



# Overdrive

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## **From the President:**

Congratulations to Dick Storrs for planning a great June drive on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at the McDonald's off I- 65, the group of Healeyites, Barbara and Bruce Watson, Jim Frakes, John and Kathy Mann, Melanie and Bob Haskell, Jim and Sandy Burck, Bev and Jim Bush, Roy Bowman and leader, Dick Storrs, motored on to the Steam Train Park in Edinburgh. This scale model (7.5 inch wide rails) park is run by volunteers whose hobby is TRAINS! Gee, we never knew there were other crazies like us, who have a crazy (did we say expensive, and a lot of work), but fun hobby? Our group chose the authentic steam train over the newer type locomotives for our ride around the park. Sitting astride the car, we were warned to keep our hands and feet clear, and he was not kidding. On a scale, the clearance from signals and other switching devices were to scale also, and an errant hand could have been banged into any one of devices along the track. Roy has provided us a picture as we round the bend. See if you can recognize any Healey members.



*Train Ride at Indiana Live Steamers (photo by Roy Bowman)*

The drive continued on some great two lane roads, heading for Ertels Winery, just outside Batesville. Leaving Taylorsville, a typical Storrs route through those famous towns of Clifford, Lett, Milhousen (Beautiful Catholic Church and Stone's, a tavern-Guesthaus-General Store), and a quick stop (they are necessary!) in Napoleon. Seems it may have had some fame besides the diminutive General that was always scratching his belly. Besides the statue of Napoleon, carved from a fallen tree, the former Mendenhall-Berrickman Hotel, now a very nice Brick home, was a former slave hideout on the Underground railroad. And, a Miss Barbara Fox, received patents in 1892 and 1895 for a fire escape after inviting people to test it at the Flour mill, still

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## **Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 8th at the 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**

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**Northern Indiana 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***

Not much to write – I'm reading John Chatham's biography - "Mr Big Healey – a good read so far.

I would like to publish the newsletter by the first of the month. Articles or photos for the newsletter are welcome and appreciated. Please get them to me by the 25th so I can include them in the next issue.

Bob

***From the President cont'd***

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standing and now selling Pure Buck Wheat flour and White Lilly flour.

On arrival at Ertels Winery, a wedding party had stopped to take pictures. The photographer seized the opportunity to take advantage of a beautiful white convertible, and the Mann's agreed. Picture after picture, with all type of poses were taken, while the bridesmaids and groomsmen waited patiently. We also took the opportunity of taking a few ourselves, as the Mann's '58 BN4 really looked good with the wine vineyard in the background on a very blue sky day. Of course a little wine sampling was required; after all, this is a winery. However, after such a long drive in a Healey, we do what we seem to do best, eat! Dick and Sherry Storrs' food review proved very on target, the food was very good. At least three of us had the Chilean Sea Bass, an extra ordinarily large portion and prepared superbly. You can tell this is one of my favorites, and it did not disappoint. All seemed to be very pleased with their dinners. Well done, Dick and Sherry. And thanks for the venture, it was a good ride!

The Central Indiana Vintage Car Club (CIVCC) sponsors a car show each Father's Day 2010 in Noblesville's Forest Park. It is an unusual event for us to be able to attend, as it usually falls on a weekend of Conclave. Ron Francis, Bob Haskell and Jim Frakes brought cars to show, my 100's first outing. There is no voting as there is such an array of vehicles, it would be near impossible to choose a Best of show and certainly to come up with categories. Other SOB's included two Jags', a 120 and a beautiful dark blue 140 (I think). Both were very nice. It is a great place to take a son and/or grandson. Put it on your calendar for next year.

Jim

# Images from the Indiana Live Steam Trains and Ertel Winery Tour

Photos by Jim Frakes



## **June 2010 Business Meeting Minutes**

By Bob Haskell

10 June 2010 at Logan's Roadhouse.

President Jim Frakes called the meeting to order.

Attending were Roy Bowman, Ruth and Dick Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim and Bev Bush, Bob and Melanie Haskell, John Mann, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Dick Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer, Bruce and Barbara Watson, and Don Yost.

The May business meeting minutes were accepted as published in the June issue.

Treasurer/Membership - Membership still stands at 59.

Craig and Sue Rice are in Georgia for a celebration of Sue's mother's life . The club will be making a \$75 donation to the leukemia foundation.

Dick Storrs is coordinating the event next weekend at Indiana Live Steamers. Has maps/directions. Meet at McDonald's at the Franklin exit of I-65 (SR 44) at noon. Will leave at 12:30. 15 -20 minutes to the Steamers. 7.5" gauge track. There may only be one steam engine; the rest gas/electric/diesels. The track is 6000 ft long; a ride takes about 20 minutes. Wear clothes that can get dirty - no tuxes. Will spend 1 to 1.5 hours at the trains before heading east, 1.5 hr drive to Ertel winery. Some nice homes/farms (and construction) along the route to the winery. Dick included the menu on the back of the directions. Good food - \$35-50 for dinner/desert - no appetizer/tip. Dick's son and daughter will be in town with kids to Steamers.

Note that the Indiana Live Steamers schedule the third Saturday of most months between April and October for "hauling" the general public on the track. (<http://www.indianalivesteamers.org/>)

No update for Nancy Hall (Ohio Valley) who was injured in a crash on the way to SpringThing. A full recovery expected. Jo Switzer did send a card.

### **Upcoming Events:**

July 8th – business meeting at the Oaken Barrel

Conclave - discussed some of the routes to Conclave – Roy Bowman supplied a map/route. Might like to pick up the "river" road further south. Leaving on Sunday - Buis / Storrs (interstates) . Leaving on Friday - Gilhams?

The August business meeting date conflicts with Encounter. Move to first week or third week?

The August 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> weekend is rather full. Have the ice cream social, Indy motor days (Austin-Healey is the featured marque) and the Moto GP. Decided to have the ice cream social on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Will meet at the Indiana Live Casino - Jim Bush will figure out the route to Zaharako's Ice Cream Parlor in Columbus, IN ( <http://www.zaharakos.com/> ). No regularly scheduled business meeting.

The Winona Lake event will held this year (none last year), in October.

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In September, there is the Lemon Creek Winery event the weekend after labor day and September Roundup - send in registrations and room reservations . Goody bags for September Roundup - other clubs are collecting merchandise.

### **Cars:**

Don Youst will need a tech session - carbs sent to Jim Taylor to be rebuilt. Norm/Suzy's bugeye: the cam finally came out of the block (soaked for a week). Ordered engine parts today.

## **Mid-Ohio race report**

*By Doug Bruce  
Bugeye number 71*

Arrived at the track Thursday around noon...right before Camp Prather was founded ... that is one large hauler he trails around! Also-Kent is sort of like Clancy - if he does not have the part, they don't make it! Prather brought along grasshopper ... I mean day laborer, Scott Schmidt too! I was pointing to where Kent should park ... and next thing I know Kent is pointing me to where I need to move my car! Not really, Kent was gracious and just being near him was worth a few mph before the weekend was out! After getting my Bugeye down and through tech with SVRA, I came back to set up right next to Kent and Scott. SVRA tech is a real pain ... took them 30 minutes ... and they changed their mind on things that they had approved 2x last year! Talk about frustrating!



*Gary Kropf leads Doug Bruce at Mid-Ohio*

Helped with the placing and setting up of chateau Prather ... the awing on his hauler could cover almost all of the keyhole if it needed it! I was quartered in my friends 5th wheel ... nice digs-sleeps 10-12 easily, has everything, flat screen TV, AC, made me feel like a superstar! Friday, first session ran a 2:01, not trying to be fast. Later I tried to be fast, ran a 2:00! I began thinking that I may rethink this whole fast thing!! SVRA does not give you much time to play, so you have to be on top of your game. Friday night, a bunch of us went into town and had some bar grub, beer, and listened to live music by "The Ohio Players Express", remember Yummy-yummy-yummy, I got love in my tummy? Well these guys have fallen so far that they could only sing Beatle songs from the lyrics they had in front of them! Message here: "Don't do drugs"

Saturday Morning, final qualifying session, I got all buckled in then hit the starter and she just went click! Scott came over and gave me a push start, I made it to the grid just as the last car was pulling away. The car was okay, had a little vibration going into turn 7. Nothing a tire/wheel balance couldn't fix later. I was pumped up for my late start to the false grid and managed to run a 1:57. Remember, this is my very tired little 948

engine, but she is reliable. Spent the mid-morning changing the starter out and then Kent helped me with what I needed to do to wire around the solenoid. By now my father and father-in-law arrived to watch the

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race. Group 1 took the track at 1:30 for our race and I was gridded somewhere 16<sup>th</sup> or so out of the 25 cars, but 4 laps in, I had to take aggressive action to avoid a dimwit driver who was intent on trying to hit me and I placed the right side wheels in the grass to avoid him, unfortunately, the rumble strip in 14 hit the tailpipe hard as I did so and the next lap I was given the sign for achievement ...some black flag with a red round disk ..."Meatball"! Well so much for me getting to race the entire 8 laps! After the race, I went to tech to claim the tailpipe and they wanted to sell it to me!

Well, after a great dinner and true "free beer", most of us ended up in our RV where we played Kent's in-car camera of his laps, what a trip! With that in mind and ignoring the pointers from Scott, I was ready for the small bore Enduro Sunday morning. As I headed down to the false grid, I was told to take the 8th spot. Hmmmm I wondered, must be an inverted start ... nope ... they had two number 71's and despite my name being on the car, they had me confused with the other 71. Back to the place on the grid that said 56! 56, hell, I didn't know they could park that many cars there! When the race started, I was really 26th of 28 cars, had a great start, caught Gary Kropf's redone bright yellow Bugeye, then on lap 3 or so of the 20, right in front of us, a 1952 MGTD and Datsun roadster bumped coming to the straight through turn 14 and the MG rolled! He did manage a moment of clarity as he rolled to his wheels and gave a 2 fingered salute to the Datsun driver who punted him! Gary and I both used that moment to duck into the pits, I had a mandatory 2:04 pit stop. I fired her back up and went out on the track and after the pace car led me around a lap, I had a clear track and really started to get in a groove. A few laps later I was shown the black flag, sort of pissed me off.as I came in, ready to strangle the official, Scott comes running up and said that I was running 2nd and running more than 2 seconds than my qualifying times. So the rules said I had to do a drive through penalty, whew! So now I really went out to hold on to a top spot. Yeah, well the German steel was not about to let that happen!

In the end, I ran the 20 laps, finished 13th overall, 1st in class, and ran a 1:53. Not bad for a sewing machine motor that I managed to run to up to 7400 rpms a few times!

So it ended well, may have to think again about why I really need a 1275 motor ... naaaa ... now I truly do want to run faster!

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## ***British Bash 2010***

*By Melanie Haskell*

St. Joseph Children's Home in Louisville was the location for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual British Bash on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The British Bash is sponsored by Louisville British Sports Car Club. The proceeds of the show benefit St. Joseph Children's Home. Bob and Melanie Haskell met Bruce Gilham at the McDonald's in Whiteland to drive to the show. It was a warm day with a high of 90 F and 80%  
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humidity, but the beautiful shaded lawn setting made the heat and humidity bearable. We enjoyed seeing Rich and Frankie Pfile. We haven't seen them much lately because they have been spending a lot of time in Kentucky with their parents. We also spent some time catching up with Josh Strader.



*Ben Moore (Bluegrass)*



*Selling (AHCA) out of the back of the car*



*Bill and Jean Fryrear's 100*

## ***Tech Sessions / Progress / For Sale***

The Haskell's spare hardtop looked good on the Watson's BT7 during the Live Steamers/Ertel Winery tour – thanks to Bruce spending a fair bit of time cleaning it. Bruce is having fun getting a new soft top to install on their car.

Haskells will be driving the MGB to Conclave. Bob wasn't happy with the results from vacuum and leak down tests. So the cylinder head went to Quinlin's machine shop and the carburetors were sent to Jim Taylor.

Jim Gifford is selling his '59 Bugeye. Fully restored in 2000. Engine rebuilt by Brent Porter (CIAHC). “Award of Excellence Popularity CONCLAVE 2000”. Featured on Speed Channel “AutoWeek 9/27/2000”. Less than 1,000 miles since restoration “2 Footer”. Factory hard top (white), new tonneau cover (black), new canvas top (black) **Pertronix Ignitor electronic ignition**, electric radiator fan, and luggage rack. See the full ad on the club's website: [http://www.ciahc.org/gifford\\_bugeye\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ciahc.org/gifford_bugeye_2010.pdf).

Dick Storrs decided he needed a new starter and planned on the Modern style Hitachi. Victoria British wanted \$279 plus shipping. I told him to look at Gustafson, who now only sells through distributor. He found a link to Classic Garage <http://classicgarage.com/1030mkmk2mk3.html> who sold it for \$179.96 plus shipping. (from Jim Frakes)

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## ***Other Events***

One goes to a car show and finds flyers for other shows on the seats of the car ...

July 11<sup>th</sup> - “Shiner Pride Show Your Pride”, Rising Sun, Indiana. Registration 8am – 12pm, trophies awarded at 4:30pm.

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Tipton County 4-H Fair Cruise-In, Front Lawn of the 4-H Fair Grounds, 1200 S. Main Street, Tipton, Indiana. Registration 10am – 12pm. Show from 12pm – 3pm.

July 31<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car and Hot Rod Show at the Shadeland Shoppes Antique Mall, 3444 N. Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis, IN. Registration \$10; from 10am – 2pm. Benefits the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

July 31<sup>st</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoe Carnival Car Show, Shoe Carnival Parking Lot at Boulevard Crossing, 2148 E. Boulevard, Kokomo, IN. Registration \$10, 11am – 2pm; show 1pm – 5pm. Benefits Child Abuse Prevention.

September 18<sup>th</sup> SIR Brit's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual British Motor Car Day on the River, Newburgh, Indiana. Registration \$15, 8am – 12pm. Balloting 12pm – 3pm. Awards 3pm.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Road Rally and Luncheon at Heaven Hill Distilleries. 8:15 am at Churchill Downs' Longfield Parking Lot for registration (Louisville). First car out a 9am. Cars will leave and travel by club or marque. \$125 per car. [Http://www.concourslouisville.com](http://www.concourslouisville.com).

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2010 Louisville Concours d'Elegance at Churchill Downs. [Http://www.concourslouisville.com](http://www.concourslouisville.com).



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- January
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
- February
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Daytona Party / Business Mtg
  - 28<sup>nd</sup> Chicago British Swap Meet
- March
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
- April
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Clean Up at the Haskells
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Oliver Winery Tour
- May
  - 1<sup>st</sup> NIAHC Spring Tune-Up
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
  - 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> SpringThing 2009
  - 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Carlisle Import Car Show
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Indy 500 Party
- June
  - 5<sup>th</sup> British Bash (Louisville)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Champagne, IL British Car
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Live Steam Trains
- July
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
  - 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Conclave
- August
  - 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Encounter, Blue Bell, PA
  - 21<sup>st</sup> - Ice Cream Social
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Indy British Motor Days
- September
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Lemon Creek
  - 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> September Round Up
- October
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> British Fall Out, Winona Lake
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting
- November
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting