (155°C to 169°C)”.

I'm not sure how you change the boiling point without changing the formula. May-be they re-calibrated the temperature measurement equipment or changed the definition of boiling. In any case, it's still a DOT3/DOT4 brake fluid. Don't mix with DOT5 synthetic. Available at Earl's on Gasoline Alley if you can't find it at the local auto parts store.

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 25th so I can include them in the next issue.

Bob

February 2010 Meeting Minutes

By Bob Haskell

14 Feb 2010 at Switzers

Melanie Haskell called the meeting to order.

Attending were Roy Bowman, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim and Bev Bush, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Craig and Sue Rice, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Jim and Jo Switzer, Bruce and Barbara Watson. Jim Frakes called a couple times from the Daytona 500. So we exceeded the minimum Jim requirement.

Membership: currently have 62 members including 13 who have not yet renewed.

The March businesses meeting will be at Monical's Pizza. The April meeting will be at Oaken Barrel. The May meeting will be moved up a week to the 6th as the 13th is SpringThing.

Indy was not able to attend the September Roundup meeting on February 6th because of the weather. Nor the rescheduled meeting

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Business Meeting Minutes cont'd

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on the 13th as Jim Frakes was in Florida. (Editor's note: September Roundup info (including registration form) is now on the club's website).

President's Meeting March 12th – 14th: Melanie Haskell and Jo Switzer are finishing up the details for the Friday dinner at the Drury Inn. The club will be serve sloppy joes for dinner. Members providing desserts should bring them to the March business meeting for Jo to deliver. Saturday evening's meal will be at Logan's Steakhouse on 82nd Street. Club members are welcome to join the officers for food and conversation. If you want to attend, let Jo know by March 10 so she can give the restaurant an updated headcount.

Bruce Watson will arrange a drive to Turkey Run on June 19th.

Jo Switzer suggested combining a Saturday morning drive and a business meeting.

The club should request some of the Future 50 posters from Ben Moore. They could be then handed out at events such as the Saturday evening on the square in Noblesville.

A show of hands has Bowman, Bushes, Burcks, Frakes, Gilhams, Haskells, Monies (how did they do that?), Rices, Storrs and Watsons going to Conclave 2010.

Daytona Party

A good number of folks decided to spend their Valentine's Day at the Daytona 500 Party and Chili Cook-off at the Switzers. The blue MGB was uncovered and discussed but no wrenches were turned. With the race being stopped twice for track repairs there was plenty of time to chat and eat.

The winners were: Best Chili was Barbara Watson's Vermont Maple-Spiked Chili (see the recipe on the next page). Bev Bush had the award winning Hot Chili and Jim Bush brought the Best Other Food, a pecan pie. Race winners included Bev for first out and 13th place, Sandy Burck for the leader at 100 laps, Jim Bush for third place and Barbara for 1st.

Many thanks to Jo and Jim for hosting the party (hope the rug came clean).



During one of the red flags, Bruce Watson and Roy Bowman talk on the couch, Sue Rice and Norm Schoppenhorst are standing, and Jim Switzer is in the deserts again.

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Barbara Watson (Best Chili), Jim Bush (BOF), and Bev Bush (Hot Chili)

Vermont Maple-Spiked Chili

by **Barbara Watson**

3-16oz. cans kidney beans (well drained)
1 cup chopped onions
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 tbsp. oil
2 pounds ground chuck
1 ½ tsp. black pepper

1 ½ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. chili powder (or more your option)
1 tsp. ground allspice
15-ounce can tomato sauce
½ cup maple syrup (I used Mrs. Butterworth's Lite)

In a Dutch oven, sauté onion and garlic in oil until soft. Add meat, stirring to keep it loose and crumbly, and cook until browned. Drain and discard fat. Add pepper, salt, chili powder, allspice, tomato sauce, syrup and 2 cups water. Bring to boil, reduce heat to a low simmer and cook, partially covered, for 30 minutes. Add the reserved beans and cook 15 minutes more. Spoon chili into bowls and serve. Good with cheese on top. Makes 10 cups; serves 6 as a main course.

Tech Sessions

Contact Jim Frakes to schedule one.

