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Overdrive

From the President:

Celebrating the New Year always is cause for reflection on the old year, 2009. From a Healey events perspective, it was a very good year with the members attending some really good events, a very special event, and with sadness of the passing of several members from surrounding clubs.

Longtime Columbus Ohio AHC member, supplier of British parts, and former rally driver, Eric Jones, lost his battle with cancer. So did Bluegrass member, Herb Chreste, a fun loving, always faithful attendee of SeptemberFest with his wife Bonnie, and a former Conclave Best of Show winner with his Old English White 100-6 he restored. Bluegrass also lost a club member and former Central Indiana member, Mike Strader. Mike had restored a beautiful Metallic Blue Bugeye and ended up taking first in class at the 2009 Brit Bash in June. Miami Valley lost Vic Jacobs, a multi-classic car owner including more than one Healey, just prior to the holidays. Former member Larry Cline lost his thirty six year old son, Adam, after a long history with MD.

Social events took place in the early months of the year including the Switzer's Daytona Party and the Wright-Monies Indy 500 party, always good events. Events started in May with the Bluegrass "SpringThing" and although I missed it, the reports were a fun time, as always, with the beautiful roads and great hosts of the BGAHC. Brit Bash in early June was capped by our own Bill Coan's debut of his recently completed TR3, a black beauty that was appreciated by a trophy for 1st in class.

Conclave Kingston saw twelve CI-AHCA members attending including Jim Frakes, Buis's, Haskell's, Burck's, Mann's, Switzers' (debuting the MGB after nearly 19 years) and Dick Storrs. Four Healeys and two BJ9's made the trip together, taking a leisurely drive up through OH, PA, Niagara Falls, along Lake Ontario, and upstate New York before ferrying to Kingston. Dick Storrs and the Rice's made their own

trip. A fun trip with very little problems along the way, and certainly some grand scenery.

In 2010, Conclave will be in Galena IL, hosted by the Midwest club in a resort type setting near the Mississippi River. This will be the closest event in several years, located in a golf community, hosted by a very active club, think about attending and driving your Healey along with other CI-AHCA members.

Our Ice Cream Social in August was preceded by a "Carmel Round-a-bout Round-up" directed (and concocted) by Dick Storrs, followed by Ice Cream at the Frakes.

September started the fall events with Lemon Creek Winery first up. The Northern Indiana club hosts this all British event at the winery and includes your bottle of wine and a hot lunch, followed by some great music by a Fort Wayne band, The Bel Airs. Always a good time.

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Next Meeting

Thursday, January 14th, 6:30 PM at Logan's Roadhouse, 4825 East 82nd Street, Indianapolis (317) 598-1347.

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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/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

The January meeting is our annual planning meeting. Give some thought as to what you'd like to do this year. While there were some great events that we traveled to last year (SpringThing, Lemon Creek, Bonneville and Conclave); I'd like to see more local events that more club members can participate in. Guess I'll have to organize a couple afternoon drives.

In the January issue of the Healey Marque is a very nice article on Jim and Sandy Burck's 100 written by a friend of Jim's - Ron Cobb. Ron wrote about how he and Jim met, Jim's ownership of the 100, and it's restoration in 2005.

For you that are Angie's List members, or who are thinking about joining, they just announced in the January issue that they are setting up a section for members' reviews of custom and classic car specialists. The service will be a bit different in that the reviews will be available to the membership nationally, rather than just for businesses in your local area. Additional details are at:

http://www.angieslist.com/AngiesList/Press/1390/Classic_and_Custom_Car_Restoration.aspx .

If you'd like to write an article for the newsletter, please do. I'm hoping that Doug Bruce will give us another installment on vintage racing and that Dewey Poskon will write up his 6000 mile trip West in his Healey. Melanie Haskell and Sandy Burck are going to submit some German food recipes.

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

November 2009 Meeting Minutes

By Melanie Haskell

11/12/2009 at Logan's Steakhouse

Jim Fakes called the meeting to order.

Attending were Bruce and Charlene Gilliam, Craig and Sue Rice, John Mann, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Buck, Bruce and Barbara Watson, David Broyles, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Dick Storrs, Jim Fakes, Roy Bowman, Keith and Kim Norman, and Jim and Jo Switzer

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Business Meeting Minutes cont'd

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Minutes were accepted as published.

Membership report from Craig Rice-64 members for 2009. Membership is holding steady. Bruce and Barb Watson and Keith and Kim Norman are new members this year. Bruce and Barb participated in SeptemberFest this year.

Carlos Lopez is selling his BT7 Mark II. It is Healey Blue with a blue tonneau cover.

Craig Rice has a box and a half of Spin-off oil filters for sale (equivalent to Purolator 3600).

Healey Holiday Party

Saturday, December 5th

South Harbor Club House

1156 South Harbour Dr., Noblesville

Cocktails and appetizers at 6:00

Dinner at 7:00

Jo passed around a sign-up sheet. Bring a dessert or an appetizer. The meal and beverages are being provided by the club. The dinner menu is: Chicken stroganoff, green beans, pork Loin, garden salad, potato casserole, cranberry Salad, California blend vegetables, and hot rolls.

Please bring a \$15.00 to \$20.00 gift for our exchange (NEW GAME THIS YEAR). It should be a UNISEX item.

Please bring canned goods for the food drive. Sue Rice will donate the food to the Widow Barrel in West Newton. They provide food for 30 families a month.

Cook books make good Christmas gifts. We need to take cook books to Spring events. Vests also make great Christmas gifts. They are \$42 each and \$45 for XXL.

Cookbook money donation: Bruce made a motion to donate some of the profits of cookbook sales to Sharing Hearts, a support group for kidney and heart transplant patients. The motion passed.

Delegates meeting:

Jim Richmond says hi to everyone.

Approved the budget for 2010. Last dues increase was in 1998. There will not be an increase this year. The magazine is 42-46 pages (all color) with good content. National is able to approve extra things like bringing people from England for events. Membership is down 170 members from Nov 2008 to Nov 2009. Total members are 3228 with 19 complementary members.

At the meeting, each club gave reports about club activities and financial status. We are above average for money.

Healey Marque is controlling costs and is ~\$6000 under budget. They are saving money by changing printers. \$110,000 budget for the magazine is the largest part of the budget. Sales of the ads generate ~\$23,000.

~\$8K goes for insurance. There have been very few claims. Administration costs are low.

Most membership renewals for Cincy and Central Indiana will be on-line.

There was a lot of discussion about Conclave. No club wanted to do the 2011 event. National AHC will put on the event in Colorado Springs. Bluegrass is doing the funkhana. Gary Brierton is Rally Master. John May and Carl Brown are co-chairs.

Members who are going to the event can take on tasks. We need to pick out tasks in the next few weeks. The July 4th car show may be at the Air force Academy. The hotel is the Crown Plaza Hotel on north side of Colorado Springs. Dinner/awards banquet will be BBQ at the Flying W Ranch. We will need to decide on group event in next 30-60 days.

Conclave 2012 will be in Louisville on June 15th-22nd. The Bluegrass Austin Healey Club expects to have help from surrounding clubs. Bluegrass did the sock hop for our Conclave. They will be asking for help from our club.

At the Halloween Party, the club decided to have a joint event next year. Ohio Valley will host September Roundup at the Manchester Inn on September 17-18, 2010. Dec. 5th Jim and Jo Switzer and Jim Frakes will go to Richmond and have a discussion about the event. The host club keeps the profit. Other clubs will help with the event. The idea is to give groups a break and get more group involvement. Miami Valley and Ohio Valley clubs have around ~40 members each. There are nice roads in Ohio and new venues.

We'll need to think about alternative ways to make money in off years.

Jim Switzer asked if the club would like to host a delegates meeting.

The schedule is:

Sat. 5:30 – 6:00 Cash bar hospitality

7:00 dinner

8:00 auction

The auction raises money to keep expenses down. Everyone brings something for the auction. Gary Brierton is the auctioneer.

Sun. scheduled until noon

There are around 50 people. There is no profit for club, but won't cost anything.

From the President:

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“Healeys return to Bonneville “ was a once in a lifetime event attended by many Healey enthusiasts throughout the world. Steve Pike of Australia built the two cars, a streamliner and an endurance car (owned by Bruno Verstraete of Switzerland), replicating closely the record cars Donald Healey brought to Bonneville in 1954. Jim Frakes and the Haskell's attended five days of the event, a memorable experience.

SeptemberFest's venue was changed to a new location in Rushville, Indiana. The wonderful work of our club members provided a fun time for the attendees from Central Indiana, Miami Valley, Bluegrass, and Northern Indiana clubs. Our always super Hospitality was followed by a unique Funkhana hosted by Dick and Sherry Storrs. The car show in the park, hosted by the Belden's was a nice setting with some really great cars to choose from, followed by a covered bridge tour by Pat and Debbie Bruce. An Amish Buffet dinner was followed by awards back at the host Hotel. Next year, September Round-Up will be hosted by the Ohio Valley Club, in Middletown, Ohio. The Host Hotel is very Historic with many dignitaries having spent the night there. Please join us.

Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club did not have their event in Warsaw this year, but new President

Larry Cline says it will happen in 2010 in early October.

Our annual Christmas Party, held in South Harbour Clubhouse, saw our largest social event attendance of forty one people and made a fitting closure to our Healey Year.

New Years Resolution for all: **Attend more Healey Driving events.**

Jim

Tech Sessions

Contact Jim Frakes to schedule one.

Progress

Ron Francis and Bob Haskell pulled the gearbox out of Haskell's tri-carb. It's been leaking a fair bit of oil, ever since it was installed. Found that the lip of the input shaft seal was partially torn and rolled over. A new seal has been installed and Bob is thinking about reworking the center shift housing for a reverse light switch.

Ron and Bob helped Jim Frakes sort out the problem with the starter and flywheel for the 100. Looks like a different flywheel's required.

Work is continuing on the Gilham's BJ8. The air conditioner installation has started with the compressor and alternator set in place. The dash has been removed to fit the ducts and the evaporator. The front axles and steering are slowly going back together.



A bicycle is a good thing to have on the Salt Flats



1792 church in Ontario, Canda - Conclave 2009 - photo by the Manns



Jim Burck and Mike Strader at British Bash

January 2010							February 2010							<p>January 14th Business Meeting</p> <p>February 11th Business Meeting February 22nd British Car Swap Meet (Chicago)</p> <p>March 11th Business Meeting</p> <p>April 8th Business Meeting</p> <p>May 13th 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)</p> <p>June 5th - 6th British Bash (Louisville) June 10th Business Meeting June 21st - 26th Conclave (Kingston, ON)</p> <p>July 8th Business Meeting July 12th Rising Sun August 12th Business Meeting August 29th Indy British Motor Days</p> <p>September 9th Business Meeting September 12th Lemon Creek September 17th - 20th SE Classic September 19th - 20th Indy British September 25th - 27th Septemberfest</p> <p>October 14th Business Meeting October 24th Halloween Party</p> <p>November 11th Business Meeting</p>
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