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Overdrive

From the President:

After a very cold winter, the weather is just starting to break this week, and we are ready. We all are anxious to get our Healeys rolling and its coming soon. The year 2009 will be a more special as we have our Healey traveling partner, Bruce Gilham, with a new heart and recovering nicely after some anxious moments. He is now going into rehab to gain strength, and has a report that the new heart is very strong. The latest news is he MAY come home this weekend. (Bruce did get to go home - Editor) We will be very happy to see Bruce and Charlene "Back on the Healey Trail" soon. Charlene, their children, their spouses, and their grandchildren, are all appreciative of your prayers through this trying, but successful time.

We love our cars, but we love more than anything the friendship of our colleagues in the AHCA clubs around the country. We have met so many nice people and shared the laughter, love of the beauty of the cars, the pains that come with them, but most of all our times together, being "in the same soup" when it comes to helping each other with the cars. I hope each and every one of you will join in some activities this year. Tech sessions, monthly meetings, regional events and of course our own event; "SeptemberFest". A group of club members went on a planning mission and toured facilities in and around Rushville, Indiana and found what we liked in order to put on a great event. We will present details at the next meeting on March 12th, please come to hear what we have in store for club members at this event.

Karen and I escaped some of the winter weather, leaving on a minus 3 degree morning to fly to Indian Shores Florida, to stay with our friends, Dean and Bill Boyd for two weeks in mid-February. Bill, his son Steve, and I attended four days at the Daytona track and of course got wet during the rain shortened Daytona 500, or in this case some 300 plus miles.

Don't forget tech sessions, BGAHC's annual Springing and Conclave 2009 in Kingston Ontario.

Also do not forget, if attending Conclave, you WILL need a passport.

Jim

Daytona/Chili Cook-off

The Daytona/Chili Cook-off was hosted by the Switzer's this year. The group was smaller than usual, but not at all less enthusiastic. The food was great and the winners were:

Jon Monies - "HOT" Hottest Chili
Jo Switzer - "BOC" Best Overall Chili
Sandy Burck - "BOF" Best Other Food

Jim had a couple of "unusual" draws in the drivers pool. Those winners were:

Pat Bruce - 1st "Lucky Dog" Terry LaBonte
David Broyles - Leader at halfway Kyle Busch
David Broyles - Most laps lead Kyle Busch
Jim Switzer - 13th position finish Jeff Gordon
Jo Switzer - Winner Matt Kenseth

Switzer's didn't really fix the drawings.

The Big Deal of the day, so the guys might say, was Jim starting the MG in the garage. It was once again a good fun Healey get together. Thank you all that came for the day.

Next Meeting

March 12th, 6:30 PM at Monical's Pizza of Traders Point, 6010 W 86th Street, Suite 124, Indianapolis, IN (317) 870-7722. In the Traders Point Shopping Center at I-465 and 86th St on the northwest side of Indy. In front of the Showplace 12 theater and across from the Cold Stone Creamery.

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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/ovaustinehealey/>

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

Brent suggested that folks consider writing up a brief note on any suppliers they've had good luck with. Send me your info and I'll share it in the newsletter. I'm trying a powder coating shop near Zionsville Rd and West 86th Street – Pro-Kote/Indy. In addition to powder coating, they'll do high temperature coatings for exhaust manifolds/headers. One thing I like about them is that they insist on doing the prep work – sandblasting, baking and masking. With the equipment I have, sandblasting takes a lot of time. Someone is usually around on Saturday mornings which is helpful. The website is <http://www.prokoteindy.com>.

I received my copy of the 2009 Concours Packet for the Big Healeys. I'll bring it to the next business meeting for folks to look at. With the move to providing the standards in PDF format on a CD, the cost has dropped from \$60 to \$20. Definitely worth getting a copy.

Bob

February 2009 Meeting Minutes

2/19/2009 at Battery Park Saloon
VP Brent Porter called the meeting to order.

Attending were Bob and Melanie Haskell, Brent Porter, John and Kathi Mann, Bill Coan, Craig Rice, Randy Belden, Patrick Bruce, David Broyles, Roy Bowman, Jo and Jim Switzer, Jim and Bev Bush, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Sandy and Jim Burck, Ruth and Dick Buis, and Dewey Poskon.

Membership report from Craig Rice – currently have 50 members that have renewed for 2009.

Delegate report from Jim Switzer: no new info. The next delegates meeting will be at Conclave.

Conclave 2009 Kingston, June 21st-26th

Craig Rice asked if the Conclave hotel will have a currency exchange. Craig suggested paying for registration with an international money order. A Passport is needed for travel to Canada

The Switzers hosted a Daytona Party/Chili Cook-off on Feb. 15th. Jon Monies, Jo Switzer, and Sandy Burck were Cook-off winners. Pat Bruce, David Broyles, Jim Switzer, and Jo Switzer drew winning drivers from the drivers pool.

February Meeting Minutes continued

Feb. 21st, Bob Haskell plans to send out an email for a trip to the Skillman showroom. The Jag club was also planning to attend.

Feb. 22nd swap meet in Chicago at DuPage Fairgrounds

March 5th. History of F1 at the Brickyard Crossing Lounge with the Jag Club.

March 12th, Next business meeting

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

April 4th. Poor Man's event at Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst's house. Will have the rescheduled tech session on Suzy's bugeye at 1:00 and dinner at 4:00.

April 18th, Tech session at Jim Bush's house to work on the BJ8's clutch hydraulics.

April 25th, Tech session and pitch in at Russ Jeffery's. Russ is a member of the Jag Club and has an E-type.

May 2nd, Clean-up/car preparation at Haskells

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

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

May 14 – 16, SpringThing 2009, Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club driving event

SeptemberFest, 25-27th, will be in Rushville this year. The group voted 8 for Rushville to 3 for Corydon. Pat Bruce stated that Rushville has 4 covered bridges and 4 or 5 round barns. There is a festival with parade on SeptemberFest weekend. Pat and Debbie Bruce and Jim Bush will be SeptemberFest co-chairs. Pat Bruce will do the Rallye. David Broyles will do the auction. A registration form needs to be completed soon. Volunteers are needed for hospitality, the banquet, awards, the car show, funkhana, and registration.

Brent discussed having a tour of Indianapolis memorials such as USS Indianapolis and Medal of Honor. We could go to the Brass Ring in Fountain Square after the tour. The Brass Ring will rope off a section of the parking lot for our cars.

Dewey talked about a talk Pete Hylton gave at a Jag meeting. He spoke about IUPUI's Motorsports Program and his book Ghost Tracks, A Historic Look At America's Lost Road Racing Tracks. Might want to look into seeing if he would be willing to speak at a meeting or Septemberfest.

Tech Sessions

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

April 8th at Jim and Bev Bush's – time to be announced.

Progress(?)

Bob Haskell and Ron Francis went over to the Frakes Noblesville facility to put the engine and gearbox together and do a trial fit in Jim's 100. Unfortunately, the bell housing (Toyota – BN2) didn't match the rear engine plate (BN1) and the pilot bearing was smaller than the gearbox input shaft. So we got to take things apart instead – something that we're much better at. Jim later found a BN2 plate but one of the pilot holes looked off, so he's got another one on the way.

Jim Switzer has made some progress with his MGB – got the throttle cable, bonnet and front bumper installed.

I'm getting better at assembling the side shift transmission. I've had two disassembled on the workbench for too many years. I decided it would be nice to have the workbench space back. The exploded parts diagram in the factory manual shows the laygear shaft flipped end for end. The cut-away portion fits in a groove in the bell housing. The parts manual shows the part correctly. I found that three metal spring clamps are a good way to hold the balls and springs in a hub when installing the gear. If a speed (selector) fork rod doesn't slide smoothly through the fork, one can do a good job of straightening the rod with a lathe, a plastic mallet and a dial indicator. One doesn't want to be using too much force installing the rod and fork together in the gearbox. It might cause the synchromesh sleeve or gear to move too far and then the spring loaded balls may leave the gearbox. The two thrust plates on either end of the layshaft gear assembly have tabs that will eventually be fitted into notches in the gearbox casing. When setting the layshaft assembly in the bottom of the gearbox put the tabs at the 8 o'clock position (aft looking forward). The notches in the casing are at 9 o'clock. If the tabs are at a different angle, you might not be able rotate them around to the notch.

The Trip to Skillman's Classic Car Showroom



Parts hauler – would be nice for the swap meet at Auburn.



I know I've seen these fins and tail lights before...



Available for only \$500,000.

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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 14th 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

October 8th Business MeetingNovember 12th Business Meeting