



# *Overdrive*

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## ***President's Message Oct 2023***

The 43 registrations for September Round Up in Franklin was a welcome reward to our club members who worked so hard to put on this event. If you didn't help out.....shame on you. If you didn't attend.....shame on you. A shout out to Skip Taylor and his wife Kris who joined the club this year. They registered and attended. Jim Wampler, who joined last year, came down on Friday to see what the fuss was all about. It is great to have new members participate. We have 25 and 30 year club members I would not be able to pick out of a police line-up.

But enough about the lollygaggers. Here is the true story of what went on.

Mayor Steve Barnett of Franklin opened up Thursday's Hospitality Suite. Who knew he was a former dirt track racer?

Friday's rally drivers queued up in the parking lot but official mileage began after participants had their "Back to School" vehicle physical. This was weight, blood pressure (oil pressure), resting heart rate (idle RPM) and temperature. Weights of the cars, sans drivers, ranged from 1560 to 3700 pounds. The lightweight was a Bugeye and the big boy was a T-Bird.

The Saturday car show was in beautiful downtown Franklin on the court house square. Several participants remarked that the bell tower of the court house reminded them of the movie "Back To The Future" There were no Deloreans in the car show.

The topper for the "Back to School" theme was the Awards dinner at the Dietz Center on campus at Franklin College. What better way to get there than a police escort?

I must mention the special gift handed out at registration desk to those who drove their Healeys to Franklin. The "I Drove Mine" pin will be a long term reminder of Franklin. Thank you Dave and Bonnie.

Many thanks to all who donated items for the various auctions, especially the families of Jim Frakes and Roy Bowman.

Halloween Party at the barn, but an earlier start to accommodate an ageing membership. Hope to see you there.

Stay safe.

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

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

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Brandon Halleck is looking for some parts for a Mk2 Sprite. Since many of the parts are interchangeable with the bugeye, we're hoping some of these might be around in someone's piles.

- . Heater blower
- . Sprite Mk2 or Midget Mk1 passenger front fender
- . Water pump pulley and generator pulley

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Mike Pittman has this hardtop and a convertible top available. The hardtop's Vinyl, rubber, and plexiglass are in good shape. May need a headliner.

The soft top has never been installed, so the fasteners can be placed to fit. There is one slight imperfection on the flap behind the passenger window (can be seen in the last picture).

He also has a Bugeye grill with VERY minor defects available.

Contact Mike Pittman if interested. [mpitman1976@gmail.com](mailto:mpitman1976@gmail.com) 765-242-2709



***Next Business Meeting:***

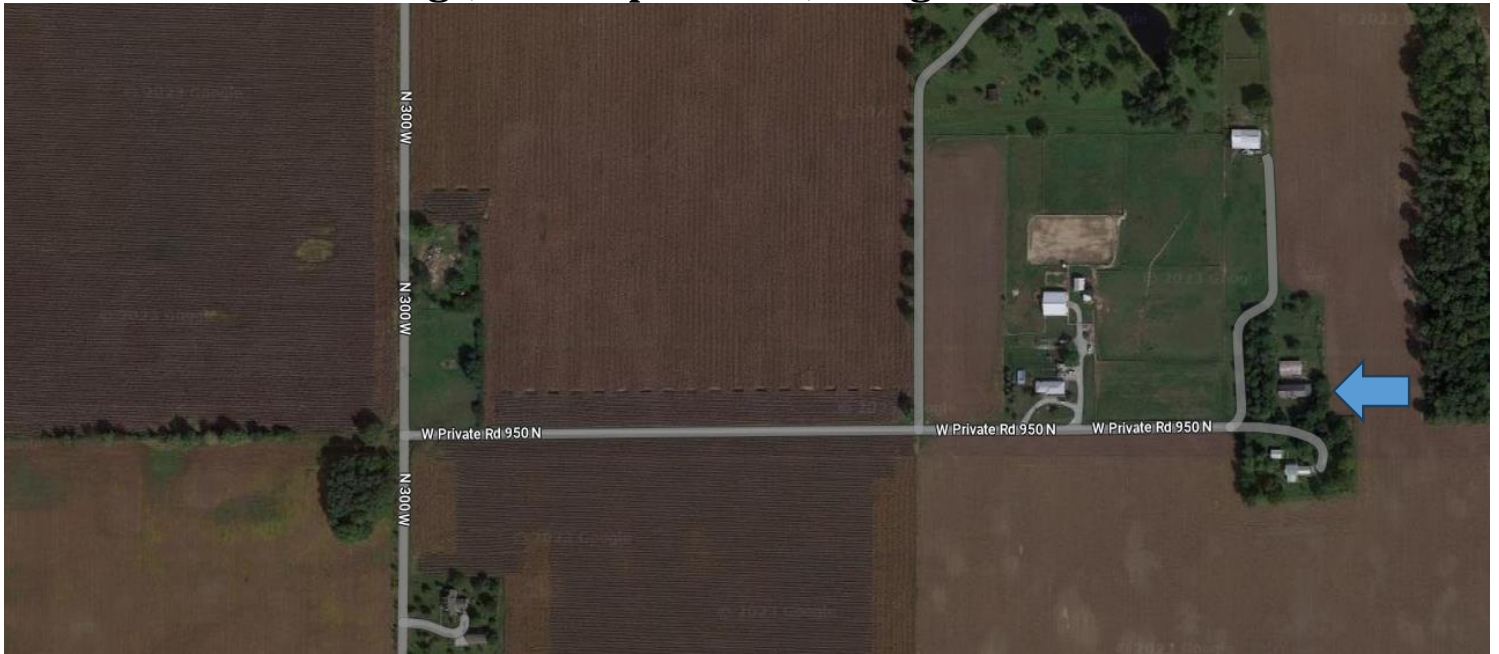
**Bush Barn**

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party**

**2:00 to 6:00 PM, Bush Barn, 2583 W PR950 N**

**Fountaintown, IN 46130**

**Hot dogs, drinks provided, bring a side dish**





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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

*(Since the meetings were preparation for Roundup, the minutes are omitted here)*

## Miscellaneous Meanderings

**By Steve Halleck**

For the members that have been around for a while, Bob Haskell informed us that long time member Gene Marinacci passed away. No services have been scheduled yet.

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The Dayton British Car Day had good weather, 8 big Healeys and 7 Bugeyes. Eastwood Metropark is a very nice park with lots of shade. It's worth the drive over. You can make a weekend of it by including the Air Museum near the park.

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The Zionsville British Car Day started out with threatening skies and light rain. As the event started, a nasty cell was headed towards the park, but moved south. The sun then came out and the remainder of the day was good car show weather. The weather kept the attendance down somewhat but especially in the Healeys. Our club was represented by Bob Haskell, Mike Pittman, Simon Marshall, and me. Where was everyone? Mike's beautiful Sprite was named the winner in the Masters class! Bob took excellence in class for his MGB. Being the only cars in our class meant easy wins for Simon and me.



(Bob Haskell photos)

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At the August Cars and Gravy, I was talking with Mike Halikowski and Curtis Boyd. Curtis has his '69 Sprite for sale along with a rough parts Sprite. Cars & Gravy's last event of the year is Oct 21, 9 to noon. Come out, get some biscuits & gravy to support a good cause.

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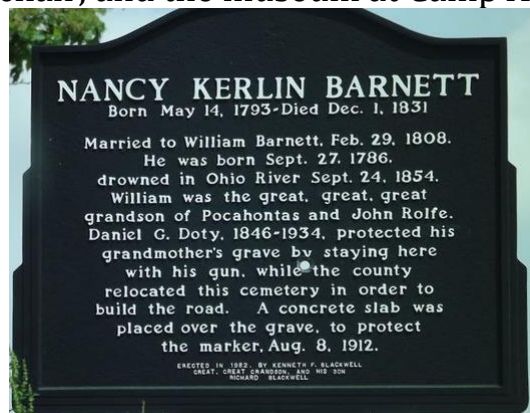


Front page news in Franklin! The weather for September Roundup could not have been any better. The Healeys descended on Franklin, IN on Thursday with an evening of food, hospitality, and a welcome from the Mayor. Dick Storrs funkhana pulled in a small group to tackle his math puzzle. Bob and Melanie ran registration for us. At registration, the folks who drove their cars were awarded an 'I drove mine' Healey pin, designed by Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison. The hospitality center in the hotel was well attended and enjoyed throughout the event – thanks Ruth! There were lots of auction items to peruse and purchase in hospitality center. Kathy Halleck worked long hours to turn out many hand-made items so we could get more money for Riley Hospital.

In central Indiana's flat, straight roads, Pat Bruce found a fun rally route. The pre-rally route took the participants to the Co-Op scales for their car's physical exams, led by Dr. Jim and nurse Ruth. The rally gave us a chance to visit Nancy Kerlin Barnett's grave in the middle of the road, a 40 ft chair, and the museum at Camp Atterbury.



Rally instructions from Pat. (BH)



How the grave in the road happened.



Dr. Jim taking vitals for Ed and Leanne. (BH)

Saturday morning, the east side of the courthouse in downtown Franklin was blocked off for the Healey Car Show. Jim Switzer spent a lot of time with the various bureaucracies getting all the I's dotted and T's crossed so we could have our show in that space. With the Farmer's Market just around the corner, and being visible on the main road through town, several local folks stopped by to admire the cars. While the show was going on, the walking rally of downtown Franklin took place, put together by Bonnie and Melanie. Ruth and Kathy were the winners of the walking rally.



Courthouse setting for the car show. (BH)



Bonnie & Melanie give instructions for the walking rally. (BH)



The locals check out the Healeys. (BH)





Bernie Graybow's car at the courthouse. (Jim Bush)



(BH)

Saturday evening, the Police escorted us out of town - then back in on the back roads to Franklin College for an excellent meal. Following the meal, we returned to Hospitality for the awards and auction.

It takes a lot of effort to put on these events. Jim, Bev, and Jo put in a lot of time pulling it together. I'm sure if I listed everyone involved that I'd leave someone important out, so thanks to all the club members who helped make this event a good one.



Officer Hendley about to take us away. (Jim Bush)



Police escort. (Anna Firnhaber)



Lost keys will be auctioned. (BH)



Rapt attention to the awards. (BH)



David and Bonnie with Best of Show trophy (BH)





Ken Campell loves his auction items!



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We obviously didn't get Brandon's Sprite ready for Zionsville or September Roundup. The list of broken/incorrect parts keeps growing. While trying to bleed the brakes, the list included leaking rear seals, bad wheel cylinders, frozen banjo bolt, leaking brake line, and several other items. We're still trying to get the air out of the line with little success.

I talked to a guy with a Midget who had the same issue. He suggested whoever designed the Spridget brake lines should give up his man card. He pulled his master and wheel cylinders and mounted them to a piece of plywood with new lines. It took 3 pumps at each corner to fully bleed the 'system'. He ended up throwing away all the brake lines and making new ones that didn't have all the high points for air to be trapped. He also put bleeders at the high points of the lines right out of the master cylinder to bleed at that point.

We've had similar lack of success at Jim's house with the brakes on his 3000. Closing off the flex line to the rear brakes, we found the issue was in the rear, but were unable to back off the brakes to remove the rear shoes to check for an issue. Tools / parts on order.

Skip Taylor, who deserves an award for trying to get to September Roundup, did finally get a firm pedal on his Sprite's brakes. He's taking it to area car shows while working on some other minor teething issues.

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Two weeks after September Roundup, Dave Verrill, Ruth Buis, Kathy, and I headed to Asheville for South East Classic. Dave Verrill went day earlier in his just finished Healey to pick up his dad at the airport. Again, the weather was great! The hurricane that hit the east coast of North Carolina only provided a few clouds to Asheville.

The drive down took a little longer than expected when my Garmin decided we needed to spend some extra time on back roads and very twisty Kentucky highways through the thoroughbred horse farms. I enjoyed them in the Sprite, but Kathy and Ruth didn't in the Hyundai. They included a road that was barely one lane wide where we met an on-coming truck on a curve. What Google maps said would take 4 and a half hours took 8 and a half to southeastern Kentucky.

Arriving at the event hotel Thursday, we were warmly welcomed. Over 30 of the 117 registrations were first timers. We were given our own first timers car show Thursday night at the hotel, complete with food trucks and live music. Among the registrants were Bill and Mary Ellen Nagel from the Atlanta region in their MK4 Sprite. They were visiting in Franklin during our Roundup and saw the Healeys at our hotel, so they came down to our car show on Saturday there.

Friday, a Bingo rally was run, heading North on the Blue Ridge Parkway to Mt, Mitchell (6,000 ft). There were also trolley tours of Asheville from the hotel that provided a lot of history of the town and pointed out good spots to eat (Dave Verrill's car was parked at one of them on our tour).

Saturday morning was the car show, held in a park in the middle of Biltmore Forest (a very upscale neighborhood!). After the show, a fun drive south on the Blue Ridge to Mt Pisgah Inn (5000 ft) had the tourists wondering why all these little British cars were at the top of the mountain.

Saturday evening, the first timers were recognized again at the awards dinner, then the awards were presented for the drives and shows. Dave Verrill took second place in the 3000 Mk 1 class.

Sunday morning, we headed back for home. On the return trip, Kathy found better roads than the Garmin had picked coming down, and the drive was smooth. Surprisingly, our total was only 999 miles for the entire trip. This is definitely not going to be the last SE Classic for me.







## ***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.

### **Recurring Events**

**Friday Night Cruise-In – Danville Courthouse Square 5-9PM. May to October**

**Saturday Night Cruise-In – Noblesville Courthouse Square. Mid May to Mid Nov (weather permitting).**

### **2023 Events**

#### **October**

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Sleepy Hallow Cruise In & Car Show, Vevay, IN

21<sup>st</sup> –Final Cars & Gravy of the season, 215 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St, Indy 9:00 to 12:00

28<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn, 6:00. Bring a side dish/desert.

#### **November**

11<sup>th</sup> – Delegates Tour, TBD

12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

#### **December**

TBD – Christmas Get Together, TBD