



Overdrive

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

From the President

By Jim Frakes

We made it! Colorado Springs; 1001.9 miles and two days, from Noblesville, in the Healey. On Monday, June 20th, my daughter Kim and my Grandson Nolan, decided to go on the trip out with Doug and me, and move our trip plans forward a day to Tuesday the 21st. That took some scrambling with the luggage and room for Kim in the Healey. Doug drove his Grand Cherokee SRT 8 with Nolan as navigator and Kim in the Healey with me. Since we now wanted to maximize their time in Colorado Springs (COS), we took I- 70 and traveled around 70-73 most of the way. Kim was a trouper, never complaining, and never accepting my offer to ride in the A/C equipped Jeep. It was such a great trip, great weather, very slight sprinkle near KC, not too hot (until Hays KS) and top down all the way.

We had a slight delay for two hours on Tuesday just West of Kansas City, KS. The nut and bolt holding the bracket for the A/C and Alternator just fell out, slackening the fan belt and overheating the radiator. I smelled anti-freeze and 30 seconds later, a stream hit the windshield. We pulled off quickly into a truck stop and found the bolt still laying on the frame, but no nut or washer.

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Coming Events

The July business meeting will be on Thursday the 14th at SQUEALERS Southern Barbecue at 5515 West 86th Street (corner of 86th and Zionsville Road) 871-7427.



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**A modified Swedish MG Midget
(Opel lights and grille)**

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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A trip to a local store produced nuts and washers and a gallon of coolant. The location is very hard to get to and took longer to get the nut tightened. This time with Loctite, as there is no room for an elastomeric nut. We over-nighted in Topeka, making 550 miles on Tuesday. We were on the road early on Wednesday for an uneventful drive, but coming in to COS, I could hear the alternator belt squeaking and needing adjustment.

Kim and Nolan left COS this morning on a 6:00 am flight back home, but felt it was a very enjoyable trip for them. We did most of the tourist attractions, including Garden of the Gods Park, Cave of the Winds, Cheyenne Mountain Canyon, Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining area, Old Colorado City, Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, and Leadville. With Doug always wanting to drive the mountain areas and Kim wanting to see tourist attractions, we had some compromises, but it was a great time. Friday night, a Fan Fest similar to the Indy 500 Fest, was downtown on the main North – South street for four blocks and some side streets. Quite a show, with several of the race cars, Sponsors, big Ducati Motorcycle booth and many food vendors plus a large moto cross jumping demo put on by Red Bull.

Sunday, Doug, Nolan and I, got up at 3:00 am to drive to the Pikes Peak Hill Climb. The gates open for spectators at 4:00 am and by 4:15 we were in a four mile line to get in. Once in, there is no way back out, you are in for the day. We drove up to the 12,000 foot level to view - chilly and very windy. Many times I felt it was going to blow me off the mountain. The cars started at 9:00 am, leading off with three electric cars including the Nissan Leaf. The big build up was the unlimited class with driver Monster Tajima of Japan, breaking the 10 minute mark, a new world's record. The motorcycles followed as well as some experimental classes and four wheelers.

Overall, it completes a bucket list item, but I would not go back.

Time to go to press with this letter, hope you enjoyed it. Next month, some updates on the Conclave 2011 in COS. Healey on!



A new Morgan near the Strøget in Copenhagen

June 6th Business Meeting Minutes

By Roy Bowman

Oaken Barrel Pub, Greenwood

Attendees: Ruth & Dick Buis, John Mann, Jim Switzer, Suzy & Norm Schoppenhorst, Jean Wright, Jon Monies, Sandy & Jim Burck, David Broyles, Jim Frakes, Sue & Craig Rice, Paul Imel, Roy Bowman, and Pat Bruce

Call to Order- Jim Frakes called our meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Recent Events - Jim reviewed the recent events including the Centennial Car Show at the Speedway - one of the best he has attended. The 540K Mercedes originally owned by Field Marshal Hermann Goering was of historical interest for its bullet hole. The race itself will be remembered as particularly competitive and exciting. Springthing, sponsored by the Bluegrass Club, was a fine event, including the gathering at the Richeys' home with its garage murals and the collection of unusual British cars and a tour of the Corvette Museum. He went on to describe the June 4th open house at Muncie Imports which then moved on in the afternoon to view the amazing collection of cars, including several Jaguars and Corvettes, and auto memorabilia of New Castle's Dr. Richard Foster. Dewey Poskon was instrumental in our being invited to view this collection.

Prior Minutes from the May meeting's minutes were approved as presented by Bruce Gilham in the June OVERDRIVE. Bruce will be attending the Organ Transplant Games in Sweden as a contestant in the Javelin throw and Golf Tournament in June before returning for the birth of a grandchild, and then for Conclave.

Membership & Treasurer - Craig Rice reported that our membership stands at 54, with the potential of a new member, Justin Fox, a friend of Doug Bruce, and then reported on our balance of funds.

Monies 500 Party - Jon reported on their annual event. There were two dozen attendees who enjoyed good food, fellowship, and an exciting race. The race pool winners were 1st place - Barbara Watson, 2nd place - the Haskells, and 3rd place - Jo Switzer.

Conclave 2011 - Jim Frakes indicated that several CIAHCA members are expected to attend. In addition, he commented on the recent article in the Marque about the hazards of not replacing old tires.

Joint Outing with Central Illinois - Jim Switzer is organizing this event for Aug 6th & 7th overnight, Socializing with this nearby Club and a visit to the Wheels of Time Museum in Peoria are on the agenda. Jim will contact the Northern Indiana Club to see if there is any interest among them in joining us.

Tech Sessions - There are several members who might wish to schedule one in the near future, but nothing is currently on the calendar.

Next Meeting - July 14th – maybe visiting a MOPAR collection in the vicinity of I-69 and 116th. More later.

Adjournment: 8:35 pm

From the editor:

Charlene and I had a wonderful time in Copenhagen visiting our son, Eric and his sweetheart, Anna; and then in Gothenburg, Sweden for the World Transplant Games. Sprinkled in the Overdrive are photos of some British and American classic cars we encountered along the way. More importantly, we have a new granddaughter - Emma Olivia Witbeck, 8#, 20^{3/4}". Mother and child are perfect!



I spotted this Sprite during a wrong turn in a culdesac in Lund, Sweden

2011 Calendar of Events

July:

- 3rd - 8th - Conclave, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 14th - Business Meeting

August:

- 6th-7th – Joint Outing with Central Illinois AHC (in Illinois) being organized by Jim Switzer
- 10th -14th – AH Sports & Touring Club Encounter, Lancaster, PA
- 20th - Ice Cream Social - Bushs to coordinate tour to Zaharko's Ice Cream Parlor (hope for better weather this year).
- 27th - Indy British Motor Days

September:

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

October:

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

November:

- 10th - Business Meeting

December:

- 10th - 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.



**Chrysler at a ferry landing
Uddevalla, Sweden**



**'48 Buick in 50 kpm zone
Uddevalla, Sweden**

Our condolences to Jim and Sandi Burck on the passing of Jim's brother on June 21st. Richard G. Burck of Indianapolis was 77. Survivors are son David and grandson Nicholas and daughter Christie Burck as well as brother Jim Burck and extended family.