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Overdrive

From the President:

As we all prepare for the events of Spring and Summer, we must pause to remember our friend's and their health. As we write this, Herb and Bonnie Chreste's, daughter, Debbie, reports the Hosparus expects Herb to expire in the next few days, from the terrible disease that has ravaged him this past year. Herb and Bonnie have certainly been a large and important contributor to the fun and success of the BGAHC in the past few years. We give our heartfelt condolences to the Chreste family who has had to endure this terrible battle. Herb's Beautiful White 100- 6 with red interior was a Conclave "Best of Show" winner in Asheville in the 90's and was always popular at local and regional events, especially with Bonnie's help. Herb and Bonnie really enjoyed their Healey driving travels, we are so glad they were able to do the things they loved. We will miss Herb tremendously at all Healey events.

For better news, Bruce Gilham is back in the hospital for some medical drug adjustments, but the Dr's still report his new heart is healthy and has no signs of rejection. Keep praying for Bruce's improvement and return to Healey events.

The impromptu Noblesville Square on Saturday nights is in full swing with several cars there this past Saturday. The Freedom Cruiser's car show in Noblesville, had 134 cars registered and some very nice vehicles hung around for display. Ron Francis, Mel and Bob Haskell, brought theirs. It is a good "FREE" show and there are several places to have dinner around the square. Ron reports Tipton is also having a Friday night impromptu show and we will try to make that this summer.

Haskell's "Car Clean-Up/ Tune-up" is this Saturday, May 2nd. Karen and I are going on a business trip to Naples, Fl and will not return until Sunday evening, missing the event. I will see you on Tuesday the 12th for the next meeting.

Don't forget "Spring Thing" on May 14, 15, 16. They always put on a good event with lots of fun. I

hear they may be going back to the Horse track on Friday for a "day at the Races".

Jim

Road Trip

We've been invited to participate in Northern Indiana's Spring Tune-Up, May 9th. Those that want to work on cars will find plenty of space and help at the Tim and Renee Mahnensmith's (Fort Wayne). Those that would rather go shopping will have plenty of opportunity to do so. Contact Bob Haskell so we can coordinate the trip.



Next Meeting

With SpringThing starting on May 14th, we've moved our business meeting up to Tuesday, May 12th. It's at 6:30 PM at Monical's Pizza of Traders Point, 6010 W 86th Street, Suite 124, Indianapolis, IN (317) 870-7722. Monical's is in the Traders Point Shopping Center at I-465 and 86th St on the northwest side of Indy – located in front of the Showplace 12 theater and across from the Cold Stone Creamery.

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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

Tuesday, Melanie and I rode down to Louisville with Jim Frakes for Herb Chreste's viewing. Herb passed away on May 1st. Bonnie seemed to be holding up well and many Bluegrass Club members were there for support.

The car show at the Village of West Clay has been canceled.

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

April 2009 Meeting Minutes

4/9/2009 at Oaken Barrel Pub, Greenwood

VP Brent Porter called the meeting to order.

Attending were Bob and Melanie Haskell, Jim Bush, Sandy and Jim Burck, Jim and Jo Switzer, Dick Storrs, Brent Porter, John Mann, Jon Monies, David Broyles, Ruth and Dick Bius, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Paul Imel, Craig Rice, Bruce and Barbara Watson, and Patrick Bruce.

Membership report from Craig Rice-59 members for 2009.

No delegate update.

Recent events:

April 4th, Tech Session and dinner at Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst's house. The doors of the Bugeye were removed during the Tech Session. Norm and Suzy provided a delicious dinner. According to Craig Rice, Norm makes the best baked beans.

Norm and Suzy requested help putting the Bugeye on the rotisserie. A tech session was planned for Thursday Apr. 16th at 5:30. Bob planned to send out an email.

There was a discussion of the Tech session at the Bruces. 5 adults and one grand child removed the engine and gearbox from the square body sprite.

April Meeting Minutes continued

Future events:

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

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

April 25th, Doug Bruce event at Putnam Park

May 2nd, Clean-up/car preparation at the Haskells. Start time is 10:00. Shopping in Zionsville around 11:00.

May 3rd, Street survival school in the Zionsville High School parking lot starting at 8:00. The event is sponsored by the Hoosier BMW club and volunteers are needed.

May 9th, Spring tune up at Mannensmith's house (Fort Wayne). Bob and Melanie went last year and had a great time.

May 12th is the next business meeting at Monical's Pizza in Traders Point. **The meeting is on Tuesday instead of Thursday** due to a 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 from 8-10 AM. Bob Haskell will call for more information.

May 24th, Jon Monies and Joan Wright will host their annual Indy 500 Party. Plan to arrive after 10:00. Coordinate food for the pitch in with Joan. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

SeptemberFest, September 25-27th, in Rushville

Planning is going well. Hotel rooms are \$76/night for one bed including continental breakfast. Jo Switzer can help with registration. Randy Belden will do the car show. Dick Storrs will do Funkhana.

Jon Monies brought T-shirts to the meeting. (1 M, 3XL, and 1 2XL)

Cookbooks

We still have several hundred cookbooks to sell. Jim Frakes and Craig Rice have cookbooks. Please take them to car shows to sell. We should donate books to SpringThing and Conclave.

June 6th is the British Bash. This year the featured mark is the TR6.

The Oct. event is at the Bushs house on Halloween.

Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst will be driving their motor home by Victoria British on their way to a family reunion. Let them know if you want them to pick up some parts.

Conclave is June 21st - 26th in Kingston. Dick Storrs discussed possible routes that include Watkins Glenn, Nigeria Falls, Jamestown, NY, Western Penn., and Millersville, Ohio.

Spring Clean Up

The Haskells hosted a spring clean up on Saturday, May 2nd. Bob had the MG and the tri-carb running so the lift was available. Steve Berenyi was the first to arrive, in his BJ8. We were able to set the overdrive throttle switch, but there was a fair bit of slop in the linkage. Bob made a new actuating link for Steve to

install later. Steve put the car on the lift and attempted to stop a few of the leaks by tightening bolts and plugs. Jon Monies and Joan Wright drove up in Joan's Jaguar. It was already washed, so no one got the hoses out this year. Joan wasn't happy when she saw the Jag on the lift. Jon got to use some bailing wire as a mount for one of the mufflers had failed. Jim and Jo Switzer drove over in the MGB. Jim, Jon, and Bob installed a lowering kit in the rear suspension of Jim's MGB. Time to start installing the interior. Craig and Sue Rice's 100 was the last car on the lift – to check the clutch linkage for wear. Looked good. Dewey Poskon came in his red BJ8 with a new aluminum radiator and electric fan installed – no fan on the water pump (bring on the hot weather so we can see if it works!). So we had four Healeys, two MGs, and one Jag. Jo, Ruth, Joan, and Melanie took a break from working on the cars to shop in Zionsville. They went to the Spring Open House at Nancy Noel's Sanctuary, the Grape Vine Cottage and an antique store. Several of the dishes served for lunch were from the famous Central Indiana AHC cookbook.

Bruce Watson wasn't able to get his Healey started, but came over anyway. Bob Haskell went over the next day to help – no spark at the spark plugs. Bruce installed a new rotor and replaced the pertronix with the old points (It was running when it was parked for the winter). After straightening out the wiring to the coil and distributor, there was spark at the plug and the car started right up.



Back Row – Jim Switzer, Joan Wright, Melanie Haskell

Front Row – Bob Haskell, Craig Rice, Dewey Poskon



Jim and Jo Switzer

Tech Sessions

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

Progress

April 16th Tech Session at the Schoppenhorts – the bug-eye is now on the rotisserie.

April 18th at the Bushes – Jim Frakes actually rode as a passenger to an event – in Bob Haskell's BT-7. Dick Storrs, Craig Rice, Pat Bruce, Jim and Bob worked on Jim Bush's BJ-8. The clutch was bled using a Gunson Ezibleeder and the overdrive solenoid was replaced. Road testing showed the overdrive would engage at higher rpms. Need to check the hydraulic pressure – Bob forgot his gauge. The problem with the front turn signals not working was traced to the DB-10 relay box.

This weekend's Summer type weather spelled the end of the Jim Frakes winter Healey 100 project until next fall. We loaded it in the trailer and took both to the storage building. There is just not enough garage space for two Healeys, a Miata and a project car. Maybe next spring it will be ready.

Bob Haskell got some more “trailer” parts back from the powder coater.

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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

October 8th Business MeetingNovember 12th Business Meeting