



Overdrive

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As we write this month's newsletter on March 29th, this AM's temperature started off at 26 degrees, hardly Healey weather. With hardly a hesitation, the BJ8 fired up and drove to Carmel to the parts storage place to find a few more parts for the Healey 100. With the windows up, the temperature was hardly noticed as the Healey felt really good on the ten mile drive down Hazel Dell Parkway. Life is good, when your driving your Healey!

From the Healey mailing List; Southern Ontario AHC report; Saturday February 23rd saw 38 members attending the second event of the year, a tech session at Rich & Lyn Chrysler's place in Mount Hope.

There we saw a rather incredible 1954 Healey Hundred series BN1 which has an amazing 4123 original miles. This car was recently purchased from the original owner's family by Southern Ontario member Peter Dendekker, who brought it back from the West Chicago area where it had been stored away for many years.

Rich pointed out the many features of rarity and originality that exist on this car, right from original plug wires and tires to the ultra rare original 54 year old paint. This car had been one of seven painted in Gun-metal Gray Metallic with a special red interior trim.



What's Coming Up

Next Meeting: Tues, April 15; Logan's Steakhouse, 82nd St. 6:30 Social 7:30 P.M. Meeting
Special Meeting note: Recipe Book instructions by Jo Switzer

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www.bluegrassclub.com

Midwest Region AHC

<http://members.aol.com/midwestah/club/>

Ohio Valley AHC

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

IN British Car Union

www.ibcu.org

Marque Matters Blog

www.marquematters.blogs.com/

AH Club of America

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

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March Meeting Minutes**

MARCH MEETING MINUTES, March 18, 2008

Attendees: David Broyles, Pat and Debbie Bruce, Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burke, Jim & Bev Bush, Jim Frakes, Bruce & Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Craig Rice, and Brent Porter and guest.

The meeting was held at the Fountain Square Diner in the Fountain Square area of downtown Indianapolis. Bruce Gilham, president, called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm. The February meeting minutes were approved and kudos given to Jim Frakes for getting the Overdrive created and distributed.

Membership Director Craig Rice reported that all but five members have renewed for 2008. If you have not already done so, support the CIAHC, and the HCA too, by writing that check for \$50.00 and mailing it to Craig as soon as possible.

Bruce reminded members of our Healey Cookbook project, a fundraiser for the club. The deadline for submissions is May 1st. Benitta Squires, on behalf of Jim Frakes, is emailing the club members a blank recipe form in Word document format with instructions for completing. The coordinator is Jo Switzer JoSwitzer@Earthlink.net, assisted by Charlene Gilham Charlene.Bruce@Comcast.net, Bev Bush Buffie@Indy.net, and Sherrie Storrs RaStorrs4533@sbcglobal.net. Our goal is to include 400+ recipes, so please dig deep into your recipe archive. Please contact one of the committee members if you have questions.

Mark your calendars for the Rush County Covered Bridges Ralley on July 12th. Tentative plans are to meet for lunch in Rushville, begin the ralley around 1:00 pm, and conclude with ice cream and awards around 3:00pm. Pat Bruce, ralleymaster, assisted by Debbie are promising a scenic and historically interesting adventure in rural southeastern Indiana.

On behalf of our club, Bob Haskell presented Jim Frakes a framed illustration by Bill Stroud of a white BJ8, signed with appreciative comments by club members for Jim's faithful service and leadership for the past nine years.

Afterwards, we adjourned to the fourth floor, went back in time to the 1940's era, and enjoyed some vintage "duckpin bowling". The game is strange, but fun - with diminutive wooden bowling balls, smaller than normal pins, and three balls to a frame. Scoring was haphazard throughout the fun-filled event but the Haskells successfully defended their status as kegler champions.

The next club meeting will be April 15th at Logan's Steak House in Castleton (4825 East 82nd Street). Get those taxes filed and spend that "economic stimulus" rebate payment on a night out.

Beyond that, be sure to put the Shake-Out Cruise on your calendar for April 19. We will meet at the Haskell's home in Zionsville (1570 Saylor Street - 873-0841) around 9:30 am, journey to downtown Zionsville for lunch at The Friendly Tavern, and then tour the Zionsville Toy Museum. Options afterwards are either shopping or a tech session at Bob's Garage, or both.

Saturday April 19th, 2008

Come visit the largest toy collection in the Midwest! You'll find yourself immersed in bumper cars, trains, vintage airplanes, dolls, collectible toys, games, a working carousel and so much more. Everyone receives one free ride on a bumper car or carousel with price of admission. There's also an ice cream parlor and antique shop! Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-16 and free to children 5 and under.

Carter Toy Museum

Address: 91 S. Main St., Zionsville, IN 46077

Phone: 317-773-1650

Hours: 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday - Saturday

Website: <http://www.antiquetoymuseum.com/>

Let's get together at Bob and Melanie Haskell's in the morning, say anytime after 9:30am. Around 11am we can drive down to the Friendly Tavern for an early lunch. Then we can spend a couple hours at the toy museum (three floors). After that, folks can either head back to the Haskells and tinker with some cars, or stay downtown and do some shopping.

Bob and Melanie

The featured marque of the 24th annual British Bash car show in Louisville, Ky is Austin Healey. Pre-register by May 3rd and save. Check out the website photos and the online registration! www.britishbash.com See you in Louisville on June 6th & 7th. Thanks, British Sports Car Club of Louisville, Ky cbhlouky@bellsouth.net Craig Holmes '08 Bash coordinator

Conclave Drivers Tour and Fund Raiser Update:

The Fund raiser tour will start on June 13, 2008 at Hemmings HQ in Bennington, VT. Attached is a link to the entire trip, day by day. For Central Indiana, we will have two choices as the group heads up from NC. (Yes, NC) thru KY into Indiana. They will be having lunch on June 19th, Thursday, at "The Overlook", (www.theoverlook.com) restaurant with a 20 mile view of the Ohio river at the horseshoe bend. Very Scenic. From there, the convoy will travel up to US 150 and on to Vincennes for the night, a distance of about 100 miles from The Overlook. Some members of the BGAHC will be joining the traveling group for lunch. I plan to join them there and welcome any other CI-AHCA members along. They will be staying for overnight in Vincennes at the Comfort Inn and having dinner there. They will leave early on Friday heading to Pacific MO. For the next overnight stay.

Those of our club who want to have dinner there can either join the group at The Overlook and drive to Vincennes or just convoy to Vincennes, have dinner, possibly stay overnight Thursday and return home on Friday or visit the area. www.vincennes.org The George Rogers Clark memorial, Grouseland (home of our ninth President Harrison), French fur trader house and the Old Cathedral, Library and Museum are all there. The old cathedral is interesting. I would hope Central Indiana AHC can find some people to attend one or both events.

Fundraising for the event, Children's Make-A-Wish Foundation, is not clear to me yet. Further word will be forthcoming. More information can be found at the AHCA Web Site www.serve.com/ahca

Cars in Progress corner; This is intended to provide an update on cars currently off the road and in progress of being worked on. Please forward any information on your car's progress or to find a part you are looking for.
Jim Frakes Healey email; austinhealey@earthlink.net.

Jim Frakes; AH 100 BN2: Still under construction and will be waiting for a while as Karen and I will be gone for nearly a month.

SpringThing sponsored by Blue Grass Austin Healey Club. May 15-to the 18, 2008 , Clermont KY. www.springthing.info for information and to register.

Sprite Jubilee 2008 sponsored by National AHCA , **Largest gathering of Sprites ever!** May 17th to 20th, Near Hershey, PA. Www.austinhealeysprite50thparty@hotmail.com

Conclave 2008 “Healeys on the Bay”, sponsored by San Diego Austin Healey Club, June 29th to July 4th. Www.sdhealey.org

Cincinnati British Car and Bike Show sponsored by Cincinnati British car Club, July 13, 2008, Fairfield, OH. Www.bccqc.com

ICE CREAM SOCIAL; Most clubs are in the process of firming up their local event calendar for 2008 so I thought I would send a reminder on the 2008 Ice Cream Social the weekend of Aug 22-24. Now an official event :-). This year's theme - **"54 hour ICS"** (6:00 pm Friday to 12:00 pm Sunday) ; Robb Handshuh, AHCA Event Coordinator.

Lemon Creek Winery Festival and Brit car show sponsored by the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club, September 6, 2008; Berien Springs MI. www.lemoncreekwinery.com

Chicago All British Car Meet sponsored by Chicago Brits, September 7th; (Next Day after Lemon Creek)

SeptemberFest sponsored by Central Indiana Austin Healey Club, September 12 thru 14th, Nashville, IN. Www.home.earthlink.net/~ciahc/

Southeastern Classic sponsored by Middle Tennessee Austin Healey Club, September 18-20th;

Fall Out British car Show sponsored by Northern Indiana Lakes British car Club, October 4th; Winona Lake, IN.

Fall Round-Up sponsored by Miami Valley Austin Healey Club, September 26-28th,

British Bash in Louisville, June 6-7th
St. Joseph Children's Home
2823 Frankfort Ave.

Featured Marque for 2008 is the Austin Healey



Some new features of this year's Bash include a Friday evening get together with music by The Muddy Loafers, a Beer Garden, Food and Ice Cream. Please visit their web site www.britishbash.com . Overnight reservations information for their host hotel, Best Western Envoy & Suites, are also on the web site at a very attractive rate. Those planning to attend the event on Saturday can consider a leisurely drive down on Friday and an easy AM jaunt to the event without scurrying down I-65 in the morning.

TECH SESSIONS SCHEDULE;

Ron Francis came over to the Haskells the past two Sundays to help Bob install scuttle seals and replace the windscreen pillar pads. This work required removing the windscreen and the dash pad. Found it easier to do the scuttle seals with the doors also removed. Was a good thing as we found that the driver side door was missing four of the eight bolts that hold the hinges to the door. Ron also recovered the dash pad. Left to do: adjust the passenger side door and the windscreen so the side curtains and the hard top fit properly.



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Jan 15th, Meeting @Oaken Barrel.

Mid July driving Tour; TBA

Jul 15 Meeting @ Logan's 82nd

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Feb 17th, Daytona Party @ Switzer's
Feb 19th, Meeting @ Logan's 82nd

Aug 19, Meeting at Oaken Barrel
Aug 24th, Annual "drive your Healey to the Ice Cream Social"
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Mar 1, Tour of Skillman Classic Cars
Mar 18, Meeting @ DuckPin Bowling

Sept 6, NIAHCA Lemon Creek Brit Field Day

Sept 12-14 September-Fest 2008 Nashville, IN

Sept 18-21st, SE Classic, TN (Jack Daniels)

Sept 26-28, Fall Round-up, Dayton

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Apr 15, Meeting @ Logan's 82nd St.

Apr 19, Shake out cruise & Z'ville Toy Museum

Oct 21, Meeting @ Logan's 82nd

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May 4, NEOAHC Brit Swap Meet

May 10 Spring Clean @ Frakes' Noblesville

May 15-18 Springthing BGAHC Clermont, KY

May 20 Meeting at Elbow Room

May 25 Indy 500 Pitch-in @ Wright-Monies

Nov 18, Meeting @ Oaken Barrel

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Jun 14 Driving tour TBA
Jun 17 Meeting @ Oaken Barrel

Jun 20-21 Driving tour for Conclave charity

Jun 29-Jul 4, Conclave 2008, San Diego

Dec 6 CIAHCA XMAS Party (tentative)

No Dec Meeting

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