



Overdrive

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PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

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

I saw at Mad Dogs that Mike Schmidt, from the Northern Indian club has his 3000 with a factory hardtop for sale.



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Bluegrass AHC

Facebook: Bluegrass Austin Healey Club

Miami Valley AHC

Mid Ohio AHC

<https://sites.google.com/site/midohioahc/>

Northern Indiana AHC

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthernIndianaAustinHealeyClub>

Ohio Valley AHC

<http://ohiovalleyahc.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/OhioValleyAustinHealeyClub>

Mid West AHC

<https://www.midwesthealeyclub.org/>

Indiana British Car Union

<http://www.ibcu.org>

Austin Healey Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org>

Club events for August

2nd- Drive to Lafayette to view Bonnie Stahlecker's art exhibit

Meeting at TA Travel Center (5930 Whitestown Parkway) at 10:00, driving to Bonnie's art exhibit at the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, then lunch nearby at the East End Grill.

9th – Indy British Motor Day at Lions Park in Zionsville

BRING YOUR HEALEYS OUT

8:00 am – 10:30 am – Vehicle Staging and on-site registration

8:30 am – 10:30 am – Vendor Registration

11:00 am – 1:00 pm – British Motor Day Show and Voting

2:30 pm - Awards Presentation

TBD – Gathering

Got a good place to meet? I'll send out a note when it's scheduled

Mad Dogs and Englishmen Car Show trip

The week leading up to the trip was anxious, as the weather forecast was calling for severe thunderstorms here and in Michigan (86 percent chance). As it always does, the forecast changed daily and began to look promising for the trip. Saturday morning, we left Indy before the afternoon storms came in. Aside from a short sprinkle of rain near Grissom, the weather was completely dry through the show on Sunday.

We arrived at the Air Zoo in Portage, MI around 1:00 in the afternoon and enjoyed lunch at the Kitty Hawk Café overlooking part of the exhibits before exploring the museum.

The Museum has a wide variety of exhibits for all ages and was a fascinating way to spend the afternoon. They have several one-of-a-kind aircraft. One fascinating thing to see is their Restoration Center, where along with another collection of aircraft and engines, the shop where they restore aircraft can be viewed. Their current 'project' is a Douglass SBD Dauntless dive bomber that crashed on a training flight in Lake Michigan in 1942. It was pulled from the lake in 1994, eventually being brought to the Restoration Center. The volunteer craftsmen there are doing amazing work. Not too many shops have an engine from a Saturn rocket booster hanging overhead!





The pink P-51 greets you as you enter the museum.

The F-117A Stealth Bomber

A photo of the Douglas SMD Dauntless as it was pulled from Lake Michigan, and it's current state in the restoration facility.

I don't think any other restoration shops just happen to have a Saturn Rocket Booster hanging from their ceiling!

While checking into the hotel near the Air Zoo, a van arrived with several folks in green fatigues. The Michigan War Birds were there for an exhibit and flights in Hueys. One of the pilots we spoke to was a Sprite owner himself.

Sunday morning, we headed out towards Hickory Corner, MI for the Gilmore Museum. As we got out of the car, a right-hand drive MG Midget pulled in, being driven by John Twist. He was bringing the car to a customer from Ft Wayne. After parking and talking for a few minutes, we didn't see him again. Later another person showed up, removed the Michigan license plate, and drove off with the Midget (hopefully it was the owner).

The Gilmore collections changed quite a bit since last year, with lots of new exhibits, a new building, and some new structures. One of the new collections is a large number of race cars from the '60s and '70s. When the afternoon got warm, touring the air conditioned buildings is a nice break.



This year's cars in the show included some rare and very nice vehicles including a 1931 and a 1933 MG Midget, a 1949 MG-YT, a Devlin, a 1952 Singer 4 AD, a Jensen coupe, and a Rambler! The Rambler was a right-hand drive car from Australia. In the vendor area, there was a neat Jowett Jupiter (the Jupiter won it's class at the 24 Hr of LeMans in 1950 thru 1952).





The Healey classes were not large this year. There were 3 Bugeyes, 2 square body Sprites in the Spridget class and 10 big Healeys. Mike Schmidt and Steve Warner were there from the Northern Indiana club (Mike has his 100-6 for sale). Former CIAHC member Anna Adams couldn't make it this year, but her Dad Jeff DeBoer had his beautiful 100-6 there.



We bailed quickly after our class awards, heading back towards Indy and possible rain. Light rain started as we approached Rochester. The rain intensity increased as we headed south on US-31. We had the bikini top on the car and were wearing our raincoats. The Sprite demonstrated a unique aerodynamic effect in the rain. Water travels horizontally across the doors of the car until it reaches the back edge of the door (where your shoulders are). It then goes vertically to the edge of the door and begins spraying towards the interior of the windshield and the dash (hitting the occupants' shoulders also and running down into the seat). I needed wipers for the inside of the windshield. If Gerry Coker was still around, I'd like to ask him if he was aware of that 'feature'.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

I sent out an email asking how many people are going to Mid America Classic this year in Hocking Hills and Southeastern Classic. Some of us have been looking at routes. Let me know and we can caravan together. I have started on a route to SEC from Hocking Hills and then back to Indy with overnight stays both directions.

Last year at the Zionsville British Car Day we didn't have a Sprite class. They were put in with the big Healeys, but could have been put in 'Other British'. That could happen this year with the big Healeys. We need to get more of our cars to the show. On-line Registration is closed, but you can register at the show.

Our first gathering of the season took place on July 15 at Bru Burger Noblesville. It was a long drive for Ed and Leanne, but they joined the Switzers, Bushs, Freers, Hallecks, Storrs, Haskells (including Tim), Pat Bruce, Bonnie Stahlecker, Ruth Buis, and Brandon Halleck for dinner and good conversation.

On the 19th, Bob, Pat, Brandon, Ed, and I joined Jim Bush at his garage/barn for a tech session on the Berinyi BJ8. The car hasn't run for at least 4 years, so our goal was to change the oil and gas, check things out, and hopefully get it started.

Jim prepped for the tech session, moving the car onto the lift, draining the oil, and putting the battery on the charger. The charger proved ineffective, as the battery only put out a little over 5 volts. Bob took the battery home to see if he can get it charged.

Since the gas tank had sat open in the body shop, we weren't sure how much dust had gotten into the tank. We pulled the tank to check and clean it. One of the tank straps was stuck in place and had a small tear in the metal. Pat took it to repair.

The fuel surprisingly had not gone bad, and the tank was relatively clean. After draining the tank, cleaning and reinstalling it, checking the float bowls, changing the oil and filter, checking the points and rotor, and borrowing the battery from Jim's Healey, we tested cranking the engine over with the coil disconnected to make sure it turned freely. Passing that test, we hooked up the coil and cranked the starter – and it fired right up!

We then found that the clutch wasn't working. Raising the car on the lift, the slave cylinder was checked and found to be working correctly. The pressure plate was stuck to the flywheel from sitting for so long. After pushing the car off the lift and outside the barn, we started it in gear hoping to break it loose. When that didn't work, Ed suggested letting the car get up to operating temperature. He then drove it around a little and was able to free up

the clutch. It was great to see the car going through all the gears and running quite smoothly after all this time.



Brandon and I drove over to Cars and Coffee on the 26th. It was a hot day but we found a spot in the shade to park via the truck next to us.



CIAHCA Calendar 2025

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.

August

2nd – **CIAHC Art Museum Drive.** Meeting at TA Travel Center at i-65 and Whitestown Parkway at 10:00, then driving to Lafayette to view Bonnie's exhibit before lunch nearby.

2nd - [40th Annual Dayton British Car Day](#) 9am - 4pm

Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Oh. <https://britishcardaydayton.com/>

2nd – Indy Old Motors Cars and Coffee – Factory Arts District, Indianapolis.

9th - **[36th Indy British Motor Days](#)**

The 37th annual Indy British Motor Days will be held at Lion's Park in Zionsville, just one block from downtown on E. Sycamore Street (about 116th). Your family will enjoy browsing the galleries, antique shops, specialty stores and the farmer's market. Lunch may be available on site, but there are also a variety of restaurants on Main Street offering breakfast and lunch. Hosted by the Indiana British Car Union. Registration at the event.

TBD – **CIAHC Gathering**

September

1st- Red Bridge Park Car Show, Cicero, IN

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

697 W. Jackson St., Cicero, Indiana

For more information, contact [Rob Wilson](#)

6th - [Artomobilia](#)

ARTOMOBILIA focuses on display and appreciation over competition and although each of the automobiles is truly magnificent, this event is not just about cars; it's about the art and automotive enthusiasts. This event embraces the essence automotive art and design by uniquely combining the artwork of local galleries and artists, with the presentation of significant automobiles and their iconic design.

Carmel Arts & Design District

Carmel, Indiana

11th - 14th - [Encounter 2025](#)

The [Austin-Healey Sports and Touring Club's](#) annual, multi-day meet called Encounter is open to all Healey owners and enthusiasts. The AHSTC regions take turns hosting the event, which features a popular vote car show, judged concours, a rallye, tech sessions, a gymkhana and a flea market. On September 11-14, 2025, the event will be in the Pocono Mountains of northeast Pennsylvania, headquartered at Camelback Resort in Tannersville, just north of Stroudsburg. The [web site](#).

14th - [British Car Day](#)

Cincinnati, Ohio

Hosted by [British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati](#)

13th - 14th - [Columbus Scottish Festival](#)

Bartholomew County Fair Grounds, Columbus, IN
the festival has an European car show on each day.

14th - 16th - [Mid America Classic](#)

[Hocking Hills State Park](#), Logan, Ohio. This is the replacement for September Classic.
Hocking Hills is a beautiful park southeast of Columbus.

Hosted by [Mid Ohio Austin-Healey Club](#).

18th - 21st - [Southeastern Classic XXXVIII](#)

Franklin, Tennessee. This is always a very good event.

Hosted by [Middle Tennessee AHC](#)

20th - British Car Day on the River

Old Lock and Dam Park, Newburg, IN

Hosted by [Southern Indiana Region British Car Club](#)

28th - October 2nd - [Summit 2025](#)

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the New England club in Falmouth, MA. Hosted by the
[Austin-Healey Club of New England](#).

October

3rd - 5th - [Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb](#)

Newport, Indiana

11th - [Sleepy Hollow Car Show](#)

The Cruise IN begins at 6PM on Friday. The car show is on Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM.
Vevay, Indiana

25th - [Halloween Party and Elections](#)

back to the red barn at Jim and Bev Bush's.

November

7th - [AHCA Delegates' Tour](#) -

8th-9th - AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting

Holiday Inn Indianapolis Airport, 8555 Stansted Road, Indianapolis.

December

6th - [Christmas Party](#), Charbono's Restaurant, Avon. 2:00-5:00 PM.