



Overdrive

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President's Message Oct 2021

When the Lighthouse Tour participants gathered at the Kroger at State Road 32 and Gunther Drive in Westfield, Bonnie Stahlecker told me she was ready for an adventure. Boy did we have one.

Highlights of this tour included:

Steve Halleck losing his hat on US 31 going north.

Jim Bush losing his glasses in South Haven, Michigan.

The crew getting separated and lost and then found.

Six lighthouses on Saturday. This includes going back to the White River Light Station as they had the only bathroom for miles.

Discovering the White Duck Market in Whitehall, Michigan. This was an absolute gem of a roadside café/market nestled in the woods on Scenic Drive near Whitehall, Michigan.

A beautiful backroad paralleling Lake Michigan on our way to Little Point Sable Lighthouse at Silver Lake State Park.

Beer, wine, pizza and salad back at the hotel Saturday night.

No mechanical breakdowns with the Healeys!

From our garage to Silver Lake State Park (our northern most point) back to our garage, Bev and I logged 675.2 miles in our Bugeye. This may seem like an excessive amount but we were lost several times. Kudos to Steve and Kathy Halleck for leading us over hill and dale. Everywhere we went the Healeys drew a crowd -people talking, photographing or admiring the cars. Several people I talked to expressed amazement we would venture so far from home in our little British beauties, but we did and all is well.

Now to get the barn cleaned out for the Halloween Party.

Stay safe.

Jim Bush

Next Business Meeting:

Our fearless leader is looking at a possible drive/meeting in October. More info to come. If that doesn't pan out, we'll meet Oct 30th, at the Bush Barn for the Halloween Party.

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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: Sept 25, 2021

Place: Jack's Donuts 9105 E 56th Street

Attendees: Roy Bowman, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Beverly Bush, Bob Fisher, Jim & Sue Frakes, Steve & Brandon Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, John Mann, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Craig Rice, David Verrill

At 10:25 am Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order.

Jim reported that Rick Smith and Jim Switzer have recently been ill and are undergoing tests. We wish them get well and Healey on!

Our previous meeting's minutes were accepted as published in *Overdrive*.

Treasurer and Membership Chair, Craig Rice, Jim reported our Chapter membership at 44

Jim directed our attention to upcoming events in our calendar:

- Lighthouse Tour in Muskegon, Michigan, was held on Sep 10-12 and enjoyed by the attendees
- September Roundup, Mid-Ohio Chapter host, Perrysville, OH, Sep 30-Oct 2, has expected registration of about 50. Dick Storrs is organizing a caravan.
- Halloween Party, Jim & Bev Bush hosts, Sat Oct 30, 6 pm. Bring a pitch-in dish

Jim Frakes announced he is the proud recipient of a great grandson!

We then adjourned at 11:03 am.

After the meeting, Steve Halleck provided details of our drive on to Denver's Garage Pizza, Fortville for lunch. After that we headed south to New Palestine for soft ice cream.

Next Meeting: To be determined. See later announcements for more details.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Many of our cars came from the factory as positive ground and several have been changed to negative ground to handle modern electronics. Maybe that change had a bad impact. During trip to Michigan for the club lighthouse drive, the positive ions in the cars must have repelled each other – it was impossible to keep 7 cars together on the drive to Michigan!

The 123 miles up US 31 to South Bend went pretty smoothly, with only one stop for missing a Healey. After lunch in South Bend, stop lights and alternate routes initiated the chaos. A 30+ minute stop and numerous phone calls in South Haven got most of the group back together, then a short drive picked up the last Healey. But the togetherness didn't last. We arrived in Muskegon at 5 different times at 2 locations (the hotel and the restaurant for dinner).

Saturday's drive to the see the lighthouses was a great time. The weather was beautiful. The lighthouses were fascinating, we drove some beautiful roads, spent some time on the beach watching the windsurfers ride the waves, overwhelmed the poor girls at White Duck Market for lunch, enjoyed our dinners at a fine restaurant and pizza at the hotel. We also did much better at keeping the group together with just a few missed turns (including me turning us the wrong direction leaving the gas station to start the day.)

On the return trip, 5 of our cars took off together. We simplified our route, spending some time on Interstate highways. Once we got back into Indiana, people began to split off from the group and arrived back home separately. Kathy and I did 661 miles in the three days (actual milage may vary depending on how many times each car was lost).

As Jim mentioned, we made the entire trip with zero issues on the 4 Healeys! A fun trip.

Bob Haskell photos:



Filling up for Saturday's drive.



White River Light Station.



Coast Guard Station at Muskegon South Pierhead.



Bonnie and Melanie enjoying Lake Michigan.



Sherrie and Dick watch the surf.



Kathy works with Jim on the best route.

During our pizza dinner, someone suggested that folks should write up their own thoughts of the trip or send pictures for the Overdrive. Here they are:

Bonnie Stahlecker sent these photos and captions:



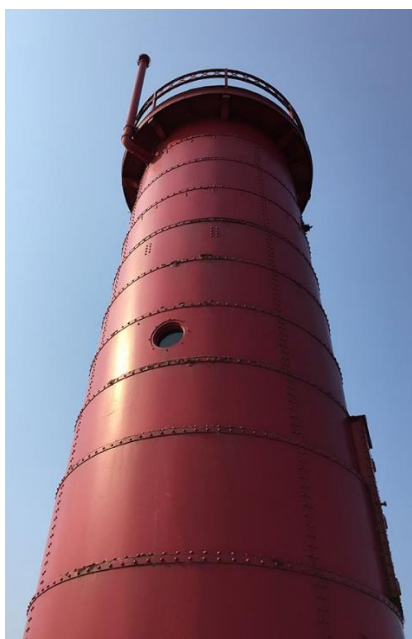
The beginning of the end



Steve can't wait to get to the water



Sherry takes the perfect shot



Lighthouse number one

Ruth Buis sent her memories of the trip.

The trip north on 31 showed there is more than corn in Indiana – there are also lots of soybeans.

The trip up was a long day that was capped off by a very good meal in the evening.

Saturday was a great day. Good weather and lots of time outside walking around lighthouses and beaches. Each was different but all beautiful. The history of each was very interesting. The last for me seemed to be the best because I took off my shoes and walked in the sand. I also waded in the water. The sand dunes were beautiful.

David's idea to go back to the hotel and have pizza ordered in was a winner. I drove some of the guys over to the liquor store for a beer and some wine. Glad I could help out.

The trip home on Sunday was successful for everyone. We all split off at different times.

Thank you, Jim, for planning it and for Kathy for helping us get there and back. It was a great weekend. Probably needed another day to see more lighthouses. Maybe another time in another trip.

Jim and Bev picked out good destinations for our September meeting and drive. The morning began at Ft Ben where we had coffee and donuts for our outdoor meeting. After the meeting, we hopped in the cars for a leisurely drive around Geist Reservoir and over to Fortville for lunch at Denver's Garage Pizza and Brews. After some good pizza, we took off to New Palestine for ice cream. See a pattern? I could start having more difficulties squeezing into the Sprite!



The group enjoys lunch at Denver's Garage.

Bob Haskell photo



(If the oil ain't leaking out the bottom, it doesn't have any oil in the top.)

Best wishes and get well soon to Jim Switzer and Rick Smith.

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

October:

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

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

?? – October club drive, TBD

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

December:

3 – CIAHC Holiday party