



# OVERDRIVE

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## CIAHCA a la Kart !



**Above:** It's not about the racing, it's about the racing fans! Craig Rice and his grandson, Justin, having fun at Fastimes Indoor Karting

On Sunday, March 7, the Indiana British Car Union held its Karting Challenge at Fastimes Indoor Karting. Members David Broyles, Craig Rice, Melanie and Bob Haskell, and Jim Frakes admirably and proudly carried our CIAHCA colors in the competition. All of our competitors acquitted themselves well, with David Broyles leading the way with the fastest lap of among them of 27.25 secs. And cheering them on were other members Sue Rice, Roy Bowman, Ron Francis, and Ruth and Dick Buis. All in all, the Healey marque was well represented at this event.

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### Special Reminders

**Next Meeting:** Tues, Apr 20, Oak-  
en Barrel Pub, 50 Airport Parkway,  
Greenwood, 887-2287, social at 6:30  
pm

**Springbring:** Sat, Apr 24, Jim &  
Jo Switzers, 10392 Connaught Dr,  
Carmel, at 2 pm. **RSVP** Switzers  
and bring a pitch-in food item

**NE Ohio Swap Meet:** May 1-2,  
Fairlawn, OH, forms available

**Springthing:** May 14-16, Bluegrass  
AH Club, Danville, KY, forms available

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## President's Message

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Healey weather is finally here, along with the usual Indiana warm-hot-cold-warm-cold cycles. Healey weather brings a host of renewed interest in getting our Healeys back on the road. Hopefully, all of the oil changes and other minor clean-up items have been done by now, and we can get on with driving. Tech session requests lately have been few, but our tech session this past month at Bruce Gilham's proved fruitful with many items repaired and others discovered! I think Bruce was very happy with our progress. Cars still in construction include my BN4 and John Mann's BN4. Mine is now painted a Porsche Red over Olde English White and starting to look like a Healey again. It should be reassembled (sheet metal is scattered all over Wicker's floor) and back in Noblesville by mid-May. Then, more work with the interior and other finishing items, maybe by fall? Some repair and/or replacement work is being done by members on their own cars. Both Ron Francis and Gene Marinacci have installed the new high speed geared starters on their 100's and report a significant difference in spinning and starting speed. I have purchased one and hope to have it on the BJ8 this week. Grover Knight is working on replacing at least the drivers side springs to get a more even ride on the road. All of this hopefully is preparing us for a good Healey driving season. First event is Switzers' Springbring on April 24<sup>th</sup>. So, bring your Healey or other LBC for a cleanup, some Healey conversation and, as always, some very good food.

Good news comes from our friends in the Miami Valley Club, Charlie and Dee Dee (Bish) Lownsdale are expecting a potential new Healey club member arrival just about time for Fall Round-up. Congratulations to all.

Anybody know anything about the Indianapolis Nash Healey that was for sale on ebay in December? A club member in BGAHC would like to know more about it. The reported owner is Doug Miltenberger. Give me a call if anyone knows anything about this car.

**Below Left:** #2 Melanie Haskell uses all the track Photo: Jim Frakes

**Below right:** Bob Haskell takes a smooth line More on page 3



## March Meeting Minutes

**Date and Place:** Feb 17, 2004, at Logan's Road House

**Attendees:** David Broyles, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Craig & Sue Rice, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Roy Bowman, Brent & Robyn Porter, Dick Storrs, John Mann, Jim Frakes, Bruce Gilham, Lewis Jay, Jim Switzer, Jon Monies, Joan Wright and Dick Lutin, guest

After a social hour, Jim Frakes called us to order at about 7:38 pm.

**Feb Meeting Minutes** – were approved as published in *OVERDRIVE*.

**Treasurer/Membership** - Craig Rice reported that we to date have renewed 56 members.

**Tech Sessions** — Jim Frakes reported briefly on the tech session he held on Mar 11 for his recent BT7 Healey purchase. After some discussion, it was decided that Bruce Gilham would reschedule his BJ8 session on Mar 24.

**Club ID Badges** — Sue Rice is investigating possible designs for these name badges. The Club decided that CIAHCA logo was too detailed to properly present on such a small area, and it would be better to use the Healey wings design instead. Sue will investigate further and bring back a design to our next meeting.

**Calendar** — notable events coming up soon include our Healey cleanup day Springbring, Apr 24 at Switzers'; the NE Ohio Swap Meet, May 1-2; and the Bluegrass Club's Springthing, May 14-15.

**Septemberfest** - the Club decided to call our Sept 24-26 Batesville, IN event *Septemberfest*. The host hotel will be the Batesville Hampton Inn. We then turned to the following other areas of planning:

Awards Dinner -to be at the Cricket Ridge Golf Club

Auction Master - will be Brent Porter

Hospitality - chair is open

Registration - to be handled by Sue Rice and Mary Lou Gifford

50/50 Raffle - to be coordinated by Jo Switzer

Awards - dash plaques, T-shirts, and awards to be priced by Jon Monies, and David Broyles will demonstrate an image transfer process for individualized T-shirts

Car Show - Ron Francis and Gene Marinacci will be asked to organize this activity

Special Tour - Robyn Porter to investigate a tour of Batesville Casket Company. Jim also mentioned a possible tour of an area woodcarving shop.

Rallye Tour - Jim to discuss with Pat Bruce

Brochure - to be designed by Jim Frakes

**Next Meeting Place** — Our April 20th meeting place will again be at Oaken Barrel Pub, Greenwood.

We then adjourned at about 9:05 pm.



**Above Left:** David Broyles holds off a close pursuer  
*Photo: Jim Frakes*



**Above Right:** Jim Frakes setting up for the next left

### For Club members, a tech session is better than a Frederick Forsyth novel

On the evening of Mar 11, Jim hosted a tech session to begin some cleanup and disassembly of his latest Healey project, a '60 BT7 he recently purchased in Fort Wayne. The car hasn't been driven in several years, but is in remarkable structural condition. Several enthusiastic CIAHCA members attended and jumped in, including John Mann, Brent Porter, David Broyles, Bob Haskell, Roy Bowman, Bruce Gilham, Gene Marinacci, Ron Francis, and Steve Berenyi. Although the temperature was dropping toward the teens outside, there was more than enough garage and body heat to keep all comfortable. Besides the car itself, Jim also generously supplied all the liquid refreshment and pizza necessary to satisfy everyone's appetites.



**Top left:** The BT7 awaits attention. **Top Right:** Brent Porter applies some foot leverage to the frame jack. **Low left:** The engine bay. **Low Mid:** Jim Frakes displays an archeological find, a petrified fan belt. **Low right:** David Broyles (back) changes the fuel pump with advice from Jim Frakes and Brent Porter.

## Another Day at the Office

### Bruce Gilham invited the Club to his DECO Associates location for a seminar with his BJ8

Bruce purchased the car about a year ago in nice shape, but was eager to have some help with a few miscellaneous repair items such as the gas gauge, heater blower, the trafficator and brakes. What better way than to host a tech session ?

Attending were Pat Bruce, Jim Frakes, Craig Rice, Ron Francis, Bob Haskell, Brent Porter, Roy Bowman, and Bruce Gilham.



**Above left:** Brent stretches across the cockpit

**Below left:** Bob works on the trafficator with Jim still down under

**Above right:** Craig, Bruce and Bob confer as Jim works under the dash

**Below right:** Craig and Pat

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**Dec 2004**

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Jan 29 Manns' Tech Session

Feb 15 Daytona 500 Party  
Feb 29 All Brit Swap Meet

Mar 7 IN BCU Go-Karting

Sept 17-19 IN BCU Brit Car Days  
24-26 *Septemberfest*

Apr 24 Switzers' Springbring

Oct 1-2 Fall Roundup  
9-10 Abingdon Trials

May 1-2 NE Ohio Swap Meet  
14-16 Springthing  
20-23 SE Classic  
30 Monies' Indy 500 Party

Jun 4 Marques on the Green  
20-25 Conclave Texas

Dec 4 Xmas Party (tentative)