



# Overdrive

July 2012 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

## **From the President:**

*By Jim Frakes*

I hope this reaches everyone before our Meeting this Thursday at Dimitri's on the South side of Indy. It seems each month the time just slips away and it is that time again for our monthly update. It is NOT the fault of your editor or web master, only mine.

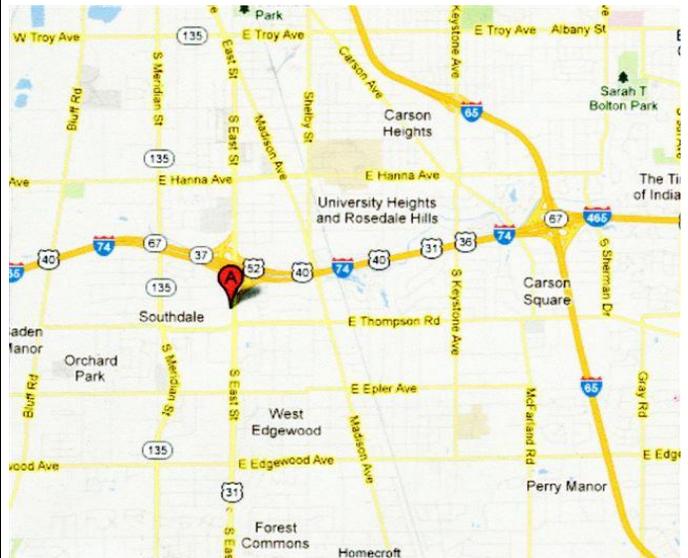
Conclave 2012! Could it have been any better? Around 250 Healeys and more than 450 attendees! Yes, the weather was HOT! But the Blue Grass Club did an outstanding job, which we knew they would.

Churchill Downs, race horses and especially the Millionaire Row suites provided an entertaining and tasty way to start the event. Many ladies dressed in their finest and wore some very colorful hats, in keeping with the tradition of the Kentucky Derby. Pictures will be shown this Thursday evening!

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## **Coming Events:**

The July business meeting will be the 12th at Dimitri's Casual Dining at 4902 South East Street, Indianapolis. 317-791-1118.



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Gymkhana and Funkhana were run with outstanding success (thanks to those helping from Ohio Valley and others). Central Indiana attendees included Storrs, Haskell's, Belden's, Burck's, Mann's, Watson's, Rice's, Gilham's, Buis', Switzer's, Berenyi's, Lindsey's, Schoppenhorst's, Bush's, and Jim Frakes. Don and Paul Yost, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker, drove down for the car show as well as former member, Ron Francis, and TR3 owner Roger Halliburton. Brent Porter was also at the event for a couple days before returning to work.

The Car Show had a scenic Ohio River venue and a nice drive to the downtown area with minimal traffic and some very scenic areas along the way. Parking on the gravel made it seem even hotter, but there was shade to be found nearby. What a variety and quantity of cars to choose from. Reportedly there were (85) BJ8 two-light Healeys! How do you find that winner?

Dinner at the Huber Family Farm was a nice drive with good food, and apparently no mishaps along the way. Hotel Hospitality was very good and cooperative.

Rally, well, it was very scenic, but a bit more of the downtown than some would like and a few complaints from others about not being challenging enough from a question and answer point of view. One longtime member (not from Central Indiana) was very adamant about not having a true Rally. Overall, most people seemed okay with it.

Central Indiana took several car show awards among the over 500 Ballots to count!

- 100's - Rice's were second and Melanie Haskell was third, with the Burck's receiving an Award of Excellence.
- BN4 - Mann's Award of Excellence
- BJ7 - Storrs' Award of Excellence
- BJ8 - Lindsey's Award of Excellence, Belden's Award of Excellence.

Overall Car show Award went to John Nikas who was driving "Grace" , the Drive Away Cancer model 100 that has been traveling the country for two years.

*Special recognition goes to Melanie Haskell who drove Ron Francis 100M down from Zionsville, leaving around 6:00 P.M. (due to a previous wedding and reception event).*

For those who may not have received word of Ron Francis condition via my daily emails, I will provide a brief description. Ron and former member Gene Marinacci, attended a July 4<sup>th</sup> car show at the Noblesville High School. While sitting in the

shade and having conversation, Ron stopped in mid-sentence. Gene, then noticed his head was back and was not responsive. The 911 call responded very quickly and Ron was rushed to Noblesville's Riverview Hospital, the closest to the incident. Diagnosis was a blocked artery and Ron was in a coma. As of Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, Ron was still in a coma. He has undergone several procedures, including a stent in the occluded artery. Long term prognosis is a work in progress. His heart is strong, breathing about 50 % on his own, and most other body functions are working. If you have not received my emails and would like to be on the list, please email me. [jimf@frakes-eng.com](mailto:jimf@frakes-eng.com).

**As they say; late breaking news on July 9<sup>th</sup>.** I received a call from Gene today about 10:00 a.m. to say that the doctors had removed his ventilator. Apparently, shortly thereafter, Ron awoke, did not know what happened, but did recognize Gene and Karen. Late this afternoon, I visited Ron and Karen at the hospital. Amazing! What a difference from Saturday night; laughing, joking, bitching at the nurses, and asking questions as to why are they doing this or that. No noticeable problems other than coughing and a sore throat from the breathing machine. He has some (# undefined) broken ribs from the resuscitation, but otherwise seems fine. I believe having Gene with him at the car show, talking and paying attention, saved his life.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, the plan is to move him to the Community Hospital Heart Center at 86<sup>th</sup> and Shadeland. The plan is to install a pacemaker and further his recovery. The move is due to Riverview only having pacemaker doctor in twice per month.

Jim

***June 14 , 2012 Business Meeting at Squealer Southern Barbecue  
By Bob Haskell, secretary***

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Frakes.

***September Round-up:***

Jo discussed Regalia:

- neck coolies required 500 min order.
- chamois - couldn't get done in time for Conclave as the file format needed to be a vector format - instead of jpeg.
- Jo had a couple of blankets:
  - \$12.50 (\$50 set up charge)

- \$10.25 (\$50 set up) min order 48.
- Don't need to decide tonight
- so we're thinking about the following items for regalia:
  - blanket
  - wine glass 144 @1.74 --
  - microfiber towels
  - chamois

Jo expressed her concern about making the event more expensive (extra day, more expensive hotel and possibly regalia).

Bruce Watson and Roy Bowman discussed the car show location. The location has been determined. Bruce got ahold of the real estate manager from Cummins - there are two lots that we can use. One is adjacent to the farmer's market (preferred) and one on the east side. Cummins is sending the paper work - will require the AHCA insurance form.

Need to take the September Round-up registration forms to Conclave. Remind Jim Frakes about inviting all to Round-up during the Tuesday night dinner.

***November Delegates Meeting:***

Will be in Indianapolis, November 9th - 11<sup>th</sup> and will be at a hotel in Plainfield that has airport shuttle service. The meals will be provided by the hotel, so our club won't need to. Members are invited to banquet - let Jo know in advance. There is an auction to help defray the costs of the meeting - consider donating an item or two to the auction.

**Calendar**

July:

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> – London to Brighton Run hosted by CIAHC. Registration includes lunch at a British restaurant. Optional breakfast (8:00-8:30) at Triton High School in Fairlawn. Cars off sometime between 9:00-10:00 am. Jim Storrs to volunteer. Rally will end somewhere in central Indiana, not Cincinnati.
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Michianna Britts Car Show

## August:

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> – IBCU British Car Motor Days in Zionsville. Feature car is Triumph Spitfire (50<sup>th</sup> Year).
- 25<sup>th</sup>:- Carmel Artmobile
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Annual Ice Cream Social. Jim and Jo Switzer to put together ice cream competition or progressive ice cream event?

## September

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Northern Indiana AHC British Car Open Field Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> – September Roundup in Columbus, Indiana – hosted by CIAHC. Jim Switzer is going to invite the Illini club to September Roundup. Roy Bowman has not heard from Cummins regarding allowing us to use their parking lot for our car show. Roy to call and look for back-up locations, perhaps at the hotel. What regalia do we want for the event? Ladies though that the (Watson) performance material was too clingy. Jo, Melanie and Bob looked at other items: neck cooler, mouse pads, traveling blanket, microfiber towels, chamois in a tube, wine glass, flashlight/key, fan/mister, etc. Considering using September Round-Up logo without the year. Melanie has sent logo to Land's End Business. The members agreed to go ahead and pay the set-up fee and do a couple of sample shirts. The logo thread color cannot be changed. Need to double check size of logo.

## October:

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club “Fall Out 2012” at Winona Lake
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party and business meeting

## November:

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – AHC of America's delegates meeting to be held at Cambria Suites in Plainfield. The hotel will provide an airport shuttle and meals. Jo doesn't need help, but invited club members to attend, but notify her first. Auction items are needed.

## December:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Party in Noblesville

## *Another Bugeye Racer!!*

*By Paul Legan (not a member, but has a sweet car for sale)  
Greenfield, Indiana*



\$4,599

1966 Sprite Race Car currently runs in SCCA "G Prepared" autocross, and could also run vintage, but Paul has no log books. The engine is a 1098 cc putting out about 95 HP in a 1350 lb. car and has about 20 hours on a fresh re-build. It has been bored to the legal maximum. The head has the larger 1275 valves, very stiff double valve springs, and is mildly ported. The cam is B-L "949" full race with solid lifters, roller rockers, and an adjustable cam gear. Aluminum B-L race pistons are on B-L racing rods with 0.010 over and are smoothed and magnifluxed with ARP bolts. The crank is a big-bearing forged steel with 0.010 over mains, cross-drilled, and nitrided.

The flywheel is steel, but lightened. The entire rotating assembly is balanced and

runs smoothly from idle to 7000 rpm. The ignition is MSD with a Soft Touch Rev Limiter. The carbs are 1 ¼" SU's with K & N filters - pretty easy to adjust and balance. The starter is a gear reduction type. Stock radiator has a switch controlled electric fan. Tranny is Datsun 210 – 5 speed with a short shifter. Paul runs full synthetic oils and gear lubes throughout. The car likes 110 octane to handle the compression, but 3 gallon will get you through a 2 day weekend.

Car has a big brake kit on front, (MGB calipers, Spitfire rotors, and aluminum adaptors), with Hawk autocross pads. Current rear end is 5:38 ratio with welded spider gears. Sway bars are 7/8" front, 5/8" rear, both adjustable. The body is all steel with molded in fiberglass flares front and rear. Paint is white with blue pearl highlights on the body panels and roll cage tubes. Passenger rocker needs repair, but Paul has a new sheet metal for replacement. Race harness is a brand new G-Force 5 pt. cam-lock set. Wheels are 13 x 5.5 Aluminum Slots with 13x8x20 cantilevered Hoosier slicks. Exhaust is all new from the header back. Spares included are: two AH tranny's, oil cooler, stock 1275 engine, pair of 1 ½" SU's and other misc. parts.

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