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Overdrive

From the President:

Kingston and the Conclave! What can we say but a very successful trip starting on Wednesday the 17th. Bob and Melanie Haskell in the BT7, John and Kathi Mann in the 100-6, Dick and Ruth Buis (Durango), Jim and Jo Switzer in the Bright Blue MGB and Jim Frakes in the BJ8 left from Pendleton. We were treated to a nice surprise send off from the Mann's two son's who waited patiently for us in the Marsh Parking lot.



The Manns photos by M. Haskell

Great sunny weather, top down, two lane roads and plenty of sight seeing, but when we pulled into Berlin, Ohio, the tornado sirens were wailing. A



quick dash back under the canopy, and not a moment too soon the rains came. No hail, no tornado, we were fortunate!

Thursday was very gloomy and rainy, a steady drizzle. We decided to take the Interstate as the next destination was Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, just North of the Falls. This was a very heavy drive ahead, and uneventful. On arrival there and check-in, we went downtown to tour the quaint, colorful village, touring some of the shops. First up was a Christmas shop where Jim Switzer told Jo to find a Healey Christmas ornament. Sure, she said but soon came back with a bright yellow Healey to show the men outside. We ended up each at least one!



Surprise!

Dinner at an old winery was followed by a nighttime excursion to the falls at night. Spectacular is the way I remembered it from 1964 and it still is.

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Next Meeting

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

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Ohio Valley AHC

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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

This year's Conclave had a very useful feature – Bob Yule of AutoFarm set up his trailer with tools and spare parts behind the hotel to repair Healeys. Unfortunately, I had to take advantage of the service as the rear shocks loosen up on the trip and I didn't have a wrench or socket that would fit – one more tool for the tool bag.

I was very happy to see Susan Logan (Eric Jones wife) a couple of times. Leo Rouf is getting the 100 configured for Susan to drive.

I would like to publish the newsletter by the first of the month. One of these times. Articles or photos for the newsletter are welcome. Please get them to me by the 25th so I can include them in the next issue.

Bob

June 2009 Meeting Minutes

/11/2009 at Monical's Traders Point

Jim Frakes called the meeting to order.

Attending were Craig Rice, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, John Mann, Bev and Jim Bush, Dick and Ruth Buis, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Jim and Jo Switzer, Jim and Sandy Burck, Roy Bowman, Jim Frakes, Bruce and Barbara Watson, David Broyles, Bob and Melanie Haskell, and Dick Storrs

We were all very happy to see Bruce and Charlene Gilham at the meeting. They have a new British car, a 2009 Mini Cooper.

The minutes from the May meeting accepted as published in the Overdrive.

Membership report from Craig Rice-62 members for 2009. There are still a few light blue SeptemberFest 2008 sweatshirts available. Craig Rice has 1 XXL and 3 XL for \$20 each.

Dick Storrs won the Central Indiana clock door prize.

The next meeting is on the south side at the Oaken Barrel on July 9th.

Recent Events:

June 6th, British Bash in Louisville

A number of current and former Central Indiana members attended the British Bash including Bob Haskell, Jim Frakes, Jim and Sandy Burck, Sue and Craig Rice, Dan and Darlena Lindsay

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and Doug Bruce. Rich and Frankie Pfile were there with their Triumph. Bill Coan won for best TR3 with his recently restored car. Former CI members Mike and Estefana Strader won for best Bugeye. Mike's bright blue car is very nice with numerous special features.

Club members have been working hard on the Switzers' MGB. Jim and Jo have put 200 miles so far. The top was put on last Sunday (June 7th). Ron Francis did the interior.

Roy has his BJ8 in a shop in Rockford, Ill. putting on Weber Carbs.

Future Events:

Conclave 2009

Last week we worked out a route to Kingston for Conclave. The route is Berlin, Ohio, Buffalo, Rochester, and Watertown, NY. Dick Storrs is driving out on Monday. We don't have plans for the route back. Manns are driving their Healey. Switzers are driving their MGB. Frakes is driving his white Healey. Jim has door/trunk lid magnets with the Central Indiana logo for \$21. The expected number of registrations is 200. Jim Switzer has a delegate's meeting at Conclave.

Any volunteers for a July event?

The Ice Cream Social is 29th or 30th August. Roy Bowman suggested we invite the Jag Club to the event.

SeptemberFest, September 25-27th, in Rushville

Bruce registered for SeptemberFest. Mention Jim Frakes' name for hotel reservations. Jim will call to see if he can change to Austin-Healey.

Assignments

- Registration - Jim & Bev Bush
- Rally - Pat & Debbie Bruce
- Car show - Randy Belden
- Awards – Jim & Jo Switzer
- They need the number of awards for each event
- Funkana – Dick Storrs
- Auction – David Broyles
- Banquet (Amish Kitchen) – Jim Frakes
- Jim needs to confirm reservations.
- Hospitality – Ruth Buis
- Melaine and Sandy will help, Bev has supplies
- Regalia/Dash Placks – Jon Monies

Noblesville on the Square - June 13th by 5pm

Jag's - June 20th 3pm - 9pm pool party and museum at Dr. Fosters in NewCastle.

Conclave 2010 is at a golf resort in Galena, Illinois, on July 11th - 15th. Most of the events are at the resort.

Tech Sessions

Bruce Watson - rear axle hub seals

Norm Schoppenhorst - 30 minutes help hanging a door

From the President cont'd

A lot more crazy nightlife than I remember, but still beautiful.

Friday was a much better day with the sun breaking through by mid-morning. Just right for our trip to the falls. No trip would be complete without a boat ride on the Maid of the Mist. I just do not remember getting that wet before. Lunch and a few more sights, then, off to Rochester, our hotel for the night. On to Rochester, along the Lake Ontario State Parkway, enjoying the beautiful homes along the way. A very nice drive. At the Hotel, Jim and Sandy Burck joined us, driving their Mercury (what Luxury).

Saturday morning we went to the Charolette-Genesee lighthouse in Rochester. We then continued east along the Lake Ontario State Parkway. More rain but not quite so hard, lead us most of the day. We stopped at Sodus Point Lighthouse where a wedding was about to begin. Quite chaotic in the drizzling rain while the bride and bridesmaids all tried to keep their hair and dresses dry. Several still got to go into the beacon light area. Then on to Baldwinsville, NY to have lunch with Bob's parents in a nice restaurant near their home, along one of the Erie Canal locks. Bob's sister and husband also joined us just as lunch ended. They were coming in from Albany NY for the weekend. We stopped at one more lighthouse, Selkirk, in Port Ontario,



Charlotte-Genesee lighthouse

photo by B. Haskell

New York, but it was not open to the public. We took a few pictures and continued on to Watertown, NY. Just about a ½ mile from the Hotel, Switzer's MGB had an electrical problem that caused a few minutes delay as Master Mechanic (yeah right, ed.) Haskell worked his process of elimination magic to get Jim to the hotel.

Sunday morning more diagnosis of the MGB electrical. It seemed to run OK, so we pushed on to Kingston. We took the two lanes out of Watertown to Cape Vincent where a very small ferry took us and some of the Cincy group to Wolfe Island. Our first view of the Island revealed Wind Generators everywhere! We unloaded onto the Island, passed customs and drove the 11 KM to the Kingston Ferry where we had to wait about 1-1/2 hours for the next round trip. While there we had lunch and looked at some of the shops. Mel found an advertisement for the Island's Wind Generator project. There are eight six generators owned



densely packed Healeys

photo by M. Haskell

by the Ontario Power Authority.

Arrival in Kingston by Ferry passes the famous Ft Henry we would tour later in the week. A short ride through downtown with Mel and Bob leading the pack to the Hotel Ambassador.

Next Month, more details of Conclave, but for now, trust me, it was great weather, great fun, great cars, great people, great scenery and certainly great hospitality from the Canadians. We will have pictures on Thursday night at the Club Meeting, July 9th. See you there.

PLAN NOW TO JOIN OUR MUCH SHORTER TRIP TO GALENA, IL FOR CONCLAVE 2010.

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN, MINE IS ALREADY IN!

Jim



the only construction site on the trip

photos by M. Haskell

Tech Sessions

None planed at the moment. Contact Jim Frakes to schedule one.

Progress

Jim and Jo Switzer drove 1999.5 miles to Conclave and back in the MGB. Had an electrical problem on the first Saturday of the trip that was finally discovered to be a burned out ignition switch / coil relay. The symptoms were that the engine would die if the car was put into reverse or the radiator fans kicked on. Bob Yule of Autofarm had one shipped in overnight. Bob and Melanie had to cut the rally short when the center carburettor started overflowing. Back at the hotel, the sediment was removed from the float bowls and an inline filter was installed before the fuel pump.

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