



Overdrive

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President's Message July 2024

As Rodney Dangerfield used to say, “What a crowd! What a crowd!” Twenty-one members attended the July meeting at Big Woods in Speedway.

The main topic was Conclave. With Bluegrass bowing out from co-hosting Funkhana, we were left on our own. Never fear, for Pat Bruce and David Morrison stepped up with 2 ideas that will be merged into one great Funkhana. Keep Wisconsin’s reputation as America’s Dairyland in mind. Check out the October or November Healey Marque for the final product.

Steve Halleck then brought forward a proposal to have a Board of Directors run the club. The Board would meet monthly or quarterly to establish protocols, procedures, policy and then present any issues to the members for approval at the monthly social meeting. This would eliminate the President and Vice-President positions and realign other elected positions. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting.

I have mentioned my pending surgery in early August. The July 17th meeting was my last meeting as President ‘til October at the big red barn. The recovery time from this vascular surgery is between 2 and 6 weeks.

So I will miss the exotic big cat tour (Thank you, Ed Bennett) and Conclave (Thank you, Wisconsin club). The next time you see me I will be serving up burnt offerings at the Halloween Party.

Be 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)

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

- . Heater blower
- . Sprite Mk2 or Midget Mk1 passenger front fender
- . Generator pulley

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.

He also has a Bug-eye grill with VERY minor defects available.

Contact Mike Pittman if interested. mpitman1976@gmail.com 765-242-2709

Skip Taylor's Sprite came with a LOT of copies of Healey Marque magazines. If anyone is interested, Skip will give them away.

Martha has a rubber floor mat to go under your car. Let me or Martha know if anyone is interested.



Next Business Meeting:

With Jim on Injured Reserve and Conclave, we won't have a September meeting. The next meeting will be the Halloween get together at the Bush Barn on the 26th.

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Northern Indiana AHC

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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

July 16th, Big Woods Speedway

Attendees: Melanie and Bob Haskell, Ruth Buis, Dick Storrs, Bonnie Stahlacker, David Morrison, Jan and Jim Freers, Bev and Jim Bush, David Broyles, Kris and Skip Taylor, Brandon Halleck, Martha Berinyi, Janet and Randy Belden, Pat Bruce

Jim Bush began the meeting by telling folks he would be out of action for a while due to upcoming surgery. He had to cancel on the exotic cat tour and Conclave this year. His next club activity will be the Halloween party/meeting at the Bush Barn.

Conclave discussion:

Jim was finally able to get a response back from Bluegrass about helping with the Funkhana at Conclave. Steve Slaughter said they would not be able to help. Our responsibilities were to be Funkhana, Miniature Golf, and assisting with tech sessions. Jim informed Wisconsin that we would not be able to work the tech sessions.

Pat Bruce and David Morrison came prepared with ideas for the Funkhana. Pat is making mousetrap 'targets' for the driver and passenger to throw at. David has put together a combination of displays/contests for the contestants to gain points. Jim asked if they would agree to be the points of contact for the Wisconsin Conclave folks about costs and needs for the event. Jim will let Wisconsin know they will be the point of contact and the budget for the items needed (which David said could be auctioned off after the event).

We'll need to move cars through the funkhana quickly since we only have a short window. Pat and David are planning a course that takes under a minute and we can have more than one car on the course at a time. It will take most of our group working the event to pull it off.

The golf tournament will be easy to run. We will probably have contestants play only part of the course, keeping their own score.

Jim told the group about the status of Martha's 3000. Martha is not going to spend the money to finish repairing the car but will try to sell it as a project vehicle. We moved the car to Jim and Bev's renovated barn for storage. We'd like to have a tech session after Jim is recovered to clean it up, get the car running again, and see if the doors and boot lid can be attached before trying to market it. Steve suggested seeing if Gary Feldman could give us an idea of the current value of the car.

Upcoming events:

Aug 10, the IBCU British Car Day

Aug 17th, the Exotic Cat Rescue Tour and lunch at the Barnetts. More details coming soon.

A discussion was held about possible changes to the future direction of the club based on ideas Steve has experienced in the MINI club. We've had difficulty getting someone to take the presidency of the club since it's a difficult position. Steve is suggesting that we use a board to run the club. The board would meet on a regular basis, make decisions on club events and ideas which could be presented to the club. The club gatherings would become almost entirely a social event (except for elections and changes that require club input). The board would be comprised of the current officers and some at-large members. We will need to discuss this further and vote on it at a future meeting.

Jo mentioned the Christmas party is Dec 7th 2:00 – 5:00 at Charbonas in Avon. \$20 per person, and no gift exchange.

Aug 17th, Leanne and Ed Barnett's house

While there wasn't an actual meeting, Jim Switzer passed on some information after lunch.

Jim reported that Jim Bush's surgery was successful, and he will be back in action soon.

A meeting of the 4 clubs involved with September Roundup(Indy, Columbus, Cincy [& Dayton], and Louisville) to work out plans and a new name for the event is planned for Sept 5th. Some discussion of possible new names ensued. Mid-Ohio is considering a 2025 event at Hocking Hills.

Planning continues to drive the Healeys out to the home for the Burkes. The manager of the home indicated he could get a food truck, but we doubt there would be sufficient people to make that worthwhile. The Burke's son John wants to bring their car to the event, but he may need a tech session with some of us to get it running. More details to come.

Jim indicated future Conclaves sites are Branson 2025, Lexington 2026, and Lake Tahoe 2027.

A short discussion of the idea for moving to board leadership for the club was discussed. Steve said he'd send out a note to all the club members about it so discussion and a vote could be held at the Halloween meeting.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

In Jim's Pres message, he said our new idea for using a board to direct the club eliminates the president and vice president positions. I think we still need a president (or co-presidents). The position is a contact point that others outside the club are looking for.

July 7th, the MINI club invited all the British Car Clubs to a drive from Noblesville to Cammack Station. The Jaguar and Healey clubs joined the Minis/MINIs on the drive. Bob and Melanie joined Brandon and I for the drive which included seeing the major cities of Moonsville, Reed Station, and Cammack. The trip took a slight delay just short of our destination when the lead classic Mini hit a chuckhole and immediately died.

Leaving the car behind, the group headed on to Cammack Station for lunch and ice cream where we were met by Pat Bruce and Phil Klink.

After lunch, the Mini owners got a ride home to pick up their tow vehicle and trailer. Arriving back at the stranded car, they found that it started right up and drove it home. Apparently, hitting the chuckhole tripped the inertia switch (I'd never heard of them).

On the 9th, Martha Berinyi and I went to Korner Garage to meet the tow truck to take her 3000 out to the Bush barn. July 9th was also the day that the remnants of former hurricane Beryl decided to come to Indy. Normally, that wouldn't have been an issue, but Martha's car doesn't have the doors, windshield, bonnet, or boot attached.

We arrived with a role of visqueen and duct tape and wrapped the car in a nice cocoon of plastic for the successful ride in the rain. Interestingly, after coming through the monsoons, the driveway going back to the Bush's was completely dry, as the rain stopped just a few feet into their drive.



Jim Wampler has a bashed fender on his Sprite. He's been checking with multiple body shops and has chosen a place to take it. It should be done later in August. We'll wait for Jim's feedback, as we need more places that can do good bodywork on these old beasts.

Our second attempt with the IBCU at bringing different British cars to Cars and Coffee in July had a small turnout. It was good to see Michael Goldenberg there in his Healey.

The first weekend of August is the Dayton British Car Show. This year, there were several big Healeys, 5 Bugeyes, and one square body Sprite. The winning Sprite had a great story behind it. Dean Anderson received a call from a friend to come down to Alabama. Someone had bought a filling station that had been closed for 20 years. There was a car in the back under some blankets and the owner wanted it out. Dean went down with his friend. Lifting the back of the blanket and seeing it was a Sprite, he told the owner he'd take it. All 4 tires were flat, but Dean's friend had a set of wheels and tires for a Midget. They mounted them and hauled the car away.

Getting it to the garage, they put in a new battery and some gas and cranked it to see if the engine would turn over. To their surprise, it fired right up. Dean brought it to the show without even cleaning it. His total cost on the car is the used wheels/tires, battery, and licensing. He hadn't even changed the oil before coming to the show!



Amazing green barnfind!

The Dayton show has an award for the longest drive. This year a beautiful MGBGT won it going away, driving from Seattle!

While Brandon and I were in Dayton, Michael and Rita enjoyed running the Tire Squeal around southern Indiana with the MINI club.

Speaking of Tire Squeal, at the last IBCU meeting in July, I received our trophy from running it 2 years ago. We need to figure out where it should be displayed. Maybe in the renovated Bush Barn?



The British Motor Day in Zionsville this year had good turnout with a decent turnout of big Healeys, but the Sprites let us down. Club members Ron Francis, David Morrison, David Verrill, and Simon Marshall, brought their cars to the show. Mike and Carolyn Schmidt from Northern Indiana and Rob Cadle (hopefully a future member) brought their 3000s. For the Sprites, we only had Mike Pittman's bugeye and Brandon's MkII (YES, IT'S RUNNING!). My bugeye was in the Masters class due to being the only car in class last year (threatening skies early in the day). Bob Haskell brought his MGB. Pat Bruce attended, but rather than bring his car, he brought a truckload of parts / odds and ends as a vendor. Several other club members stopped by during the day.

There was a class just for Nash Healeys at the event this year as Don Tharp brought three beautiful examples. A highly modified Nash Metropolitan ended up getting put in the class with them by accident. Any one of the Nash Healeys could have taken best of show normally, but this year the honor went to a very rare 1930 Vauxhall Hurlingham Bobtail Roadster.



Brandon H photo



Dan Tharp's Nash Healeys. IBCU photo



1930 Vauxhall – Bob H photo

Saturday morning on the 17th, the club met with Leanne and Ed Barnett in Spenser, for a short drive to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center. Melanie and Bob, Jan and Jeff, Bonnie and David, Jim Switzer, Dick Storrs , and Brandon and I made the drive down.

The Center is well worth the trip as you walk around the grounds with many species of wild cats just a couple feet away. The growl of the many tigers and the roar of the lion are amazingly loud. Our tour was led by Joe Taft, the founder of the Center, who knows the story behind each of the animals. The cats are amazing, and some of the stories about how they came to the Center are heartbreaking.

After the tour, we travelled to Leanne and Ed's beautiful house for lunch. After lunch, Bonnie and David showed the plans for the Conclave Funkhana and we discussed what we needed to bring and event assignments.

Thanks to Leanne and Ed for a very fun day!



A nice drive from Spenser to the Center .
Bonnie S picture.



We're told don't go near the cages, but
the cats know Joe. Bob H pic.



This guy's roar is extremely loud!
Bob H pic



Arriving at the Barnett's.
Bob H pic



After lunch discussion.
Bob H pic

We've continued to try to bring more British cars to the Cars and Coffee events. It's a good display when amid 1000+ cars there are several British Classics together. Thanks Michael Goldenberg and Dick Storrs for joining Brandon and me along with the Triumphs and MINIs at the August event. It's an early day for these events. To park together, we must meet early and get there while space to park together is still available. The October 12th Cars and Gravy won't require as early a start.

I just saw that Roy Bowman's 3000 is for sale on Bring a Trailer. I'll check the results of the auction and let you know how it turns out. I'd love to see it back in this area again, but I don't think any of the members are in the market right now.

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 of keeping it up to date.

2024 Events

September

2nd – Red Bridge Park Car Show, Cicero, IN

7th- Artomobilia, Carmel Arts District

14th-15th – Columbus Scottish Festival – European Car Show, Columbus

13th-15th – The Healey World Challenge vintage races, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

15th-20th – Conclave, Elkhart Lake Racecourse & Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan, WI

October

4th-6th – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

5th – CIAHC drive to the Burkes

12th – Cars and Gravy, 38th St (only one this year)

12th – Sleepy Hallow Car Show, Vevay, IN

26th – Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn, IN

November

15th – AHCA Delegate's Tour, TBD

16th-17th Fall Delegate's Meeting, Plainfield, IN

December

7th – Healey club Christmas Party, 2:00 – 5:00, Charbonas in Avon. \$20 per person, no gift exchange.