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Overdrive

From the President:

The annual AHCA officer's planning meeting this past weekend continued to amaze me as to how well the organization runs with a group of diverse, unpaid volunteers. Jo Switzer attended her first and my third of seeing not only the present officer's but also previous office holders and very capable and enthusiastic volunteers review the past year's performance and plan for the next few years. Just a few highlights follow:

1. The treasurer again reports the financial health of the club is very good and for more than ten years, no increase in dues is required.
2. Membership has been dropping as the age group gets older, and a program to re-connect with members who dropped out, is being emphasized.
3. Insurance for events and local club officers has also been decreased in cost due to the diligent efforts of volunteer Fred Dabney and a good track record from our very responsible clubs.
4. Healey Marque has improved dramatically in the past three years since Reid Trummell took over as Editor. The total pages have increased from 32 to 40 and now in full color! Articles and pictures have improved and advertising is at an all time high. To put this in perspective, if you take out the mandatory pages of index, advertising, classifieds, etc., the true content pages went from 18 to 26, nearly a 50% increase in content with NO change in price! Try that with any other product you buy!
5. The web site maintained by Cole Getzler, a very energetic young web designer (and volunteer) has improved by quantum leaps and Cole was asking for "what Else". The list seemed endless, but a new members only access section is forthcoming with old tech articles from the Marque / Chatter. On line. Traffic on the web site has increased dramatically.
6. Membership V.P. Mike Schneider has also made great strides with on-line renewals and other improvements. Look for more this year as Mike smooths out some processes.

I could go on with praise for the group, but the bottom line is, through the efforts of these people, your national dues are a tremendous bargain. Attend a meeting and see what your local club can also do for you. I hope you take advantage of what is available to you in your quest to enjoy the Healey Driving Experience. See you there.

Jim

Road Trip

Jim Frakes, Bob Haskell, Jim Burck, Roy Bowman and Randy Belden drove over to Munice Imports with the Jaguar Club. David Broyles and Jim and Barbara Stringfield met us there. There were quite a few customer cars on display with a placard giving the car and owner info. There was one Austin-Healey belonging to David and Judy Hudelson of the Northern Indiana club. Behind the Healey was a 2nd owner MG-TC and beside them both was a Triumph TR250 with around 13,000 miles. They work on more than just LBC – a 1929 Model A pick-up truck restoration was being finished. One area was filled with Jaguar XK-120s. My favorites had to be the Jaguar D type replica and the Allard with the flat head engine with Ardun overhead valve conversion. Gary Bartlett gave a talk about his ex Group 44 Jaguar Trans Am car and modifications that he has made to his various Jaguars to make them more reliable.

Afterwards, David Broyles gave us a tour of his shop and "storage" facilities in Fairmount. Would you like to buy a Sunbeam Alpine, or a pair of carbon fiber front fenders for your Healey? We also got to meet his Mom at her record store.

Next Meeting

April 9th, 6:30 PM at the Oaken Barrel Pub, 50 Airport Parkway, Greenwood, (317) 887-2287

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Bluegrass AHC

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Northern Indiana AHC

<http://web.mac.com/amalin>

Midwest Region AHC

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

Ohio Valley AHC

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

Indiana British Car Union

<http://www.ibcu.org>

Marque Matters Blog

<http://www.marquematters.blogs.com/>

AH Club of America

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

From the editor

I plan to publish the newsletter by the first of the month. Any contributions are welcome. Please have them to me by the 25th. I need to remember to not attempt to upgrade the computer that last week of the month.

As the scheduled May business meeting date conflicts with SpringThing, we're moving the meeting to the Tuesday before. The meeting will be at Monical's Pizza at Trader's Point Center on May 12th.

A couple of websites that may be of interest. There are two efforts to recreate two of the Bonneville cars. Dennis Welch Motorsports has recreated an endurance car (<http://www.healeyendurance.com>). The folks in Australia at <http://www.healeysreturntobonneville.com> have built a replica of the endurance test car and are building a replica of the streamliner. They are aiming to have the streamliner ready for the Speed Event on the 16-19th of September 2009 in Bonneville, Utah. Shame that September already has a full calendar. On final site from down under is Eoin Young's (<http://www.eoinyoung.com>). Quoting from his web site: Eoin Young is a New Zealander who left a bank job to join Bruce McLaren and help set up his racing team. More or less. He arrived in the UK in 1961 as a freelance journalist, covered the Formula Junior season with Denny Hulme, joined McLaren in 1962. Founder director of team. Established Motormedia in 1976. Started weekly "Autocar" diary page in 1967 -- it ran until 1998. Covered CanAm, Indy and GP series. In 1979 established as a dealer in rare motoring and motor racing books and ephemera.. [Autobiography volumes: "It Beats Working" and "It Still Beats Working"](#) published in 1996. and 2003 respectively He writes regular columns for [Cars for the Connoisseur](#), [Pitpass.com](#) and others. After more than three decades based in the UK he has now returned to his native New Zealand." Eoin's online catalog is fun to go through.

Bob

March 2009 Meeting Minutes

3/12/2009 at Monical's Pizza at Traders Point

Jim Frakes called the meeting to order.

Attending were Bob and Melanie Haskell, Steve and Martha Berenyi, Ruth and Dick Bius, Sandy and Jim Burck, Sue and Craig Rice, Dewey Poskon, Bill Coan, Jim Bush, Dick Storrs, Patrick Bruce, David Broyles, Paul Imel, and John Mann.

Minutes from the Feb. newsletter were accepted.

March Meeting Minutes continued

Bob Haskell requested contributions for the newsletter by the 25th of the month.

Membership report from Craig Rice-56 members for 2009.

No delegate's report (the Switzers were in Chicago).

Jim Frakes and Jo Switzer were planning to attend an Officer's Meeting in Charlotte on the weekend of March 13th.

Bob Haskell brought in the 2009 Concours Packet for the Big Healeys. It's now available on CD (PDF format) for \$20. Last year, the cost was \$60 for a printed version. Dewey bought a "mini-garage" for \$169 in Louisville. The "mini-garage" goes over the top of the car over the passenger compartment and attaches with snaps. The company also made a pattern from his E-type.

March 28th, Muncie Imports (Restoration Shop for British Cars) with Jag Club 10:00 AM-12:30PM. The staff of Muncie Imports will give presentations. If you want to attend, notify Dewey or Jim Frakes. Meet in Fishers 8:30-8:45 and drive together.

April 4th, Poor Man's event at Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst's house. The rescheduled Tech Session starts at 1:00 with dinner at 4:00.

April 18th, Tech session at Jim Bush's house. Start time is 9:00. Bob will send out directions and a map.

April 25th, Tech session and pitch in at Russ Jeffery's house at 6851 Dean Road. Russ is a member of the Jag club.

May 2nd, Clean-up/car preparation at Haskell's. Start time is 10:00. Shopping in Zionsville at 11:00.

May 2nd, Street survival school in the Zionsville High School parking lot. Kids 16-19 will use their own cars during defensive driving lessons. The event is sponsored by the Hoosier BMW club and volunteers are needed.

May 9th, Spring tune up at Mannensmith's house (Fort Wayne)

May business meeting is on May 14th, may move due to conflict with Springthing.

May 14 – 16, Bluegrass Springthing Austin Healey Club driving event

May 23rd, A bank in the Village of West Clay wants some cars for its opening. Bob Haskell will call for more information.

Craig Rice and Bill Coan attended the March 5th History of F1 at Brickyard Crossing.

Jim Frakes has a flyer for the May Champaign British Car Club on Memorial Day weekend.

April 18th Hoosier MG club spring driving tour for British cars.

New Business:

SeptemberFest, September 25-27th, in Rushville

Hotel accommodations: Jim Frakes, Jim Bush, and Pat and Debbie Bruce visited the recently remodeled Comfort Inn. The rooms are \$76/night for one bed including continental breakfast. There is a sun room for registration and a banquet room for hospitality. There is a parking lot to rope off for the cars and a field in back for events (no curb).

Pat and Debbie Bruce will do the Rallye. The rallye will go through Metamora and Oldenburg. There will be time to eat and shop during the rallye.

Dinner Saturday night will be an Amish style buffet at the Dutch Mill (8-9 miles south of hotel). The cost of the Surf 'n Turf buffet will be \$16.50 including soft drink. The Dutch Mill expects to have a liquor license by Sept. Cost of dinner is on the registration form.

Registration: Jim & Bev Bush

Registration will be \$48 before Sept. 1st and \$52 after. Plan for 40 goodie bags.

Hospitality: Ruth Buis (Sandy Burck, Martha Beryni, and Melanie Haskell will help)

Auction: David Broyles

Regalia: Jim Frakes will talk to Jon Monies

Volunteers are still needed for Funkhana, Awards, and the car show.

Jim Frakes has a brochure ready and will get it in the mail for Healey Marque. Jim will get the registration form in PDF format for the website.

Sept. 17-20

South East Classic in Townsend, Tenn. The weekend includes The Tail of the Dragon, 318 curves in 11 miles, and scenic mountain drives.

Tech Sessions

April 4th at Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst's – 1 pm

April 18th at Jim and Bev Bush's – 9am.

Progress

Jim Frakes and his grandson Nolan, Jim Bush, Bob Haskell and Dewey Poskon went over to the Bruces and helped Pat pull the engine and gearbox out of a square body sprite. Nolan did a good job telling Jim how to get the front body work off. Debbie feed us well – great cookies!

Road Trip Images

A 1929 Ford Model A and a
Triumph TR-250 at Munice
Imports





An E-Type in the paint booth at Munice Imports.



A XK-120 at Munice Imports



Is it a gaggle of 120s?



David's a talented boy. A couple of shots of his BMW-Healey under construction, a cup for those days that you need a lot of coffee (topped with a hardtop and a gearbox cover) and a model David's making for a Toyota gearbox cover for a 100.



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January 8th Business Meeting

February 15th Daytona Party
 February 19th Business Meeting
 February 22nd British Car Swap Meet
 (Chicago)

March 12th Business MeetingApril 9th Business Meeting

May 12th Business Meeting
 May 14th - 17th SpringThing 2009
 May 15th - 17th Carlisle Import Car
 Show (Carlisle, PA)
 May 23rd - 25th Champagne British
 Car Festival (Champaign, IL)

June 5th - 6th British Bash (Louisville)
 June 11th Business Meeting
 June 21st - 26th Conclave (Kingston,
 ON)

July 9th Business MeetingAugust 13th Business Meeting

September 10th Business Meeting
 September 12th Lemon Creek
 September 17th - 20th SE Classic
 September 19th - 20th Indy British
 September 25th - 27th Septemberfest

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