



Overdrive

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President's Message April 2021

April showers brings May flowers but it also brings CIAHC members together. Kudos to Debbie and Pat Bruce for organizing the wildflower hike at Mary Gray Bird sanctuary. It was great to have our club do something we have never done before and thoroughly enjoy themselves. Debbie had us identifying various flowers as she also pointed out invasive species such as multi-flora rose, garlic mustard and, of course the 25 CIAHC members. Pat led a caravan across the 5 covered bridges in Rush County, third most in the state. It sprinkled throughout the morning, just enough to remind me we need new wiper blades on the Bugeye. Rainex only works so well.

The Michigan lighthouse tour still generates a lot of buzz among our members. The Northern Indiana Healey club website show a postponement to September with a To Be Determined date. I will reach out again to their President Peter Van Blaricum to state our desire to take part if the date doesn't interfere with September Roundup.

Speaking of September Roundup the registration form is available from the Mid Ohio website. They had reserved 30 rooms at the Mohican State Lodge and I know of 4 members from our club obtaining rooms already. So don't delay.

Bonnie Stahlecher's gallery show on April 24th had a good turnout from our club. She is so talented. Both she and David create art that makes you step back and shake your head in amazement.

Friday, May 7th is the Ladies (and Gents) Tea in Rusted Root in Beech Grove. RSVP to Bev Bush at buffie@indy.net or 317-835-7827. There is no other May event planned on my part as we have 3 high school graduations and a 500 pre-race party on our schedule, all out of town. There will be no Monies/Wright 500 party in Brown County this year.

Jo Switzer has been in contact with Tavern on the South and has tentatively booked the Christmas Party for December. Details to be firmed up. Thanks Jo.

Stay safe.

Jim Bush

Next Business Meeting:

No Meeting for May. Stay tuned for June!

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Bluegrass AHC
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Miami Valley AHC
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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: Apr 17, 2021

Place: Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary, Fayette County

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

Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order at 11:55 am.

Jim offered his and the Chapter's sympathy to Roy Bowman on the recent death of his son, Blake, of cardiac arrest. Roy expressed his gratitude and told an amusing memory of Blake's reaction, then age 15, to his purchase of his BJ8 in Oct, 1999.

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 24, 2 pm Bonnie Stahlecker artist exhibit and showing, Edington Gallery, 1495 N Harding St
- May 7, 1:30 pm Ladies & Gents Tea, Rustic Root 626 Main St, Beech Grove,
RSVP by May 5 to Bev Bush, at buffie@indy.net or 317-835-7827
It's FREE!
- May 20-23 Springthing, host Bluegrass chapter, Frankfort area
- June 12-13, Tire Squeal 2021 southern Indiana tour, Contact Steve Halleck if interested in joining the Healeys

We adjourned at 12:24pm and proceeded to walk the paths of the Sanctuary in search of spring wildflowers before plans for lunch, and a driving tour of Rush County covered bridges. All this experience wonderfully arranged by **Debbie and Pat Bruce. Thank you!**

Next Meeting: TBA, Stay tuned for later details.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

A big thanks to Pat and Debbie for the wildflower hike and covered bridge drive this month. The weather was a little iffy in the morning, but the rain never progressed beyond sprinkles. Pat met us at our starting point where 3 Sprites were the only Healeys present. Pat made the comment that since the big Healeys weren't there, everyone should be able to keep up with the Sprites. Once everyone arrived, Pat led us through the countryside and two covered bridges to Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary. There, Debbie had snacks set out and a fire going for the club. After our meeting, Debbie led us on a wildflower hike on one of the sanctuary trails to identify wildflowers and learn about some of the invasive plant species in Indiana.



John Goodwin (left) provides information on the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary before the club meeting.





Dick Storrs photos.



Debbie leads a band of intrepid searchers deep into the woods in search of flora.



Jim Bush photos.

Following the hike, Pat led the drive to an enjoyable lunch at Fish Moon Brewery in Rushville. Kathy and I had to bail following lunch while Pat led a tour to 3 more covered bridges.



Ironman Pat motoring in the drizzle without a hood!



The Bush's roll through the A.M.Kennedy bridge.

Dick Storrs photos.

On the way home from the drive, the sway bar on the Sprite started to rattle. Putting a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch sway bar on the Sprite turned out to be more stress than the stock sway bar mounts could take on Indiana's bumpy roads. One of them ripped out of the frame. I've heard this is pretty common, as the mount is tacked to the thin metal (16 guage) on the bottom of the frame rail. The bar and bonnet are now removed and it's headed to Rick's shop for repair and reinforcement.

Bonnie's exhibit on the 24th was well attended and interesting. Bonnie had a collection of her leather artwork on display at the Edington Gallery. She explained how she got into art in the media, the process for forming the leather used in the collection, and the meaning of the pieces.



A fascinating look into the artist's methods and thoughts!



Ladies (and gents), get your RSVP to Bev Bush if you are going to attend the Ladies' Tea on the 7th. That's our only event for May.

Hopefully, our drives in June will occur after the cicada's have left for another 17 years – so we won't be cleaning them off of the nose of the Healeys.

I haven't seen much interest in driving the Tire Squeal in June. I think I only have 5 cars lined up (I misplaced the list, so let me know again!) 179 Miles of great roads, plus 50 or more miles each way from Indy makes for a long drive, so we're going to break it into two days staying in French Lick overnight. As soon as I get hotel info, I'll send it out. (You don't have to drive your Healey).

If interested, let me know, and sign up on <https://schweinefiletring.com/>.

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

May:

- 7 – Ladies' Tea, Rustic Root, 626 Main St, Beech Grove, IN – RSVP Bev Bush by 5/5
- 14-15 – Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA
- 16-21 – Conclave 2021, Big Bear Lake, CA
- 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
- 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, business meeting, and drive to Cammack Station, 215 E. 38th St, Indy
- 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