

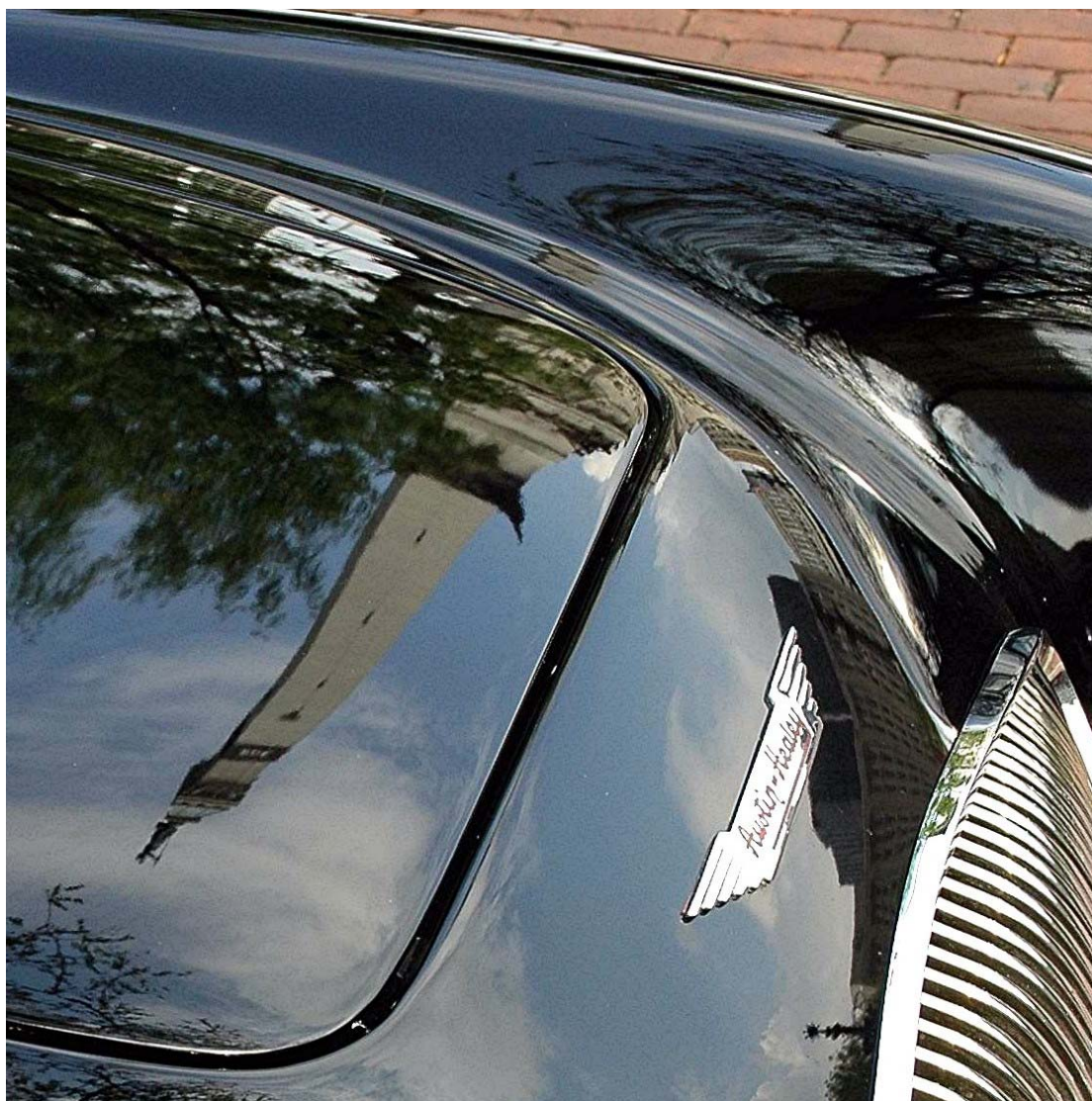


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What's Coming Up

Next Meeting:

Tues, Oct 17, 6:30 pm
Logan's Roadhouse,
4825 E 82th, 598-3471

Fall Out: Sat, Oct 7,
2006, sponsored by NI
Lakes BMC, Winona
Lake, IN, forms avail-
able

Brats 'n Beer:

Sat, Oct 14, 2006,
sponsored by Central
IN Classic Car Club,
7651 W 88th, 1:30
pm, forms available

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On the cover: At our August Healey Ice Cream Social, the reflection of the Monument at the Circle in downtown Indy was captured exquisitely by Jim Frakes in the beautiful 100 of Jim and Sandy Burck. Recently fully restored with Healey artist Frank Wicker providing the mirror-like paint, this car deservedly won the award for *Best Exterior* and followed that with the award for *Best in Show* at our recent SeptemberFest on September 16th. For more images and coverage of SeptemberFest 2006 see page 5.

September Meeting Minutes

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[http://members.aol.com/
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Ohio Valley AHC

[http://members.aol.com/
ovaustinehealey/](http://members.aol.com/ovaustinehealey/)

IN British Car Union

www.ibcu.org

Marque Matters Blog

www.marquematters.blogs.com/

AH Club of America

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

Attendees: Jim Alderson, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Ruth & Dick Buis, Jim Burck, Jim & Karen Frakes, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Tim Haskell, Paul Imel, John Mann, Jon Monies, Brent Porter, Craig Rice, Dick Storrs, Jo Switzer

After a social hour and dinner, Jim Frakes called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

August Meeting Minutes – were approved as published in OVERDRIVE.

Treasurer/Membership – Craig Rice reported on our funds and membership.

Calendar – Jim Frakes reported on the Healey Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 27th at the South Bend Chocolate Factory at the Circle. Craig and Sue Rice had a great time at NIAHCA's Lemon Creek Winery event. Upcoming - IBCU's Brit Motor Days, SE Classic, MVAHCA's Fall Roundup, and Fall Out at Winona Lake.

SeptemberFest – Registrations are now at 20 with about 5 more expected as walk-ins. Melanie Haskell reported on the Hospitality planned, Roy Bowman on the Show for Saturday, Jon Monies on the Rallye, and Brent Porter on the Silent Auction and the Awards. Jo Switzer said Jim needs a couple of volunteers to help him hold his Funkhana after Hospitality. Jim Frakes remarked that the weather reports are favorable.

We adjourned at 8:35 pm. Our next meeting will be at on Tues, Oct 17 at 6:30 pm at Logan's Roadhouse.

President's Message

As I write this, Doug and I are returning from the SE Classic XX in Boone NC. (Doug is driving.) We had a wonderful time in the High Country of NW North Carolina, and we would like to thank the Carolinas Club for putting on such a great event. The Broyhill Conference Center, located at the highest point on the Campus of Appalachian State University, is a very nice facility with plenty of meeting rooms, great hospitality, reasonable rooms and friendly staff. The event started on Thursday evening and included a full weekend of events with Funkhana, Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts, Gymkhana, Rallye and Popularity Car Show, all followed by a dinner and awards. Doug and I spent some of the day driving in the mountain back roads on Thursday after arriving late on Wed. Doug drove all the way, his first time of driving over a couple of hours at a time.

Rallying as navigator for Jim Werner of BGAHC, we enjoyed the roads off the Blue Ridge Parkway (The Parkway portion was fogged in). The Rallye was a blast for all but one unlucky BJ8 driver who overshot the same corner as a Subaru Wagon who was undershooting the same corner. The front of the BJ8 now had a definite "sneer" on its way to Florida. We thought we were doing very well, but the navigator read two questions as one and could not find the double-word answer after four passes over the area.

Highlight of the car show was the appearance of three very historic cars. The 100S formerly owned by Phil Coombs and the Healey 4000 (Rolls engine), both now owned by Alan Cassavant. Also there was the PA Black over Pink 100M, which was used to introduce the M option at the 1955 Earl's Court Show. It took 1st place for 100s. Next year, the SE Classic will be at Little Switzerland, NC. I certainly plan to attend.

September is Healey weather, and we enjoyed our own SeptemberFest. With 27 registrations, this was our best event since Conclave 2000. Thanks to the core group of organizers who continue to make Central Indiana a vibrant, active club! In fact, we have already made plans to return to the same weekend and venue in 2007!

Hospitality, courtesy of Melanie Haskell and Ruth Buis, and assisted by Jo Switzer's "Schniders," and an adequate supply of beverages, complemented the Funkhana activities led by Jim Switzer. Saturday's car show "On the Green" provided an interesting and welcome change from the normal pace, coming from the mind of Roy Bowman. Judging methods were received well, but we found "Boots and Bonnets" were not terms clearly understood by all. "Rallye by Monies" is always different and this one proved so. With Jon, expect the unexpected. The scenery and roads were great, and nobody got lost or divorced. "Dinner in the Park" is a new theme which went over very well.

The Strohl Lake Shelter House is five miles into the park and provided a quiet, cozy atmosphere with candlelight and a fire in the fireplace for ambiance. The extra daylight provided by our newly adopted DST, allowed the evening to be completed before total darkness set in. Jim Switer brought the "Hillbilly Golf" game which proved to be extremely popular. Do plan to attend next year!

Election of Officers November Meeting

For the October meeting, as President, I am calling for nominations for all Central Indiana Austin Healey Club Offices. These include President, Vice President, Secy, Treasurer, National Delegate and Newsletter Editor. We plan to have a discussion of what needs to be done in the coming year(s) to make our club stronger and reach out to more members. It is imperative we consider any and all items for this agenda.

Personal Note from the President

As President for several years, off and on, I feel it may be time for a change. I am the nominee for National Conclave V.P. and expect the election to be completed at the Delegates meeting in November in Atlanta. With this and other duties, my time may be even more limited, and I feel there must be somebody that is willing to take on the Presidency, Male or Female ! Please attend the October meeting and nominate a candidate of your choice for all offices. We need people who are enthusiastic about the Marque, can plan events throughout the year, and generally improve the club for all of its members.

Jim



Left: Doug Bruce proudly appears next to his beautifully turned out 1966 BJ8 at the Columbus, IN Scottish Festival.

Against some unusual and stiff competition, Doug was awarded Best of Show.

Congratulations !

When did you join the Central Indiana chapter of the Austin Healey Club? We joined in the fall of 1984 and received our 20-year membership in 2004.

How many annual Conclave events have you attended? Cincinnati, Charlotte, Indianapolis and Akron.

Favorite Conclave other than Indianapolis? Jim: I drove a Healey with Steve Martin to the Charlotte Conclave. The event had great weather and beautiful scenery. We did however run out of gas, but having the luck of a Healey owner, we coasted down a ramp and right up to a gas pump!

Have you held a Club office? Jim: President and Vice President a couple of times, Newsletter Editor, SeptemberFest Chairman and now National Delegate. Jo: Social Events Chairman and now Vice President.

Your favorite Healey moment? (No comment . . . giggle, giggle, glances toward each other.) Jo: Driving a Healey around the track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Jim: Well, I think it was during the 1985 Belle Fontaine, Ohio Fall Round-Up. We were driving at night with the moonlight shining on the lake.

What is your favorite recurring car event, in Indiana, or other? Both: SeptemberFest.

What car have you owned previously, that you wished you owned now or what is your all-time favorite automobile? Jo: My all-time favorite is a turquoise 1956 Ford Thunderbird. Jim: My first car, a 1956 Chevy convertible. It had a 265 V8 Rochester powerpack and dual exhaust. I also can't forget my first Healey. It was a '62 Tricarb – boy, it holds lots of good memories, too.

How did the two of you meet? Jo: We met in high school in Danville, Indiana. There was a casual room beside the cafeteria, and I walked through it following lunch one day. Jim, on a bet from his friend, winked at me. I winked back! Our first date was that evening.

How many years together? 40 years.

How many children, grandchildren? We have two sons, Gannon and Matt. Gannon and his wife Shari have given us three grandchildren: Kylee, 9, and the twins, Abby and Drew, 6. Matt lives in Scottsdale, AZ and says he has no plans for marriage/parenthood just yet. Golf seems to be his focus.

Give us a fun fact about yourselves, something not everyone knows. Jo: We take off on weekend driving jaunts with Sociable crackers and a can of spray cheese. We write little cracker notes to each other in spray cheese. (Laughter)

Other clubs, associations or affiliations?

Jim: I was a founding member of the Indiana British



Car Union in 1989 and also a member of the American Legion. Jo: American Legion Auxiliary.

Travel outside the US? Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, Santa Domingo, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, Japan, Korea and Cleveland, Ohio. (Chuckle)

What is your current car project? Jim: We own a 1978 MGB, originally purchased in 1986 for our oldest son. Right now the engine is on a test stand; it has been tested and is ready to drop into the chassis. We plan to have the MG roadworthy by this fall. After HER MG is on the road, I will be looking for a Big Healey (MY Healey).

What do you enjoy the most about being an Austin Healey Club Member? Jo: I really enjoy what it gives to Jim. His car projects are his relaxation and stress reliever. Some guys enjoy a round of golf or poker night with the boys, but for the time being, give him a garage full of guys working on a car, and he is one happy boy. I am thankful for that. Who knows maybe someday he'll get his golf game back...doubt it. Jim: I enjoy being with other Healey people, talking about the cars, tech sessions and other events. In a nutshell, being a part of this Club is having fun and sharing a common interest in Austin Healeys with the people in our club as well as from all parts of the world.

A large and enthusiastic turnout came to Brown County

Weather which was warm, dry and sunny, but very pleasant, and the famous scenery of the Brown County area greeted the approximately (50) people attending our weekend event this year. The full schedule provided a varying and fun menu of activity, including the Friday Hospitality tent and Jim Switzer's Funkhana of *Hillbilly Games* just following; and Saturday's car show with a beautiful lineup of cars along with Porters' spirited silent auction, a lovely drive through the Indiana countryside on Jon Monies' scenic Rallye route and the finale of a barbeque awards dinner at the Brown County State Park. If you missed it – Sorry !

SeptemberFest Awards

| Show | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| Best Exterior | Jim & Sandy Burck | Dan & Darlena Lindsay | Jack & Nancy Summers |
| Best Interior | Dave & Diana Giffen | Craig & Sue Rice | Herb & Sandy Taylor |
| Best Interior | Dan & Darlena Lindsay | Jim & Mary Lou Gifford | Jim & Karen Frakes |
| Best Boot | Craig & Sue Rice | Bruce & Charlene Gilham | Dick & Sherry Storrs |
| Best Wheels | Jim & Karen Frakes | Herb & Bonnie Chreste | Kurt & Vella Anderson |
| Sponsor's Choice | Dave & Diana Giffen | | |
| Best in Show | Jim & Sandy Burck | | |
| Rallye | Dan & Darlena Lindsay | Jack & Ann Overley | Dick & Sherry Storrs |
| | Top Hillbilly | Hillbilly Girl | Hillbilly Boy |
| Funkhana | Kurt Anderson | Jan Freers | Jon Monies |



Top right: Estafana Strader shows that *Hillbilly Golf* is all in the wrist.

Mid-right: Kurt Anderson leads a toast to the overall winner of the *Hillbilly Games* – himself !!

Above left: The Show scene.

Above right: Jim and Sandy Burck proudly display their Best in Show Award, one of the wonderful frames all embossed with our Club logo and supplied with an event photo of the winners by the Porters.

Bottom left: The Burcks and their lovely 100.

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Above left: The Sponsor's Award panel of judges - Ruth Buis, Melanie Haskell, Charlene Gilham and Kathi Mann (not pictured) present the Sponsor's Choice Award to winners Dave and Dianna Giffen. **Above right:** Sandy Taylor expresses delight at her Show award.
At the Rallye send-off: Jack and Nancy Summers (below left). Jack and Ann Overley (below right). Dan and Darlena Lindsay (bottom left).



Bottom right: Jeff and Jan Freers wave as they head for home, *"See you Next Year !"*

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