



# Overdrive

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Conclave 2008 in San Diego was great weather, great hosts, great Healey people, great restaurants, great Healeys (certainly a lot of different ones), great Healey venues (including a 1.3 mile Gymkhana), and overall, a **great time**. Shortly, I began to think I would not get Karen to return home... hmmm! The only thing not great was the expenses. It is surely an expensive city. Everything costs a lot, especially the ACE parking which monopolizes the City.

We arrived three days early which allowed us to get our bearings of the city and get much touring out of the way before the Healeys hit town. The Sheraton was on the SW end of the bay and a 3.8 mile walk from Mercadero Park, sight of the car show on Tuesday. Along the walk are hundreds of all kinds of personal watercraft including my dream, a junk scow that could hold Healey parts on the top deck, main deck, bedrooms, and probably the hold. Karen was quite disappointed when I showed her my dream boat!

Coronado Island is always a place to see and we spent a day there, especially at the hotel grounds and beach. It certainly is a wedding haven as there were at least four that day. A drive up to La Jolla also allowed us to see the Torrey Pines Golf Course, sight of Tiger's latest win. The S.D. Car museum in Balboa Park (huge park) was more of an antique motorcycle and dirt bike show and not much else.

Enough touring, lets get on to Healeys; Sunday registration day and the evening's hospitality allowed us to meet some familiar faces as well as many we had seen in magazine articles but never met. Udo and Gisela Putzke were very instrumental in setting up events as well as displaying their products for sale from Putzke's Fahrspass. Regalia was 95% pre-sold and very little for on-site sale. There were plenty of raffle items and a host of auction items for Tuesday evening.

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Pictures from our June Healey Drive to Crawfordsville's General Lew Wallace Museum and a guided tour of Wabash College.



Roy Bowman and Linda Ambroze ready to lead the group on our June Drive.



Steve and Martha Berenyi out for a Saturday Drive.



Gen Lew Wallace Study, Crawfordsville.

## What's Inside

### What's Coming Up

**Next Meeting:** Tues, July 15, 2008; Logan's Steak House, East 82nd St.

6:30 Social 7:30 P.M. Meeting

Agenda: Car Shows, SeptFest, Conclave Pix.

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**Ohio Valley AHC**

[http://members.aol.com/  
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**IN British Car Union**

[www.ibcu.org](http://www.ibcu.org)

**Marque Matters Blog**

[www.marquematters.blogs.com/](http://www.marquematters.blogs.com/)

**AH Club of America**

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

**CIAHCA PAGE  
June Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Dick & Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Jim Frakes, Pat Bruce, Bruce & Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Jon Monies and Joan Wright, Jim Alderson, Craig Rice and Jo Switzer.

The June meeting was held at the Oaken Barrel in Greenwood. President Bruce Gilham called the meeting to order and the June meeting minutes were approved as published.

Craig Rice reported the membership is stable at 59 paid members for 2008.

Minutes from last month's meeting were rather short since it was very difficult to hear in the bar area. We will try to publish these next month.

**Conclave Drivers Tour and Fund Raiser Update:**

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Jo Switzer drove the Red BN4 while Karen and I stayed with the BJ8 to drive back roads to "The Overlook", a restaurant overlooking the Ohio River, in Leavenworth, IN. (Just West of Corydon). We did meet with the National Caravan and members of the Bluegrass club, Ohio Valley and Middle TN for lunch. Presentations of symbolic checks for the fund raiser was given by each club to Gary Brierton, VP of Club support and Carl Brown, President AHCA. When they left Leavenworth, they had raised about \$10,000 which included Central Indiana's contribution of \$1800.00. and \$650.00 from Northern Indiana. After lunch, Switzer's and Frakes' joined the National group with Bob Thurman, and traveled on to Vincennes, the National Caravan's overnight stay location. Switzer's and Frakes' returned home on Friday AM via IN 67.

The Fund raising for Make-A-Wish will continue thru the year of 2008 thru various events from other chapters. All of Central Indiana's fund raising which will be the \$1,000 committed to in last months meeting, which comes primarily from the recipe book sale, will go directly to the local chapter and will be paid before year's end. This may occur before Christmas.

**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](mailto:austinhealey@earthlink.net).

Jim Frakes; AH 100 BN2: Still under construction with Engine completed at Leo Rouff's shop in Columbus, OH. Interior kits have been delivered and Seats upholstery have been completed and delivered. Not much further work will be completed until fall.

Dewey Poskon reports his BJ8 is ready for painting at Rick Smith's shop.

Others? Awaiting your input!

Monday was Gymkhana day, held at Qualcomm stadium just outside of town. The 1.3 mile course was... HUGE! No one could remember those corners except for a professional. It was well run and people enjoyed it tremendously. Of course I just took pictures, since I was minus a Healey, but it was certainly a course to be enjoyed and many attendees took advantage of the great weather to make their runs.

Tuesday's car show in Mercadero Park, a short drive from the host Hotel Sheraton on the Bay. This is the first Conclave Car Show since 2000 that had a better venue, in my opinion. The Bay, the shaded park setting, the large shopping and dining area, the San Diego Skyline, and the weather combined to make it just a great location and a great day. Winners in each class were paraded along the park pathway to receive their trophies. Gerry Coker and John Sprinzel handed out the various 100 and Sprite trophies, respectively. Best of Show went to Debbie Hunt with their recently completed '53 Nash Healey. Debbie and husband John Hunt, which many of you have met, brought an entourage of fine Healey examples. John's Healey Blue BJ8 is extraordinary, the Healey blue over Olde English White BN7 with disc wheels took first in class and the Healey Boat is pristine.

Wednesday's Rallye's (Fun and TSD) were crafted by Udo Putzke and seemed to be difficult for many. It was about 100 miles out through the beautiful mountain ranges (not too high) around San Diego. We decided to take the leisurely drive in the same general area which included lunch at "The Inn" in Rancho Santa Fe, a very exclusive (read expensive) residential area. A realtor window display listed at least five properties over ten million!

Wednesday night, most attendees boarded buses for the Harbour Dinner Cruise, a most enjoyable evening around the San Diego Bay. Nightfall comes early as the fog moves in, at least by 8:00 where we Hoosiers find darkness about 10:00 at this time of year. It was quite breezy outdoors on the decks, but enjoyable. As darkness approached, we cruised up NE past the major ship rebuilding sites. Two aircraft carriers, the George Washington (80 rooms damaged by a fire) and the Nimitz were in for refurbishing and a large number of smaller ships including destroyers, were in also. After the cruise boat made the U-Turn back past the re-furbish docks, it got a little too close to the floating security barrier and the floodlights all popped on in unison! A warning; You are getting too close!

Thursday was a leisurely day with smaller venue's taking place, a nice chance to visit a lot. Karen and I met up with Rick and Kathy Shoemaker from Laguna Beach, CA.. They were on the UK2K tour in 2000 in England and Europe. We spent a lot of time with them during the event including an evening reviewing some video Rick had taken. It was also a chance to meet up with others who were on the trip in 2000.

The evening awards banquet was the usual handing out of the trophies for all types of events. Without the car show suspense, it seems anti-climatic, but I certainly like handing out the awards at the car show and having a winners review also. It makes it more interesting to know which car you voted for. I plan to have the slide show ready for the CI-AHCA July 15th meeting.



**This very sharp, attractive and fastest Bugeye in the Gymkhana event, leaves the hotel for the Conclave 2008 car show. It has a Ford DOHC four!**



**Best Of Show; Debbie Hunt's '53 Nash Healey**

**Cincinnati British Car and Bike Show** sponsored by Cincinnati British car Club, July 13, 2008, Wm Harbin Park, Fairfield, OH. www.bccgc.com Gates open 9:00 A.M. Featured Marque is Triumph TR4, 4A, and TR 250

**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. Wwww.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.

**Euro Auto Festival** at the BMW factory in Spartanburg, SC. October 19-21st.

Upcoming events:

• **July 12 – Rush County Covered Bridge Tour hosted by Pat and Debbie Bruce.**

July 13 Cincinnati British Car and Motor Bike Show held at William Harbin Park in Fairfield, Ohio. Some CI-AHCA members proposed to drive on to Fairfield after the Covered Bridge Tour.

**Call Pat or Debbie if you are going to the Rush County Covered Bridge Tour 765-565-6556**

TECH SESSIONS SCHEDULE;

Dewey Poskon will be having a tech session sometime after the 21st of July. He is presently in Pittsburg for the Vintage races and will schedule the tech session after he returns. I will send out an email. Dewey has his car at Rick Smith's, a shop on the West Side that is working on his car. It should be an interesting visit to see one in progress locally.



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Jan 15th, Meeting @Oaken Barrel.

July 12 Rush County Covered Bridge Tour.

Jul 15 Meeting @ Logan's 82nd

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

Aug 24th, Annual "drive your Healey to the Ice Cream Social"

Note: The monthly meeting will be at 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 9 Pre-SeptFest Monthly meeting

Sept 12-14 September-Fest 2008 Nashville, IN

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

## Sept 2008

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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

## Dec 2008

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