



OVERDRIVE

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HOW TIME FLIES (WITH A HEALEY)!

Several of our most loyal AHCA members are being recognized by the Austin Healey Club of America for reaching notable membership milestones. The Club presents beautiful dash plaques at the 10-year, 20-year, and 25-year marks (or is it marques?).

Receiving 10-year plaques are Douglas and Becky Bell, Sandy and Herb Taylor, and Jim and Bonnie Frakes. In addition, several others have reached the important 15-year plateau. They are Steve and Martha Berenyi, Patrick and Debbie Bruce, Dick and Ruth Buis, Sam Dulaney, Mike and Gaye Mathews, Morris and Jan Maurer, and Richard and Sherry Storrs. Edie Anderson, National Membership VP, has advised that Del and Elaine Pigg and Frank and Patsy Hiatt have been members for 29 years, with Craig and Sue Rice, Phil and Melissa Klink, and newly transferring William Murphy right behind with 28 years.

Congratulations and thank you for your loyal support !!



Above: The beautiful BJ8 of the Bluegrass Club's Sarah and Bill Richey provides a vivid color combination at the Club's 2004 Springthing event over May 14-16. For more great photos from Jim Frakes of this weekend, see his photo essay from a unique perspective on pages 4-5.

Special Reminders

Next Meeting: Tues, June 15,
Logan's Roadhouse, 4825 E 82nd,
598-1347, social at 6:30 pm

**Indianapolis Concours Grand
Prix:** June 19, Monument Circle,
Indianapolis, IN, get details at
www.indyconcours.com

Conclave Texas 2004: June 20-
25, San Antonio, TX, get details at
www.healeyclub.org

London to Brighton Run: July 17,
IN Brit Car Union, forms available

Edgewater Brit Car Show : July
18, forms available

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President's Message

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May is over and now the summer Healey driving season really begins. May was rather wet, including the race day party at the Monies. We, Doug and I, dogged it out in the stands during the rain and the waiting, and waiting, and waiting. At least we got to see the end of the race before the rains really began to fall. Getting a wheel chair from turn three to the handicap parking lot, across the North main drive, in the rain, and with a left chair tire flat, .. well, that was a challenge. We did enjoy a good race and were excited to see someone other than Penske win for a change. Sorry the group at Monies was not able to see the end.

The Bluegrass AHC's annual Springthing was another great event complete with Funkhana, car show (in the wet), a really great, albeit long, drive thru the Danville back roads (**below left**), and a very good dinner at a downtown restaurant. The Monies', Manns, Buis' and Storrs were able to attend. Bonnie and Doug could not make it as the Dr had changed some of Doug's meds, and he was not up to it. I drove the BJ8 on a leisurely ride from Indy to Batesville; then back roads through to Milan, where a good local lunch was found; then on to Madison via some of the most twisty back roads I have seen in Indiana; then on to Frankfort and finally, since I was still early, a short jaunt into Lexington before driving on to Danville by 5:00 P.M.

Springthing always attracts people from far away. Attendees from Michigan, Texas, Carolinas, Ohio, Chicago and St. Louis joined in the fun and the renewing of acquaintances. Best of show went to the Fryrears with their 100M (**below right**). A second 100M owned by a couple from New Orleans was really a nice car also, but got there late for the voting. This weekend I heard they later hit a deer and really damaged the car very badly in the front end. Congratulations to the Bluegrass Club !

This past weekend, Doug, Bob Haskell and I traveled in the BJ9 to the British Bash also in Louisville. Over 150 cars attended with the usual BGAHC cars there and a few from Southern Indiana. Of special note was David Case's very nice Florida Green over Olde English White 100-6. David did a very nice restoration on this car and added a few tricks such as Triple Webers, disc brakes all around and direct fire ignition on the Denis Welch Aluminum head. Three cars were real favorites of mine: a very nicely restored red Griffith with tan interior coupe done by D & D of Ohio; a 1933 all black, MG police car (complete with bobbie cap); and a prized new possession for Adam Burckle of BGAHC, the Healey Silverstone just purchased from Bill Emerson. Bill is the current President of the Austin Healey Club USA, and that car is widely known.

Next up, Conclave 2004 in San Antonio. Thanks to my son-in-law's frequent flyer miles, I am flying in on Monday and returning on Saturday. The Monday trip permits me to still see the F-1 race in Indy and leave after it is over. See you on Tuesday, June 15th at Logan's Roadhouse.

Jim



May Meeting Minutes

Date and Place: May 18, 2004, at Logan's Roadhouse

Attendees: Craig & Sue Rice, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Roy Bowman, Ed Engledow, Paul Imel, Jim & Bonnie Frakes, Bruce Gilham, Melanie & Bob Haskell, Jim and Jo Switzer, Jon Monies, and Carlos Lopez

After a social hour, Jim Frakes called us to order at about 7:30 pm, affording special welcomes to Paul Imel, Carlos Lopez, and Ed Engledow.

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

Treasurer/Membership - Craig Rice reported that our balance of funds has been stable and our membership is unchanged at 57.

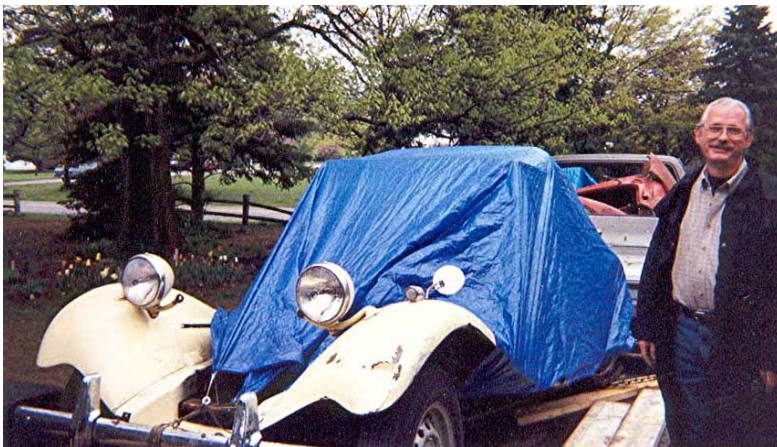
Springthing - Jim Frakes described the Bluegrass Club's event, May 14-16. Among the approximately 40 registrations were Buis', Manns, Storrs, Jon Monies and Joan Wright, and Jim from CIAHCA. Congratulations were extended to Monies/Wright whose Bugeye won the Award of Excellence, and the Storrs who won the Rallye minimum mileage award.

Calendar - Coming up are: Wright/Monies 500 Race Day Party; Marques on the Green, June 5; Conclave Texas, June 20-25; IN Brit Car Union's London to Brighton Run, July 17; Ohio Valley AHC's Edgewater Park British Car Show, July 18; NE IN AHC's Lemon Creek British Car Field Day, September 11; IN BC Union's British Car Days, September 17-19 in Brownsburg and the Miami Valley AHC's Fall Round-Up, Oct 8-9. Attending Conclave will be Monies and Wright, Jim Frakes and, possibly, the Haskells. Jim Switzer, our National Delegate, will not be attending the meeting at Conclave, so Jim Frakes will have the proxy and attend instead.

September Fest - Jim Frakes has booked the Batesville Hampton Inn as the host hotel and the Cricket Ridge Golf Club as the site of the awards dinner. He has completed the brochure/registration form. For event regalia, Jon Monies presented prices for collared shirts for men. Discussion of the women's style will be deferred to a later meeting. Jim Switzer volunteered to organize the Funkhana.

Other Club Business - Sue Rice circulated the design for CIAHCA member nameplates. A couple of potential tech sessions are possible, which may be announced later.

Next Meeting Place - Our June 15th meeting place will again be Logan's Roadhouse. We then adjourned at about 8:55 pm.



Above left: David Broyles stands proudly beside his MG-TD at the recent NE Ohio Swap Meet, being awarded second place in his class.

Photo: David Broyles

Above right: This stylistic ad appeared in the July 12, 1956 *Country Life* magazine



Jim Frakes' Rear View Photo Essay of Springthing 2004





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Jul 17 London to Brighton Run
18 Edgewater Brit Car Show

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Sept 11 Lemon Creek
17-19 British Car Days
24-25 September Fest

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Oct 8-9 Fall Roundup
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Jun 5 Marques on the Green
19 Concours Grand Prix
20-25 Conclave Texas

Dec 4 Xmas Party (tentative)