



Overdrive

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President's Letter, February 2018

By Jim Frakes

Yes, February is here and we are glad the “Iceberg” of January is over, hopefully. For me it did not end soon enough. The unannounced Wednesday AM black ice on the slope of our driveway caught me by surprise and feet up, back down I went. The result is a fractured T5 vertebrae and a very sore back, but no head injuries. Lots of lost sleep and pain meds, but it could have been worse.

Thoughts of Healeys still go on and especially the upcoming Conclave. Dick Storrs, Jim Bush and I are still meeting on several items and working out a lot of details. Our next trip to French Lick is on Tuesday January 30th (just as it turns cold again). We hope to have more new plans to report on at the meeting on February 13th.

David Verrill has booked a new location in Plainfield off I-70 that was recommended. We hope this can be a location that is good for a lot of West Siders on occasion and maybe less traffic to fight. Normal time of dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30. Arrive early if you desire.

Jo and Jim Switzer have volunteered to host the annual Daytona Party and chili cook off this year at their new digs in Avon on February 18th. For the first time in over twenty years, the Frakes Family will be joining the gala affair. Bring your choice of competition chili or a dish to share. Don't forget some cash for the drawing for several winning spots.

Car activity is difficult in these cold days unless you have a nice heated garage. Soon the weather will break maybe in early April, and time will be short to get the car ready for the driving season.

Bob Haskell has updated the web site calendar for the events you may want to attend. Our first event outside Indiana is the annual Springthing put on by the always faithful and fun, Blue Grass Austin Healey Club. The host hotel is the Marriott Courtyard in Louisville North East just off I 265. The event promises to be a celebration of the 60th birthday for the Austin Healey Sprite. All Sprite drivers are free registration.

Technical Sessions;

None have been requested. Now is the time to think about those little things that are bothering you about your car.

Healey On! See you on the 13th at Coachman's in Plainfield

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:

The February business meeting will be Tuesday, Feb13th at The
Coachman Restaurant and Lounge,
6112 Cambria Way, Plainfield, Indiana 46168
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<http://www.thecoachmanrestaurant.com>
Dinner 6:30 & Meeting 7:30



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Bluegrass AHC

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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](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernIndianaAustinHealeyClub)

Ohio Valley AHC

[http:// ohiovalleyahc.com](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

CIAHC Business Meeting-November 14th, 2017

Melanie Haskell

The meeting was held at Squealers – David Broyles, Jim Bush, Kathy & Steve Halleck, Dick Storrs, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Ruth Buis, David Verrill, Jim & Sue Frakes, Randy Belden, Roy Bowman, Jim & Sandy Burk, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Jim & Jo Switzer, Peter Van Horn

Jim Frakes ran the meeting.

Craig Rice won the 50/50.

Craig Rice reports:

21 members have not paid their dues. New member, Terry Bethel, joined the club in November. He is from Bloomington and has a BJ7. Notifications for new members from National have been more timely.

Money is being directly deposited for Conclave. Last one was in November.

Approved minutes in November Overdrive.

Jim Frakes reported he worked on his white car before Christmas. No work on the V8.

January is typically a planning meeting for the year.

Schedule for 2018

Daytona Party at Switzer's on Feb. 18th. Race starts at 2:30.

Spring Thing is May 17th – 20th. Registration is free if driving a Sprite.

August 11th is Indy British Motor Days at Lion's Park in Zionsville.

Jim Switzer will need a tech session soon.

February needs to be a good planning meeting.

Roy Bowman recommended the Indiana State Police Museum at 10th and Post as a possible option for next year is. It is open 10 – 2 every 3rd Saturday of every month. The drive could start at the Castleton McDonalds.

Jo Switzer recommended the Coachman near Cambria Suites in Plainfield as a possible site for next meeting. David will try to it set up.

Peter Van Horn gave Bob Haskell and Jim Frakes Socket Logic socket storage trays as a thank you for help with his car. Bob really appreciates the gift.

Conclave update:

Attendees at the meeting liked the cooler for Conclave regalia.

Tim Varnau is putting together a 60th Anniversary Sprite T-shirt for regalia. David Morrison recommended a bright yellow color for the shirt.

BBQ holds 300 people. We could rent a tent to accommodate a greater number of people.

The committee is working on printing for the program and Wine and Canvas for Thursday after rally.

Steve Berenyi will coordinate with the Concours committee.

Still need someone to do video.

Registration price goes up March 31st

Need stuff for auction.

There is a skid of stuff at Jim's that includes the valve cover track.

Jim and Jo Switzer are working on developing a relationship with the Conclave hotel.

Trophies possibilities

Cut out of car with car etched into it. Northern Indiana powder coated yard signs.

No speed runs at the airport. There is no agreement with the airport.

David Broyles went to PRI. The show is only open to professionals. Some highlights were nano tech chemicals that resulted in a 4% drag reduction in the wind tunnel at 70 mph and micro finishing on cam shafts to reduce roughness.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

I was deeply saddened to hear about the recent passing of Dan Gurney. He was coming up in F1 just as I was learning about sports car racing and was always a hero of mine. I recently joined a Dan Gurney fan group on Facebook and have been learning a lot about his accomplishments, kindness, and class. I don't know that we'll have another quite like him in the sport.

The email from the Bluegrass Club about Springthing 2018 reminded me that I need to get out to the garage and get busy on the car! I had plans for doing lots of fixes this winter, including replacing the rear springs, polishing the windshield frame and installing a new windshield, finishing bleeding the brakes/clutch, and figuring out why it doesn't like going above 55 mph. The brakes still aren't done, the old windshield is still in place, and the new one is in the box. Springs haven't even been ordered. Good thing I have nothing else on my schedule other than remodeling the house this winter/spring!

Jim Frakes got the scoop on the Indiana British Car Union show this year. It'll be August 11th at the Zionsville park. Featured marque is the Austin Healey. They will be promoting the 60th birthday for the Sprite.

We received an invitation to a car show in Plainfield for April. Here's the letter from the organizer:

We would like to extend an invitation to you and any members of the British Car club to attend our upcoming car show in April. Cruisin for a Cure has been raising money to benefit Relay for Life American Cancer Society for the past few years. We are hosted by a team that has participated in Relay for Life for the past 14 years.

We will be hosting our 7th annual event in Plainfield at Hummel Park. (Location on the backside of the main park off County Road 700 East)

All vehicles welcome! We offer a Top 30 and several Specialty awards, including a Club Participation award for the club with the most registered vehicles at the show. All money raised is donated to ACS. DJ, food, goody bags, door prizes and more. Pre-registration available to save \$5 off day off show entry donation.

Attached is our show flyer with our pre-registration form for your convenience. Please find, like and follow us on Facebook "Cruisin' for a Cure car show" (Ed note. Link is below)

We would love to hear back from you, especially if your club is interested in attending our show. That way we can plan to keep your club together and appropriately welcome you to our show!!

Thank you for your time and for sharing the information!!

Sincerely,

Debora Pitts

Cruisers vs. Cancer, Relay for Life of Greater Hendricks County



cruise in.pdf

Jim also forwarded an interesting article about a Jensen 541S owned by Donald Healey. He purchased it from the Jensen motor company without an engine or transmission, placing a Chevrolet 327 and 2 speed automatic transmission in it. The car was apparently fast. The next owner said the car would do over 130 mph – but wanted to go airborne at 120!

It's an interesting article about a car I didn't know existed. You can read the article at <http://www.jensenmuseum.org/jensen-541s-v8-donald-healey-special/>.



CONCLAVE AUCTION

Attention Austin Healey Car Club Members:

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

At our September Roundup, the idea of the auction was to make money for the club AND Riley Hospital for Children. That has not changed. We have done very well in the past but the need for funding at Riley is great. Cancer research and treatment for children receives less funding than adult cancer research. It is because of this need, that I feel it is important to expand the auction to include more items. We will have a large audience of members from across the US and Canada with a variety of interests.

Previously we have had the traditional silent auction. This year it will be a “Chinese” auction where a member buys tickets and puts them in a variety of jars. He could put 1 ticket or all his tickets in a specific jar if he or she really wants the item. 1 ticket is drawn from the jar and that person's ticket “buys” that item. It has been found that this type of auction creates more money for the auction.

Traditionally, most of the items have been car items and we will continue to do that. But this year I would like to extend the auction to include baskets with a mixture of items for men, women and children. For example, a men's basket might be items from Auto Zone or O'Riley's. Last year we had a bucket of cleaning supplies donated from Auto Zone. There might be a basket of wine and cheese or a child's basket with for a girl or boy. We have a great many grandparents in the club. Many things you might already have around the house. You might consider them insignificant but when put with other items it creates a great basket. I often have extra gift cards someone has given me and haven't used. Maybe, you have an extra T-shirts from previous conclaves. Don't be afraid to ask a business for a donation.

I will need help, so if you'd like to be creative, please come and join me. Some items needed would be empty baskets, clear wrapping paper or shrink wrap paper or ribbons.

I would also like to have a "mini" auction for high priced items. Jim said there was an auctioneer who would be willing to help.

IDEAS FOR AUCTION BASKETS:

Chocolate Basket	Hoosier Basket	Wine and Cheese
Coffee Basket	Colts Baskets	Sports Basket
Child's basket	Indianapolis 500 Basket	Quilts
A donation of from French lick	Sports car books	Handmade items
Autographed items	Gift cards	English Items
Spa Basket	Conclave items (hats,shirts)	Restaurant cards
Old Austin Healey Books or items	Donation of a Trip	Monetary Donations

Nothing is insignificant

**Please have items to me by June 1st, 2018
(We need a place for storage)**

Thanks,
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Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2018 Events

Feb 13th – Business Meeting, Coachman Restaurant and Lounge, Plainfield, IN

Feb 18th – Daytona 500 Party and Chili Cook-off, Jo and Jim Switzer's

Mar 13th – Business Meeting, TBD

Mar 18th – 22nd All British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble, Wheaton, IL

Apr 6th – 8th – Texas Healey Roundup, Nacodgoches, TX

May 8th – Business Meeting, TBD

May 10th – 12th – Auburn Spring Auction, Auburn, IN

May 17th – 20th – Spring Thing (Sprite Shindig), Louisville, KY

May 18th – 20th – Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, Pa

May 26th – June 3rd - 21st Celebration British Car Awareness Week, Everywhere

June 1st – 3rd – Champagne British Car Festival, Bloomington, IL

June 3rd – 20th Annual British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH

June 10th Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance, Cincinnati, OH

June 12th – Business Meeting, TBD

June 13th – 17th 2018 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 24th – 31st Annual Michiana British Car Show, South Bend, IN

July 8th – Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXVIII, Kalamazoo, MI

July 10th – Business Meeting, TBD

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

July 21st – Rolling Into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

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

Aug 11th – Indiana British Car Union Show, Zionsville, IN

Aug 14th – Business Meeting, TBD

Aug 30th – Sep 2nd – Auburn Fall Auction, Auburn, IN

Sep 8th – 9th – 27th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

Sep 11th – Business Meeting, TBD

Sep 19th – 22nd – Encounter 2019, Lancaster PA

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

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

Oct 9th – Business Meeting, TBD

Nov 13th – Business Meeting, TBD