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<http://www.ibcu.org>

Austin Healey Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org>

Club events for May

With vacations, graduations, and other activities this month, we couldn't coordinate a day for a gathering this month. If you want to join one of the Cars and Coffee, we can do a drive and lunch afterwards.

On May 16th, Indianapolis Cars and Coffee will be at the Fishers Event Center. Last year we met there and did a drive afterwards for lunch at Fords Garage. We can do that again this year. This event often has over a thousand cars. In order to park together, we need to meet ahead of time and get there early. The IBCU clubs often go in together to have the LBCs together at the show. I'll forward plans for the drive in together. (If the early start is not for you, show up later and park wherever. Find us at the event and we can leave together for the drive to lunch.

On the 17th, McCordsville has a Cars and Coffee at McCord Square (5811 Main St., McCordsville, IN) from 9 to 11. This event is in a small area that fills up quickly – best to get there before 9.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

We're just 5 weeks from Mid America Classic. Anyone good with Powerpoint that could help put together our presentation for our event next year?

Let me know if you are going and if you want to caravan together to Middleton.

The Freers home was invaded by a group of hungry folks on Pi Day for the club's Chili Cook-Off. Attendees this year were Cindy and Jerry Baker, Melanie and Bob Haskell, Ruth Buis, Leanne and Ed Barnett, Jan, Jeff and Matt Freers, Brandon Halleck, Bonnie Stahlecker and David Morrison, Bev and Jim Bush, Debbie and Pat Bruce, Kathy and Steve Halleck.

As usual, there was FAR too much great food, and it was difficult to choose the best chili and desert. Prizes went to Leanne for her chili, and Cindy took the award for her pie.

We had a short meeting after eating. Jim Bush mentioned he got a card from Tom Burke, telling him that Jim and Sandy have moved to Village East in Fishers.

We discussed the MAC in Madison. Jim presented a spreadsheet of expected costs and income based on past events and went over the menus for our Sunday hospitality and the awards banquet. The group voted for May 2nd-5th for our date. Our deposit check will be sent to the Fairfield to lock us in.

Jim looked at a possible rally route. There is a good picture opportunity on the route, but visibility getting back on the road if we stop would be an issue.

The location for the car show was discussed. Our preferred location is on Vaughn drive, a scenic road along the river. Car washing is an issue we need to work out.

With the aging Healey contingent, and the hills in Madison, we're looking at renting some golf carts to transport guests to downtown restaurants.

Jeff gave a report on a book he had just finished called 'One Man's Vision'. It's the story of Ralph Teeter from Hagerstown. Ralph built his first car at 12, graduated from Penn University with a degree in mechanical engineering, invented cruise control and was the long-time president of Perfect Circle (piston ring company) and the president of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) – despite losing his eyesight at as a child.

The Freers are planning an event (August?) to honor the many 'Jims' we've lost in the club.

April lunch get together was held at Big Woods Speedway. Attending were Pat Bruce, Ruth Buis, Bonnie, David, Leanne, Ed, Melanie, Bob, Kathy, Steve, Jan, Jeff, and Brandon. We had guests Vic and Donna Christian join us. Vic had a Mk 1 which he loved – till he punched a hole in the oil pan and had to sell it. They saw we were having lunch and decided to join us.

We had planned for a short drive to the Eagle Creek Ornithology Center after the drive, but most folks couldn't join us so the raptors will have to wait to see us another day.



Sorry for the bad pics, but at least I remembered to take some this time.

The IBCU meetings has met for the first time to begin preparations for the British Car Day on August 8th. We've lost some members this year due to death and other commitments. We're looking for new members. Our meetings are at Bub's Burgers in Zionsville, normally on Wednesday evenings. If you want to hang out with some car crazies and plan this year's British Car Day, let me know and I'll forward you the invitation.

The marque this year will be MG. It would have been Austin Healey, but we have not had sufficient cars attending recently to be the featured marque. If we can get more of our cars there this year, we could be next year's marque.

Work continued on Brandon's Sprite this year. The car has new wiring, a renewed dash and interior side panels. It's still running on the tired original 948 (which we think has never been refreshed) while we wait for his 1275 to be finished. When it's ready, we may have a tech session for pulling the old motor or for putting the new one in.

The only thing I've planned on my car this year is to replace the exhaust. I'd been thinking about putting a header on it. Since Brandon will need a 1275 exhaust on his new motor, this seemed like a good time. On the Healey tech zoom call a few months ago I asked about what to use, then ordered a Winners Circle two-piece header and an RC40 muffler (used on Minis).

Installation has been much more difficult than expected. (The last three weeks of any 2 hour task are always the most difficult!). This header is supposed to be the easiest fitting header made, but on my car the header was pointing into the frame rail. Jeff Porada said the only time he'd seen this was on a car with the engine mount rubber shot. I loosened the engine mounts and put an aluminum spacer under the driver side mount to shift the engine a bit to give clearance. I also borrowed a 'precision tool' from Jerry Baker (an 11/16 steel rod) to put a small dent in the frame rail for additional clearance.

On the A series engines, the intake and exhaust manifolds are held in place by studs and large washers that hold both manifold flanges. There is often a difference in the thickness of header flanges to the engine manifolds requiring shimming to get the washers to hold both tightly in position. Looking at my intake while measuring, I noticed that sometime in the past it had been broken and welded up, requiring resurfacing (making it even more thin). Looking through our parts from the '69' Brandon bought for parts, I found another intake crusted in 60+ years of gunk. This one is about .020 thicker, requiring less thickness on the shims. After 3 unsuccessful attempts of taking the intake and exhaust apart to fit shims to make the intake the same thickness as the header, I was still getting an intake leak. I put the old exhaust back on and asked Bob to help. He's made washers that are .080 thicker on one side to

hold the intake and exhaust both securely to the head. I'll take it apart again and give those a try next month.

Ed came across some old photos of what he thinks was Leanne's parent's car when they were in Germany in the '50s. Interesting find!



Artomobilia has a new class this year, which I think is a good idea. The 25 Under 25 class will be among the many classes this year. The class is a way to encourage the younger generation to get into vintage cars. The class is for people 25 and younger with cars 25 years old or older. They may not be the million-dollar cars on display at the show, but it's a great way to encourage the younger generation to join our madness. If you are at Artomobilia this year, stop by and encourage the participants!

October 10th, the Sleepy Hallow Car Show is in Vevay, IN. If the weather is good, we should have a group of us go down, stay in Madison and check out locations and ideas for the MAC, then go to the show. Jim Bush, Pat Bruce, and I attended the show a couple of years ago and had a good time at the show.



CIAHCA Calendar 2026

Bob is doing a good job of keeping the website calendar updated. Let us know if you find other events to add.

May

2nd – Indy Classic Cars and Coffee, Factory Arts District, Indy

8th - Graham Rahal Cars and Coffee, Zionsville

15th-16th- Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

16th- Indianapolis Cars and Coffee, Fishers Event Center, Fishers (Drive for lunch afterwards?)

16th-17th – British Car Day, Columbus, OH

17th – McCordsville Cars and Coffee, McCordsville , IN

29th-31st – Champagne British Car Festival 2026, Bloomington, IL

31st-June 7th- 30th Celebration British Car Awareness Week, get your British cars out on the road for the public to see

31st-June 4th Healeys on the Hudson-Summit 2026, Kingston, NY

June

1st-31st Tire Squeal 2026, Southern IN (they have an alternate shorter course this year)

6th – British Bash 2026, Louisville, KY

7th-10th Mid America Classic, Drury Inn and Suites, Middletown, OH

7th – British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH

27th – CIAHC lunch and ice cream drive, Bonnie & David’s house, Plainfield

27th- Graham Rahal Cars and Coffee, Zionsville

27th- 38th Annual Michiana British Car Show, Elkhart, IN

27th – Indianapolis Cars and Coffee, Connection Point Christian Church, Brownsburg

July

TBD- CIAHC Brunch and Drive Nashville, IN

11th-12th- Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair & Rally, Hickory Corners, MI

25th – Graham Rahal Cars and Coffee, Zionsville

25th – Indianapolis Cars and Coffee, Knowledge Services, Indy

August

1st- 41st Annual Dayton British Car Day, Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton, OH

8th – Indy British Motor Days, Zionsville, IN

22nd – Graham Rahal Cars and Coffee, Zionsville, IN

22nd- Indianapolis Cars and Coffee, Raceway Park, Clarmont, IN

29th- Artomobila, Carmel Arts District, Carmel, IN

September

12th-13th – Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

13th-18th Conclave, Galena, Illinois

17th-20th Southeastern Classic, Dahlomega, Georgia

19th- Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

19th- Indianapolis Cars and Coffee, Keystone at the Crossing, Indianapolis
27th-29th Encounter 2026, St Michaels, MD

October

2nd-4th – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN
24th – Graham Rahall Cars and Coffee, Zionsville
24th – Indianapolis Cars and Coffee Trunk or Treat, Lakefront at Keystone
TBD – CIAHC Halloween Party?

November

6th – AHCA Delegate’s Tour, TBD
7th-8th – AHCA Fall Delegate’s Meetings, Indianapolis

December

TBD – CIAHC Christmas Dinner

