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What's Coming Up

Next Meeting:

Tues, Jan 16, 6:30 pm
Logan's Roadhouse
4825 E 82th, 598-3471

2007 Renewal Dues:

No increase for 2007.
Payable to Craig Rice
by Feb 15

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CIAHCA Election Results

All present officers reelected
for 2007 !

On the cover: 50 years ago – This introductory ad for the new Healey 100-6 appeared in the Dec, 1956 *New Yorker*. Source: *Austin Healey & Sprite: A History in Advertising 1954-1969*, CD-ROM, Macbride/Publisher, 2000.

November Meeting Minutes

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IN British Car Union

www.ibcu.org

Marque Matters Blog

www.marquematters.blogs.com/

AH Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org/>

Attendees: Jimmy Alderson, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Ruth & Dick Buis, Jim & Bev Bush, Bill Coan, Jim & Karen Frakes, Bruce Gilham, Paul Imel, Dick Lutin, John Mann, Rich & Frankie Pfile, Brent & Robyn Porter, Craig & Sue Rice, Jim & Jo Switzer, Dick Storrs

After a social hour and dinner, Jim Frakes called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Jo Switzer is celebrating her birthday and the Pfiles their anniversary!

Oct Meeting Minutes – were approved as published in OVERDRIVE.

Treasurer/Membership – Craig Rice reported we made a small \$115 profit on SeptFest this year and that membership had increased to 63.

National Meeting – Jim Switzer reported on the recent Nov meeting in Atlanta. Highlights included: Jim Frakes has been chosen as VP Conclaves. Congratulations! The successful 2006 event incurred a \$4900 profit. The next few Conclaves are 2007 in Vermont; 2008 at San Diego; 2009 in Southern Ontario. 2007 dues will remain at the current level despite increased expenses such as the expansion of *Healey Marque* to 40 pages, up from 32 at the beginning of 2006. A new online chargecard dues payment process is being planned.

XMAS Party -Jo Switzer reported on the Party planned at the Brick Street Inn in Zionsville Dec 2nd. It will feature a cash bar before the dinner buffet, with a choice of entrees, and our usual gift exchange following. So far, the response has been very good with total reservations in excess of 30.

Election of Officers for 2007 – Roy Bowman reported that, with the additional ballots received at this meeting, the total cast will be near 35 with more than 20 submitted as an attachment via e-mail. Several of the races were very close. He will tally the final vote in a few days and announce the results.

We adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting is Tues, Jan 16, 6:30 pm, at Logan's Roadhouse.

Death car ?? Just a few weeks after the fatal crash of James Dean in his Porsche 550 Spyder, all eyes were on this John Edgar owned 550 privateer at the Oct, 1955 6-hr endurance race at Torrey Pines, CA. It won its 1500cc class at this race and finished 4th overall just behind the Healey 100S driven by William Pringle and Roy Jackson-Moore. Pictured below is the start at the Torrey Pines meeting the following January. Driver Jack McAfee goes over the curb to out-maneuver a *Haggle of Healeys* and the rest of the hardcharging 50+ car field into the first turn. This first race-model design Porsche would go to record considerable success in sportscar racing throughout the world, and Torrey Pines would soon be transformed into a famous championship golf course !



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In Reverse
An interview of Jim & Bev Bush
by Robyn and Brent Porter

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When did you join the Central Indiana chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America? 1997

How many annual Conclave events have you attended? Indianapolis.

Have you held a club office? If so, which offices? Yes, Jim was Overdrive Editor back when the newsletters were mailed. During his last six months in office, the newsletter was sent out via email.

What do you enjoy most about membership? Camaraderie, we have very interesting people in our club. Also, the tech sessions are fun.

What is your favorite Healey moment? The year Septemberfest was in Parke County, we were supposed to meet Dick and Sherry Storrs. We were driving to meet them when it started raining very hard. We pulled into a self service car wash under shelter and put up the top on the Bugeye. The minute we pulled back into traffic, a semi went by us and hit a mud puddle. It splashed us and water came in everywhere; we were drenched but had a great laugh!

What is your favorite recurring car event, in Indiana or other? We always enjoy the Christmas party and Septemberfest.

What car have you owned previously, that you wished you owned now OR what is your all-time favorite automobile? Bev – I always like 50s era Jaguars, an XK120 or XK140. Jim – I used to have a 1958 Chevy Del Ray delivery station wagon. I bought it in 1985 and it had a 350 Chevy, Turboglide transmission with a parquet floor in the back. It was a real pimpmobile!

Current car project? The Bugeye isn't getting oil to the top of the engine; we need to look at the rocker assembly and head, looking for any restrictions to oil flow. Brent, when are you coming out again?

How did the two of you meet? We have known each other for 35 years; we ran in the same circles. Then started dating and it led to marriage.

How many years together? Married almost 20 years.

Any children? No.

Give us a fun fact about yourself, something not everyone knows. Bev – I play a kazoo. Jim bought it for me! Jim – I enjoy the great outdoors including camping, hiking and canoeing.

Were you in the US armed services? No.

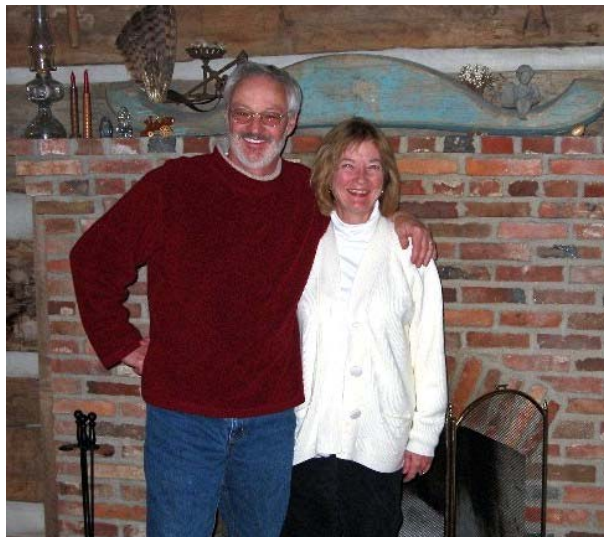
Where did you attend High School? Bev – Franklin Central HS. Jim – Twin Lakes HS in Monticello.

Additional schooling or training? Bev has a Masters in Elementary Education from Indiana University. Jim has a Masters in Business Administration from University of Indianapolis.

Other clubs, associations or affiliations? Bev belongs to Mutual Investors of Franklin Township (MIFT). MIFT is a small investors group. She also is a member of OATTTS. It stands for Old Acton Teachers, Tutors & Teachers Assistants! Jim is a member of DEHMS; it's a group of guys who take 4-5 kayak trips a year. Their title consists of initials from member's names.

Are there interesting or significant professional accomplishments you'd like to mention? Bev took some courses to learn how to teach computer skills to her elementary students. In 1992, she was named the Indiana Computer Educator of the year!

World travel outside the US? In September we were in London and Paris. In 1986 we drove our brand new van loaded with kayaks to Alaska and back!



This is an unusual house, tell us about it. We each owned doubles in Irvington when we married. We bought some land in Shelby County and intended to build. Jim saw an ad in the Trader for a disassembled log cabin that was available. This log cabin was built in 1843 and stood in Metamora for years. It was in pieces and all the logs were marked with metal tags for assembly. The three men who sold the cabin to us assembled it on our land on the site where the farmhouse originally stood. It was built on a new basement foundation and we added to the back of the house to hold a master bedroom and bath. It has geothermal heating in a closed loop system and a standing seam metal roof. The bricks in the fireplace are from the house that originally stood on this spot! This is a rural area, and we've seen deer, coyotes, skunks and foxes in our yard.

Storrs hosted a wiener roast

Dick and Sherry Storrs invited the membership to a lovely October 27nd evening of brats and warm fire on their deck to break the chill of the Fall air. About two dozen attended with their pitch-in food items.

The Burcks and Rices (below left) opt for the comfort of the hearth inside, while Dick Storrs (below right) enjoys a moment away from the grill with Bev Bush.



We decked the halls with boughs of Healey

On the evening of December 2nd, our annual CIAHCA Christmas party was held at the Brick Street Inn in Zionsville. The elegant atmosphere at the Inn along with the sumptuous buffet featuring Bourbon glazed salmon and roast pork with plum BBQ sauce attracted a large turnout of 38. After the buffet, we again enjoyed our gift exchange ably conducted by Jim Switzer. Thanks to Jo Switzer, along with Melanie Haskell and Joan Wright for arranging a wonderful evening.

The buffet awaits us (below left). After our first pass through the buffet, a view of the intimate dining room at the Brick Street Inn (below right).



Dessert was then enjoyed followed by our gift exchange. During his turn, Bob Haskell wearing his "bah-humbug" hat (below right), scrutinized several of the gifts already chosen for possible "exchange."



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Sept 14-15 SeptemberFest 2007

May 18-20 MOTRAH 2007, Road America

June 24-29 Int'l Conclave, Vermont

Dec 1 XMAS Party (tentative)