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From the President

By Jim Frakes

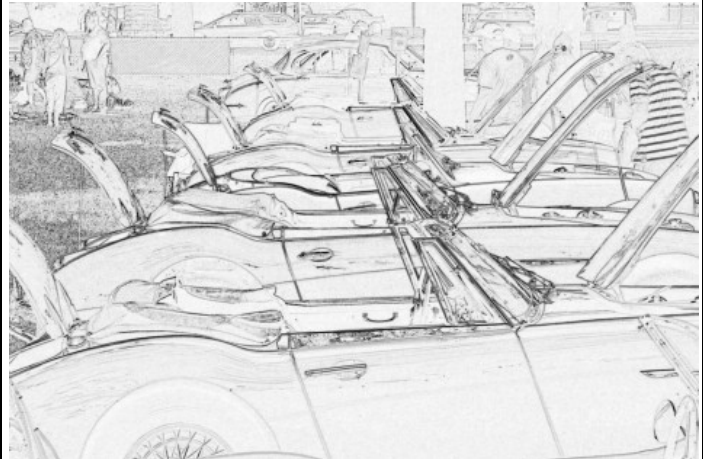
A year of fun in short review

Thanksgiving is always a great time to spend with your family; the food, the people you have not seen for a year, (growth of the kids) and a nice weekend to reflect back on the year. For Central Indiana Austin Healey Club members, it was one of the best years, at least in terms of enjoying being with each other and enjoying the cars that bring us together. Pardon me as I reflect back over some of the events that at least some attended and many drove their Healeys or LBCs to.

Over the winter, several Tech Sessions at Gilham's Healey garage performed a major make over of the front suspension (courtesy of Bob Haskell and Ron Francis) and installed a major comfort feature, A/C! Bruce performed the cosmetic portion of the installation and did a great job. February's Daytona Party at the Switzer's is always well attended and features some wonderful chili recipe's, and just Healey people doing what we do best; eat, drink and talk. March, we hosted the Spring AHCA President's meeting in Indy: a gathering of officers planning for the future of AHCA.

April saw many attending the Haskell's Spring Clean-up, getting ready for the summer's fun. Bob's always useful garage and tool set was complemented by Mel's shopping tour of Zionsville and good food preparation for the crew's. Oliver Winery on April 24th was our first destination of the year, a blustery start ended in a nice driving day, not too cool and sun shining. A nice lunch and a small bit of wine, (OK, we took some home), made it a good start to the driving season. Of note was Dick Storr's wonderful story of visiting Jay Leno's garage in Mid April and getting to meet Jay. Since they are both "Car Crazy",

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Next Events

December 4th - The Andy Warhol Enterprise exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Meet for lunch at noon. Tour begins at 1 PM.

December 12th - The Christmas Party at the South Harbour Club House in Noblesville. Details on page 3.

No business meeting in December. The January business meeting will be on Thursday January 13th at Sahm's Tavern and Cafe in downtown Indy.

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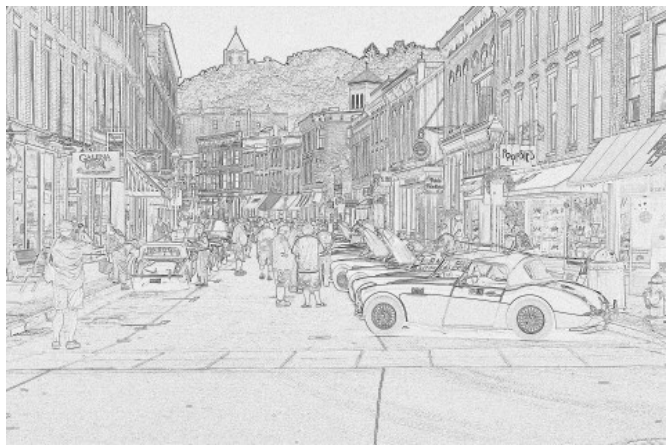
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Marque Matters Blog

<http://www.marquematters.blogs.com/>

AH Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org/>



From the editor

With the cooler weather upon us, it's time to start thinking of what projects to tackle this winter, and to get the car ready for it's winter nap when the road salt comes out. Or if you're like me, to finish putting the car back together. I've put the carbs back on as received from Jim Taylor. One of the winter projects will be to develop a good method to re-bush the carb body. Left to do on the tri-carb – buy and replace a leaky fuel hose, install the radiator, adjust the valves, install the spark plugs, and see if it starts. Other projects include rebuilding a couple of generators (anyone have any experience re-taping field coils?) and some HP and LCS fuel pumps.

I found a good book titled “Peter Egan On The Road”, subtitled “America's Favorite Automotive Writer Stays Off the Interstate”, by Peter Egan (who else?). It's a collection of 30 of Peter's “Side Glances” columns from Road & Track. It includes many road trip stories – trips from Wisconsin to the SCCA runoffs at Road Atlanta in a MG TC and an Austin-Healey 100, driving a Ford Model A from Wisconsin to California, bringing a Citroen 2CV truckette back to Wisconsin from Oregon, and driving a BMW Isetta to Beale Street. Seems that quite a few of his trips required some or a lot of restoration work before the trip began. Other stories are about the Bugeye Sprites that he has owned, driven and raced. One of Peter's comments on driving the Austin-Healey 100 is: “Until I drove this car through the Appalachians in heavy rain, I didn't know it was possible for a car windshield, doors and convertible top to spit water at you from so many directions at once.” Sums it up, doesn't it?

This is last issue for me as editor this time around. Bruce Gilham will be taking over the keyboard. Please give Bruce all the support that you've given me the last couple of years. Take a picture and/or write something!

Best regards,
Bob



HEALEY HOLIDAY PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER, 12TH 2009

TIME: 4:00 COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS
5:00 GIFT EXCHANGE
6:30 DINNER

PLACE: SOUTH HARBOUR CLUB HOUSE
1156 South Harbour Dr. Noblesville, IN

The meal and beverages are being provided by the club

Chicken and Pork will be served as the main course
Salad and Vegetables for sides

In order to help our hearts and waistlines we decided to cut back on the amount of food we bring to the party. We will of course have desserts and appetizers, but this year a few people are providing them instead of all of you, so come and enjoy. Please consider bring something (canned goods, paper towels, laundry detergent, and/or cleaning products) for the Widow's Barrel Food Pantry run by the West Newton Worship and Youth Center.

Please bring a \$20.00 gift for the White Elephant gift exchange. You may bring a female, male or unisex gift. Please, no gag gifts this year.

RSVP to Jo Switzer: joswitzer@earthlink.net or Call 317-501-7091 (by Dec 6th)

November 2010 Business Meeting Minutes

By Bob Haskell

November 2010 Business Meeting at Sahn's Cafe .

Melanie Haskell (Vice President) called the meeting to order.

Jim Frakes, and Jo and Jim Switzer are traveling today to the Fall delegates meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

Attending the meeting were Roy Bowman, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Craig and Sue Rice, and Bruce and Barbara Watson.

October business meeting minutes accepted as published in Overdrive .

Membership: 59 members.

Next event at Indianapolis Museum of Art (Andy Warhol) - on December 4th. \$12 for non-IMA members. Meet at the Nourish Cafe at noon. Tour at 1PM - Charlene will be the tour guide. RSVP.

The Christmas Party is Sunday, December 12th. As the party is on Sunday and some folks have to work on Monday, we decided to start a bit earlier and rearrange the schedule. Will start a 4 PM with the munchies, 5 PM for the gift exchange, and 6 PM for dinner. The group agreed on a \$20 limit for the gift; re-gifting is fine, no white elephants and mark on the package: male/female/unisex.

For the dinner, the group decided to go with chicken and pork – over a beef dish. Sides will include a potato dish, green vegetable, holiday salad and rolls. It was suggested by Jo Switzer (teleconference) that folks might want to bring plastic storage container for leftover food that you want to take home.

Last year we brought canned goods for the "Widow's Barrel Food Pantry" run by the West Newton Worship and Youth Center. We would like to do the same this year and Craig and Sue Rice will deliver our donations.

January 13th - next business meeting. Roy will get Sahn's again. Bring ideas for events

Would like to see the participation award that we won last year at Conclave. - need to get our club's name engraved on it.

2011 Conclave - A survey of those at the meeting showed Bob and Melanie Haskell, Craig and Sue Rice, Roy Bowman , Jim Frakes and Jim and Jo Switzer currently planning on going. As the event is being put on by the National Officers, they are looking for clubs to help. We agreed to work at Registration.



2010 AHC Delegates Meeting Highlights

By *Jim Switzer (CIAHC Delegate)*

1. Potential future area clubs – Portland, OR and Mexico.
2. There will be an article featuring Austin Healey in December Hemmings Motor News.
3. National dues will increase beginning 2011 do to increasing cost of printing for Healey Marque, website development and management of the site.
4. VP of Safety suggested we check our tires. Date codes should be after year 2000.
5. Insurance cost has gone up do to an increase in coverage.
6. Conclave 2011, Colorado Springs, Colorado July 3-8 – 44 registrations so far, Have you registered? Jim Frakes presented Dick Storrs 2011 pre-Conclave caravan overview.
7. Conclave 2012, Louisville, KY June 17-22 – Everything coming together at this point.
8. Conclave 2013, La Malbaie, Quebec June 23-July 1 – approved by Delegates. Located about 90 minutes north of Quebec City.
9. Healey Marque and Chatter indexing of tech articles and personal articles for member's access are being added to the website. This will be available at a later date.

Work-group Sessions

10. AHCA Registries Program. There was a lot of discussion concerning AHCA Registries. AHCA attempting to establish a standard method for Registries and maintain a copy of registries for safe keeping.
11. Longevity awards / Driving awards. All awards will be brought up to date during first quarter of 2011.
12. AHCA-Recruitment, Retention & Growth. Emphasis on how to drive more people to website, especially Future 50 prospects as they are more technology orientated. Contact local repair/restoration/paint, etc shops with copies of Healey Marque, Future 50 posters, and Local Club business cards that could be passed out to any potential member.
13. Delegate's Responsibilities. There is a need for better guide lines and description of the duties that are expected of a Delegate. More communication between the Delegate's and the members is needed.
14. Three Rivers Club (Pittsburgh area), was voted by delegates to de-sanction, per request due to lack of membership over past few years.
15. 2011 budget approved.
16. 2011 slate of officers approved.
17. Angie's List – A fund raiser for the AHCA club. More discussion from Jim Frakes.
18. I introduced the consideration for a Preservation Class to be included at future Conclaves.



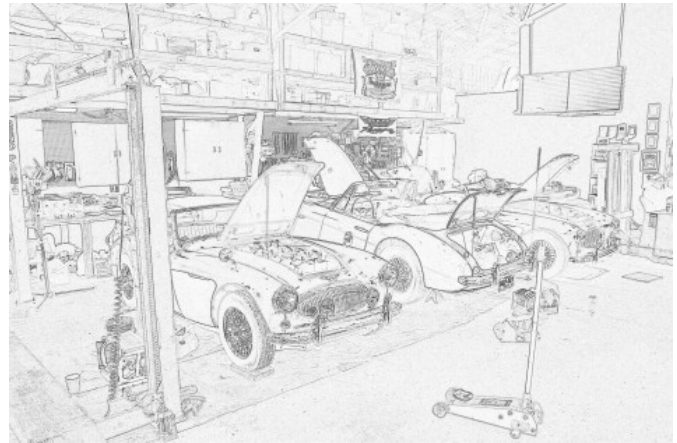
These are the highlights from the November 13th-14th Delegates meeting in Atlanta. I will add a few more comments at our January meeting and answer any questions you may have.

From the President

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who wants to take bets of who talked more, Dick or Jay?

The first weekend in May, Northern Indiana's Mahnensmith's, host a tune-up in their enormous garage and plentiful tools, lifts, welders, and especially Healey talent. The ladies shopped in nearby Ft Wayne, including a stop at the Purse Factory shop. In the evening, a huge, wonderful dinner preceded a rousing surprise celebration of Jack and Nancy Summer's major birthday complete with their Son and Grandson attending.



May also brought SpringThing, hosted by the Bluegrass club. It is always our first large turnout of out-of-state Healey driving and the club never seems to disappoint us. Plan on it this year where they will be taking over the Corvette Museum for a tour and dinner. May and Indianapolis 500 and the Wright-Monies home are synonymous and always entertaining.

Dick Storrs always plans an entertaining Healey tour, and this past June, we were treated to a train ride on a miniature scale railway in Edinburgh followed by a very nice back road drive to Ertel's Winery near Batesville. Following the excitement of watching a wedding party use the Mann's shiny white Healey for some great photos, we were more than surprised at the excellent dinner selections. Brit Bash in Louisville, an annual event in early June, was also attended. It is a nice setting at the St. Joesph's Children home, with lots of LBCs to look at. Several members make this junket each year.

Conclave 2010, Galena, hosted by Midwest AHC was more than expected. Who knew this jewel of a city, much like the streets of Zionsville, only larger, would be in such a nice setting. Switzers and Haskells led the large contingent of members (most with Healeys) on a two day trip mostly on two lane roads. First, stopping at the Chanute AFB Air Museum in Rantoul, IL., before driving on for an overnight in Morton, IL. The second day found a monsoon on the way, but the group made it safely, but wet. We can all carry many memories from Galena, it was a memorable event, as could be expected from the Midwest club. A few highlights: **Roy Bowman** won 1st in BJ8 one lights, **Joan Wright and Jon Monies** took 2nd in Gymkhana Sprite class, **Sherry and Dick Storrs** took 1st in Fun Rallye and the Central Indiana Club took 1st in club attendance, a first in itself! A review of the Aug/Sept Overdrive details more of the fun trip. With all trips, there are trepidations, but overall it was great to see so many people driving their LBCs.

An added feature to this past year's Overdrive has been reports from club member **Doug Bruce** on his experiences in the # 71 Yellow Bugeye in the SVRA (SportsCar Vintage Racing Association) event in Mid-Ohio this July. Keep the articles coming Doug, they are enjoyable. I have to put that event on my bucket list.

Encounter 2010, in mid August, in Blue Bell PA, was a new event we attended this year. A very nice weekend, not too hot, with an extra long drive, with very hospitable Healey people, was one we are considering for 2011, in Lancaster, PA. However, the tour of the Simeone Foundation Museum in Philly, was the highlight. IBCU held their British car event in 2010 at the American Legion in Carmel, which they plan to do again in 2011. Although I personally attended the Moto GP at IMS, it was a well attended event

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by our club. It was a hot day and shade is at a premium, but it was successful for IBCU and it did not rain for the first time in years.

September and Labor Day brings the Auburn Auction, this year under new ownership. It looks like RM Auctions Indiana is spending some funds on this event and it may stay around for a while after all. Next-up, Lemon Creek Winery in Southern MI. For the first time ever, it was nearly a wash out with unusually cold and light rain, but the team of Watson-Gilham, along with the Frakes and the Haskells attended. It is probably going to move to a new winery in 2011, but the same weekend. Our first annual September Roundup, hosted by Ohio Valley club, was very successful. Although the OHV had not held a similar event in many years, they did a tremendous job. Over 60 registrations surprised nearly everyone, including the registration crew who were looking at less than 30 with four weeks to go! Making those adjustments took a lot of people pulling it together. Healeys and weddings seem to go together as after the late afternoon wedding, the groom asked for a red and white Healey for picture taking. Charlie Warner obliged and received a kiss from the bride for his efforts. We say congrats to OHV for a very nice and profitable event and we look forward to Miami Valley hosting 2011.

October always brings the years events to a close but not before a few more events for the hardy group. NILBMC (Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club) President Larry Cline, (former CIAHC member) hosted again a show on the scenic, touristy, canal connecting Winona Lakes two sections. Roy Bowman took first in the Healey class. It is always a cool trip up, but worth the effort. October 16th, Pat and Debbie Bruce came up with a very nice fall tour of the Knightstown Gym, of Hoosier's movie fame. The large Healey group as treated to a personal tour and explanation of the movie making. This was followed by a scenic driving tour of covered bridges in the area. Of special note was the Moscow Bridge which had recently been restored after a tornado tore it down a few years ago. Long time friends of the Burcks, lived two doors down and gave us a first hand report on the 2008 destruction in the area. It was nice to see the bridge rebuilt as it is a very long span. Jo Switzer received an up close discussion with the town troll, who surely does not like all of us "*furiners*" in his back yard. Jim and Bev Bush closed the outdoor event season with their Halloween party in the Barn. While always cool, Bush's Barn is now fairly closed in, after a last minute barn tech session assisted by Storrs and Switzer. The excellent food and bonfire was helped along by Jo's "Schniders", always welcome on a cool evening. Also in October we found a free Saturday to get in our first tech session on Paul Imel's very nice Bugeye, with more tech sessions to come in 2011. Other scheduled and impromptu tech session's were held at the Schoppenhorst's, Switzer, and Haskell's over the past year.

In 2010, the club received a thank you note for our contribution to Sharing Hearts, a patient assistance fund which offers help to transplant families which the Gilham's HEARTily support. We are glad to also support the fund.

In summary, it was a great Healey year, lots of good, fun, driving and eating events, and sharing of our camaraderie. It was one of the better years for the amount of members and cars participating. We hope 2011 can even top 2010. In our January meeting, we will be planning for 2011. We hope as many as possible can attend. If you have an idea of events or drives you would like to sponsor or have someone else sponsor your idea, bring it to the January meeting or just send me an email. One idea is to have an overnight drive to Peoria to visit the "*Wheels through the Years*" Museum in conjunction with the Central IL AHC. We have planned the January meeting downtown at the Sahn's restaurant, the same one we used in November, to make it more accessible for as many members as possible. Come join us.

Jim

January 2010							February 2010							January
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	14 th Business Meeting
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7	8	9	10	B	12	13	4	5	6	7	B	9	10	8 th Business Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10 th Clean Up at the Haskells
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24 th Oliver Winery Tour
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		
May 2010							June 2010							May
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1 st NIAHC Spring Tune-Up
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21 st - 23 rd Carlisle Import Car Show
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	30 th Indy 500 Party
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July 2010							August 2010							June
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	5 th British Bash (Louisville)
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September 2010							October 2010							11 th - 16 th Conclave
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	August
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	29 th Indy British Motor Days
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	September
26	27	28	29	30			22	23	24	25	26	27	28	9 th Business Meeting
							29	30	31					11 th Lemon Creek
November 2010							December 2010							17 th - 19 th September Round Up
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	October
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	30 th Halloween Party and Meeting
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