



# Overdrive

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

## **From the President**

**By Bruce Watson**

Summer is quickly coming to a close, but August was a busy month of Healey events and car shows. Jim and Sue Frakes hosted a wonderful Ice Cream Social on July 31. Jim put together an interesting and casual drive around northern Hamilton County, winding up at their lake home on Morse Lake. The event was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the sights and landmarks that were included in the drive. For many of us, this was the first time to see these points of interest. Once back at the lake house, everyone enjoyed lots of ice cream and great Healey camaraderie. The weather was perfect for sitting on the deck overlooking the reservoir. We thank Jim & Sue for their gracious hospitality.

The IBCU ran a very nice British Car Show at Lions Park in Zionsville again in early August. Several of our members participated in the show and won awards. **Big Healeys:** Best in Class – Roy Bowman. Awards of Excellence: Steve Beryni, Jim Frakes, and David Verrill. **Sprites:** Best in Class – Steve Halleck. Congratulations to all!

Later in the month, Carmel Artomobilia took place in downtown Carmel. As always, it was a fine show of spectacular cars, vintage to new. A number of exhibitors stayed away due to the morning rains. However, the weather cleared in the afternoon and a good size crowd took the opportunity to stroll among all the beautiful examples of automotive art. Roy Bowman was Central Indiana sole entry with his powerful BJ8. Non-member, Dave Mueller, showed his beautiful Bugeye Sprite also. September Roundup has come together nicely and we are planning a fun-filled event. I will be reporting on that next month.

Enjoy these last days of summer, and get out there

and turn some heads with your beautiful piece of automotive history!

Bruce

## **Next Business Meeting**

The September business meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th.



### Dawson's On Main

1464 Main St, Speedway, IN 46224

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Dinner: 6:30 & Meeting: 7:30

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

**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 Editor*

*By Bob Haskell*

Well, it's been a wet time. At least for the car shows. Although it cleared shortly after we arrived at Lions Park in Zionsville for the Indy British Motor Day event, Ron Francis claimed it rained all day in Noblesville. So attendance was down.

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## ***From the Editor***

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Melanie and I drove up to southwestern Michigan for the show at the Round Barn Winery. We took the long way up, stopping in some towns to get photos for the summer's challenge. There were only four Healeys there; the Eslinger's roadster didn't make it to the event. John drove it home after it got hit in the trunk on the way over. There was a tribute to Jack Summers, see page 5. I did see a new maneuver on the street in Michigan – a couple of folks moved over into the oncoming traffic's lane before making a left turn. Drove the new section of 31 between Carmel and Sheridan/Noblesville. Interesting that the speed limit for this limited access highway is 55 mph, but as soon as you get on the old asphalt, the limit is 60. Seems backwards.

Might have our tri-carb's brake issue narrowed down (but not fixed). First step was to see if it was with the rear brakes or not. Needed a way to disconnect the rear brakes, but still be able to bleed and test the rest of the system (master cylinder, lines, and front calipers. I modified a 3/8"-24 bolt by adding a bleed screw to it and turning down the nose of the bolt to match the end of the flex hoses. I disconnected the rear axle's flex hose from, and installed the modified bolt into, the hard line than runs along the frame. After bleeding the line to the rear axle and the front calipers, the car had a good, firm, pedal. So some progress.

Bob

## ***Images from Indy British Motor Days***



*The weather didn't start out great*



*Bill Coan's Triumph sitting by itself*



# August Business Meeting Minutes

by Jim and Bev Bush, and Bruce Watson

A medium sized crowd of 20 Healey members attended the August meeting at George's Neighborhood Bar & Grill. The usual suspects were Jim/Bev Bush, Dick/Ruth Buis, Randy/Janet Belden, Steve/Martha Berenyi, Steve/Kathy Halleck, Bruce/Barbara Watson, David Morrison/Bonnie Stahlecker, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, David Verrill, Bruce Gilham, Craig Rice and Jim Switzer.

David Broyles won the Benevolent Fund drawing and donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you David!! The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to preparations for the upcoming September Roundup.

In no particular order are items/updates on that preparation.

- Welcome Bag goodies have been delivered to Richmond Tourism Bureau and they will stuff bags.
- Current registration total is 30.
- September Roundup banner has been located and will be hung in front of Holiday Inn.
- Dick Storrs is emailing regional clubs about September Roundup.
- Jim Frakes has trophy awards design intact and will get to sponsor.
- Our financial contributors have not provided logos for the sponsor board.
- The Funkana event will be indoors and is a product of the fertile mind of Dick Storrs.
- Silent Auction will be cash or check only, no credit/debit cards. Hours are Friday 6:30PM and Saturday 5:30PM.
- Jim/Bev Bush completing the Mural quiz to be in conjunction with Car Show downtown.
- We need more food for hospitality suite!!! Members asked to bring snacks & appetizers and let Ruth Buis know what they are bringing.
- Bruce Proposed that a PowerPoint endless loop photo show will be running at the Awards dinner.
- Regalia items have been ordered; baseball caps and visors. Will also sell remaining Cookbooks. Small Wine Glasses from 2012 will be used as give-away mementoes at the Awards Dinner.
- The 2 tours are booked up –Stained Glass and Art Museum.
- Submit any bills you have incurred to Craig Rice or Bruce Watson.
- Roy Bowman has created a 24 X 36 locator map to be in Hospitality Suite highlighting sites/venues to visit.



Nice lawn decoration near Klondike, Indiana



Denver, Indiana

## **Honoring Jack Summers**

*by Jeff Freers*

*Northern Indiana AHC*

We are here today because of the efforts of two men. Most immediately of course is Stan Mason. He has kept this event going mainly because of his own determination and the vision of what it should be. For that, we applaud him. Thanks Stan.

But if Stan's vision has allowed him to see farther and do more, it is because he has stood on the shoulders of a giant. And that man was Jack Summers. For those of you who didn't know him, Jack was the long serving past president of the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club who passed away last October. A life-long car guy and a consummate Austin Healey authority, this was the last car event that he attended. So it is altogether fitting and proper that we honor him today.

Leaders come in a variety of forms. For some, leadership is thrust upon them. Others seek it out. But a very few become leaders because people are eager to follow them. Jack was that kind. He was a big man and his presence was imposing, but that wasn't what made him. People followed him because he had a clear vision of where he wanted to go and had the grit and determination and direction of how to get there. No one really knows whose idea it was to have an all British car open field day at a winery on the Saturday after Labor Day. Maybe it was Jack, but who really isn't important, because Jack embraced as if it was his own and became the driving force behind it. And it wasn't an instant success. The first year it attracted about 20 or so cars, but Jack wasn't discouraged, in fact it probably motivated him to work even harder. Of course he had help, a lot of us in the Austin Healey club had our roles to fill, but there was no doubt who was behind it all. He was everywhere, doing everything...from soliciting donations of door prizes to selling raffle tickets to give those prizes away; no job was too big or too small. And when one year Jeff Zorn from LBC parts wrote on his website that this was "the best little car show that nobody ever heard of"...and the following year we had 100 cars show up, he reveled in its success. Who can ever forget him in his Union Jack vest roaming the show, holding court under a shade tree or handing out awards at the end of the day?

To know Jack was to know this show.

While Jack could handle the limelight, he never deliberately sought it. Those of us who knew him know that he would have been a little embarrassed by this tribute. Make no mistake that he would be delighted that we recognized this show and his part in it. But a tribute to HIM??? Don't think so. He'd just say..."Aw, just have 'em lift a glass and have a good time..." So, Jack buddy....here's to you.

And here's to having a good time. We just wish you were here to enjoy it with us.



*Healey Folks at the Round Barn Winery*



*So you start with some grapes and then you ...*



*Was a dark and stormy ...*

## ***Calendar of Events***

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

### **September**

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Auburn Fall Auction

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

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, in Columbus, IN

**13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September Round-up, in Richmond, IN**

### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> Oktoberfest, in Winona Lake, IN

**11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Halloween Party**

### **November**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, in Plainfield, IN**

**11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

### **December**

**13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

