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What's Coming Up

Next Meeting: Tues, July 19, Santorini Greek Kitchen, 1417 Prospect St., near Fountain Square, 917-1117, 6:30 pm

London to Brighton Run: Sat, July 16, a rally sponsored by the IN British Car Union with departure 9:00 am from Triton Central High finishing near Lawrenceburg, IN. Forms are available.

British Car Day of Cincinnati: Sun, July 17, co-sponsored by the Ohio Valley AHC, at Edgewater Park, Cleves, OH, gates open at 9:00 am (EDT). Forms are available.

On the cover: *Reflections in His Golden Eye* – 2003 AHCA Photographer of the Year, Jim Frakes, captured this multi-layered gem, featuring a Healey fan, his great-grandniece Mia Howard, in front of the mirror-like finish of Ron Francis' beautiful 100M at the June 18 Indianapolis Concours Grand Prix show around Monument Circle.

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www.bluegrassclub.com

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Ohio Valley AHC

<http://members.aol.com/ovaustinhealey/>

IN British Car Union

www.ibcu.org

Recent Healey activities have been as hot as the weather. Several Healeys were represented in the Indy Concours, the day before the F1 race (or Formula Zero as I call it). Ron Francis, Craig Rice and I were on the SW inside quadrant across from the featured marque, Stutz. On the SE quadrant were Roy Bowman and Ken Ellis of Rockville, with Tim Varnau's former Bugeye. Ken's has a very nice new paint job. Ken also had the '53 Packard Caribbean which was featured on the cover of issue #6 of Hemming's Classic Car. Congratulations to Ron for a nice trophy with the 100M.

The weekend of June 24-26, the Australian-US Healey Challenge had their last race at Mid-Ohio. It was HOT on and off track, as the Aussies showed their overwhelming power. Peter Jackson was awesome. He led very convincingly until about three laps from the end, when he apparently went off track. By the next round he was 4th, and within two laps up to 2nd, but could not catch Paul Freestone in his red BT7. A few spins and fender benders and one very damaged 100 from New York completed the weekend. A special area was set up for a major display of very nice Healeys. CIAHCA was represented by Jon Monies-Joan Wright, Roy Bowman, David Broyles and his brother, Jim, and me.

Conclave was a very long drive from Mid-Ohio, but David Broyles accompanied me in the truck and trailer. We arrived about midnight in downtown Winston-Salem, site of the event. Monday's Gymkhana was very lively as well as the Funkhana. The highlight was watching Wendy Gibbs from Australia fling the Square Body Sprite into the first corner, making it STICK! She set fast time overall by a whopping margin. The car show was on the grounds of the Reynolda house, a magnificent home built in 1912-17 by the founder of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company. The 64-room country house was the centerpiece of a 1,067-acre estate with a village and model farm. A really nice location, not far from downtown, with a good tavern close by. A very spotty, light rain kept some from opening their bonnets and boots, but overall, it was a good day. Ron Francis' 100M and Jim Frakes' BN4 each placed first in class. Rallye day saw most people opting for the gimmick rallye as over 100 participated. Our own Dick and Sherry Storrs followed up their third in Tahoe with a second in here! Nice job! I expected there to be more mountains in the area, but the rallye offered some good scenery. Wednesday night, the awards for the Australian-US Healey Challenge were presented, followed by a Champagne spray outside. Thursday was a free drive day which Dave and I took advantage of with the Francis' and Miami Valley group. Bruce and Charlene Gilham were here too, but had decided not to drive their BJ8 down in all the heat as the Storrs had done.

The summer events are coming around with this weekend's (July 17th) Cincinnati British Car Show at Edgewater Park. This nice, tree shaded venue always attracts a good following. Ron Francis, Gene Marinacci and I plan to attend.

Jim

From the AU Healey Challenge at Mid-Ohio: (L) A couple of the best examples of the 100S included this one of Phillip Coombs of Sante Fe, NM. (R) The exciting Sunday finale featured much close action involving (l to r, 1-3) Peter Jackson (AU), Jeff Johnk (US) and Paul Freestone (AU). Eventually, Freestone passed the other two leaders to win the event! The 32 Healey participants all put on a terrific show!

Photos: Jim Frakes



June Meeting Minutes

Date and Place: June 21, 2005 at Logan's Roadhouse

Attendees: Jim Alderson, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim Frakes, Ron Francis, Margaret Finzen, Bruce & Charlene Gilham, Don Goodrich, Dick Lutin, Jerry Miller, Jon Monies, Rich Pfile, Brent Porter, Craig Rice

After a social hour and dinner, Jim Frakes called us to order at 7:32 pm. Jim welcomed members and guests.

May meeting minutes - were approved as published in OVERDRIVE.

Treasurer/Membership – Craig Rice reported on the balance of funds and that the membership is 63.

Delegates Report – no report

Calendar – Jim Frakes, Ron Francis, Brent Porter and David Broyles attended the *British V8* event at Putnam Park track on June 11. Saturday June 18 was the *Indy Concours Grand Prix* show around Monument Circle. This year, we had four CIAHCA cars in the show including Frakes', Rices', Francis', and Bowman's, which all received a lot of interest expressed by the large crowd. Ron Francis got a Merit Award.

Upcoming events include the last races in the series *AU Healey Challenge* to be held at Mid-Ohio, June 24-26. Then, the *2005 Conclave* is scheduled the next week in Winston-Salem with the Challenge teams in attendance. Storrs', Buis', and Jim Frakes are planning to attend, together with Gilhams driving their BJ8. After Kalamazoo's *Mad Dogs and Englishmen* on July 9-10, there is the IN Brit Car Union's *London to Brighton Run* rallye on July 16, followed the next day by the *Edgewater Park Brit Car Day* near Cincinnati.

Jon Monies reported on the annual Indianapolis 500 race party he and Joan Wright hosted. Among those attending were Buis', Switzers, Haskells, Bruces, and Chris Wright. Melanie Haskell won the overall race pool having 500 winner Dan Weldon.

SeptemberFest 2005 - Sept 23-25. Due to the continuing construction on the NW side of Indianapolis, it was decided to relocate our host hotel further west of Indianapolis, perhaps the Cloverdale or Greencastle areas allowing easy access to attend the IN Brit Car Union's show on the 25th.

Tech Sessions - Jim Frakes indicated that Bill Coan will have a follow-up tech session for his 100M parts. Dick Lutin has scheduled a session for Aug 4 at his business, ACS Custom Neon, 1110 E 22nd, with a representative of Fusor to make a presentation about the uses of automotive adhesives.

We then adjourned at about 8:30 pm. Next meeting on July 19 at 6:30 pm at Santorini Greek Kitchen, 1417 Prospect St, near Fountain Square.

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Right: Rosebud? This 1930 "long wheel base" Model J Duesenberg, one of only two built, was custom bodied by a coachbuilder in France, just in time for the arrival of its owners, publisher William Randolph Hearst and actress Marion Davies, for extensive touring in Europe and then Africa. After the trip, it was then shipped back to the US. Particularly noteworthy, in addition to the extra length even for a Duesenberg, is the beautiful built-in wooden bar in the back of the front seat!



It was a *Duesy* of a show

CIAHCA was well represented at this premier show on June 18 around Monument Circle with four cars in the event. **Below left:** Craig Rice (L) and Ron Francis (R) are ready with their game faces on for a long day of Healey admirers. Ron received a coveted Merit Award. **Below right:** Jim Frakes' BN4 made a powerful statement.

Photos: Jim Frakes



Among the wonderous array of cars present were several Duesenbergs. **Below:** This huge 1935 Boattail Speedster aka "Mormon Meteor" set records at Bonneville with salt flats king Ab Jenkins in the cockpit. Reportedly, it sold for a cool \$4.5 million in 2004 to a collector from Cincinnati.

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Right: Jenkins (behind the wheel of an Auburn Boat-tail) poses with crooner Gene Austin and the comedy team of Olsen and Johnson, part of a 50-person troupe on tour using a fleet of Auburns and the bus in the back. *Photo: Detail, cropped and tinted from the ACD Museum Archives*



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Jul 9-10 Mad Dogs and Englishmen
 Jul 16 IN BCU London to Brighton Run
 Jul 17 Edgewater Park Brit Car Day

Aug 4 Dick Lutin Tech Session, 1110 E 22nd

Sept 10 NIAHC Lemon Creek Winery Show
 Sept 23-25 SeptemberFest 2005
 Sept 22-25 SE Classic
 Sept 30-2 Tri-Healey (MO/KS/OK)
 Sept 30-1 MVAHC Fall Round-up

Oct 8-9 Abingdon Endurance Trials, from Jasper, IN

Jun 26-1 Carolina Conclave

Dec 3 Holiday Party (probable)

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