



# *Overdrive*

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## ***President's Message Apr 2022***

With the passing of John Mann and Jim Frakes from Central Indiana AHC this year and Frank Wicker last year, there have been plenty of cars to hit the auction block. Whether person to person sales, on-line or through an established firm, the market seems to be very busy.

Bring-A-Trailer had a great 2021. Gross sales were \$828 million, more than double the 2020 total of \$398 million. Not bad for any business but exceptional for a company founded 7 years ago as an on-line auction. It is now the world's largest public platform for the sale of enthusiast's vehicles, per Hagerty.

Others are taking notice in the growth and demand in collector cars. Bonhams, the British auction firm started in 1793, is launching their digital service. They will soon be competing in the same realm as Mecums, Barret-Jackson and others.

But Bring-A-Trailer, although the largest, is not without its detractors, at least in the Healey world. (Is there any other world?) Read Chuck Anderson's comments in the February 2022 issue of the Healey Marque on page 26. His article laments not setting a reserve you want.

Same February issue, read Rick Neville's AUCTION REPORT. This has been an ongoing column for several years now. He talks about his experience in overseeing a sale of a Healey for a widow

of a club member. He listed the car on Bring-A-Trailer. His hints are to: set a reserve, be honest about the condition of the car and take lots of photos.

At our April 23rd meeting and drive our latest member Simon Marshall showed up. He is a former Healey owner who is now in the market for a car. We welcome him to our club and wish him the best in his search. Maybe when we assemble again on May 14th to drive to Burlington, IN and the café One More Cup, we might have a new car in our midst or at least a re-purposed car we have all seen before.

You know they don't make these Healeys anymore.

Stay safe.

## ***CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY***

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

The online only Frake's auction is now online at <https://kraftauctions.hibid.com/catalog/361011/olo-austin-healey-estate-collection-auction---indianapolis-/>. The auction concludes on the 18<sup>th</sup> with pickup the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. The auction preview is May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. LOTS of good Healey cars, parts, and tools.

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More pictures of John Mann's car, for sale by his family.



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We received this email last week:

*I wanted to reach out to you to let you know that my family has some Austin Healey's For Sale. My father, Frank Wicker, specialized in restoring Austin Healey's for most of his life (Wicker's Body & Paint*

*Shop in Kendallville, IN), but he passed away a little over a year ago, and now my mother would like to sell some of those cars. I wanted to reach out to a few of the Austin Healey Clubs to get the word out*

*first. Below is a list of cars that are \*For Sale. These are all ground-up restorations. If you know anyone interested in looking at any of these cars, please reach out to me on my cell at 317-654-5384.*

- \* 1964 Austin Healey BJ8 Concours Gold Level
- \* 1955 Austin Healey 100-4 Dealer M Concours Silver Level
- \* 1967 Austin Healey BJ8 Nasty Boy with V-8 engine
- \* 1960 Austin Healey 3000 BN7
- \* 1950 MG TD
- \* 1967 MK3 Triumph Spitfire

Thanks in advance,

\*Crystal Wicker cwicker@FOX59.com

### ***Next Business Meeting:***

***The May drive/meeting will begin at the Kroger parking lot, 10697 N. Michigan Rd, Indy. We'll drive to Burlington, IN for brunch at One More Cup, then antiquing in Kirkland. To conclude lunch before One More Cup closes at 1, we need to meet at Kroger by 9:30 to get on our way.***





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<http://www.ciahc.org>

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: April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Place: Jack's Donuts, 9105 E 56st St**

Attendees: Roy Bowman, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Michael Goldenberg, Steve & Brandon Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Simon Marshall, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Craig Rice

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

Jim looked at some Chapter items in Jim Frakes' garage and took the large CIAHC canopy, some unused 50/50 tickets.

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

Jim next discussed some notable events on our calendar.

- May 14 Next Chapter Meeting 9:30 am Kroger lot 10679 N Michigan Road. Drive north to Burlington for lunch and later antiquing in Kirklin.

- May 19-22 Springthing, Bardstown KY Holiday Inn Express

- Jun 11 IBCU London to Brighton Run from Hummel Park, Plainfield to Legends Bar and Grill, French Lick

- Jun 30-Jul1 Tire Squeal Rally thru southern Indiana with overnight stay in French Lick. Steve Halleck is coordinating on behalf of CIAHC participation.

- Jul 9 Oliver Winery Tour and Singh Auto open house nearby

- Oct 8 Old gas station tour in Auburn, IN. We may look at cars of Frank Wicker that are for sale.

- Aug 13 British Car Day, Zionsville

Jim and Bev have traveled to Madison, Indiana and explored the surrounding environs as site for September Roundup 2023 which we will be hosting. Stay tuned for more later.

We adjourned at 10:55 am

We then rallied to Fortville for lunch and socializing.

# ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

***By Steve Halleck***

The Ohio Valley club has issued a 'save the date' flyer for this year's September Roundup. I included it at the end of the Overdrive.

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After really bad weather for several weekends, we hit the jackpot with our May drive! Sunshine and 80+ degrees in the afternoon. It was good to meet Simon Marshall at the meeting. I hope he quickly finds a Healey to replace the beauty he used to own.

The drive was pleasant with just a few chuckholes to dodge, and Denver's is always a nice location.



Photo by Brandon Halleck

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The Healey drive of the Tire Squeal will take place on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll be starting at the Brown County Inn in Nashville with a 10:00 start. If you come early, you can have breakfast at the Nashville Inn (it's a participating sponsor and you get points for your meal.) If we need to caravan down, let me know and we can get that worked out.

We'll do the drive counter-clockwise and stop for lunch in Bloomington. When we get to Shoals, we'll swing down 150 to French Lick for the night, then do the eastern part of the drive back to Nashville on Friday.

If you are going, be sure to:

1. Register at <https://schweinefiletring.com/home>, list team name as Central Indiana Austin Healey Club. Keep track of your entry number, you'll need that for accumulating points.
2. Book your room in French Lick
3. Let me know you are going! ([evetshalleck@yahoo.com](mailto:evetshalleck@yahoo.com))

Take a look at the web site <https://schweinefiletring.com/home> or google The Tire Squeal for details on the drive, points, and prizes.

As of right now, we have 4 cars going, Goldenburg, Bush, Bowman, and me. We need one more car to officially be considered a team on the drive.

It's not necessary that you go with the group. The event can be driven any time from June 25<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup> to be official. The web site has turn by turn driving instructions.

I'll send out more info to participants as we get closer.

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## ***Event Calendar***

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

### **2022 Events**

#### **May**

**14 CIAHC Brunch Drive Business meeting, 9:30 AM. 10697 N. Mich. Rd Kroger parking lot.**  
**13,14 Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA**  
**19,22 SpringThing, Bardstown, KY**

#### **June**

**4,5 Champaign British Car Festival, Champaign, IL**  
**5 British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH**  
**11 IBCU London to Brighton rally, start point TBD**  
**13 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)**  
**26 Michiana British Car Show, St. Mary's College, South Bend, IN**  
**30-July 1 Tire Squeal (Schweinfiletring), Brown County Inn, Nashville Indiana**

#### **July**

**9,10 Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Hickory Corners, MI**  
**13 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)**  
**23 Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN**

#### **August**

**6 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dayton British Car Day, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, OH**  
**9 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)**  
**13 34<sup>th</sup> Indy British Motor Days, Zionsville, IN**  
**27 Artomobilia, Carmel, IN**

#### **September**

**10,11 Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew County Fair Grounds, Columbus, IN**  
**8-11 September Roundup, Southern Ohio**  
**13 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)**  
**18-22 Enclave 2022, Kalahari Resorts Poconos, Pocono Manor, PA**

#### **October**

**8 Drive to Auburn**  
**11 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)**

## **November**

**8 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)**

**12,13 AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN**

## **December**

**?? CIAHC Christmas Party,**

# 2022 September Roundup



The Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club  
will be hosting the

## 2022 September Roundup "Covered Bridges and Small Towns, USA"

Dates for the 2022 September Roundup will start on Thursday evening, September 8, 2022 with Registration through your departure Sunday morning, September 11, 2022. The Roundup will include a covered bridge tour through southwestern Ohio, a car show, a walking tour of historic downtown Loveland, places to sightsee and plenty of wonderful restaurants and shopping in the the featured small Ohio towns of Milford and Loveland. Your place of stay will be equidistance between the two historic small towns with great back roads to each destination. Detailed information will be available in late spring of 2022.

**Save the Dates!!!**