



# 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](mailto:evetshalleck@yahoo.com))

Brent Porter came across some high-performance parts for Sprites that need a new home. He has a set of 73.5mm pistons to make a 1380 and a refurbished supercharger. The supercharger is complete and was gone through by the Judson Guru.

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Know anyone looking for a 3000 long block? Ben Zwissler at ACME Sports and Classic said Quinlins machine shop on the south side of Indy has one from a failed project that was never picked up.

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Anyone need a steering parts for a Mk4 Sprite/Mk3 Midget? We have the steering column, rack & pinion taking up space in the garage. They will go to scrap soon if no one wants them.

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

#### Bluegrass AHC

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#### 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.midwestthealeyclub.org/>

#### Indiana British Car Union

<http://www.ibcu.org>

#### Austin Healey Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org>

## *Club events for January*

**Still working on setting up our first meeting of 2026. I'll send out an announcement when we get it set.**

## ***CIAHC Christmas Party***

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 19 of us arrived at Charbonos for our Christmas get together. Attendees were David Broyles, Bev and Jim Bush, Jo Switzer, Ruth Buis, Kathy and Steve Halleck, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison, Skip Taylor, Sherry and Dick Storrs, Melanie and Bob Haskell, Brandon Halleck, Jan & Jeff Freers, Leanne and Ed Barnett. Jan had some fun games to play while the meals were being prepared. We were also celebrating Dick's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

It was a fun afternoon with good food, good friends, and fun conversation.



Most of the group. Skip and Brandon left before we thought about getting a picture and we didn't notice Kathy wasn't in the room when we took it. The red to Dick's right is not a cut off person's picture, it's a pile of coats.

## ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> a group of diehard/crazy British Car folks met in Danville to defy the idea that the driving season had ended. The drive put on by the Jaguar club pulled in 13 cars: 2 F Type Jags, 2 E Types, and my Sprite. The MG crowd came out in an alphabetic force; an MGC, a 1945 MG TC Midget, 3 MG TDS, and an MG TF. I felt like a wimp. Most of the cars had the hoods down for the drive while I had mine up with the side curtains in.

We were using a route the Porshe club had run just a couple weeks early, and the route was well laid out. The route took us through the big cities of Hadley and before arriving for lunch at Sahm's Haven on Heritage Lake. We then headed for Park County and the covered bridges.

Three covered bridges later, we arrived at Billie Creek Village. I've been by the village several times but have never stopped to explore it. It's a village of 38 historic structures, built from 1830 to 1913. All of the structures were relocated to the present location. Several of the buildings are said to be haunted and are visited nightly by 'paranormal investigators'.

Leaving Billie Creek, we started our last leg heading to Bridgeton. After a total of 6 covered bridges, we stopped at the Bridgeton Mill which is the oldest working grain mill west of the Alleghenies where several purchases were made of various ground meals for cooking and some fresh pumpkin and chocolate cookies. The mill is for sale if you are looking for a new business opportunity. The Bridgeton covered bridge is next to the mill, bringing our total to 7 for the day.

We'd planned on heading back to Danville for a meal at the Mayberry Diner, but folks had to head home so we took off in different directions. I was following Tom Wilson in the '45 MG TC heading towards Indy on US 36. It was impressive to watch an 80-year-old car running smoothly down the highway at 65 MPH!

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If you have any technical questions about your Healeys, join in on the monthly zoom meetings that Jake Jacobs has set up. Next one is Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. You should have gotten an email reminder of the meeting ahead of time. Send Jake your questions/topics at [jake.jacobs@bhi-gc.com](mailto:jake.jacobs@bhi-gc.com) so they can be covered at the next session.

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I was asked by Mike Schneider to remind everyone that it's renewal time for the Healey Memberships. Brent Porter and Lori England have joined. Brent and his parents were past members. He has a Sprite that his dad purchased as an HP SCCA racer and converted to street use. He also has a 3000 that was purchased from Jim Switzer in 1990.

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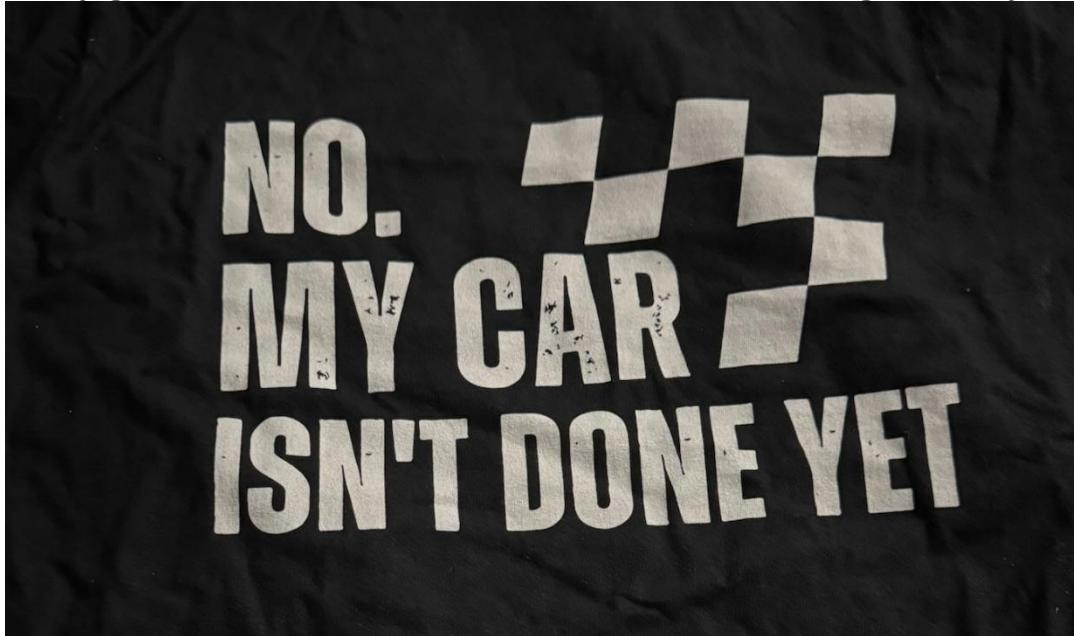
We've started re-wiring Brandon's Sprite, beginning with the easiest rear section. In September he had smoke coming out of the boot but we couldn't find the source. Pulling the old wiring, the issue was apparent! The power wire for the license light had the

grommet rotted away and the wire was grounding against the housing, burning the wiring down to the loom at the bottom of the boot. The wire ran behind the brace for the boot latch, hiding the damage. The reason there wasn't an actual fire was that the shorted wire burned apart, stopping the short.

Connecting the new harness to the existing wiring behind the dash we gave the rear lights a try. Oops. Brandon was able to track down my error and got the lights working correctly. He makes sure I have my glasses on when doing wiring now.

The dash is out, and Jerry Baker did a masterful job of filling in the holes for the radio and the jury-rigged horn button (of course). While we put the rest of the harness in, Brandon has new bezels for the gauges, new switches, and vinyl to clean up the dash.

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Kathy got Brandon a t-shirt for Christmas that is fitting for many of us.



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If you are interested in going to Lake Tahoe in 2027, you can lock in your spot with a \$100 pre-registration that applies towards your registration if you complete registration by June. Info at [www.healey75.com](http://www.healey75.com).

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Our representatives to the Rose Parade



## ***CIAHCA Calendar 2026***

Many of the event dates for 2026 haven't been set yet, so the calendar is pretty bare.

**January**

**February**

**March**

**April**

**May**

**June**

**7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Mid America Classic – Details will go out in February**

**July**

**August**

**September**

**13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Conclave, Galena, Illinois**

**17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Classic, Dahlomega, Georgia**

**October**

**November**

**December**