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On the cover: Dick and Ruth Buis in their BT7 on the bricks in Zionsville at the 2000 Conclave hosted by CIAHCA. They are featured this month in the *In Reverse* interview on page 3.

What's Coming Up

Next Meeting and Duckpin Bowling Extravaganza: Tues,
Mar 20, 6:30 pm. Fountain Square Diner, 1105 Prospect St,
www.FountainSquareIndy.com
Spring Cleaning: Sat, Apr 28, hosted by Bob & Melanie Haskell,
1570 Saylor St, Zionsville. Get your Healey ready for the season !

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February 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: Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Pat Bruce, Ruth & Dick Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Bruce Gilham, Paul Imel, Dick Lutin, John Mann, Jon Monies, Brent & Robyn Porter, Craig Rice, Jo Switzer

After a social hour and dinner, Jo Switzer called the meeting to order at 7:25.

Jan Meeting Minutes – were approved as published in OVERDRIVE.

Treasurer/Membership – Craig Rice reported on our funds balance and that 53 of our membership had renewed for 2007 up to this point.

Recent Tech Sessions – Tech sessions were held by Bruce Gilham and Paul Imel. Bruce reported on the session for his BJ8. His wheels and carbs were removed and sent out for work. Paul Imel's consisted of work on his Bugeye's shocks and front-end.

Other Matters – Robyn Porter provided information that 11.5" X 2" Healey Wings patches are being offered Marion Brantley of the Tampa Bay chapter for \$20 each. Monies/Wright will be hosting their annual 500 party on Race day.

March Meeting – Brent and Robyn Porter have arranged a unique activity and format for our next meeting. Duckpin bowling at Fountain Square ! We will first gather for supper at the retro Fountain Diner, conduct a brief meeting after, and then have our bowling party.

We adjourned at 7:40 pm. Next meeting is Tue, Mar 20, 6:30 pm, at Fountain Square.

New Healey Enthusiast!

Dick and Charlotte Lutin welcomed baby girl Kiera Elyce on February 5th at 12:41 pm. Kiera was 6 lbs 8 oz at birth. Congratulations to Dick and Charlotte!



Above: They don't make 'em this way anymore... Before the 1926 merger of Mercedes and Benz, this Blitzten Benz racing special was churning up the track and road dust and setting speed records. Propelled by a monstrous **21.5 – liter 4 cyl** engine, generating 200 hp, this chain-driven Carl Benz brute was capable of 142 mph.

Source: *2006 Car & Driver Calendar*, Hachette Filipacchi Media, Inc., publ by Workman Publishing, 708 Broadway, New York, NY 10003

In Reverse
An interview of Ruth & Dick Buis
by Robyn and Brent Porter

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When did you join the Central Indiana chapter of the Austin Healey Club of America? We joined the Club in 1992.

How many annual Conclave events have you attended? Five: Boyne Mountain, MI 1998, Indianapolis, 2000, Grand Rapids, MN 2001, Washington, DC 2003 and Winston-Salem, NC 2005.

Favorite Conclave other than Indianapolis? In Grand Rapids, we raced the Healey on the road course at Brainerd. After Conclave, we spent a few extra days touring the area and really enjoyed it.

Have you held a club office? If so, which offices? Dick was Vice President when Steve Osborne was President in the early 1990s. Ruth is very active with SeptemberFest each year.

What do you enjoy most about membership? We enjoy socializing with other club members. The Club is about people helping people with our common interest – Austin Healeys!

What is your favorite Healey moment? Dick: After the engine was rebuilt for our Healey, we held a tech session (one of many). My favorite moment was when the engine then fired up for the first time! Ruth: Driving the track at the Washington, DC Conclave was exciting!

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

What car have you owned previously, that you wished you owned now OR what is your all-time favorite automobile? Dick: In the early 1950s, a 1941 Mercury Business Coupe that had been lowered and modified. Ruth: I like any Ford Mustang from the 1960s!

Current car project? The front brakes and kingpins were rebuilt last fall for our 1961 Austin Healey MKII.

How did the two of you meet? We were both involved in the Parents Without Partners organization. Dick was the activities chairman and organized Saturday night dances and pitch-ins.

How many years together? Our 27th wedding anniversary is approaching in July, 2007.

How many children, grandchildren? When we met, we each already had children. Dick's son, Rick, and his wife, Sherry, have two boys. His daughter, Laury, has two girls and a boy. There are four great-grandchildren! Ruth has a son, Larry, and daughter, Kathy.

Give us a fun fact about yourself, something not everyone knows. Ruth: My first two years of formal education were in a one-room country schoolhouse! I walked about a mile each way, and, yes, sometimes it snowed!

Where did you attend High School? Dick: I went to school in Greencastle, IN. Some of us who started kindergarten together are still in touch! Ruth: I went to school in Buffalo; it's near Monticello, IN. There were 19 people in my high school graduating class, and I'm still in touch with six or seven!

Were you in the US Armed Services? Dick: I was in the Air Force, in the 122nd Fighter Wing. Initially stationed at Stout Field in Indy, then in Ft Wayne, and later, stationed in Cheyenne, WY as a mechanic.

Additional schooling or training? Dick attended Purdue University and then Air Force Mechanic School. He also received much training in package design at Naval Avionics. Ruth attended the Nursing school of Marion County General Hospital, now known as Wishard Hospital. She spent 28 years in Newborn Intensive Care at St. Francis.

Other clubs, associations or affiliations? Dick was a charter member of the Indianapolis Package and Handling Association. He also belonged to the Kiwanis. Ruth is a charter member of the Central Indiana Association of Neonatal Nurses.

Are there interesting or significant professional accomplishments you'd like to mention? Dick holds a patent on an Electronics Package Enclosure for explosion proof atmospheres. Ruth was part of a team of doctors and nurses who helped with a 1 lb, 1 oz baby girl born at St. Francis. Although we hear about preemie babies frequently now, this was groundbreaking at the time. The girl has since grown up and attended college.

World travel outside the continental US? Yes, we love to travel! We've been to Hawaii five times. Cruises are fun and we've been to Alaska, the Bahamas and the Caribbean. We really enjoyed our trip north through Niagara Falls, the Vancouver area and Windsor, Canada.

Other Hobbies? Ruth: I enjoy many crafts including crochet, cross stitch, latch hook and knitting. A lot of my items are gifts to friends and family. I also enjoy working in our yard and flower gardens. Dick: I enjoy working on our Healey, woodworking and building model airplanes, which started when I was a kid.

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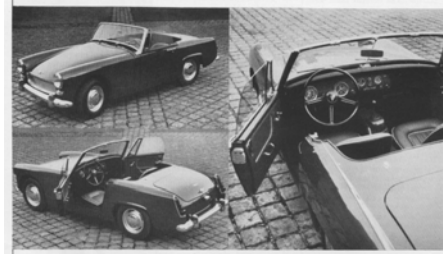


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New Sprite: another action car from the sign of the Octagon.

Top Left: Sports Illustrated, Jun 9, 1958
Top Center: Road and Track, Aug, 1961
Top Right: New Yorker, Jul 25, 1964
Bottom Left: Playboy, Jun, 1967
Bottom right: New Yorker, Jun 9, 1969

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Jul 14 IBCU's London to Brighton Run

Jul 15 Cincinnati British Car Day

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Mar 20 CIAHCA Meeting/Duckpin Bowling

Sept 8 NIAHCA's Lemon Creek Field Day

Sept 14-15 SeptemberFest 2007

Sept 23 IBCU's Indy Brit Car Days Show

Apr 28 Spring Cleaning at Haskells

May 18-20 Bluegrass Club's Springthing

May 18-20 MOTRAH 2007, Road America

May 25-27 Champagne Brit Car Festival

May 27 Monies 500 Race Day Party

June 1-2 Louisville British Bash

June 24-29 Intl Conclave, Vermont

Dec 1 XMAS Party (tentative)