



Overdrive

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President's Message Dec 2021

Hard to believe it's December and the holiday season is upon us. Seems like it was only yesterday as we gathered at Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary for our first outing of the year. We followed that with a Ladies' Tea, Bonnie Stahlecker's gallery show, Cars and Gravy, Cars and Coffee, a Michigan lighthouse tour and the traditional Zionsville show. Eleven CIAHC members returned to Mohican State Park in Ohio for September Roundup. Steve and Roy ran the tenderloin circuit in southern Indiana. We met in Lawrence for donuts, drove to Fortville for pizza and beer and then took the Fortville Pike to New Palestine for ice cream....all in one day. And no one gained weight, amazing!

One event our club members did not attend was Conclave 2021 at Big Bear Lake in California. Hopefully, we can fill that void in 2022 at the Poconos Conclave. I think there is strong interest to attend this.

November's tour of Pete's Classic Storage and Restoration was nice. Thanks to Mike Halikowski for allowing us to tour this facility. He is president of the local Triumph club. They have a larger membership than our club but essentially face the same issues as we do....small core of participating individuals, communication problems, and ageing membership. I think a joint event might prove exciting for both clubs. Stay tuned.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party.

Jim Bush

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

(Please send me any news of cars/parts that are for sale.- evetshalleck@yahoo.com)

If you're looking for another project, here's a Bugeye at a low price. I received this from Peter D. Reidy:

Attached are images of a 1960 Bugeye Sprite project car I would like to sell. I have a good title for the car. While partially disassembled, all of the original parts and \$2500.00-plus in new parts are with the car. If anyone is interested, I can be reached at the number below M-F from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. I can be reached evenings and weekends at 260-248-2372. I would like to have \$2000.00 for the car and parts. Call if you have any questions.



I have more photos available that wouldn't fit in the Overdrive.

Next Business Meeting:

No December business meeting. The Christmas Party is at Tavern on the South. I hope you got your reservations in on time!



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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: Nov 20, 2021

Place: Sully's Grill

Attendees: Craig Rice, Jim Bush, Steve Halleck, David Verrill, Bonnie Stahlaker, David Morrison, Melanie Haskell, Bob Haskell, Ruth Buis, and guest Mike Halikowski.

Jim interrupted our brunch at Sully's with an abbreviated business meeting around noon.

Since we didn't have an October meeting, a vote was held to officially approve the officers for the coming year.

Those in attendance voted to contribute a memorial contribution to the Leukemia Society in memory of Bob Fisher and also a donation to the Donald Healey Memorial Fund in Chuck Anderson's name.

Jim reminded everyone about the coming Club Christmas Party on Dec 3 at Tavern On the South. RSVP to Jo Switzer by Nov 26th.

Craig gave a report on the national club's website for renewals. It should be available the beginning of December, with membership renewals starting in January.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Our club was again the hosts for the national club delegates meeting. Thanks, Jo for coordinating the facilities.

Each year, Dick Storrs puts together interesting tours for the delegates and any of our club members. As he does every year, Dick put together an amazing day. The morning began with a drive to Carmel to see the amazing HO train layout in Dan Hinel's basement. I mean the WHOLE basement, which looks bigger than the footprint of the house above it! To operate the trains, there is a master control center and multiple engineers manning the trains as they load and unload their cars at different stations. The operation is a scaled version of the actual process used by train companies in the real world, working off of set pick up and drop off requirements at different locations. The authenticity, the details, and the size of the layout are amazing!



The operations center for the train layout, tracking each train and location. The cards in the trays below the monitor are the individual pick up and drop off assignments.



Just one side of the train layout. The tracks go through the opening at the left rear to fill another room.

After a good lunch at Brockway Pub in Carmel, we travelled south to Greenwood to see Gene Perkin's classic car collection. Gene and his brother showed the collection and told the history of their various cars. They began their career buying an old Ford and fixing it up. Their mother made seat covers out of burlap bags and they sold it for a profit.

The collection of posters on the walls are all from events Gene has attended with his cars.

Gene mentioned that he likes to get the cars out, but it doesn't happen enough. He got several volunteers to help drive them!

A fascinating collection and lots of interesting history!



The group mills around as Gene goes from car to car explaining the history and details.



Gene explains details of the Packard Twin Six.



The Twin Six motor

For anyone working on their kingpins, contact Bob Haskell. He has the reamers for the kingpins for the big Healeys and MGBs. He also has the hydraulic press and fixtures to remove and install the bushings.

This month JimBush put together a very interesting tour of Pete's Classic Car Repair and Storage. Thanks to Pete Grabovsky for letting us wander the shop and view their large collection of vehicles in storage. Special thanks to Mike Halikowski for showing us around and explaining how they handle the storage, restoration, and new European car maintenance.



Mike explains the work being done on a Healey restoration in the shop.



Here's one you don't see every day! A Gordon-Keeble undergoing restoration.

The Gordon-Keeble was made from 1964-1967 and only about 100 were produced. It has a tube frame and a Corvette engine. The body was designed by Giorgetto Giugiaro and built by Bertone.



Mike snapped a photo of the group surrounding a Rolls.

As Jim mentioned above, we talked to Mike about the problem of finding new people to keep our classic car passion going. At the last Cars and Gravy at IMS this year, the Triumph club showed up with several cars (then took a drive afterwards). The group of cars gathered a lot of attention. We discussed possibly getting several of the local British Car clubs to attend in mass at some events next year, with banners and literature to promote our clubs. (And show that you can have fun without 1000 horsepower!)

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 great job on keeping it up to date.

2021 Events

December

3 – CIAHC Holiday party, Tavern on the South, 423 W South St, Indianapolis, IN 46225

2022 Events

September

18-22 Enclave 2022, Kalahari Resorts Poconos, Pocono Manor, PA