



Overdrive

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From the President:

Auction Pricing report. Austin Healey Pricing is the talk of Classic Motorsports Magazine's May issue. (Yes, it is out already and it is not yet April). RM Auctions reported a 1954 BN1 rated at a condition 2 sold for \$51,700 and states; "Strong price indicates a trend starting" for 100's. A 1967 Mark III BJ8 sold for \$49,500. "A nice, show quality restoration." It looks like this market may be correcting, well bought." A 1962 (not identified if tri-carb) sold for \$44,000. "Another # 2 car for a bargain, definitely a price correction." Barrett-Jackson sold 11 big Healeys including the top rated # 1 condition BJ8 bringing \$79,200. "The trend toward softer prices for Healey 3000s continued, with a pair selling for \$66,000 and \$70,400 apiece." Personally, this still sounds high.

Most people have already heard about the Wind Storm blowing down the tent at the Russo and Steele Scottsdale auction. Many cars were badly damaged including several with roof damage due to the tent poles falling on them. There are many YouTube videos on the subject, on the Internet. Rumors abound about cars without insurance, but no confirmation that I have seen. R & S was able to recover and still have the auction on several undamaged vehicles.

AHCA President's Meeting 2010. Central Indiana AHC hosted the National AHCA President's annual planning meeting in Indianapolis on March 13th and 14th. We were very lucky the weekend rain was not snow or we would all have been stranded! Jo Switzer and Jim Frakes attended this always very important meeting to talk over the current business of the club. We especially appreciate the Friday Night hospitality provided by our club and delivered by Melanie and Bob Haskell. On Saturday evening, Craig Rice, Jim Switzer, Roy Bowman, and the Haskell's joined the group for dinner at Logan's North side location. This

letter is too short to describe all of the activities discussed but suffice to say, it was a busy and productive weekend.

Jim

Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday April 10th is clean-up/car preparation day at the Haskell's. Start time is 10 am. If you would rather shop than work on a dirty car, join Melanie for shopping in Zionsville from 11:00-1:00. Lunch will be served around 1:30. Bob and Melanie Haskell, 1570 Saylor St, Zionsville. RSVP (optional) to Melanie at (317)523-6924

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 8th At: Oaken Barrel Pub, 50 Airport Parkway, Greenwood (317) 887-2287
Times: 6:30 pm - dinner
7:30 pm - meeting

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Bluegrass AHC

<http://www.bluegrassclub.com>

Northern Indiana AHC

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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

There are a couple of events taking place the weekend after Conclave. The one I'm interested in is the vintage races at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI. The new one is a post Conclave Drivers Event at Blackhawk Farms on Friday. Details at <http://www.austinhealeyconclave.com/>.

The latest Healeys Return to Bonneville newsletter states that they're planning to bring the streamliner back to the salt in 2011. With Conclave 2011 in Colorado, is Utah/Nevada that much farther?

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

March 2010 Meeting Minutes

By Bob and Melanie Haskell

11 March 2010 at Monicals Pizza.

Jim Frakes called the meeting to order.

Attending were Steve Berenyi, Roy Bowman, Pat Bruce, Ruth and Dick Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim Frakes, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Paul Imel, Jon Monies, Craig Rice, Dick Storrs, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Jim and Jo Switzer, and Barbara Watson.

Membership: 56 members have renewed.

Daytona Party: Jim Switzer was able to deliver awards to members that had to leave before the race was over. Charlene Gilham won first out; previously thought that Bev Bush had won.

Future 50: Craig and Sue Rice have made a donation on behalf of the club to the Zionsville Longhorn 9U traveling baseball team. When the schedule is released, we can plan to attend one or more games and bring the cars and some Future 50 posters to hand out.

Events:

President's Meeting in Indy this weekend. Saturday dinner is at Logan's at 6:30. Club members that would like to attend need to
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Zionsville Longhorn Baseball

By Craig Rice

This is the link to Justin's baseball team schedule: <http://www.zionsvillelonghorns.com/> Below are instructions on how to get to the schedule:

Click on "Teams"

Click on "Zionsville Longhorns 9U"

Click on "Schedule" - top left

There is a link to each game - on the right side when you are on the "Schedule" page. This link shows you a map of where the location is the field is located. Closer to each game I can give you the exact time of the games. Some of these games that are fairly close (Carmel, Noblesville, Westfield) and are not double headers then we can leave the dogs at home and you can come watch the games.

President's Meeting

By Melanie Haskell

Thanks to Barb Watson and Sherry Storrs for making delicious Sloppy Joes. Also, thanks to Sandy Burck and Ruth Buis for the wonderful cookies and apple bread. Bob's fruit and cheese platter was very popular! I sampled all the food and it was great.

Photos from Logan's.



Craig Rice, Jim Frakes, Mike Schneider, Edie Anderson, Roy Bowman and Bob Gilleland



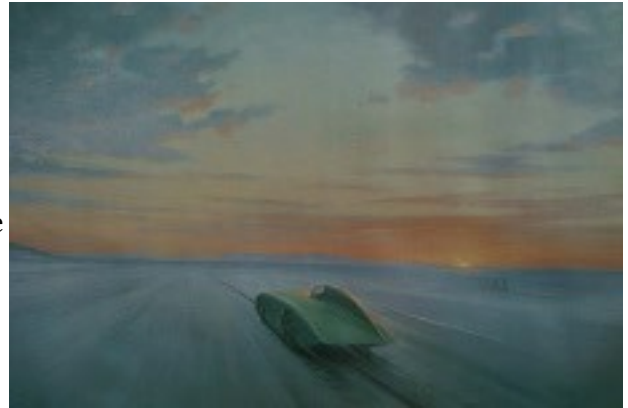
Jo and Jim Switzer



Chuck Anderson and Roy Bowman

Healey Prints

Future Fifty Founder Ben Moore has made arrangements with Bic Healey to distribute some prints that were first produced over twenty years ago. These are the last known quantities. The first is the fine-art print of the beautiful Streamliner at dawn. This print is part of the original 1989 run commissioned by Bic. The print measures 23"x30" and is printed on delicate artist-grade paper. Prints are available at \$45 per +\$5 S&H. Numbered prints are available in extremely limited quantities. \$50 + \$5 S&H.



The other prints are from the Donald Healey Collection. Originally commissioned by Donald Healey himself, the set included four prints that represented his favorite Austin-Healey models. Only three of the four prints are available. Prints are available at \$40 per + S&H.

For more information, or to purchase your prints, contact Ben Moore, HealeyPosters@mac.com.



Tech Sessions

Contact Jim Frakes to schedule one.

Progress

Jim Frakes, Ron Francis and Melanie Haskell helped Bob install the gearbox back into the tri-carb. Before buttoning it up, thought it would be good to take a test drive. Unfortunately, the starter didn't spin when the push button was pressed. Just the clicking of the solenoid. Time to plug in the trickle charger. Couple days later the battery's charged, but still no rotation. Hook the cable up to the starter and away she goes. Back it off the lift and the brakes are rather soft. Back on the lift to bleed them. Have also fitted K&N filters and breather. Should have changed the oil last fall, but was thinking that I would change the oil pan gaskets. But the jack was using the pan to hold the engine in place with the gearbox out.

Jim Frakes, Ron Francis, Steve Martin and Bob Haskell helped Jim Switzer pull the engine and gearbox out of the B so Jim could replace the gearbox input shaft seal. Jim's going to have the cylinder head rebuilt as one of the exhaust valves is sticking.

Jim Frake's 100 is home and Ron and Jim have installed the trunk kit and fixed a couple of problems. Interior is next...

Anyone else care to share?

Business Meeting Minutes cont'd

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let Jo Switzer know so she can give the restaurant an updated headcount.

Spring clean up at the Haskells on April 10th.

Dick Storrs has put together a day tour to the Oliver Winery Tour on April 24th. Will leave at 9:45am from the shopping center on SR-36 on the east side of Danville. Folks can pick up the tour at: 10:10 am at SR 39 and I-70 or 10:45 am at SR-67 and SR-39 in Martinsville. Routes are on the club's website. The trip is 44.3 miles and should take about 1 hour and 20 minutes. Should arrive around 11:15 am. Note that this is the same weekend of the Little 500 at IU, so traffic might be a bit heavy around Bloomington.

Northern Indiana's Spring Tune Up is May 1st at the Mahnensmiths. All are invited to attend.

Conclave – Dick Storrs googled a few routes to Conclave. Jim Switzer suggested driving to Quad Cities and then follow the river up to Galena.

Jim Frakes would like to goto Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club's Encounter event this year (August 11th – 15th). The event is at Normandy Farms, Blue Bell, PA and includes a tour of the race car collection of the Simone Foundation.

Cars: Jim Frakes' 100 is about ready to come home. Jim replaced the flexible brake lines in the BJ8 as one was plugged solid. Jim Switzer will be pulling the engine/gearbox out of the MGB to replace the gearbox input shaft seal. Jon Monies will have a tech session in May.

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January
14th Business Meeting

February
14th Daytona Party / Business Mtg
28nd Chicago British Swap Meet

March
11th Business Meeting

April
8th Business Meeting
10th Clean Up at the Haskells
24th Oliver Winery Tour

May
1st NIAHC Spring Tune-Up
6th Business Meeting
15th - 16th SpringThing 2009
21st - 23rd Carlisle Import Car Show
30th Indy 500 Party

June
5th British Bash (Louisville)
5th - 6th Champagne, IL British Car
10th Business Meeting
19th Turkey Run

July
8th Business Meeting
11th - 16th Conclave

August
12th Business Meeting
29th Indy British Motor Days

September
9th Business Meeting
11th Lemon Creek
17th - 19th September Round Up

October
14th Business Meeting

November
11th Business Meeting