



Overdrive

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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

From the President:

By Jim Frakes

Editor's Note: We've allowed our beloved president a month's reprieve from his "From the President" column. Jim will return in April with a recap of his Daytona 500 adventures.

Daytona 500 Chili Cook Off Report By Charlene Gilham

February 26th, Bruce and Barbara Watson hosted our annual Daytona 500 pitch-in at their lovely home. Attending were: Roy Bowman and Silva S. Jim and Sandy Burck, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Craig and Sue Rice Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Jim Switzer and Sherri and Dick Storrs. Thank you Bruce and Barbara for your hospitality and Barb's festive race decorations.

Of course, Jim Frakes was up front and personal at the Daytona 500 Race watching the rain pour down, which delayed the race. He watched the dramatic race the next day and finally got to bed at 5:00 am. On the other hand, back here in Indiana at the party, we enjoyed each other's company on a warm, bright and sunny winter's day!

Coming Events

The January business meeting will be March 8th at SQUEALERS Southern Barbecue at 5515 West 86th Street (corner of 86th and Zionsville Road) 871-7427.



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Doug Bruce's Bugeye "before"
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Indiana British Car Union

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Marque Matters Blog

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

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

January 2012 Business Meeting

Squealers Barbeque

The meeting called to order by Jim Frakes, president.

Attending the meeting were Jerry Baker, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim and Bev Bush, Jim Frakes, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Paul Imel, John and Kathi Mann, David Morrison, Dewey Poskon, Craig Rice, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Leland Sellers, Rick Smith, Dick Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer, Bruce and Barbara Watson, and Kyle Young.

Guests:

- Leland Selllers, from Greenfield, has a BJ8
- Jerry Baker, from Indianapolis, used to race a Bugeye Sprite. Sometime in the past Jerry sold his Bugeye, but recently repurchased it.
- Rick Smith and Kyle Young of The Korner Garage, located off County Line Road between 10th and 21st Streets at 1681 Expo Lane

Membership Chairman Craig Rice reported current membership at 59, with two 2011 members still to renew.

We have two new members:

- Leland and Catherine Sellers, Greenfield. Leland has a BJ8 that has languished in a barn for several years and he wants to get it ready for the road
- Tim O'Neill, Crawfordsville. BJ8. Tim is a retired professor of zoology

The Calendar Events for the year were reviewed and discussed:

January

- 1st – Super Bowl party at Schoppenhorst's – details to follow
- 21st – Tour of the Art of the American Indians at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Meet at the Nourish Café in the museum at 11:30 for lunch. The tour begins at 12:45 and lasts about an hour. Parking is \$5.00 and the tickets are \$8.00.

February 26th

- No business meeting
- 26th - Daytona 500 party at the Watson's. 12:00 pm arrival for chili pitch in, with race at 1:00 pm

March:

- 8th - Business meeting at Squealers Barbeque

Note: Several restaurants, including Squealers, Oaken Barrel, and Logan's Roadhouse, have instituted a fee to guarantee the room. So if you have a thought on another location, please let Melanie know.

April:

- 12th – Business meeting
- 28th – Spring Clean Up at Haskell's in Zionsville

May:

- 5th – Northern Indiana AHC Spring Tune Up at the Mahensmith's
- 10th – Business meeting
- TBA – Spring Rally
- 27th – Indy 500 Party – TBA

June:

- TBA – British Bash
- 14th Business meeting
- 17th – 21st: Conclave in Louisville – suggest we drive down on the Saturday, the 16th, in order to be settled in ahead of the Churchill Downs kickoff at 12:00 on Sunday.

August:

- 9th – Business meeting
- 25th:- Carmel Artmobile
- 26th - Annual Ice Cream Social.
- TBA – British Car Motor Days

September:

- 6th (?) – Business meeting
- 8th – Northern Indiana AHC British Car Open Field Day
- 13th -16th – September Roundup in Columbus, Indiana – hosted by our club

October:

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

November:

- 8th – Business meeting

December:

- 1st – Christmas Party in Noblesville

Final suggestions for activities:

- Our club combining with Jaguar or other Indiana British Car Union clubs (see below) for joint driving events
- Muncie Imports Open House – annual event?

Editor's note: The Indiana British Car Union was formed in 1989 to provide British Car enthusiasts with annual events that facilitate and promote the mixing of various British Marques within Indiana and around the Midwest.

The Union is administered by a group of volunteers drawn from Indiana British Car and Motorcycle Clubs, and from British Car owners and enthusiasts across Indiana. As such, there are no individual "members", dues, or even a newsletter - just people who like to run around in their LBC's - and believe that everyone else does also. Events organized and hosted by the IBCU annually include the Indy British Motor Days (IBMD) show in late summer, and the London to Brighton Rally in mid-summer. British car owners throughout North America are encouraged to bring their cars and participate in the events.

In Appreciation:

From Jim and Bev Bush - on behalf of the entire Bush family, we want to thank everyone for the flowers, visitations, cards and expressions of thoughtfulness on the recent passing of our mother Cleon Bush. It was greatly appreciated.

IMA - Art of the American Indians Tour - January 21st

Nineteen Austin Healey members joined IMA Docent, Charlene Gilham, for lunch at the Nourish Café followed by a tour of The Art of the American Indians exhibit. The tour covered six regions in North America: Northwest, Arctic and Sub-Arctic, Southwest, Woodlands, California and the Great Basins, and the Plains. The indians created amazing art pieces; from ceremonial raven masks and chilkat robe to a water repellent parka made from seal gut, Sikyatki Revival Pottery by Nampeyo to a war club left on a field of battle in 1675, to the extravagance of beadwork on Indian children's clothing.

Attending were: Roy Bowman, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Bev Bush, Jim Frakes, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Melanie Haskell, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker, Craig Rice, Norm and Suzy Shoppenhorst, Dick and Sherri Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer and Bruce Watson.

September Roundup:

(Editor's note: The discussion at our January Member's Meeting is fleshed out by information presented at a Roundup planning committee meeting on March 1)

Land's End Business Outfitters charges \$90 for a logo setup fee. Bruce Watson made a motion that the club pay the setup fee, which passed by vote. The goal, as host club, is for our members to have identical color shirts with our Central Indiana AHC logo - one style for women and another style for men. We will purchase extra shirts for sale at the event.

We have agreed to make the event one day longer (Thursday evening through Sunday morning) than we have in the past in order to offer more driving and touring activities in the historically interesting Columbus/Nashville/Brown County area. We have received approval from the three Ohio clubs involved in September Roundups. The tentative schedule is:

Thursday

- Registration and Hospitality at Clarion Hotel

Friday

- Registration
- Morning - Road Rally in Brown County
- Afternoon - Shopping opportunities in Nashville & Edinburgh Outlet Mall
- Evening - dinner on your own

Saturday

- Morning - Car Show 9:00 till 12:00
- Afternoon - Driving Tour of Columbus Architectural Highlights, or more country roads or shopping adventures
- Evening - Banquet and Awards

Sunday

- Morning - Farewells and Departure

Unbeknownst to the planning committee, when we picked the date for our September Roundup, there is another car show scheduled in Columbus on September 15th. We do not anticipate that this will be a distraction from our goal of publicity for our Mark or our planned activities. And, in fact, the Hot Rods and Rock & Roll event may afford opportunities to showcase our Healeys to a greater audience.



**Saturday, September 15 • Downtown Columbus, Indiana
Car Show 3 to 7 pm • Free Concert 7 to 9 pm**

Join 104.9 “The River” (a radio station) for the 15th annual Hot Rods and Rock & Roll in downtown Columbus! It's a free car show and free concert held every year in downtown Columbus. Cars, trucks, hot rods, street rods, muscle cars and more! The car show starts at 3pm. Stay for the free concert featuring Rick K. and The Allnighters beginning at 7pm. Lots of local vendors will be on hand and plenty of food and drinks too!

Works in Process:

David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker are taking on a complete restoration of their BJ8 at The Korner Garage. David reported it was a bit scary taking the car apart, coupled with the large amount of bondo and other previous masked repairs he encountered. He also found the front shroud was a mixture of 1964 and 1967 cars and that the frame was deteriorating. They are beginning to assemble the body parts on a new Jewel frame David and Bonnie traveled to Canada to pick up. Rick and Kyle have allowed David to do much of the work in concert with their craftsmen.

On Saturday, February 25th Rick Smiths and Kyle Young hosted a combination Open House and Jaguar Tech Conference at their new shop, The Korner Garage. Several of our club members attended, including Craig Rice, Bruce Watson, Bob Haskell, Jim Switser, Jim Burck, Jim Bush, Dewey Potskon, and Bruce Gilham.

Rick and Kyle are to be congratulated for not only being gracious hosts, but for their craftsmanship exhibited by works-in-progress (a Jag Saloon, a '58 Thunderbird, Dewey's BJ8, and David's BJ8) and a recently completed, beautiful XKE. The Tech Conference included the demonstrating the application of a clear 3M permanent bra to Dewey's car.



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Here is a recent update from member Doug Bruce regarding his Bugeye racing adventures:

I am doing a complete ground up restoration on this winter on my 1959 Bugeye Sprite. I hope to get her back from the paint shop in the next day or two.

Features include:

- 5lb Halon fire system
- 1275cc engine with Cosworth pistons and a Comptune head
- 14-1 compression with about 120 horsepower
- (2) 1.25 Su carbs
- Jet coated header
- 5 gal. Fuel safe tank
- Welded 4:55 rear gear
- Taylor gearbox.
- Hoosier Street TD tires on Superlite 13x5.5 wheels

I just had her painted Aston Martin green. She no longer will be white but will now run proper white roundels with a black number.

Last race season I took my first pole, won a first in class, led laps and finished second overall at one race, and third overall at another. I raced at Gingerman Raceway, Blackhawk Farms, Road America, Mid Ohio, Grattan Raceway and Hallett.

I could always use any assistance as I get her ready for testing at Putnam Park in April, and for the first race of the season on May 1st.

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