

Overdrive



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President's Message

The month of August is a busy month for car shows and other Healey Club activities.

The month began with four of our members participating in the Cars & Coffee car show on the north side of Indy on August 2nd. The Healeys got a lot of attention.

Saturday, August 9th turned out to be another wonderful day for our Austin Healey family. A BIG Thanks to the Gilhams (esp. Charlene) for a delicious brunch and for their gracious hospitality. Thanks to Dick Storrs and Bruce Gilham for the fun???? rally. Some of us needed a drink at the end though, rather than ice cream. Following lunch at Traders Point Creamery, the group traveled to a new ice cream shop, Scoops, in downtown Zionsville for Ice Cream, of course. Several of the group then traveled to the home of Tom and Wendy Neil to see their beautiful gardens which will be competing in the Zionsville Garden Club competition. This was a beautiful way to end a fun filled day!

A brief business meeting was held following brunch. We mainly talked about upcoming events. Several members planned to attend the Tether Car Races in Anderson on August 16th. Tom Pearson is our host. The races are held at one of three remaining tracks out of 145 in the sports' heyday in the 1950s through the 1970s. Tom's latest car, with a fully sprung body, has hit 165 mph!!!

The Carmel Artomobilia will be held on Saturday, August 23. Several Healeys will be participating in this prestigious car show as well.

September Round-up will be hosted by the Ohio Valley AHC, and runs from Sept. 11-14 in Hamilton, OH. This is always a well-attended event by all the clubs in the region. This year our host club is the Ohio Valley AHC, and the event promises to be a fun time with many of our fellow Healey enthusiasts. We will have a full report in the September newsletter

An invitation has been extended by Classic Kings Automotive restoration shop for their annual car show and open house on September 6th. Details can be found on their website www.classickings.com.

One more upcoming event to highlight is the Northern Indiana British Motor Clubs' Fall Out Cruise-in at Winona Lake, on Oct. 4. We will plan to caravan as a group.

As the good driving weather will be coming to an end sooner that we would like, get out and drive your Healeys and show them off. After all, they are the most beautiful of all the vintage British sports cars!

Drive Happily and Safely!

Bruce

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TUESDAY September 9, 2014

MEET AT :

PATRIOT'S TABLE

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Central Indiana AHC

<http://www.ciahc.org>

Bluegrass AHC

<http://www.bluegrassclub.com>

Northern Indiana AHC

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

Ohio Valley AHC

<http://ohiovalleyahc.com>

Indiana British Car Union

<http://www.ibcu.org>

Marque Matters Blog

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

AH Club of America

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

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

The August meeting was held at the home of Bruce and Charlene Gilham, our hosts for the Ice Cream Social. Four red Healeys, one blue MG, one blue Mini, one grey Honda S2000 and numerous Detroit vehicles showed up. The drivers were Jim/Bev Bush, Tom/Wendy Neal, Jim/Jo Switzer, Steve/Martha Berenyi, Roy Bowman, Tom Pearson, Dick Storrs, Jim/Sandy Burck, Dick/Ruth Buis, Bruce/Barbara Watson, Craig Rice, Bob/Melanie Haskell and of course our hosts Bruce and Charlene.

President Bruce Watson bypassed the regular 50/50 drawing as we were on a tight schedule and had the rally, brunch and lunch ahead of us.

Treasurer Craig Rice reported we have a new member with a BN4, Peter and Katherine Van Horn. This brings our membership total to 55.

Charlene Gilham, a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, is leading a tour of the "Face to Face" exhibit for Healey club members. This will be September 4th at 3:45PM.

Bruce Watson reviewed some recent shows, stating the Cars For Coffee on 96th & Meridian continues to be a strong event while the Indy British Motor Days in Zionsville was not so good this year. Weather could have been a contributing factor as it was overcast and the forecast was iffy. Hey, convertible tops go down and then back up don't they? Just ask those running from Trader Point Creamery at lunch to weatherproof their interiors (Roy Bowman and Jim Bush!!)

Tom Pearson has scheduled tether car racing for Anderson this Saturday, August 16th. If you get a chance you must see these cars spin around on that tether. Tom had 2 models for our club members to see.

A show of hands and general knowledge reveals about 8 CIAHC members going to Hamilton Ohio for the September Roundup. See their website at OhioValleyAHC.com if you have not yet signed up.

Roy had handouts for the Winona Lake event and the Studebaker tour in South Bend. Members then dispersed in staggered starts for the fun rally, hopefully to end up at Traders Point Creamery for lunch.

Braking News

I was surfing through the British Car Forum and came upon a post about Healey hardtops. This generated quite a bit of discussion and 2 names kept bubbling up as the vendors to look at.

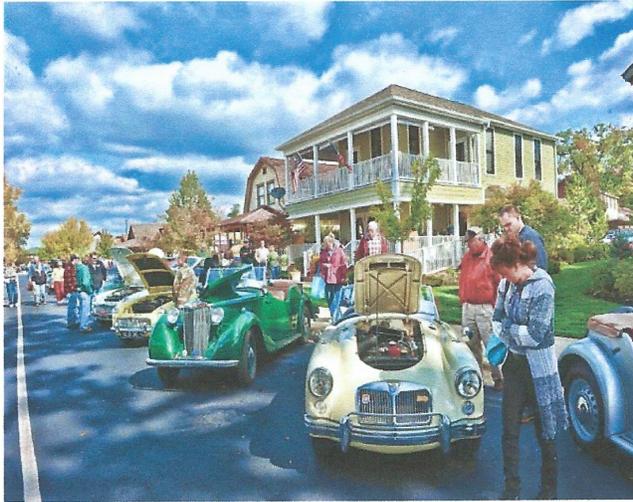
The first is a British firm called Nical Engineering. They offer a variety of services but are quite proud of their hardtops. They are 3800 English pounds, that doesn't include the VAT (value added tax), nor shipping, nor credit card exchange rate and then you have to paint it and buy additional hardware. Their website is nicalengineering.co.uk.

The second company is Parrish Plastics, selling their hardtops as Smoothline tops. Their website is smoothline.com. They make tops for 55-57 T-Birds, Mustangs, MG, Healeys, Fiat, Triumph, Sunbeam, even the Pontiac Solstice. Their hardtops are \$1200 but require more finishing.

I remember that June 2012 article in the Marque from the Bonneville AHC member about his restoration of an original factory hardtop. He paid \$3000 for the top as is, then spent an additional \$4,928.90 to complete the job. It looks very good but that factory works appearance is appealing.

Here is a candidate for any one with time, expertise and money to fill their idle hours. It is located in Indiana but I want a finder's fee.



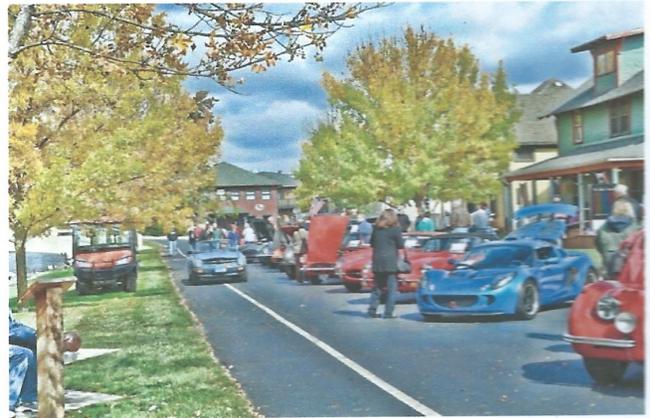


Classic British Autos Return to the Village at Winona on October 4, 2014 to celebrate the Golden Age of Motoring.

This is called the:

FALL OUT CRUISE IN

Over 80 British cars of all makes & models will come from around the Midwest to enjoy this day held in conjunction with the Village at Winona's Fall Festival. Food, shopping and entertainment will be on tap throughout the Village grounds



Join us for the Fall Out Cruise In, 10 am to 3 pm, October 4, 2014

Hosted by the Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club, this event is not a show, but rather a "Cruise In". No registrations fees, no judging, no trophies. Just a relaxing day with other British car owners showing off their pride & joys to the general public.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

16th—Tether Car Racing Anderson, IN

23rd—Carmel Artmobilia

Carmel, IN

SEPTEMBER

9th Monthly Meeting

Patriot's Table

1265 N. Madison Ave, Greenwood

11th-14th SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP

Hamilton, Ohio

Hosted by Ohio Valley AHC

27th—Studebaker Factory Tour

South Bend, IN

Hosted by Indiana Landmarks & Indiana Automobile Heritage

27th—Griott's Garage Car Clean Up 9AM—5PM

2185 Airwest Blvd

Plainfield, IN

OCTOBER

4th—Fall Cruise In

Winona Lake, IN