



Overdrive

June 2011 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

From the President

By *Jim Frakes*

These summer months get so busy it is difficult to keep up with the activities of life. May is always exciting if you are a race fan and a car buff, all in one, plus add the graduations and most of all the family fun enabled by the great late spring weather. Maybe it is my imagination, but this year seemed even busier.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway's 100 Year Anniversary festivities included probably the greatest display of Vintage Cars I have ever seen on opening day at the Indy 500 track. Words cannot describe the quality and depth of cars of nearly every make, from all over the U.S. Especially significant was the over twenty Stutz and even more Marmon's. (Reportedly the largest gathering ever of Marmon's).

Doug was enamored with a 1938 Alfa and an over restored, mid-30's Mercedes 540 K.

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Next Business Meeting: June 9th:

Oaken Barrel Brewing Company, 50 Airport Pkwy # L, Greenwood, IN (317) 887-2287



Mercedes 540K

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1938 Alfa

Mr. Healey's Neighborhood

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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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Present also was the “Blue Goose” 1936 Mercedes 540 K of Hermann Goering during WWII, which was taken over by General Maxwell Taylor and the 101st Airborne. Although repainted, the interior is original as are the bullet holes.

Springthing in Bowling Green, KY? Yes, it was great; people, the cars, the country touring, the Corvette Museum, and a Hospitality evening visit to the lovely home (and great garages) of Bill and Sarah Ritchey. Their very beautiful white over red 67 BJ8 was displayed with a variety of Vintage MG’s. My favorite is their 1933 London “Bobbie” car, but the rare J2 MG is also very nice. The murals on their walls provided a great setting in this spotless and very well equipped garage. Thanks to the Ritchey’s for a fun evening.



Richey’s “Garage” (i.e. Car Palace)

Healeys at the Wigwam Village Motel

Indianapolis Motor Speedway showed once again why the Indy 500 is called the “Greatest Spectacle in Racing.” Drama throughout, and a near story book ending, culminated in a deserving winner. We all feel for the rookie crashing on the last turn, but what a class act for him and his team, no sour grapes, no blaming anyone else, just stand up.

On June 4th, I joined Bob and Melanie Haskell and Pat Bruce visiting Dr. Richard and Diane Foster’s car collection in New Castle. We had heard many times of their collection of Jags and Corvettes, but were not even close to imagining what we were going to experience. Twenty two Corvettes, eight of which are Indy Pace cars were in the memorabilia filled basement of what looked like a large home in a very nice sub-division. Upstairs were mostly Jags ranging from the 1929 Swallow through the

Mark XIX Saloon, to XK 120, 140 and 150's, plus a scattering of E Types. Again, the memorabilia takes just as long to look through as does the cars. We will put this one on our bucket list to visit with the Healey club, maybe next year. If we get it scheduled, you do not want to miss it.

Finally, send "Happy Trails" to the Gilham's who are off to Sweden for the World Transplant Games, which Bruce is participating in. Of course, they will also spend some time with their son and his lady friend before returning to the U.S. just in time for Bruce and Charlene to welcome an expected new arrival from their daughter in Lexington, while Bruce plans to drive to COS with the Haskell's. Hopefully Charlene will fly in to Colorado in time for the fun.

See you Thursday at the Oaken Barrel.

May 12, 2011 Business Meeting Minutes (Squealers Barbeque)

By Bob Haskell

Meeting called to order by Jim Frakes.

Attending the meeting were Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim Bush, Ruth and Dick Buis, Jeff Ford, Jim Frakes, Bruce Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, John and Kathi Mann, Keith Norman, Sue and Craig Rice, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Jo Switzer, Bruce and Barbara Watson, and Don Yost.

Minutes accepted as published in the May issue of Overdrive.

Membership: 53 members.

Welcome to Jeff Ford who is a new member. He owned a couple of Healeys in the 60's (a 3000 MkI and a MkIII). He is now looking to get back into Healeys and is looking for a car (probably BJ8).

Upcoming Events:

May 14th car show at IMS.

May 19-22 SpringThing - for those taking the back roads meet at Haskell's - time to be determined.

May 29th: Jon Monies & Joan Wright for live broadcast of the 500 Mile Race.

Danville Friday night - First Friday of the month, 5pm - 9pm. Probably need to get there by 4pm. There were 250 cars in for the May event - had cars parking on the side streets. June 3rd is the next date. Send email to Jim/Jo Switzer to coordinate.

June 4th - Muncie Imports & Dr. Foster's car collection with the Jaguar club.

June 9th business meeting at Oaken Barrel.

Mike Schmidt would like to have a joint event in Kokomo - visit the Haynes museum on June 4th or 11th. Looks like 4th is a busy weekend and people may be out of town on the 11th.

Jim Frakes has a preliminary schedule for Conclave. Contact him if you want a copy.

July Business meeting - location to be determined.

August 6th or 13th - joint meeting with Illinois - Wheels O'Time museum.

Ice Cream Social moved to August 20th - going to Columbus, IN. The Indy British Motor Days car show on 27th at the Lions Park in Zionsville. The MotoGP is on the 28th.

Sept 16-18th - September Roundup registration forms are available.

Our annual Christmas party will be at the South Harbor club house on December 3rd.

2012 SE Classic probably on Sept 14th or October. Not to conflict with September Round-up.

Other Business: Angie's List has started a classic car category. They request reviews for businesses that have done work on your cars. Jim Frakes has the forms. Have a need for reviews for British cars especially. Angie's List will give the AHCA national club \$5 per form. You can submit reviews on-line - specify AHCA as the charity.

Car Info: Don Yost may have a broken cam in his Sprite.

Norm & Suzy: one rear hub to go and the car will be on the ground.

2011 Calendar of Events

June:

- 9th - Business Meeting, Oaken Barrel Brewery
- 27th - July 1st 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:

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

August:

- 6th - Summer Party and Business meeting at Switzers
- 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.