



Overdrive

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President's Message April 2021

We did get the band back together on March 20th in the parking lot of Barringer's Tavern. I don't know if the catalyst for attending our first meeting in 2021 was a reduction in COVID stats, a desire to get out of the house or a frosty celebration on the first day of Spring, but thanks to all who ventured out.

Debbie Bruce gave an update on plans for our first driving event on April 17th, a wildflower hike at Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary followed by a driving tour of covered bridges in Rush County. We'll squeeze lunch in between these 2 activities at a new brewery in Rushville. **RSVP to Debbie at 1-765-561-3804 for lunch by April 14.** The next weekend, April 24th, Bonnie Stahlecker is having an exhibition of her artwork at the Edington Gallery located at 1495 N. Harding Street. This was postponed last year so let's get out and support our local artist and club member.

I have been in contact with Tim O'Neill, club member from Hillsboro Indiana on the west side of the state. He is proposing a drive and winery visit in combination with lunch with the MG club members. He thinks he can get 10 MG drivers to join us at the new winery just off State Road 136. Details to follow.

Tim's suggestion to combine clubs, marques and venues is quite timely. With only 43 members we are at the lowest level since I joined in 1997. We need to combine our efforts to keep the dream alive.

Speaking of a combination I see where Moss Motors has purchased Victoria British. I hope Moss keeps the VB line of parts for the Sunbeam Tiger. I like that car. It was not too far back that Moss bought Just Jags. Do I smell a monopoly on British car parts in North America?

Finally, a quiz. What former Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club president's age is equal to the legal Interstate speed limit in Montana?

Stay safe.

Jim Bush

Next Business Meeting:

April 17, 2021, at the closed Walmart on the north end of Rushville on State Road 3. Behind Wendy's on the north side of the road. Leave at 10:15 so get there early!

RSVP to Debbie before the 14th so she can make lunch arrangements. 765 561-3804.

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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>

CIAHCA Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Mar 20, 2021

Place: Barringer's Tavern 2525 S. Meridian St, Indianapolis

Attendees: Roy Bowman, Jim & Sandy Burck, Pat & Debbie Bruce, Ruth Buis, Jim & Bev Bush, Steve & Kathy Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, John Mann, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Craig Rice, Jim & Jo Switzer

Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order at 10:16 am.

The prior business meeting minutes were unchanged as published in Overdrive.

Craig Rice Treasurer/Membership reported our current membership count at 43.

Jim next directed our attention to our 2021 event calendar:

- Apr 17, 10 am wildflower hike and covered bridge tour RSVP Debbie and Pat Bruce
- Apr 24, 2 pm Bonnie Stahlecker artist exhibit and showing,
Edington Gallery, 1495 N Harding St
- Ladies Traditional Tea, TBD
- May 16-23, Conclave
- May 20-23 Springthing, host Bluegrass chapter, Frankfort area
- June 12-27, Tire Squeal 2021 southern Indiana tour, Contact Steve Halleck if
interested in joining the Healeys

Roy Bowman made a short announcement concerning

(1) the Auburn Cord Museum's Car raffle featuring a red 1963 fuel injected C2 Corvette roadster as first prize. Buy raffle tickets via the Museum's website.

(2) the sale of the Terra Haute located Kleptz collection of Chrysler cars highlighted by the remarkable restored 1937 Chrysler CW Imperial Airflow "Major Bowes" Limousine. See the Hyman Ltd website for the history and beautiful images of this very rare car.

We adjourned at 10:45 am and proceeded to our lunch at Barringer's Tavern.

**Next Meeting: Apr 17 at 10 am, which will include a drive to the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary and hike, lunch, and Rush County covered bridge drive.
Stay tuned for later details. Please RSVP.**

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

It was good to see folks again after all this time at the meeting at Barringers Tavern. It was in the upper 30s when we left home, so there were only a few brave folks who drove their LBCs. With the hood up, side curtains in, and multiple layers of clothes, the Sprite was comfy for the trip. Pat Bruce and Dick Storrs get the tough guy awards for arriving without tops on their Healeys! Dick had tire issues on the way down, so he missed the parking lot meeting but was there for lunch.



A bunch of masked bandits at Barringer's tavern. Photos by Bonnie Stahlecker.

The next gathering will be for our April Spring Wildflower Hike and Covered Bridges tour on the 17th. If the weather is bad, you can always drive your non-Healeys. If it rains, we'll cancel the hike but still have our meeting at the shelter. As of now, the weather looks good for the 17th! Debbie's flyer for the event is attached at the end of the Overdrive. **Please arrive before 10:00 so we can leave on time! RSVP to Debbie by the 14th so she can make lunch arrangements. 765 561-3804 (call or text).**

Bonnie Stahlecker will have two openings for her upcoming exhibition: April 9, from six to nine pm. For CIAHC members, there will be a second chance to see the work on **April 24**, from two to three pm. The Edington Gallery is located at 1495 N Harding St, Indianapolis, IN.

At the meeting, I mentioned that the Tire Squeal may not be officially on this year, but we'd run the route anyway. I got the word later the same day that it's officially on. If you are interested in going, let me know – and register at <https://schweinefiletring.com/> with the team name of Central Indiana Austin Healey Club. We're looking at doing the drive on the 12th/13th of June and using the 26th/27th as a fallback if we get rained out the first weekend. We'll take off from the Brown County Inn at 10:00 for the drive.

How many folks are planning on attending Springthing this year? The registration info link is on the website calendar <http://www.ciahc.org/calendar.html>.

My brother went through a bunch of his old magazines and found a Road and Track and a Sports Cars Illustrated from 1958 with road tests of the \$1795 Sprite when it was first introduced. I agree with most of the observations of the articles, except their dislike for the headlights – that’s what makes a Bugeye! It’s smiling back at you. SCI complemented the Sprite for it’s luggage area, but made the following observation if the spare tire was needed: ‘BMC would have no trouble marketing, as an option, a trained monkey to load and unload the spare and tools.’

As far as speed, SCI said the car is capable of 90 MPH (they didn’t try) based on the RPM at 60 MPH. ‘..there is every indication that over a prolonged stretch of still air, level -ground road (all right, maybe assisted by a down grade or two) the Sprite will reach it’s readline in fourth.’

Event Calendar

If you know of any I’ve missed, please let me know! Check the web site (www.ciahc.org) for changes. Bob is doing a good job on keeping it up to date.

2021 Events

April:

17 – Wildflower Hike, April meeting, and covered bridge drive, Rushville and surrounding area

24 – Bonnie Stahlecker art exhibit, 2:00, Edington Gallery, Indy

May:

14-15 – Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

16-21 – Conclave 2021, Big Bear Lake, CA

17 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

20-23 – SpringThing, Frankfort, KY

June:

6 – British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH

12-13 – Tire Squeal 2021, Nashville, IN (rain date June 26-27)

13 – Cincinnati Concours d’Elegance, Ault Park, Cincinnati, Oh

15 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

19 – Cars and Gravy, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

27 – 33rd Annual Michiana British Car Show, St Mary's College, South Bend, IN

July:

10-11 – Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXX, Hickory Corners, MI

12 – Cars and Gravy, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

20 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

24 – Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

August:

7 – 36th Annual Daytona British Car Day, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, OH

14 – British Car Day, Zionsville, IN

17 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

21 – Cars and Gravy, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

28 – Carmel Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

September:

1-4 – Auburn Fall Auction, Auburn, IN

8-10 – Encounter 2021, Frazer, PA

11-12 – Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

12 – British Car Day, Cincinnati, OH

19-23 Healeys @ Newport, Newport, RI

21 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

30-10/2 -September Roundup, Mochican State Lodge, Perrysville, OH

October:

1-3 – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

2 – Caffeine and Gasoline and Tech Session, Griot's Garage, Plainfield, IN

21 – Southeastern Classic, Safety Harbor, FL

30 – Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn, Fountaintown, IN

November:

5-7 – AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN

Central Indiana Austin Healey Club
April Event
Saturday, April 17, 2021

10:00 am: Meet at the closed Walmart parking lot at the north end of Rushville on State Road 3. This is behind Wendy's on the east side of the road.

10:15: Convoy to Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary in Fayette County (gravel lane at Mary Gray).

11:00 - 12:30: April meeting; Spring wildflower hike guided by Debbie Bruce. Could be muddy - bring "mud shoes or boots."

1:00: Lunch at Fish Moon Brewery, Rushville; Park at Edward Jones just north of Fish Moon. Please note: there are TWO Edward Jones offices in Rushville.. Park at 325 N. Main St. across from the Princess Theater. **RSVP for lunch no later than noon April 14 to Debbie Bruce - 765 561-3804.**

~2:00: Rush County covered bridge tour led by Pat Bruce.

CANCEL IF RAIN

Fish Moon Brewing
is between 3rd +
4th streets on the
west side - 309 N. Main

Edward Jones is across
the street from the
Princess Theater
325 N. Main

(3)

Meet here @ 10:00
Closed Wal Mart

Wendy's

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Main St.

← +
State Road 3

← Indy

(52)

Edward Jones
Park here for
lunch

Fish Moon
Eat here

4th St.

3rd St.

Princess Theater

(44)

To Mary Gray →

(44)

(3) + (52) →

(3)

Directions to
Mary Gray - 3497
S. Bird Sanctuary Rd.,
Connersville

Glenwood

44

525W

150S

East on 44

Right on 525W

Left on 150S

Right on Bird

Sanctuary Rd.

Right into Sanctuary

Mary Gray → *

← Bird Sanctuary Rd.

350S