



# Overdrive

February, 2015 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

## ***From the President***

***By Bruce Watson***

Fellow Healey enthusiasts,

Spring is not quite a month away, and I don't know about you, but I am ready. I've had enough of this cold. So how are those winter projects coming along? Bruce Gilham has his 3:54 rear end gears back in and ready to roll, after a tech session at Jim Frakes' garage on Valentines' Day. I hope the guys all made it home in time to clean up and take their sweeties out for dinner. We wouldn't want to start off the driving season on the wrong foot!

We had a great meeting this month. It was held at a new restaurant on the south side by the name of Ludwigs Bavarian Haus. The German food was good, and we had a full house with 24 people in attendance. The highlight of the meeting was our own Indy Race Driver, Doug Bruce. Doug brought along his race videos from last season's races, and made a very interesting and informative presentation. You will read more in Sherry's Meeting Minutes about Doug's adventures, and the many road tracks he has raced, along with some great race photos taken by his daughter. See photos later in the newsletter.

We welcomed new member David Verrill and his son Michael to our meeting. Michael was the lucky winner of our 50/50 drawing.

Also in attendance were new members Peter Van Horn, Rick Smith and Sandy Dodson.

Bruce Gilham's Tech Session at Jim Frakes Garage was a successful one. 12 people showed up to lend a hand, and the 3.54 gears were successfully installed. Bruce provided beer and sandwiches. Along with the work at hand, there was lots of good camaraderie.

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## ***Next Business Meeting***

The February business meeting will be on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>:

Logan's Roadhouse  
4825 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN  
(317) 598-1347

Dinner: 6:30  
Meeting: 7:30

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## Mr. Healey's Neighborhood

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**Bluegrass AHC**  
<http://www.bluegrassclub.com>

**Miami Valley AHC**  
<http://sites.google.com/miamivalleyahccom>

**Mid Ohio AHC**  
<http://www.moahc.org>

**Northern Indiana AHC**  
<http://niahc.org>

**Ohio Valley AHC**  
<http://ohiovalleyahc.com>

**Indiana British Car Union**  
<http://www.ibcu.org>

**Austin Healey Club of America**  
<http://www.healeyclub.org>

## *From the Editor (acting)*

There are a couple of events that I have just learned of. The first, and sorry for the short notice, is the open house / tech session at The Korner Garage. It takes place on Saturday, February, 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM. The second is a British car swap meet at 502 Auto Club in Louisville (13201 Complete Ct.). It's on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 1 PM. There's no charge for admission or vendor space. Contact Bill Fryrear of the Bluegrass club (502) 245-0354 for more information.

If you're interested in being the newsletter editor, please let Bruce Watson know. I've got enough projects waiting for me out in the garage.

Bob Haskell

## ***From the President***

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February 22 saw the traditional Daytona 500 Race party at the Watson's. 23 people attended, and all had a great time. And the winner of the Chili Cook-off was Barbara Watson, who gets bragging rights for the year. Congratulations, Barbara! Thanks to all who brought something to share. I am sure that no one left the party hungry. There were 5 chili entries, and lots of desserts. We were a little short on appetizers, but those that were brought were delicious. We of course, had a drawing for drivers, and paid out the following places: first car out of the race, car to cause the first crash, first place at the mid-point, and the race winner. The big winner was Ruth Buis. Jim Burck won first car out; Jim Switzer won car causing the first crash, and Bob Haskell won the car ahead at the midway point. Congratulations to all winners. This was a great way to spend a chilly winter afternoon, with good friends.

Happy Healeying!  
Bruce

## ***February 2015 Business Meeting Minutes***

***By Sherry Storrs***

The meeting was held at the Ludwig Bavarian Haus on the southside. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Jim/Bev Bush, Jon Monies/Joan Wright, Jim/Jo Switzer, Bob/Melanie Haskell, Rick Smith/Sandy Dodson, Jim/Sandy Burck, David Broyles, Roy Bowman, Dick/Ruth Buis, Craig Rice, Pat Bruce, Peter Van Horn, Bruce Gilham and Doug Bruce. We welcomed a new member, Michael Verrill and his son David. Michael has a 1960 3000.

President Bruce Watson began the evening by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Our winner was our new member, Michael Verrill who won \$18. Our Benevolence Fund now totals \$365. Thanks to all who purchased tickets.

**Treasurer/Membership Report** – Craig Rice reported we are holding steady at 55 paid members. The treasurer is holding at \$4500, and the Benevolence Fund is at \$360.

Craig Rice informed those present that some of the Country Mark gas stations are selling non-ethanol fuel. For a listing of locations in your area, you can go to their website. Craig also told us that 5 gallon gas cans are available at Menards for \$9. If interested, contact Craig and he will provide details on a better pouring spout and has the plastic vent that is needed to be installed on the gas can to allow it to pour smoothly.

## **Tech Session**

Jim Frakes' garage, Saturday, Feb. 14.

Work on installing 3:54 rear end gears in Bruce Gilham's BJ8

Arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 – finish early afternoon

Lunch and drinks provided

## **Dayton 500 Party**

Sunday, February 22, at Bruce and Barb Watson's home

12:30 start time

Chili cook-off

For the duration of the meeting, we were treated to an entertaining and very informative presentation by Doug Bruce. He has been racing vintage cars since 2008, but has been involved with different types of racing since childhood (including bicycles at the Velodrome). His experiences with motorsports involved racing schools at tracks, like Las Vegas, where he went 160 MPH in an Indy-style race car. But he found that these events were only whetting his appetite for more and he finally earned his racing licence. Doug is now committed to running his green #71 1959 Bugeye Sprite (production class) during the Vintage season and is affiliated with the Vintage Motorsport Council (VCSDA).

We were treated to several videos of Doug's races, taken by his on-board camera. The sounds of acceleration, deceleration and cornering were very entertaining. These videos also helped those who have not been to the races understand some of the formalities involved at the start and during the race. This will make us all more experienced observers at the next race we attend. We will now recognize the “point-to-pass” signal when we see it.

If you want to catch Doug at the Vintage Races this next season you might find him at the following tracks: Mid Ohio (Lexington, OH), Gratan (Grand Rapids, MI), Gingerman (South Haven, MI), Schenley Park (Pittsburgh, PA), Hallet (Jennings, OK), Autobahn Country Club (Joliet, IL), Blackhawk Farms (South Beloit, IL), Elkhart Lake – Road America (Plymouth, WI), and Indianapolis Motor Speedway (you know where it is). Doug will again be in this year's vintage races at the 500 track, June 11 through 14. He has invited us to visit him at his paddock on the infield. Hope to see you there.

**Next Meeting:** March 10; 6:30 PM; Logan's Roadhouse, 4825 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Storrs - Secretary



Images from Doug Bruce's vintage racing



## ***2015 Calendar of Events***

### **February**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.
- 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> World of Wheels
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Daytona 500 Party & Chili Cook-off
- 28<sup>th</sup> Korner Garage Open House / Tech Session

### **March**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> [19th All British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble](#)

### **April**

- 11th Breakfast & Business Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> British Car Swap Meet, 502 Auto Club, Louisville
- 12th Cars for the Cure (tentative)

### **May**

- 3rd - August 23rd [Dream Cars: Innovative Design, Visionary Ideas](#)
- 3rd 38th Annual British Swap Meet and Car Show
- 12th Business Meeting (tentative)
- 14th - 17th SpringThing
- 15th - 17th [Carlisle Import and Kit Car Nationals](#)
- 29th - 31st [Champagne British Car Festival 2015](#)
- 30th - June 7th [Annual British Car Week](#)
- 24th Indy 500 Party

### **June**

- 10th - 14th [2015 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational](#)
- 9th Business Meeting (tentative)



11<sup>th</sup> IBCU's London to Brighton Run

28<sup>th</sup> [28th Annual Micians British Car Show](#)

## July

11th-12th [Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXV](#)

14th Business Meeting (tentative)

19th - 24th [Enclave 2015](#)

## August

1st [31th Annual Dayton British Car Day](#)

8th Indy British Motor Days

11th Business Meeting (tentative)

29th [Carmel Artomobilia](#)

## September

8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting (tentative)

12th - 13th [24th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival](#)

18th - 20th September Roundup

## October

2nd - 4th [Newport Hill Climb](#)

13th Business Meeting  
(tentative)

25th Halloween Party

## November

6th - 8th AHCA Fall  
Delegates Meeting

10th Business Meeting  
(tentative)

