



Overdrive

June 2016 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

From the President

By Bruce Watson

Finally, it feels like we are in Indiana and not Great Britain! The constant rain and cold weather is hopefully behind us and it is time to begin enjoying our favorite British sports cars once again. We are a bit spoiled though. Our British counterparts would have been out in their Healeys since the beginning of March, believing that this was pretty normal driving weather. I don't know about you, but I am happy to be living here in Indiana and not in the UK.

There is a busy summer full of Healey activities coming up. A number of our members just returned from SpringThing in Corydon, IN. There will be more about that event later in the Overdrive.

Don't forget that British Car Week begins on May 28 and concludes on June 5. Get your Healeys out and show them off wherever you can. Local Memorial Day parades are a good way to get our marque seen by lots of people who would not otherwise have the opportunity to do so. Whatever you do, get them out, shine them up, and show them off.

This would be a good time to begin to collect Cities, States, and Countries, all without leaving the borders of Indiana. Jim Switzer introduced a Season-Long photo scavenger hunt at our last meeting. Indiana has many places named after cities in other states and countries, other states and other countries. The idea is to drive your Healey or other transportation to each of these places, take a photo that proves that you were actually there, and submit your photos to Jim. The member(s) having visited the most places by the end of season will win the Grand Prize of a stay at a nice B&B somewhere in IN. All photos must be turned in by the September 13th meeting.

In a few short weeks, Conclave will take place in the Northern, KY / Cincinnati area, June 12 – 17. It sounds like the Miami Valley Club has assembled a

great week of fun Healey activities for all to enjoy. Of course, Healey Camaraderie is always one of the best reasons to attend this event! I hope to see you there.

As soon as you return from Conclave, you will want to make your way to the Indy 500 track for the 2016 Vintage Races. This is a great time to watch a wide variety of vintage sports race cars competing wheel to wheel on the Indy road track. Our own Doug Bruce will be defending his podium win from 2015 with his Bugeye Sprite. Doug has again graciously invited any members attending the races to stop by his paddock for a respite and some refreshment,

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Next Business Meeting

The June business meeting will be on Saturday, June 25th.

[Dawson's On Main](#)

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Lunch: 11:00 & Meeting: 12:00

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

Northern Indiana AHC
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthernIndianaAustinHealeyClub>

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 President

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and to lend a hand with his race car if you want to be part of the racing scene. If you have not attended these Vintage Races before, I urge you to do so this year. You will not be sorry you did! That takes us through the busy month of June. Take a look at the Calendar of Events for more fun activities throughout the summer and fall. Drive Safely and Carry On!

Bruce

From the Editor

By Bob Haskell

Well, after a month long break, one would think that I would have something to write about. Not too much. Replaced the hard drive and upgraded the operating system in my Linux box. It has a different desktop (Gnome 3) that I'm still coming to terms with. Some applications I'm use to using aren't supported and am having issues printing, of all things. Might be time to reduce the number of computers I have to deal with and do everything on the Mac.

I've got the last of the garage stuff out of the storage facility over Memorial Day weekend. Still have to figure out where to store some stuff and have some extra MGB parts to pass on to someone. I started working on the tri-carb – fixing a oil leak at the right rear wheel. Have the hub disassembled and waiting for parts from Moss to put it back together. Then need to figure out why I can't get a good brake pedal. Did get to do some metal whittling on the lathe. I made some pieces to support the rear hub on the outside face when pushing out the bearing from the inboard side.

I would appreciate receiving material for the newsletter a couple of weeks before the next business meeting.

Bob

Indy 500 party

By Bruce Watson

Jon Monies and Joan Wright threw another great race party for the running of the Indy 500 race this year. Those attending were Jon & Joan, Jim & Bev Bush, Jo and Jim Switzer, Dick & Ruth Buis, Pat & Debbie Bruce, Bruce & Barb Watson, Dave Verrill, and Joan's brother Chris. No-one went away hungry! Between Jon's excellent bar-b-qing skills and all the appetizers, salads and desserts brought by everyone, there was more than enough to go around. Thanks again to Jon & Joan for a great time!



Photos by Bruce Watson





RICHMOND, IN
SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2016

April Business Meeting Minutes

by Sherry Storrs

The Saturday breakfast meeting was held at Sunrise Cafe. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Dick/Ruth Buis, Steve Berenyi, Roy Bowman, Jim Bush, Dave Morrison, Tom Neal, Craig Rice, Jim/Jo Switzer, Pat Bruce, Dave Verrill, Bruce/Charlene Gilham, Randy/Janet Belden, Steve Halleck, and Bob/Melanie Haskell. President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$54.. The winner was David Morrison who donated his \$27 winnings to the Benevolence Fund, bringing the total to \$366.00.

Treasurer's & Membership Report – Craig Rice

- Current membership – 55
- Benevolence Fund - \$366

Announcements

- Sandy Burck update – She is recovering at home. As of this week, no more physical/rehab therapy.
- Tom Pearson update. Tom is not doing well. He still has a blood clot, and unfortunately the blood thinners are not working.
- Congratulations to long time CIAHC members (as of 2015):
 - Frank & Patti Hiatt; Del & Elaine Pigg – 40 years
 - Bob & Melanie Haskell – 35 years
 - Jim & Jo Switzer – 30 years

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April Business Meeting Minutes

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Upcoming Events:

- Spring Thing – Corydon, IN May 19-22
- Conclave Cincinnati , No. KY, June 12-17
- Mid-Ohio Vintage Grand Prix – June 24-26
- Indy 500 Historic Races – June 17-19
- London to Brighton Run – July 16, Reg. form on website
- Indy British Motor Days – Aug. 13 – Reg. form on website

Old Business

Season Long Photo Scavenger Hunt - Jim Switzer has been working on this and reported he has the details worked out. It run from May to September.

New Business

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing/planning **September Round-up 2016** which will be held September 15-18 in Richmond, Indiana.

- **Sponsorships**
 - \$500 Steve's British Connection sponsorship received.
 - Levels of sponsorships - \$100, \$250 & \$500
 - Stacey is lining up potential sponsors (gas station, liquor store, parts store)
- **Tri-fold brochure and registration form** – Jim Bush
 - Brochure/registration form is done.
- **Holiday Inn** – room rate goes up to \$169/night after September 1.
- **Regalia Items**
 - Healey stamps – Dick Storrs reported on what he learned. Each stamp will cost about \$1. The consensus of those present want to proceed with this.
 - Mugs – not much interest
 - Other suggestions: Healey playing cards, beer steins.
- **Activities Planned**
 - Pinewood Derby/Valve
 - Cover Race
 - Richmond Historic Tour – Roy Bowman & David Morrison
 - This will be a “self-guided” tour with suggestions of “things to see and do.” Ten items of “special interest” include the Wayne County Museum, Joseph Moore Museum, Earlham College, the Leroy Coffman House, and Ghyslain Chocolates.
- **Promotion Activities**
 - Send Tri-fold/Registration form to Presidents of all surrounding clubs.

- Place on wind screens during Spring Thing and Conclave
- Conclave – Table, Banner, Sprite Bonnet sign, registration forms
- September Round-up graphic banner on home page of website

See the club's website for more details and a complete calendar of events, including the current edition of the Overdrive. <http://www.ciahc.org>.

Next month's meeting: Tuesday, May 10 at George's Neighborhood Grill

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Storrs

May Business Meeting Minutes

by Sherry Storrs

The Tuesday dinner meeting was held at Georges Neighborhood Grill on May 10th. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Dick/Ruth Buis, Steve Berenyi, Dave Broyles, Jim/Bev Bush, Jim/Sue Frakes, Rick Smith, Tom Neal, Craig Rice, Jim/Jo Switzer, Pat Bruce, Dave Verrill, Bruce/Charlene Gilham, and Steve Halleck.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$44, with Charlene Gilham winning \$22.

Treasurer's & Membership Report – Craig Rice

- Current membership – 55
- Benevolence Fund - \$388
- Craig Rice expressed concern that the member information is not up-to-date.

Announcements

- **Cars & Coffee** – normally at Gator Motorsports Saturday mornings. The 2nd Saturday of each month it will be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum.
- **Spring Thing** – Corydon, IN – May 19-22
- **Conclave Cinn./No. KY** – June 12-17
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- **London to Brighton Run** – July 16 – Reg. Form on website
- **Indy British Motor Days** – Aug. 13 – Reg. Form on website

Old Business

- **Season Long Photo Scavenger Hunt** - Jim Switzer
 - Sign-up sheet was passed around. Information is now on the website. It runs from May to September.
- **September Round-up 2016** – Richmond, IN
 - **Richmond Art Museum** – Charlene Gilham has arranged for a tour
 - **Levels of sponsorship** - \$100, \$250, \$500
 - Steering committee to call list of potential donors to solicit sponsorships.
 - **Tri-fold brochure/registration form** – Jim Bush. Final form uses bullet points for all activities. Steve's British Connection logo on front of brochure.
 - **Hospitality** – Ruth Buis/Sherry Storrs. Nothing to report

- **Regalia items** – Healey playing cards. Jo Switzer knows of someone who can do these.
- **Other activities** – we need to have a Funkana on Friday night. Other suggestions were valve cover races and a pinewood derby.
- **Promotion** – Send tri-fold brochure to Presidents of all surrounding clubs. Place wind screen or seats during Spring Thing & Conclave. At Conclave, table, banner, Sprite Bonnet sign, registration forms. September Round-up graphic banner on home page of website.

New Business

- **Different meeting day?** Michael Goldenberg can never make our monthly meetings. Bruce Watson asked if there was a possibility of changing nights. After discussion among the members, the consensus was to stay with the 2nd Tuesday.

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May Business Meeting Minutes

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- **June Business meeting** – it was decided to have the meeting after Conclave. It will be Saturday, June 25, 11:00 at Dawson's.
- **Conclave Car Show Ballot Counting** – Bruce Watson thanked everyone who had volunteered.
- **Conclave Caravan** – Dick Storrs has agreed to organize the caravan.
- **Indy 500 Party at Jon Monies and Joan Wright's house – May 29**
 - Arrive between 10:30-11:30
 - Jon will roast a turkey and a pork roast
 - Bring salads, appetizers, baked beans, finger desserts

At the conclusion of the business meeting, David Broyles demonstrated his tow devices for Healeys. He is taking these to a car show in Carlisle, Pennsylvania on May 20-22, 2016.

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Next month's meeting:

Saturday, June 25th, 11:00 a.m. At Dawson's in Speedway

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Storrs

SpringThing 2016

by Bob Haskell

Mel and I worked a half day on Thursday, planning to drive to Corydon by ourselves. Jim and Jo Switzer were meeting Jon Monies and Joan Wright in Columbus for



Hospitality



A Sebring Healey

lunch at noon. Jim and Sue Frakes had a lunch date so they thought that they would be leaving later. Dick and Sherry Storrs were driving down on Friday. While eating lunch, we got a call from Jim Frakes; their lunch plans had been postponed and they'd like to drive down with us. Jim doesn't have a lot of miles on the red BJ8.

We met the Frakes at the Southport KFC and headed south on I-65, to avoid the traffic lights on US-31. Although I had just updated the maps in the GPS, it didn't know about the new exit on I-65 around mile marker 95. Neither did I. And it certainly had a unique route to 31 south. We took 31 south to Columbus, picking up 7 due to construction, then 3, 56 and finally 135 to the hotel.

Thursday evening the funkhana was a trivia contest, won by the Mid-Ohio Club. Questions included Healey *continued on page 8*

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related (name Donald's three sons and their spouses, color of the first production 100) and period pop culture (what was the theme music – from the Match Game).

Friday morning we took part in John and Suzanne Rice's tour of the area. We traveled through the rain drops to Pumpkin Center, the Orangeville Rise (Lost River), West Baden and Frenck Lick. This was our first time to the West Baden Springs Hotel. Wow. We had lunch there and the food was very good. I had a tenderloin sandwich which was fixed a bit different than usual – not pounded flat. The hotel would make a great Conclave site, but far too pricey for me. As we were heading back to Corydon, the rain picked up. We drove by an antique shop that had gasoline signs painted on the side of one building. I thought about stopping, but

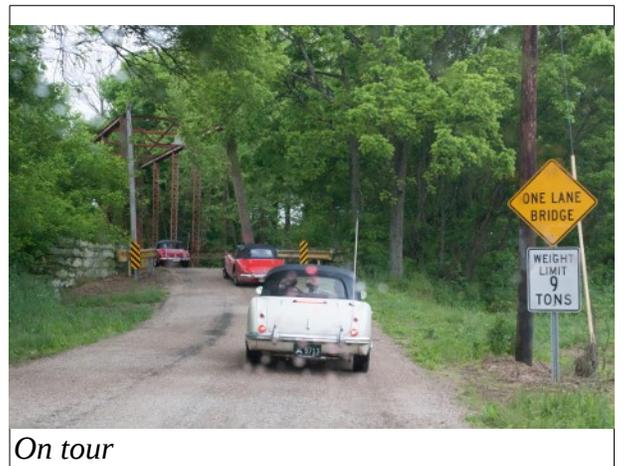


figured I'd better protect the tail end of the group – the MINI's a bit taller than a Healey and its rear lights are brighter. Speaking of lights, Al Malin's 3000 is now sporting a pair of LED headlamps.

Friday night's dinner was at the Overlook restaurant in Levanworth. The restaurant sits above a bend of the



LED headlamp

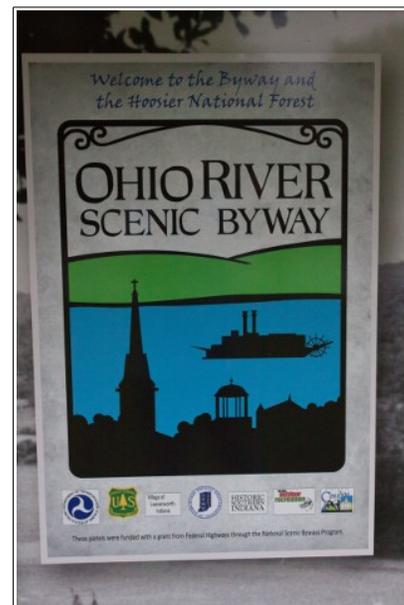


On tour



A view from the Capitol Building

Ohio River on SR 62 and has a beautiful view. The car show was scheduled to be at the restaurant before dinner, but because of the weather, it was postponed until Saturday morning. At dinner, I lost count of the number of pieces of fried chicken that Gerry Cossette (Canada) ate. Best he's ever had. Melanie, Sherry, Jo and Sue really enjoyed the fruit cobbler for desert.



The car show was held in the parking lot next to the hotel in “wet” conditions. After voting, we drove down to the square in Corydon and walked around. Went through an antique shop selling automotive stuff and toured the Old Indiana Capital Building where we found Jim and Sue Frakes. The four of us went on to the Red Barn (more antiques) and then Melanie agreed to ride over to the antique shop over by Lake Patoka that had the signs painted on the side of the building. Not a lot of automobila, *continued on page 9*

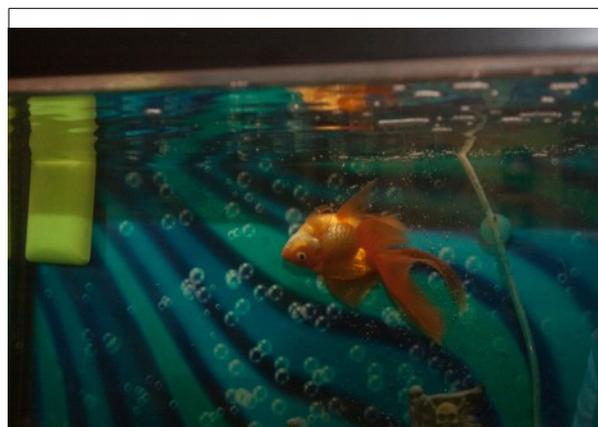
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but I did buy a couple of signs. One is now screwed to the fence post next to a downspout I had to “restore”. Sue picked up a basket.

I really enjoyed the secondary roads in the area. Up and down, and around the bend (SR-62 and 66). I wondered if it would get old having to drive them every day. The Northern Indiana group came back from a jaunt full of praise for SR-337.

There is a large fish tank in the hotel lobby with several gold fish. One was upside down and not moving around much. Jo Switzer and Gerry Cossette had a \$10 bet. Jo didn't think the fish would last the weekend. The lady at the front desk told us later that the fish had been that way for three weeks. It would move around a bit at the top of the



Jo's fish



Lunch at West Baden



The Ohio River at the Overlook Restaurant

tank and then every once in a while 'sink' to the bottom of the tank and then rise to the top. I'm sure Jo made good on the bet.

Saturday night's dinner was on our own and many of

us ate at Point Blank Brewing Company in Corydon. During the awards banquet, there was birthday cake for Rita Eslinger who seems to have been celebrating her birthday for several days.

Sunday morning, the Haskells and Frakes drove back to Indy on a very non-direct route. Melanie had spent some of the time Friday and Saturday marking up a state road map with the towns and cities from the club's Healey Challenge. We visited St. Crix, Rome (population 36), Troy, Washington, Algiers, Ireland, Holland, and Scotland. About an hour from Indy, the BJ8's fuel pump started acting up. So on the side road, Jim found out that he hadn't packed the knockoff hammer; even with all that extra space in the trailer. So a ratchet handle and socket were substituted. Seems like it should have been tighter than that. Moved the pump's ground wire and tapped the pump a couple of times for good measure and they made it home without any additional issues.

Calendar of Events

See the calendar on the club's website for more details and links.

May

5th – 7th Auburn Spring Auction

10th Business Meeting

19th – 22nd SpringThing 2016 in Corydon, IN

19th – 22nd Southeastern Classic XXX in Crystal River, FL

28th – June 5th British Car Awareness Week

June

3rd – 5th Champagne British Car Festival in Bloomington, IL

12th – 17th Conclave in Hebron, KY

15th – 19th 2016 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational, IMS

18th British Bash in Louisville, KY

19th Fathers' Day Car Show at Forest Park, Noblesville, IN

25th Business Meeting

26th Michiana British Car Show in Notre Dame, IN

July

9th – 10th Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXVI in Kalamazoo, MI

12th Business Meeting

16th London to Brighton Run

23rd Rolling into Roanoke, in Roanoke, IN

August

6th Dayton British Car Day, in Dayton, OH

9th Business Meeting

13th British Motor Days, in Zionsville, IN

20th Ice Cream Social

27th Carmel Artomobilia

September

1st – 4th Auburn Fall Auction

10th Fast & Curious – a Vineyard Sports Car Show, Roundbarn Winery, Baroda, MI

10th – 11th 25th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, in Columbus, IN

13th Business Meeting

15th – 18th September Round-up, in Richmond, IN



I think you need a piece of tape right here

October

1st Oktoberfest, in Winona Lake, IN

11th Business Meeting

22nd Halloween Party

November

4th – 6th AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, in Plainfield, IN

11th Business Meeting

December

13th Business Meeting