



Overdrive

December, 2011 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

From the President: A recap of 2011

By Jim Frakes

As the year draws to a close, it is time to look back at Central Indiana's Healey Club year of 2011. It will be difficult to top the plethora of events we enjoyed in 2011. We hope you will be able enjoy your Healey in 2012!

We wrapped up 2010 with a wonderful tour of the Indianapolis Museum of Art with a tour of the Andy Warhol exhibit. **In Jan. 2012, Charlene Gilham has planned another event there you do not want to miss.** Of course, our traditional Christmas party, with our Chinese Auction, wound up the year.

The annual Daytona Party kicked off the social calendar. It was followed in March by our first show event (Cars for the Cure) inside the Stutz building downtown. March also saw Jo Switzer and Jim Frakes attend the National President's meeting in Colorado Springs, in advance of the Conclave event.

Spring Clean up in April at the Haskell's is usually the first real chance to get the cars out and look them over after a long, cold winter, and that we did. Melanie took the ladies shopping in Zionsville,

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Coming Events

The January business meeting will be Thursday the 12th at SQUEALERS Southern Barbecue at 5515 West 86th Street (corner of 86th and Zionsville Road) 871-7427.



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**Bob and Melanie in eastern Colorado,
in route to Conclave**

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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returning later to preparing a lunch for the clean-up/fix-up crew.

May 1st, a Putnam County Bridge tour, (planned by Bruce Gilham,) found plenty of bridges to view and a challenge to dodge the flooding that had occurred. Lunch in downtown Greencastle, and a view of the WWII German V-1 Rocket, preceded the tour wind up in very beautiful landscaped gardens in Avon. Northern Indiana AHC held their Spring Clean Up in Ft Wayne in early May. It is another event attended by some CI-AHCA enthusiasts.

Spring Auburn Auction on May 13th, was sparse this year, but still enough cars to see to make it interesting. Our return trip included a guided tour of the David Broyles eclectic collection of “stuff”. Too numerous to mention, but included a BT7 that needs a LOT of tender care. Need a challenge?

May 14th, the Indy Motor Speedway held their first annual **Celebration of Automobiles**. **Yes, it is coming back this year and I would advise anyone who likes to look at old cars, to attend.** This is as close to a Concours show, as I have ever seen in Indy.

[Second Annual Celebration of Automobiles – May 10-13, 2012](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/indy500/eventinfo/39708-Celebration-of-Automobiles/)

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Swoopy Alfa



Sterling Silver Mercedes

May 21st, Bluegrass AHC club held their SpringThing beginning with hospitality in Bill and Sarah Ritchey's Bowling Green home and garage. This was a GARAGE to behold! Sorry, if you missed it. A tour of the Corvette Museum and dinner there

was also a highlight.



Richey's garage with attached house

The interior was even more spectacular

June brought another long anticipated tour - the Dr. Richard and Cynthia Foster collection in New Castle, IN. A special built "house" conceals a complete garage on two floors. The upper contains mostly British cars and memorabilia with a wonderful and complete Jaguar collection. It includes two 1929 SS Swallow (pre-Jaguar) cars, XK120s, 140s, saloons, etc. The lower floor, accessed from the driveway around to the rear, contains at least 22 Corvettes, nine of which are Indy 500 pace cars, and at least one with plastic still covering the seats.

Late June came time for our cross country tour to Colorado Springs. There were various trip plans by individuals, but the main caravan made a good tour route of two lane roads. Conclave 2011 was a huge success, and all who went seemed to enjoy it immensely. My son, grandson and I were able to chalk one more off the "Bucket List" - the Pikes Peak Hill climb. Several others also made the excursion, but not in timed form. The return was eventful, but all made it back fine. **Conclave Louisville 2012 promises to be a great event and it is close. This may be your last chance to find a close venue as 2013 is north of Quebec City, Canada! Conclave 2014 is in the planning stages but should be in the Southeast part of the US. Conclave 2015 is in discussion stages also.**



The Central Indiana Contingent



Old Colorado Springs setting



Where's that wiper switch?



Ben Moore's high altitude issues

August saw two driving events, the overnight trip, planned by Jim Switzer, to Peoria and the "Wheels of Time" Museum. Reportedly, the group had a great time with the Central Illinois Healey Club crew. We would like to plan a joint trip this summer with that group. **Rockville and Ken Ellis Collection?**

Jim and Bev Bush planned a nice back road driving trip from the I-74 Casino thru Shelbyville, and over to Columbus. Destination; Lunch and Ice Cream at the famous Zaharakos 1900's vintage Ice Cream shop. **If you missed this, you have another chance to experience Zaharakos when we host September Round-up in Columbus in 2012.**



Healeys hunting for ice cream



Storrs after Zaharakos

September, always busy, usually starts off the fall season with a drive to Northern Indiana's British car show event. This year, a new venue, Round Barn Winery, was a pleasant setting next to the grape vineyards and the actual Round Barn. **We encourage you to attend in 2012.** It is normally a Friday afternoon drive up thru the two lane roads, followed by a tasty reception at the home of John and Rita Eslinger. Next morning is a nice back roads drive up to the winery, car show, live music, awards, and returning to home late that evening.



Big Healeys in the Winery



CIAHC at September Roundup

September Round-Up in Piqua was well attended by CI-AHCA as well as Healeys from Canada, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois. It was a great time, seeing lots of friends, and visiting new places. **In 2012, it is CI-AHCA's turn. Our host Hotel for the event is the Holiday INN Columbus. Jo Switzer and I have visited the Inn and expect it to be a good venue. We plan to start on Thursday,**

September 13th with Hospitality and a full day of events on Friday and Saturday. It should be a good event and hope you can plan to attend. Join the fun and volunteer to help in an event, if you can.

For driving events, we completed the year with the drive to SE Classic in Guntersville, Alabama. This is a well-attended event. It is always fun to see old friends and meet new ones. Jim and Sue Porter, former CI members were there with their Bugeye. **2012 will be in Myrtle Beach! It is just about 750 miles and will be a long, scenic drive of two to three days. Gilhams, Haskell,s and Frakes' took a similar route to the BMW Factory a few years ago and found the scenery was worth the trip.**

Bev and Jim Bush provided the barn setting and campfire for the annual Halloween party. The barn is entirely closed in now, and complete with electrical lighting and receptacles!

Tech sessions were few this year, as most cars have completed their rebuilds during the early 2000's. We did have a well-attended BJ8 tear apart just before Thanksgiving. While we did not complete the task, we did learn the Healey engine and transmission combination is much more balanced when the head is still on! Don't forget to ask for Tech Sessions If you need some help - just call to set up a date and time. We will put out the call to see who can help.

We encourage each of you to come up with suggestions as to what kind of event we can include in our planning for 2012. It can be tech sessions, social events, or driving events or ?? If you can't attend our **January club planning meeting**, please drop us a note or pick up the phone with your ideas.

November 2011 Business Meeting

Squealers Barbeque

The meeting called to order by president Jim Frakes.

Attending the meeting: Steve and Martha Beryni, Roy Bowman, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Bev Bush, David Broyles, Jim Frakes, Bruce Gilham, Bob, Melanie, and Tim Haskell, John Mann, David Morrison, Keith Norman, Craig and Sue Rice, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Dick Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer, and Bruce and Barbara Watson.

Treasurer/Membership Report

There's still money in the bank and there are 56 members.

Delegates Meeting Report Highlights (Jim Switzer)

There was a very good turnout with 37 of 46 clubs represented. The national club is healthy and the cash balance is good. The 2012 budget was approved. The largest expense is the magazine. The last issue (November) and the 2012 calendar will be mailed together shortly. Membership is down 130 members from last year to 3,100.

Jim passed out two 'club 'advertising' cards:

- for free membership for the rest of the year (new members only).
- for the new owner when you sell your car.

Conclave 2011 was a successful event. Although it wasn't expected to generate a profit with a registration of just a 170, with sponsorships/auctions, etc., the result was a \$9,000 profit. And, the costs of most meals were pass-through. The remaining Conclave regalia is available on-line.

Conclave 2012 update: 55-57 registrations so far, plus whoever registered during the delegate's meeting. If you register before February 28, 2011 you will receive a Bourbon Barrel Cake. The dates are June 17th - 22nd. We probably will want to get there on Saturday because Sunday's major event is the horse racing at Churchill Downs. Sunday also includes a Ladies hat contest and a 50's party that evening.

Conclave 2013 is in Charlevoix, Quebec, Canada - 2 hours north of Quebec City. It is a very scenic site. www.fairmont.com/Richelieu

Insurance costs remain the same for 2012. There will be no dues increase for 2012. The standing officers were re-elected for 2012.

Future 50 is targeting the 20-40 years old and trying to do things with the younger kids with student memberships. They are investigating donating car(s) to tech schools and at developing app(s) for smart phones.

The Angie's List program is still active. If you have anyone do work on your car or buy parts from, write a recommendation on the Angie's List web site. Every entry generates \$5 for the national club.

The budget was increased for next year for website development (maintenance, local club post, new material). The new website will feature a members only page and an e-commerce page for regalia, as well as a Healey Marque index.

There was a fair amount of discussion about the future budgets. A motion was made to print the membership directory every other year. The delegates will form a study group to look at reducing the cost of the directory. \$15k. (40% is postage).

Past events

Bob and Melanie Haskell, Bruce Gilham. and Jim and Doug Frakes went to Southeastern Classic in Alabama. Very nice resort and location. Shame that it's too small for a Conclave. Jim had fuel pump issues on the way home – periodically fixed with a lead shot hammer. Former club members Jim and Sue Porter were there with their Bugeye.

Upcoming events

Tech Session on next Tuesday night at Frakes Engineering - tear down of a wrecked BJ8. any time after 5pm. might dress warm. 7950 Castleway Drive.

Christmas Party Dec 3 at South Harbor at 4: Gift exchange (\$20/male/female/unisex). Dinner at 6:30 (ham/chicken starch, vegetable) pitch-in salad, appetizers and desert. Wine/beer/soft drinks will be provided. Let Melanie/Jo know what you'll bring. Little appetizers (cheese/crackers). David B. will bring the coffee ice cream. After dinner entertainment - any volunteers? Bring food for pantry. RSVP by Nov 30th.

Jan 21st - tour at IMA 11:30 Norish Cafe - tour at 1.

Think about events you would enjoy for next year and be prepared to discuss at the January business (planning) meeting.

Other Items

Congratulations to Fred Southworth whose BJ8 is pictured in the 2012 AHCUSA calendar.

Melanie Haskell suggested that the club make a donation this year to the Salvation Army's Clothe-A-Child. No motion made (Was done at the Christmas Party).

September Round-Up

Jim Frakes and Jo Switzer will put together a list of committees required for September

2011 Calendar of Events

January 12th, Business meeting at Squeelers

January 21st, 11:30am - Lunch at the Indianapolis Museum of Art Nourish Café followed by a docent guided tour (by our own Charlene Gilham) of **The Thaw Collection** featuring **The Art of the American Indians**, beginning at 12:45 pm, ending around 1:45 pm. Non-member parking is \$5.00. Admission to the museum is free, but the fee for The Thaw Collection is \$8.00 per person.