



Overdrive

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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin Healey Club

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May, its Healey weather again! And the Indy 500, and all the other fun things we like to do. This seems to be a real rush this year to get everything done, or maybe just poor planning on my part. Karen and I have not been home much in April, leaving on the 12th for Florida and joining our friends on a ten day Cruise on the Coral Princess ship to Aruba; Cartagena, Columbia; Panama Canal; Costa Rica, and Ocho Rios, Jamaica before returning to Florida for a few days then home. No phone, no email, no internet for ten days! Three days later we flew to Savannah GA for a five day business meeting, returning on Sunday evening, the 4th.

Central Indiana was well represented by the Gilham's, Buis, Switzer, Jim Frakes, and the Haskells, at the BlueGrass AHC's annual SpringThing. With over 55 registrations from states such as Texas, MO, Michigan, Ontario, Ohio, Northern IN, KC, TN, and NC, their event was a tremendous hit with a an unusual format of three nights– three different motels in three different cities. With a lot of driving through beautiful horse farm and Bourbon Manufacturing country, we traveled over 550 miles in the Healey. More on this next month and maybe some pictures.

Speaking of planning, I hope you did not forget the Recipe Book the Healey Ladies are putting together. The form at first seemed cumbersome, but once I started entering recipes, it became much easier to just keep going. Contact Jo Switzer or me if you are having any difficulties. Jo is still looking for more recipes, especially main menu items. The group has over 200 and still has room for 300 or more. Jo and Jim Switzer, Sherry Storrs, Brent Porter and Jim Frakes met at the Switzer's on Wednesday afternoon the 14th, to choose cover pictures and several divider pictures for the book. It will look very nice with people and cars doing what we do best, have fun, fellowship and food!

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America was selected as the charity of choice mentioned in the Healey Marque, for the drive to San Diego for Conclave 2008. You may read all about Make-A-Wish foundation at their web site www.wish.org It is a charitable foundation which grants wishes for children with a life-threatening condition and between the ages of 2-1/2 and 18 years at the time of the referral. A referral must be approved by an attending physician who certifies the child's eligibility.

Over the weekend we were able to speak with the National Coordinator of the drive, Gary Brierton and find out what other clubs are doing as fund raisers. We also heard from AHCA Middle Tennessee member Robbie Cook, whose son received a wish to visit Disney world. Robbie reported how all they were treated and could not say enough good about the organization.

What's Coming Up

Next Meeting: Tues, May 20; . 6:30 Social and Dinner, 7:30 P.M. Meeting Location: Elbow Room, 605 N. Pennsylvania Street. Indianapolis. (635-3354).

Central Indiana Austin Healey Club Proposal
According to the **Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America**, there are several ways to raise funds for the organization. For a driving event, one proposal involves a pledge of a particular amount for the miles driven during the event. The pledges can come from your employer, your friends and neighbors or yourself. Other methods may be discussed at our monthly meeting, but a proposal is to raise funds directly from the mileage driven for those who wish to participate.

DRIVERS WANTED

To Help Make Children's Wishes Come True!

Members of several Austin-Healey Club of America regional clubs across North America are holding fundraisers this summer with the theme "Cross Country Caravan for Kids" to benefit Make-A-Wish® chapters that help fulfill wishes of children facing life-threatening medical conditions.

Many Healey owners also will caravan together to the AHCA Conclave gathering in San Diego this June and you're invited to join them.



To sign up for the drive, get ideas for local fundraisers or get information about joining AHCA and its regional clubs, go online at www.healeyclub.org and click on Caravan or call Greg Lauser at 715-262-9813.

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For central Indiana, the driving event will be on June 19th, a Thursday. The Caravan to San Diego will be coming through Indiana from London, KY and will stop for lunch at "The Overlook" in Leavenworth, IN. This is a scenic restaurant overlooking the Ohio River. They expect to be joined by some members of the BlueGrass AHC who will present a ceremonial check for the **Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America** From there, some of the group will travel over scenic route US 50 to Vincennes for their overnight stay at the Comfort Suites. The next AM they will again caravan on to Pacific, MO primarily across US 50.

Central Indiana members may join the group for lunch by driving from Indy down to "The Overlook" for lunch and may return or even caravan on to Vincennes where we may have dinner with the group. This would probably require staying overnight in Vincennes and returning the next morning or visiting some of the sites around the George Rogers Clark Memorial. Details and proposals will be discussed at the May 20 meeting.

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Ohio Valley AHC

[http://members.aol.com/
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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/>

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APRIL 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Pat and Debbie Bruce, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burke, Jim & Bev Bush, Bill Coan, Bruce & Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, John Mann, Craig Rice, Dick and Sherri Storrs, Jim and Barbara Stringfield, and Jo Switzer.

Bruce Gilham called the April meeting to order around 7:30 PM. The March meeting minutes were approved as written. Everyone agreed that the Duckpin Bowling following the March meeting was different, fun and challenging.

Membership Chairman Craig Rice reported that we have 59 paid members for 2008. If you have not already done so, support your local club, and the national too, by writing that check and mailing it to Craig as soon as possible.

Cookbook Chairperson, Jo Switzer, gave an update for the Central Indiana AHC Cookbook project. The goal for submissions is May 1st (although on April 30, Jo extend the deadline to May 9th). Assisting Jo are Bev Bush, Charlene Gilham, and Sherri Storrs.

Everyone in the club will receive an email or message from one of these three ladies requesting your tried and true recipes. Our goal is 400 recipes. If one of your recipes has a special history, include that provenance with your submission. Contact anyone on the committee if you have questions or need help with the Word document form created on behalf of the club by Benitta Squires. Any special Healey photos you submit for consideration to be included in the Cookbook will be returned. This is a fundraiser for the club, so your participation important.

An upcoming event to consider, and quickly, is the Bluegrass Club's SpringThing. This year has a kind of progressive dinner format - driving to three different motels and visiting the sights (one is a distillery) along the way - kind of like a Healey scavenger hunt! The dates are may 15th through the 18th. So far, the Buis', Frakes, Gilhams, Haskells, and the Switzers are signed up.

Jon Monies and Joan Wright will be hosting their annual 500 Race Party (with live action from a satellite feed) at their residence in Brown County on Sunday, May 25. Please RSVP (812-342-6091) or Healey-Barn@Aol.com. Address is 1008 North Nelson Ridge Road, Columbus South on I-65 to Exit 68. Turn right on State Hwy 46, West 6.9 miles, North on Nelson Ridge 1 mile. On left, a long lane to Wright-Monies Lovely Brown County Paradise.

Pat Bruce leaked a little more information about the upcoming Rush County Covered Bridge Rally to be held July 12th. It will entail five covered bridges and take approximately two hours. We will issue more information in the next Overdrive.

The SeptemberFest flyer was passed around for members to peruse. The dates this year are September 12, 13, and 14. As last year, the host hotel will be the Comfort Inn.

Craig Rice gave an interesting report to the club about the 2007 Keeneland Concours d'Elegance that he and Sue were invited to participate in last August. Craig reported of the 100 cars invited to participate only three were driven. The remaining cars were all trailer queens rolled off and ogled. Craig received a very nice enameled plaque, a hardbound program, and the satisfaction of knowing that others recognize his car as a fine example of the Healey marque. Craig did say the oil on the underside of his car startled the white-gloved judges. The "Best of Show" was a Ferrari Super America. With enthusiasm, Craig recommended the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance (this year July 19) as an event worth attending. (www.keenelandconcours.com).

Craig also demonstrated how to avoid spilled oil by using a plastic quart milk jug with a filter sized hole cut in the side when removing the oil filter. Craig also mentioned that he has a supply of 2007 SeptemberFest polo shirts: (2) L, (2) XL and (2) XXL for half price at \$10.00, and three Central Indiana AHC banners – great for your garage.

President Bruce Gilham closed the meeting by going around the room and asking members to state the condition of their cars for the upcoming driving season and any unaddressed issues. It looks like we will see more Healeys on the road this year. John Mann asked anyone knowing of BN-4 side curtains to contact him

Our next meeting will be 6:30 pm on May 20 at the Elbow Room, 605 North Pennsylvania Street (635-3354).



Charlene Gilham and Jim Switzer seem to be leaving fellow club member Melanie Haskell without a seat!

A Chilly and rainy start to the weekend ended with some beautiful driving days and some tasty lessons in the fine art of making the best Bourbon.

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.

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;
None Scheduled



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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"

TBA

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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

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

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