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On the cover: The opening ceremonies for US Grand Prix Week in Indy took place on June 12th at the Monument on the Circle amid the waiving of international flags and the presence of the *Grid Girls* along with several cars from various area sports car clubs.



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What's Coming Up

- SeptemberFest Committee Meeting:** Tues, July 17, 6:30 pm, Oaken Barrel Brewing Co, 50 N Airport Parkway, Greenwood, everyone welcome
- London to Brighton Run:** Sat, July 14, gather at Triton High School, London Road, 9:00 am, sponsored by Indiana Brit Car Union
- Cincinnati Brit Car Show:** Sun, July 15, Harbin Park, Fairfield, OH
- Club Party & Short Business Meeting:** Sun, July 22, 4 pm, dinner about 6 pm, at Buis', 3633 Poinsettia Dr, 888-3823, contact Buis' with pitch-in food dish

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Marque Matters Blog

www.marquematters.blogs.com/

AH Club of America

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

June 19 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jim Alderson, Roy Bowman, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim Bush, Brian Erwin, Jim & Karen Frakes, Bruce & Charlotte Gilham, Don & Mary Lou Goodrich, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Tim Haskell, Paul Imel, James Lidecker, Dick Lutin, John Mann, Jon Monies & Joan Wright, Jim & Sue Porter, Brent Porter, Craig & Sue Rice, Jim & Barbara Stringfield, Dick Storrs, Jo Switzer

At 7:50 pm, Jim Frakes called our meeting to order and welcomed attendees and called on Dick Lutin to introduce his guests, Brian Erwin, James Lidecker and Jim and Barbara Stringfield, and Brent Porter his parents, Jim & Sue.

Minutes – May meeting minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer/Membership - Craig Rice reported we have 64 members.

Nominating Committee – Jo Switzer reported this committee is Jim Frakes, Jim Bush, Roy Bowman, Joan Wright, Dick Storrs and herself (non-voting). She expects it to hold an initial meeting in July.

SeptemberFest – Jo also reported the committee chairpersons will begin meeting in July for our Sept event. She plans to rent a larger hospitality tent this year and begin organization of a Club cookbook project.

London to Brighton Run – Brent Porter asked for three volunteers to help man some checkpoints for this July 14 rallye event sponsored by the IN Brit Car Union. John Mann, Paul Imel and Jim Frakes offered to help.

Other events – June 24-29, Conclave at Burlington Vermont; members going are the Burcks, Haskells, Buis', Gilhams, Rices, and Frakes' and Jim Alderson. Jim Frakes will attend the National Delegates Meeting there as our representative. Buis' will host a Club party of games and food at their house on Sun, July 22.

Car for sale – Don & Mary Lou Goodrich are selling their BJ7.

July meeting to be announced.

Below: *...they don't make 'em this way anymore.* Ettore Bugatti (1881-1947) on May 1, 1925, registered the French trademark *Le Pur-Sang des Automobiles*, or the "pure blooded automobiles" to describe his Bugatti models. The most successful was the Type 35, made from 1924-31, being credited with over 2000 racing victories. However, the most spectacular and largest production car ever made was the Type 41 Bugatti Royale made in the early 30's, designed by son, Jean Bugatti (pictured here alongside the first production model), which was to be sold to the European royalty. It was an extraordinary 21-24 ft long, weighed in excess of 7000 pounds and was powered by a massive 12.7 L straight-8 engine having three valves per cylinder. Although the Royale was a commercial failure (only six were ever made), the unused engines themselves were a great success, being refitted for use in the French national railways as locomotive engines!



Focusing on some finer points of the Healey marque



The June 2nd British Bash in Louisville attracted one of the biggest and broadest arrays of British cars in the Midwest, a record entry of about 300. Sponsored by the British Sports Car Club of Louisville, this 2007 edition was the 23rd annual event, being held in recent years at the picturesque and shaded grounds of the St Joesph Children's Home.

In this collection of images provided by Jim Frakes, we narrow the focus to several of the distinctive features that make Healeys especially interesting and unique.

Above left: One can understand the name *Frogeye* applied to the earlier Sprites.

Above right: The perfect ellipse is the seeming shape for the grille of the B18.

Below left: Peering out from behind the grille of this Healey Silverstone, the headlamps resemble the eyes of a giant spider.

Above right: Jerry Coker's celebrated fan-shape design, this Healey 100 grille is elegantly adorned with extra jewelry.





Top left: Nothing like the spit and polish applied to the metal work of the 100M engine.

Mid left: Many Healey fans think the coolest feature of all is this Coker-designed layback windshield of the 100s.



Bottom left: A competition-car look is enhanced by swapping the stock bumper in favor of these Sprite bumperettes.

Bottom right: CIAHCA's Doug Bruce proudly displays his BJ8's British heritage. Doug's car placed high up in the very large Healey Convertible class.



In addition to the Frakes' and Bruce, other CIAHCA attendees were the Rices, whose 100 showed well in the Masters class, the Burcks, who received the *Award of Excellence* for their newly restored black 100, the Haskells and Pfiles.

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Jul 14 IBCU's London to Brighton Run
 Jul 15 Cincinnati British Car Day
 Jul 17 SeptFest Committee Meeting
 Jul 22 CIAHCA Party at Buis' & Short
 Business Meeting

Jul 31-Aug 4 Jaguar Clubs of North America,
 held in Indy

Sept 8 NIAHCA's Lemon Creek Field Day
 Sept 14-15 SeptemberFest 2007
 Sept 23 IBCU's Indy Brit Car Days Show
 Sept 28-30 MVAHCA Fall Round-Up

Oct 6 Winona Lake Fall Out 2007

June 24-29 Intl Conclave, Vermont

Dec 1 XMAS Party

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