



Overdrive

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From the President

By Jim Frakes

A recap of the year.

For most of us in **Central Indiana AHC**, the local driving season and event driving season is over for the year. It has been a good Healey year for Sue and I, as well as an exciting year for our respective families. We enjoyed the festivities surrounding my Granddaughter Claire's wedding in August and next week we head to Oklahoma City for Sue's Granddaughter's wedding celebration.

The Healey event year was also busy with **Springthing** in Kentucky, the **Great Race** stopover in French Lick, and **Conclave** in WACO. After conclave we took the opportunity to visit relatives in Oklahoma and for me to see the Oklahoma City Memorial to those who lost their lives in the bombing. Quite impressive to see the front street turned into a reflective pool and the unique chairs arranged as to where the people were setting when the bombing occurred. A very sad, but well done memorial.

With Conclave and all of the festivities during Claire's wedding, I missed both the Indiana British Car Union's annual London to Brighton run and also the annual British Car show in Zionsville.

September Roundup was another enjoyable event capably ran by the Mid-Ohio group. Central Indiana had a very respectable group of attendees. There was much to see and do

there and we enjoyed the time. Next year will be in Cincinnati area and ran by the Ohio Valley Club, who always set a standard of entertaining Healey people. Put the date on your calendar.

October is **Southeast Classic** event time. It is always a good time of year to see new country, old friends and meet new ones on the Healey Trail. We trailered the black over red (formerly Gilham's car) as I was still not confident in the car even after about eight hours of driving at September Roundup in Ohio. (that's my story and I am sticking to it). I did find out the fuel really runs out quickly after reaching half empty on the gage. That funny clicking noise on the way down the steep, two mile hill at the Guntersville Lodge was trying to tell me something. The rally said to turn left, but we went right heading to town and fuel, but too late. Uh, did I say cell phone coverage was very spotty in Guntersville State Park? Fortunately, Laurie Wilford had a tip from Bob Yule that we were in distress and came to the rescue and we reversed course and headed on to the rally, in the proper direction. All was in vain though, as we should have paid more attention to the rally master's miles chart, instead of following another Healey. A right turn in place of a left took us about 20 miles past the proper turn. Scenic drive here we come and on to the Cathedral Cavern Tour where a "Box Lunch" featuring Subway sandwiches preceded our tour. Cathedral Cavern is aptly named for its natural arched opening, reportedly the tallest in the U.S. Friday's car show on the Lake Guntersville Beach on a clear sunny day brought "tops down" and more Healey viewing. Valve cover racing is now very popular and lively competition produced a champion, Del Borders, all the way from Pennsylvania. Saturday, Ohio Valley put on their usual well run Gymkhana while Scott Brown and Bob Thurman came up with their usual wild Funkhana.

Reportedly there were 99 registrations with cars and people we had not seen before. Another eventful and fun Southeast Classic XXXI is in the books. Next year, Southeast Classic XXXII will be in Charleston, SC, hosted by the Carolinas AHC. Host hotel will be the Hampton Inn Patriots Point and the Awards Banquet will be on the Hanger deck of the famous USS Yorktown. The Hanger Deck provides unique views of Charleston Harbor and the Charleston Skyline. Dates are October 4,-7th 2018. Email SEClassic2018@gmail.com or www.carolinasahc.com.

Halloween at the Bush's barn; A chilly tale with warm friends. Somehow it didn't seem the same with hardly anybody in costume this year. No Hillary or Trump masks, no werewolves, just Healey people doing what Healey people do, eat drink and be merry, even without Healeys. Thanks to Jim and Bev for an always good event and a special tour of their new addition.

We did accomplish a re-election and with no new nominations the same slate of officers as present.

Tech sessions: OK, the driving season is over, it's time to make plans for the cold winter and some warm tech sessions. What are those small items you wanted to fix but have been putting them off, for one reason or another. One of our best turnouts for a tech session was in the Willowmere front garage several years ago on the week of thanksgiving. As I recall we had over twenty people in that garage, stripping a Square body Sprite in less than two hours. With many working people off for part of the week, it was a good time to get a crew together. Send me your ideas and needs, make sure any needed parts are available and call for a date and time. The Frakes warehouse / shop has heat and tools and a refrigerator.

Healey Calendar; The opening page of this year's Healey calendar is our first ad in the Marque magazine.

Holiday Party Planning; The Holidays are so busy, the group decided to make our event this year in January 2018. Think about venues and someone volunteering to be the group planner as a subject for this month's meeting on November 14th. A suggestion to use the same location in Carmel as last year seemed to be a consensus.

See you all on the 14th at Dawson's on Main in Speedway. Dinner arrivals about six and meeting by 7:30. Sue and I expect to be back from Oklahoma late on the 13th.

Tech Sessions

None scheduled that I am aware of. Please contact me if assistance is needed. 317-697-6441.

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

(Please send Jim Frakes or Steve Halleck any news of cars/parts that are for sale.)

Next Business Meeting:

November Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov 14th at
Dawson's on Main in Speedway



1464 Main Street, Speedway, IN
Dinner 6:30 & Meeting 7:30

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

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

Mid Ohio AHC
<https://sites.google.com/site/midohioahc/>

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>

CIAHC Business Meeting-Aug 15th, 2017

There was no regular business meeting this month, just the quick officer election/selection held at Bush's party.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Dave Verrill has created a new Facebook page for the club. It's just starting to get populated, but next time you are on Facebook, check out Central Indiana Austin-Healey club page. We need to get it populated with some more pics, and info – especially about Conclave. Thanks Dave for getting it set up!

The weather has probably put a stop to getting our cars out on a regular basis. Time to start winter work on them. I haven't had much time to work on the Sprite since Sept Roundup. It's still up on jack stands. The new master and slave cylinders are installed, but I haven't gotten the system bled yet. While waiting for the master cylinder to arrive, I had the pedal box coated so spilled brake fluid wouldn't ruin the finish. I have a new windshield to install this winter. The old one has two stone cracks and is so pitted that it's hard to see through in the sun. I'm not looking forward to doing that replacement.

Anyone know of a ¼ elliptical spring for an early sprite that might be available? I'd like to eliminate the bachelor lean in the Sprite, and really don't want to go to the new 'rally' springs.

The Meander to Mayberry drive this month was the same weekend as the Southeastern Classic and some other activities, so we just had 3 Healeys along for the drive. Dave Verrill, Jim and Sandy Burck, and David Morrison brought their cars out in the great weather.

Roy Bowman had his Healey out also, but flew by the starting point and elected to meet us at the restaurant. Those of us that didn't have our Healeys included Bob and Melanie Haskell, Ruth Buis, Kathy and me. Jim Switzer had an antique tractor event that morning, so he and Jo met us at the restaurant.

While the number of Healeys was small, it was a nice day for the drive and we all enjoyed the good home cooking at the Mayberry Café.



The Bush's Halloween Party was once again a fun get together. Thanks go out to Jim and Bev for another good party! The weather was cold, making the heaters, bonfire, hot chocolate and Schnieders dispensers popular places! I probably gained 5 pounds due to all of the food everyone brought.

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

Nov. 10-12-Fall Delegates' Meeting, Cambria in Plainfield

Nov. 14- CIAHC Business Meeting, Dawson's in Speedway

2018 Events

July 15th - 20th - **Conclave** 2018 French Lick, Indiana hosted by Central Indiana AHC

Aug 5th – 8th - Healey Seaside Summit, Boston North Shore <http://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-2018.html>

Sept 20th – 23rd – September Roundup, Lawrenceburg, IN

Oct 4th – 7th – Southeast Classic, Charleston, SC

