



# Overdrive

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

## **From the President**

*By Jim Frakes*

### President's Letter March 2011

Yes, Daytona was fun and the weather was nice. Four straight days of racing is enough to start the year off right. A little sunshine and warmth doesn't hurt either. As the winter starts to break, we hope, it's time to get back to thoughts of the upcoming Healey year.

BGAHC now has their registration forms available for SpringThing 2011. It promises to be even better than ever, so check it out. We will have info at the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Foremost on my Healey mind is to get the car ready for the trek to Colorado Springs for Conclave. As previously noted, several drivers, myself included have been undertaking some major repairs we may have been putting off for some time. My front suspension rebuild, included King Pins, new bushings and parts clean-up / powder coat. The parts are now ready for re-assembly since I have returned from my Florida and Daytona 500 trip. I am anxious to see what a difference this will make in the front end. Amazingly, the rubber A-arm bushings were in good shape except for the left rear bushing, which was pretty

loose. I kept hearing a rattle when I hit lines in the road, and I think this was it. My plan is to attend SpringThing, for a shakedown run. As one Healey

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## **Next Business Meeting**

The March business meeting will be on Thursday March 10, at Logan's Roadhouse at 4825 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street in Indianapolis, 871-7427. Arrive before 6:00 pm for two full meals for \$14.99!



Mr. Logan at his hemi grille – Yummy!

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Smile, Spring is almost here!

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## ***From the President***

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enthusiast says; *“Every drive in a British car is a test drive”.*

As the long awaited Spring approaches, I hope you have been thinking about what parts and / or help you need for your Healey for the drive to Colorado. As of yet, I have not heard of anyone besides Bruce Gilham looking for assistance with the Healey. I urge you to think what may need to be done and let's get it on the schedule before we all get too busy. If you are planning on driving out in a group, I would urge all people to consider putting in a CB. While everyone has a cell phone, it takes time to dial and not everyone gets the message at the same time. CB is old fashioned but it works well and provides instant communication to the group if in range.

Jim

## **February 2011 Business Meeting Minutes**

*By Bob Haskell*

February 2011 Business Meeting at Squealers Barbeque

In Jim Frakes absence, Melanie Haskell called the meeting to order.

People attending were: Steve and Martha Berenyi, Dick and Ruth Buis, Roy Bowman, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim Bush, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Paul Imel, Craig and Sue Rice, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Jim Switzer, and Bruce Watson.

Membership report - Membership renewals: we still have ten members that have not renewed. Jim Miller (Noblesville) passed away during the summer of 2010. His wife will be selling the car, a BJ8. One new member is George Ford.

Upcoming Events:

The next business meeting on March 10th will be Logan's Roadhouse (82nd St) as Oaken Barrel was not available. There are no other events in March. The April business meeting will be at Oaken Barrel on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The annual clean up and look underneath will be at the Haskell's on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Bruce Gilham will have a driving tour on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Roy Bowman will see if he can get a reservation at Sahm's Cafe for the May 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

Conclave - Head count of who's going: Gilhams, Rices, Buis (undecided), Bowman, Haskells, Burcks (undecided), Bushs and Switzers. There are 70 registrations so far; 180 is the break even point.

Correction - An error in the calendar in last month's Overdrive: The Indy 500 party is on the 29th, not the 28th.

Car Info - Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst are ready to assemble the Bugeye's front suspension. Bob Haskell has installed and reamed the king pin bushings.

Other info - Jo Switzer said 'Hi' while putting aloe on her sun burn (Naples, FL).

## ***From the Editor: Watch your speed at Conclave!***

CNBC recently reported that Colorado Springs has the fourth most number of speed traps (186) of major cities in the U.S.:

Remember, Colorado has "home rule," where municipalities don't have to follow state laws, and Colorado Springs takes full advantage of it.

To their credit, they fully disclose how tough they are: They state publicly that drivers will be penalized if they drive 1-4 miles over the speed limit, 5 to 9 miles over, 10 to 19 miles over, 20 to 39 miles over and 40 or more miles over (Literally, they break it down that far). They also state that "one's intent is irrelevant," which means they don't care if you didn't mean to speed, had a broken speedometer or have oversized tires. These situations are "Not a defense to speeding."

Colorado Springs drivers write on Speedtrap.org that often police use unmarked vehicles. And, like Denver, wide roads are often slapped with a 25 mph limit and entering the city from the southeast, one motorist notes, the speed limit drops quickly from 55 to 25.

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## ***Spring Road Ralley (rain or shine), April 30***

by Bruce Gilham

While the details are yet to be worked out, our ralley will include a private tour of the mansion and grounds (now a bed and breakfast) of the home of four generations of Irwin family located in Columbus, Indiana. This will be a great opportunity for some interesting photo opportunities, especially for your Healey on the private brick drive!

Built in 1864 by Joseph I. Irwin, Columbus banker and businessman, this Italianate design was remodeled in 1880. However, to accommodate four generations of the Irwin family, the home has been enlarged and redesigned over the years. The current mansion was the magnificent achievement of Henry A. Phillips, a Massachusetts architect, who was hired by William G. Irwin in 1910. The intricate detail of the extensive fine woodwork and moldings throughout the house are reminiscent of a European estate. On the east, a raised terrace was added to link the home to the adjoining Garden. Most of the furniture and furnishings are original to the home.

The highlight of this two-acre property is the garden, a beautiful maze based on the Casa degli Innamorati in Pompeii. Several fountains and a long pool are the focal point of a lowered sunken garden. There is a statue under the center arch of the garden house designed from a lakeside structure at the Villa of Hadrian at Tivoli,

*The Inn at*  
**IRWIN**  
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Italy. Pompeian murals accent the garden house. Wisteria vines on the terrace's pergolas were planted in 1911, and continue to bloom in the spring.

The Inn at Irwin Gardens' illustrious neighbors are the I.M. Pei library, the First Christian Church of Eliel Saarinen, and Columbus Signature Academy and St. Peters Lutheran Church, both of Gunnar Birkerts.

Clessie Cummins served as chauffeur to the Irwin family. It was on this property that Clessie first began 'tinkering' in the garage, where he developed the ideas and technology for a high-speed diesel engine. With the backing of William Glanton Irwin, his ideas became the cornerstone product of Cummins, Inc., now a \$13 billion Fortune 500 company. W.G. Irwin's great-nephew J. Irwin Miller, who was born and raised in this house, and his wife Xenia had the vision that ultimately led to the development of the trove of modern architecture in Columbus, Indiana.

We are also closing in on arranging a tour on the same day of an extensive private model railroad collection of some renown, also in Columbus.

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

### **March:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting – Logan's Roadhouse, Indy

### **April:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> - Business meeting – Oaken Barrel, Greenwood
- 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> - 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
- 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. 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.