

Overdrive



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President's Message

Well February is coming to a close, and that means we are one month closer to spring, and driving our cars again. For me, and I suppose for you too, spring can't arrive with warm weather soon enough this year.

Our first couple of club events took place this past weekend. The first was the Open House hosted by Rick Smith and the Korner Garage. Several of our members attended and were treated to a very nice meal, and informative tech session. We also had the opportunity to see David Morrison's Healey in its' almost-completed stage of restoration. David and the Korner Garage have done a magnificent job on his car. It will be a show stopper!

Then on Sunday, 21 members turned out for the Daytona 500 Party at the Watson's home. The chili cook-off was the best to date, with six contestants providing their favorite chili recipes. Jon Monies took home bragging rights for the year! As you all know by now, this turned into the Daytona 500 Race "Not" Party, as we ended the party having only seen a few laps of the race due to the 6 ½ hr. rain delay. We kept looking for Jim Frakes under an umbrella somewhere, but never did catch a glimpse of him. This however, gave us all plenty of time to catch up and share stories. It was a great afternoon of fun, food, drink, and good Healey camaraderie.

The rain delay also gave us an opportunity to hold a short business meeting. A couple items of note came out of our discussions. First, it was decided that we hold our Holiday Party on Jan. 10, 2015 rather than try to fit it into everyone's busy holiday schedules in December. We will also be looking for a new venue for the party as well. I will keep you posted.

We have learned that one of the events at Conclave has already sold out. So if you are planning to attend, make your reservation right away. Hot Springs, VA, and the Homestead Resort will be a fantastic venue for this event. Driving our cars around the mountain roads in the area promises to be great fun. Conclave is always a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends from around the country, and learn more about the great Austin Healey marque. We will be caravanning to Hot Springs, leaving on June 14 and stopping overnight in the Charleston, WVA area. We are planning a good secondary road route to take in the countryside along the way. That will leave only a few hour drive on Sunday.

The next meeting will be held at George's Neighborhood Grill on Tuesday, March 11. Let's all keep praying for an early spring.

Happy Healeying,
Bruce

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NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2014

MEET AT :

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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/>

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Twenty food fans, race fans and Healey members descended on the Watson household in Westfield for the annual Daytona Party and members meeting. In attendance were of course Bruce and Barbara Watson, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim and Bev Bush, Jim and Jo Switzer, Dick and Sherry Storrs, Craig and Sue Rice, Steve and Martha Berenyi, Jon Monies and Joan Wright, Paul Imel and Kay Goldsberry, Roy Bowman and Bruce Gilham.

Announcement of the rain delay of the race prompted a short meeting to begin. Treasurer Craig Rice announced our membership is down about 10-12 members from a high of 5 years ago.

This reflects a trend that is effecting all regional Healey clubs. We have 51 members.

President Bruce Watson then went over 3 events of interest. Cars for the Cure will be March 30th downtown at the Stutz Building on west 10th Street. The Bluegrass Club has just announced the dates for Springthing, May 15th through the 18th in Georgetown Kentucky. And if you have not registered for Conclave you may want to do so now as some events are selling out, in particular the Wednesday Bluegrass dinner. Bruce and Dick Storrs have discussed possible routes to Virginia and will finalize before the wheels turn.

Dick and Sherry Storrs will host the Halloween Party on October 25th. Thank you Dick and Sherry for stepping up to fill that void. A host or tour director is still needed for the Ice Cream Social for August 16th timeframe.

Members in attendance voted to move Christmas Party to January and to another location. Possible sites are Hawthorne Country Club and Propelium Club at 15th and Delaware downtown. More info as this develops.

Lastly there was more discussion as to a benevolent fund, what is its purpose and how to fund it. Bruce Watson, Bruce Gilham, Dick Storrs, and Jim Bush will confab and develop ideas about this fund and present at the April meeting.

Chili entry number 1, prepared by Jon Monies, was voted number 1 by those in attendance.

Braking News

I thought our members would enjoy a small diversion from pure Austin-Healey information into the world of other events automobile related. Some columns will have a slim sliver of connectivity to Healeys while others will be of a “what the ?” nature.

The Chicago Auto Show wrapped up last week. This was the 106th year for the event. The first year, 1901, there were 65 exhibitors. This year there were over 1000 cars on display at the McCormick Place Exhibition Space on Lake Michigan. Yes Detroit gets all the press and is the center of American automobile manufacturing but Chicago is billed as the nation’s largest auto show. In the past Healey exhibited several models. Here is 1958 show photo of a Bugeye. The



lady in the car is called a show princess and they were local high school girls chosen for the event. There were usually about 50 girls distributed among the various manufacturers.

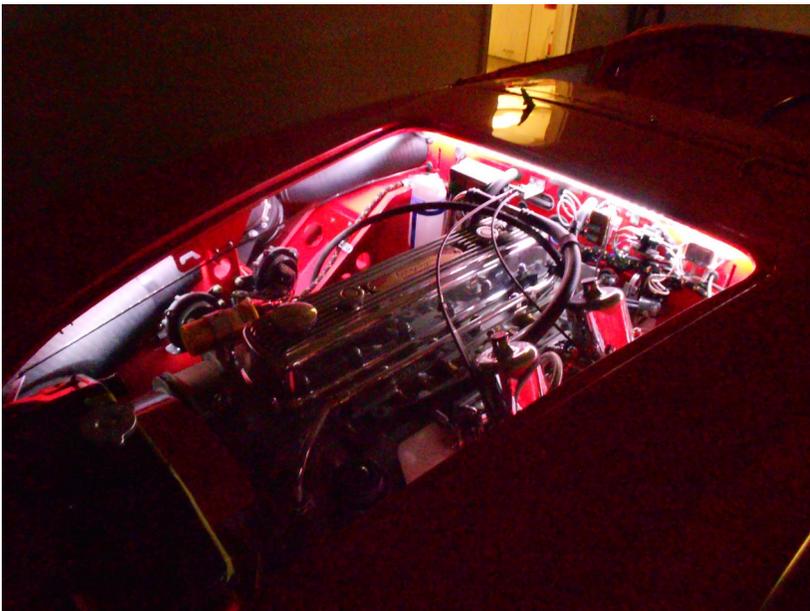
This year the high end cars were on display at the Comcast Business Center at McCormick’s Place. In ascending order of cylinders were these supercars

V-8 McLaren MP4-12C	0-60 in 2.9 seconds, top speed 204mph	\$266,000
V-10 Lamborghini Spyder	0-60 in 3.9 seconds, top speed 201 mph	\$288,000
V-12 Bentley	0-60 in 4.2 seconds top speed unlisted	\$255,000

Need a Saleen? Choose from a Saleen Mustang, Saleen Camaro, or Saleen Challenger. Porsche was showing the Boxster with optional Doppelkupplungsgetriebe 7 speed transmission. Vanna I’d like to buy a vowel!

Maybe next year we’ll drive up and stay a few days. The Hyatt McCormick is connected to the show via a skywalk chute, offers discount packages and is near both Chinatown and Little Italy.

The Korner Garage Tech Session



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

11th—Monthly Meeting at George’s Neighborhood Bar & Grill

E 71st Street

30th—Cars for the Cure Fund Raiser

Stutz Building

West 10th Street

APRIL

8th—Monthly Meeting at Chatham Tap

8211 E. 116th Street

Fishers,IN

845-1090

MAY

3rd—Tech session at Griot’s Garage

Plainfield, IN

15—17th - Springthing, Bluegrass AH Club

Georgetown,KY.

25th— Indy 500 Party hosted by Monies/Wright

Brown County, IN

31st thru June 8th

British Car Week, get your British car out and drive it