



# Overdrive

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## **From the President**

*By Jim Frakes*

Colorado Springs! Jo Switzer and I spent some intensive days in Colorado Springs in Mid March, working with the Conclave 2011 committee. The twelve person group had assignments each day to check out various venues and report any difficulties we might encounter. It was a very busy trip with the committee working to near midnight every night. I had forgotten how difficult it is to work out schedules everybody agrees on.

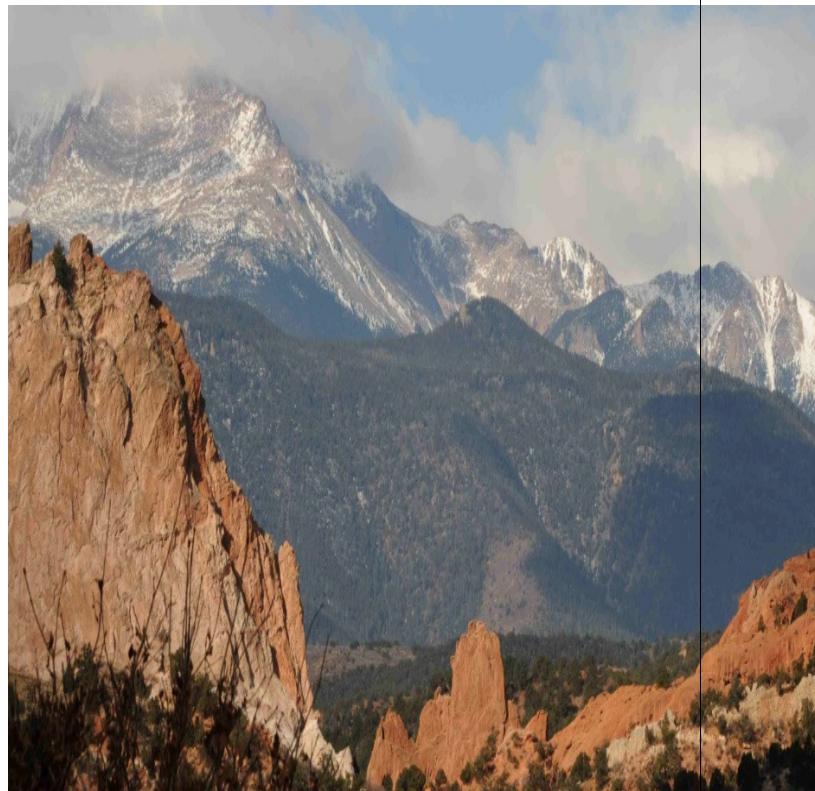
Colorado Springs is just a wonderful area. Great, wonderful weather, warm by day and cool evenings, very colorful scenery, although it has been dry and the spring rains had not brought out the flowers yet. And, wonderful, curvy, mountain roads, an excellent variety of food, and shopping for whatever tastes you have.

The hotel amenities are excellent and the staff was extra helpful. The hotel has an indoor pool, outdoor pool, and an excellent array of meeting rooms to suit our needs and the mountain views of Pikes Peak are ever close by.

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## **Next Business Meeting:**

The April business meeting will be on Thursday the 14th, at Oaken Barrel Brewing Company, 50 Airport Pkwy #L, Greenwood (317) 887-2287



Garden of the Gods

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The Chapel at the Air Force Academy

**Mr. Healey's Neighborhood**

**Central Indiana AHC**

<http://www.ciahc.org>

**Bluegrass AHC**

<http://www.bluegrassclub.com>

**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>

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Registration will be thru the portico on the right side of the host hotel, the Crown Plaza. Regalia pick up and Arts and Crafts drop off will be there also. Many events including Hospitality and RC cars will be in the hotel.

The first major task for our committee was a significant change to the agenda. The Air Force Academy was ordered to increase their security level, reportedly on orders from the Potomac area, forcing the committee to find another **Car Show venue**. The committee checked out numerous venues before settling on the “**Old Colorado City**” **downtown area**. Think Galena or a lengthy Zionsville. It offers lots of unique shops, ample supply of food choices, a nice shady park and street setting not far from the Host Hotel, and a very cooperative City Parks and Commerce Promotion Committee. For those of you disappointed about the Air Force Academy, the Conclave Committee has arranged a photo op for Thursday AM, or you may wish to visit at other times.

We visited Pikes Peak International Raceway, the site of the **Gymkhana and Funkhana** events. This excellent track facility hosts various club type events but not a major race of any type. It is much like Putnam Park, but with rest rooms and other facilities. The Gymkhana area is very flat and clear with no light poles or guard rails to impede or endanger the layout. It even has the timing wiring embedded into the asphalt. Rocky Mountain SCCA is scheduled to provide the timing and scoring, assisted by Ohio Valley AHC. You may want to take a few laps in the **Legends racecars** to fill your need for speed [www.flyingw.com](http://www.flyingw.com). The flying W Ranch will be our **dinner meeting** in the middle of the week. This working ranch combines dinner and a comic cowboy type show and we will be handing out **awards** for some previous events.

**Several Self-guided Driving Tours** have been planned. Greg Lauser and I drove one of the routes, a very leisurely drive of three hours which took us past Glen Abbey where we stopped for pictures. Along the way we passed the Royal Gorge Bridge Park entrance. **Thursday night dinner and awards** will be in the Host Hotel ballroom.

We were very pleased to meet with several members of the Rocky Mountain AHC. They have volunteered to help with several events and will host a table where you can ask for help in finding interesting events. The committee has put together an interesting week for Conclave 2011.

At the elevation of 6,035 feet above sea level, the Healey SU Carburetors should run just fine. However, going up into the mountain passes may require some carb

adjustment to make the car run a richer fuel mixture. We humans will also notice the elevation and may be a bit more out of breath. Make sure to bring a winter coat if you plan to drive or ride up Pikes Peak. At the top, it gets cold! Be prepared!

Here are some suggestions for places and web sites you may want to visit:

A good web site showing most attractions (copy this into your browser) is <http://www.pikes-peak.com/Attraction/10.aspx>

Manitou Springs is a scenic and touristy shopping experience about 15 miles from the Hotel [www.manitousprings.com](http://www.manitousprings.com)

Garden of the Gods is a driving tour and photo opportunity with a multitude colorful rocks jutting from the landscape [www.gardenofgods.com](http://www.gardenofgods.com)

US Air Force Academy [www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)

The Chapel at the Academy [www.sevenfalls.com](http://www.sevenfalls.com)

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo [www.cmzoo.org](http://www.cmzoo.org)

Train ride through the Gorge - Royal Gorge Bridge and Park Zoo [www.royalgorgeroute.com](http://www.royalgorgeroute.com)



The Royal Gorge Bridge

Pikes Peak – travel up the easy way! If you plan to ride the cog, make the reservations NOW! [www.cograilway.com](http://www.cograilway.com) . Reservations are required

**LOCAL EVENTS:** While planning for Conclave 2011 is important in order to make your plans early. And, we have more pressing local events that are coming soon. Our next meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Oaken Barrel in Greenwood, Spring Clean-up / Tune-up is at the Haskell's on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and a very special SpringThing is May 19<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>. See You in Greenwood!

Jim

### **March 2011 Business Meeting Minutes (Logan's Roadhouse)**

*By Bob Haskell*

The meeting called to order by Jim Frakes. Attending were Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Pat Bruce, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim Bush, Jim Frakes, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Jon Monies, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker, Kim and Keith Norman, Dewey Poskon, Craig and Sue Rice, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, and Jim and Barbara Springfield.

February Business Meeting minutes accepted as published in the March issue of Overdrive.

Car News: Sandy Taylor is selling her Bugeye to someone in Chicago. Craig Rice has Purolator oil filters for the Big Healey spin-on adapters – 2 for \$5. Jim and Jo Switzer had a problem with a broken water pipe under the garage floor – but, the MGB is safely stored away in Jim Frakes' trailer!

Previous Events: Schoppenhorsts' had a surprise birthday party for Suzy last Saturday. Members got to see the progress that Norm and Suzy are making on their Bugeye.

Upcoming Events:

- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Spring Clean Up at the Haskells 10:00am +/-
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Spring Road Rally. Touring The Inn at Irwin Gardens in Columbus, Indiana and lunch at Zaharkos Ice Cream Parlor.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Northern Indiana Club's Spring Tune-up at the Mahnensmiths in Fort Wayne

- May 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bluegrass Club's SpringThing in Bowling Green, Kentucky
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Muncie Imports' open house and a tour of Dr. Foster's car collection in Newcastle. Meet at 8:00 am at the McDonalds at 116th and I-69. This conflicts with British Bash (Louisville, Kentucky) and Champagne British Car Festival and the Wheels of Time museum tour (Bloomington, Illinois) that Jim Switzer is setting up.

### **Road Ralley April 30th**

The ralley will take place as scheduled - final arrangements and instructions will be announced in a separate email no later than Friday, April 22.

### **2011 Calendar of Events**

#### April:

- 14<sup>th</sup> - Business meeting – Oaken Barrel, Greenwood
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Spring Clean UP at Haskells'
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Spring road ralley - Bruce Gilham

#### May:

- 7<sup>th</sup> - NIAHC's Spring Tune-up
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bluegrass Club's SpringThing
- 28<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup> - Drive Your British Car Week
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Indy 500 Party

#### June:

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> – Annual British Bash - Louisville
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- 9<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> AHC USA Rendezvous, Vancouver, Washington
- TBD - Jo Switzer will arrange an event - Danville, Indiana on a Friday night on the square and/or fish fry

#### July:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Conclave, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting

## August:

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Summer Party and Business meeting at Switzers
- 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> – AH Sports & Touring Club Encounter, Lancaster, PA
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream Social - Bushs to coordinate tour to Zaharko's Ice Cream Parlor (hope for better weather this year).
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Indy British Motor Days

## September:

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Northern Indiana AHC's winery car show
- 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> - World of Speed, Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah
- 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> - Miami Valley's September Round-up, Piqua, Ohio

## October:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - British Fall Out, Winona Lake, Indiana
- 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Southeastern Classic, Guntersville, Alabama
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Party and Business Meeting at the Bushs'
- TBD - Dick Storrs was asked to do another fall tour.

## November:

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting

## December:

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party. Jo Switzer suggested holding the event at the Hawthorns Country Club. Will have hors d'oeuvres, wine/beer bar, dinner and dessert. Last year's party cost the club around \$800. The club could contribute the same for this year's event and the rest would be \$20/person. Costs are estimates at this time.