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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

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Overdrive

From the President:

Make a New Year Resolution: I _____ do solemnly declare, I will make every effort to enjoy the things I love most, Family, Friends, Healeys, and this great land we live in, North America. While we mercifully try to forget all of the bad things of 2008, we must look forward to the good things. Healeys, we hope is one of your passions and we hope you will resolve to do more with your Healey in 2009. We can help! What ever it needs, just call and let us help you make plans to enjoy it more. Whether that be a tech session, a special part you are missing, a social event, a driving event or whatever you need to make this year more enjoyable.

Our monthly meeting for January will be a planning meeting for the year. We have a lot of ideas but need more, so plan on attending and bring YOUR ideas. We chose a central location in downtown Indy, the Battery Park Saloon on North Illinois Street. Bill Coan has recommended it, VP Brent Porter checked it out at lunch and talked to the owner, Toni. Brent reports sandwiches are about \$7.50 to \$8.50 and it is very busy at lunch time, a good sign. Metered Parking is free along the street after 6 P.M. and the nearby parking garage is cheaper after 6 P.M.

Please plan to attend this important planning meeting! We need a lot of ideas for the year 2009. First on the list is a Daytona Party Host/Hostess. Switzer's and Frakes will be at the race.

We just received very good news last evening as our former CIAHCA President, Bruce Gilham, is now back home from an extended and intensive stay in St. Vincent Hospital. His condition has improved enough to put him back on the eligible list for a new heart. Bruce reports he is happy to be back home and even happier to be in line for a new heart. We hope it is soon so Bruce and Charlene can be hearing the Healey roar once more.

January 4th, 2009 and the Colts are already out of the playoffs! BUMMER!

Jim

Rush County Covered Bridge Rally Recap

by Pat Bruce

On July 12th 2008 the Central Indiana Austin Healey Club held a road rally in Rush County hosted by Pat and Debbie Bruce. It was a dark and stormy morning, but the sun came out in time for the start of the rally. Three hardy rally crews participated after a pleasant lunch at one of Rushville's popular local restaurants. The rally was approximately 54 miles long and crossed over the 4 remaining covered bridges in the county with a rest stop at the Bruce residence. The rally course went through the heavily tornado damaged area of Moscow and past the site of the destroyed Moscow Bridge. The rally crews had to keep track of their on course mileage and keep a tally of the number of round barns, old school houses and windmills along the rally route for scoring. The rally ended back at the Park shelter house where everyone enjoyed strawberry shortcake. In third place with 17 points were Jon Monies and Joan Wright in their Jaguar XJS. In second place (First Place Healey) with 5 points were Jim and Bev Bush in their Bugeye, and in first place with 4 points were Bob and Melanie Haskell in their new Mini. Hopefully Debbie and I will be able to put on a similar event next year.

New Members

Please welcome Bruce and Barbara Watson, 1355 Trescott Drive, Westfield, IN 46074-2202. (317) 669-7979, (317)443-3101, bruce@bwatson.us. They own a 3000MkII BT7.

Next Meeting

January 8th, 6:30 PM at the Battery Park Saloon, 201 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN (317) 237-3388

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Northern Indiana AHC

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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/>

Christmas Party

Central Indiana's Christmas 2008 party in Noblesville was a successful social event on our calendar. Thanks to our wonderful planner Jo Switzer and helpers, food was plentiful and special desserts were very enjoyable. Over 42 people attended and most brought gifts for our Chinese type auction. Although it seemed quite complacent, with hardly anybody "stealing" other's gifts, we had a great social time. Thanks again to those who brought just great appetizers and desserts.

From the editor

Lost – another birthday has passed and I'm apparently becoming more forgetful. I loaned out a couple tools and can't remember when or to who. The first was a factory service tool, a wrench for tightening cylinder head bolts without having to remove the rocker-shaft. The chrome plated wrench looks like a combination wrench with both ends bent 90 degrees. The box end actually has a square hole for a ratchet handle. The second tool is a Draper ball joint separator.

In the fashion department – the two Healey shirts I've been wearing are from Christie's Collectibles. Christie and Jeff Drago are ex-Healey and current classic Mini owners in Washington. Christie hand sews custom shirts and blouses using your selected fabric. The shirts are **\$45** (S-L), **\$50** (XL) and **\$55** (XXL-XXXL) including USPS Priority Mail shipping. (There was no extra charge for a Tall size). You can view the shirts and other items at their website at <http://www.christiescollections.biz>.

I would like to publish the newsletter by the first of the month. So I would like contributions by the 25th.

Melanie and I have been Healey owners since 1980. It's only been for the last two years that we've had a running Healey and we've had some great trips – to the Conclave in Vermont, to Eurofest in South Carolina, and to Southeast Classic in Tennessee. But I'd like to see some (more) local day trips that more folks can participate in. The covered bridge rally and the Crawfordsville tour Roy Bowman did last year (missed that one) and the tour Dick Storrs did several years ago to the old time village and the car museums were a lot of fun. I'm currently on a Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives kick (a Food Network show with Guy Fieri). Two Indiana places that have been on the show are the Triple XXX Family Restaurant in Lafayette and the South Side Diner in Goshen. And there's Ray's Drive-In in Kokomo, Herscheberger Essen Haus in Converse, and New Bethel Ordinary Pizza in Wanamaker. Anyone hungry?

Bob

Tech Sessions

Wow, we now know what it takes to get people to a tech session! Tear the car apart! Twenty-two men showed up at the Carmel Willowmere (front) Garage to tear apart a late 60's square body Sprite. Brent Porter, the owner, had prepped it well and laid out tools for the job. He also was the cook, serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and liquid refreshments (with a sign on the beer fridge; "Remember what County you are in"). By 6:00 they started arriving and began the task; bumpers, fuel tank, interior, rear springs, rear axle, radiator, engine, transmission, front suspension, all came flying off. By 8:00 P.M., the shell was all that was left. The tub really looked pretty good after it was stripped, so Pat Bruce decided it was in better shape than his and picked it up later in the week. Brent was appreciative of all the help and we appreciated the refreshments.

Ron Francis came over to the Haskells one day during the Christmas break and helped Bob install a new cold air duct in the 62 tri-carb. After removing the air filter from the center carb, the duct was pushed and pulled into the cavity, but they weren't able to hold the duct well enough to stretch it to length or to fit it to the flange on the firewall. So off came the driver side door, head lamp and side marker. All the fasteners holding the fender on were removed, but the fender was trapped between the door pillar and the windscreen frame. So the fender was allowed to hang down with a rope tied around the wheel opening. With the duct out of the car, stretching it to length was still fun as Ron has a cast on one wrist. The duct installation was then pretty easy ; it slid on the flanges smoothly as the duct was rotated. Installed the wire clamps and the rest of the reassembly was just the disassembly in reverse.



Jim Frakes has been making some progress on the 100. It's a rolling chassis with the wiring harness installed. Mods include 3000 front suspension/brakes, tube shocks, dual line brake system, hydraulic clutch, heated seats, and speaker enclosures in the foot wells. Ron Francis has reminded Jim that now is the time to put the A/C system in, if he wants one...

Images from the Christmas Party



Jim, Jim, Jim, Jim,
Jim and Jim.

Missing are Jim,
Jim, Jim and Jim.

Jo opening her gift.



Checking out the desserts.

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January 8th Business MeetingFebruary 12th Business MeetingFebruary 22nd British Car Swap Meet
(Chicago)March 12th Business MeetingApril 9th Business MeetingMay 14th Business MeetingMay 14th - 17th SpringThing 2009May 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 MeetingJune 21st - 26th Conclave (Kingston,
ON)July 9th Business MeetingAugust 13th Business MeetingSeptember 10th Business MeetingSeptember 12th Lemon CreekSeptember 17th - 20th SE ClassicSeptember 19th - 20th Indy BritishSeptember 25th - 27th SeptemberfestOctober 8th Business MeetingNovember 12th Business Meeting