



# Overdrive

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

## **From the President**

*By Jim Frakes*

President's Letter February 2011

Winter, Bah Humbug! No auto racing, no Healey driving, no car shows, the only thing to do is work on your Healey, watch football, and this year, shovel snow!

Just before last month's meeting, Jim Frakes joined Rick Smith and his partner to put Putzke Bilstein Shocks on Dewey Poskon's BJ8. With the four of us, we completed all four shocks replacement project in about four hours. At the club meeting, Dewey expressed his satisfaction with the tube shocks (driving a Healey in January?) and was heading for Florida driving the BJ8 over the weekend. His email reported a successful trip down. Not back yet.

Last weekend, Ron Francis, Bob Haskell and Jim Frakes joined Bruce Gilham in pulling the Transmission from Bruce's BJ8. Bruce had the tunnel off and pretty much ready for the group when we arrived. In about two hours, it was out and ready for taking to Columbus to Leo Rouff for a check-out.

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## **Coming Events**

The February business meeting will be on Thursday February 10 at SQUEALERS Southern Barbecue at 5515 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street (corner of 86<sup>th</sup> and Zionsville Road) 871-7427.



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**Some dogs have all the fun!**

**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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For those purists who do not want to “butcher” their Healey, just pass on by this note. The ice storm allowed me to finish a project I had wanted to get done before the Colorado Springs trip, change my Healey seats for a set of used Miata seats. Tough job! I made sure not to destroy anything in case I want to go back to originals. Not only do you have to remove the seats and rails, on a BJ8, you need to remove the rear trim on both sides. This will allow some reclining of the back rest, even to the point of a nap (at a rest stop). The set I bought at a local junk yard for \$100, include a set of three inch speakers in the head rests. I will have to have the Tonneau modified to allow for the head rests. I think on the Colorado trip they will come in handy.

How about you? Is your Healey ready? Do you need a tech session? Is there anything your club can do to help? Call to discuss.

Planning for the events of the year shows one of the busiest ever for me. Healey based events start with the Healey Officers meeting in Colorado Springs in mid March, Northern Indiana Tune-up in early May, BGAHC Springthing in Mid-May, Louisville’s Brit car show in early June and Conclave in mid June (I plan to leave early to help with set-up for the event), returning in July. August is a personal vacation with the grandkids before starting the September round of events. Healeys Return to Bonneville is in September, but I may miss this time. Early October is Northern Indiana Lakes BMC show in Warsaw and mid October is SE Classic in Guntersville Alabama. (A trip I hope to make). November will be the annual Delegates meeting. Sounds like a full year of filling my “Bucket List”. Have you made your plans?

Jim

## ***October 2010 Business Meeting Minutes***

***By Bob Haskell***

January 2011 Business Meeting at Sahn's Tavern and Cafe  
Jim Frakes (President) called the meeting to order.

Attending were Roy Bowman, Pat Bruce, Jim and Sandy Burck, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Bev Bush, David Broyles, Jim and Karen Frakes, Bruce and Charlene

Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, John and Kathi Mann, Dewey Poskon, Craig and Sue Rice, Dick Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer, and Bruce and Barbara Watson.

Dewey brought three guests - Kyle and Jeannie Young and Rick Smith. Rick restored Dewey's Healey and Dewey wants him to do his Jaguar. Rick and Kyle are business partners - "Kyle & Rick, We'll repair anything; "Auto-Home-Appliances". Rick used to swap rides, his 60's Mustang for an Austin-Healey. Kyle & Rick are certified in body and mechanical work. Located in the Farley addition at 10th and 465 on the Westside.

The group sang Happy Birthday to Dick Buis who recently celebrated his 80th.

Conclave update:

- Jim Frakes and Jo Switzer need to be there by Wednesday, June 29.
- Bruce Watson talked about having the cars hauled to Conclave. He's talked to three trucking firms. Each can carry 6-7 cars - combination of Sprites, 100s, and 6 cylinders. One pick-up place around Indy with drop off near the Denver airport. So, fly to Denver and take local transport to the Healeys, and then drive the cars to the event. Price for one way:
  - Passport: \$3900/per truck
  - InterCity: \$5500
  - Classic: \$5950
  - Best case – seven cars both ways with Passport - \$1115, round trip.
- Dick Storrs has been helping Gary Feldman(NE Ohio) with the pre-Conclave tour from Hagerstown, MD to Colorado Springs. Travel 320 - 360 miles a day. Will be traveling the National Rd (US 40) which runs parallel to I-70 (can be used if you've been sightseeing and need to catch up). Hampton Inn for nightly lodging. Schedule:
  - Tuesday, June 28th: Hagerstown, MD to Columbus, OH
  - Wednesday, June 29th: Columbus, OH to Effingham, IL
  - Thursday, June 30th: Effingham, IL to Kansas City, MS
  - Friday, July 1st: Kansas City, MS to Hayes Kansas
  - Saturday, July 2nd: Hayes, Kansas to Colorado Springs

So folks could either join the group as it drives through Indy on Wednesday, or scoot over to Effingham early Thursday morning (2.5-3 hours).

The Austin Healey Club USA asked that we post the following invitation to their annual Healey Rendezvous event that is similar to our Austin Healey Club of America's Conclave. (Editor's note: a Rendezvous is on my bucket list, but not for this year).



The 2011 Austin Healey Rendezvous will be held June 27 – July 1 at the Heathman Lodge [www.heathmanlodge.com](http://www.heathmanlodge.com) in Vancouver, Washington and is hosted by the Cascade Austin Healey Club of Washington. Further information and registration forms are available at <http://cascadeahc.homestead.com/Rendezvous.html>.

Many fun activities are planned including a welcome reception, car show and popular choice judging, best of show judging, concours judging, tech sessions, silent and live auctions, ladies tea, Texas Hold'em poker, Bunko, rally, guided and self-guided tours, closing banquet and "Rear View Memories" with entertainment.

Steve Pike from Australia plans to attend and bring his Streamliner replica to the meet. Plans are to have the Streamliner on display throughout the entire event. Steve has volunteered to give a short talk and slide show during the welcoming reception.

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Chairman 2011 Rendezvous

## ***2011 Calendar of Events (updated at January Business Meeting)***

### **January:**

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting at Sahm's Tavern and Cafe

### **February:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> - business meeting at Squealers - 86th and Zionsville Rd
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Daytona 500 Party cancelled this year
- 27<sup>th</sup> - All British Swap Meet & Auto Jumble - Chicago

### **March:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting - Oaken Barrel in Greenwood

### **April:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> - Business meeting - Sahms Tavern and Cafe
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Spring tune-up at Haskells'
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Spring road rally - Bruce Gilham

### **May:**

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

### **June:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - Annual British Bash - Louisville
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - Jim Switzer will look into a tour of the Wheels O'Time Museum in Peoria, IL (Saturday and the Champagne British Car Festival in Bloomington, IL (Sunday).
- 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:

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

#### December:

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party. Jo Switzer suggested holding the event at the Hawthorns Country Club. Doing so will be less work for club members but will cost more (twice as much). 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.