



Overdrive

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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

From the President

By Jim Frakes

October; normally the end of our driving season is coming quickly. For Gilhams, Haskells and Frakes, one last hurrah is still on the event list - the Southeastern Classic in Lake Guntersville State Park in NE Alabama. This annual event is a rotating Regional AHCA meet with both Carolina Clubs, Florida, Georgia, Middle Tennessee and Smoky Mountain clubs taking a turn at hosting. This is similar to our own regional September Roundup event. It should be a nice ride, albeit chilly to start with, through the back roads of Southern Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee ending in the resort area of Lake Guntersville. We leave on the 19th.

Northern Indiana AHC changed their location for the first time in over a decade. The Round Barn Winery, very close to the previous Lemon Creek Winery, was a welcome change. Most people I talked with liked the facility much better than Lemon Creek. It went very well with a host of Austin Healeys, but not as many other British cars. The weather looked ominous but turned out to be a sunny fall day. The Haskells and Jim Frakes attended.

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Coming Events

The October business meeting will be on Saturday the 29th at the home of Jim and Bev Bush – See the last page of the Overdrive for more info. Note the Business Meeting, and club officer elections, begin at 5:00 pm.



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**Is it a bird, a moth, Superman?
Actually, it's a WACO**

Mr. Healey's Neighborhood

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<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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I have not received a report from Roy Bowman about the Northern Indiana Lakes British Car Show at Winona Lake, but reportedly he attended.

Speaking of September Round-up, the event in Piqua, Ohio was a huge success thanks to the Miami Valley Club's excellent hosting. Attendees were from several states, including MI, IN, KY, OH, and Canada. Central Indiana was well represented with the Watsons, Gilhams, Manns, Switzers, Buis', Burcks, and Jim Frakes meeting in Pendleton for a nice ride across US 36. The Rices drove on their own as did Wright-Monies and Storrs. Of special note was the trip by Fred Southworth, leaving Terre Haute to drive to Maysville, Kentucky to pick up his Grandson, Tanner Pitakis; then making their way to Piqua! Of course a return trip was required on Sunday. Tanner enjoyed the weekend helping Grandpa shine the BJ8. It was very nice to see a young person there.

Next year it is Central Indiana's turn to be host the September Roundup. Jo Switzer has negotiated with the Holiday Inn in Columbus, Indiana as the host hotel on September 14 through 16, 2012.

I had the opportunity to be in Columbus this week and toured with our event coordinator. The Holiday Inn is located just off I-65 at State Highway 46. I was greatly impressed with the facility. Our last event there was my first CI-AHCA event (I think in 1995 or 1996). The additions and upgrades to the hotel since then have taken the hotel into more of a meeting place than just a sleeping hotel. The atmosphere is more "Brown County" as well as featuring several new amenities. Our usual Rallye Master in Southern Indiana, Jon Monies, has volunteered again to use his masterful knowledge of back roads there to come up with a good route. We will need volunteers to handle several events including Car Show, Hospitality, Awards, etc. A complete list should be ready soon.

Don't forget the Halloween Party on October 29th at the Bush's Barn. We hear it is even more closed in this year than last and is always an enjoyable end of season outdoor event. We will have officer's elections at the start of the event at Bush's. If you have not sent in a nomination for any office, you can send them to Bob Haskell (rchaskell@earthlink.net). All positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Delegate, Treasurer/Membership, Secretary, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor.

Tech Session Early Planning; A tech session is planned for the Tuesday night prior to Thanksgiving to STRIP! A BJ8 Healey that is. Engine, transmission rear end,

etc. etc. Work will be done at the rear of the Frakes Engineering building in Castleton. Beer, soft drinks and pizza provided - start at 6:00 pm or before.

September 8th Business Meeting Minutes – Squeeler’s Southern Barbeque

By Bob Haskell

The meeting was called to order by Jim Frakes.

Attending the meeting were David Broyles, Ruth and Dick Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Bill Coan, Jim Frakes, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Jon and Kathi Mann, Craig and Sue Rice, Norm and Suzie Schoppenhorst, Dick Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer, Bruce and Barbara Watson, and Don Yost.

July business meeting minutes were not published in the September issue of Overdrive.

Treasurer/Membership Chairman Craig Rice reported current membership at 55 with the recent renewal of Jim Thomas. However, Jim's red BJ8 is still for sale.

Past Events:

Ice cream event - excellent drive, nice day, good lunch and ice cream.

The Indy British Motor Day car show in Zionsville was very successful with lots of “grandchildren” enjoying the playground. The women especially enjoyed the Zionsville shopping. Craig and Sue Rice were awarded first prize in Master’s Class.

Upcoming Events:

Round Barn Winery - Frakes, Haskells, and Switzers are going. We will meet the Northern Indiana club on Friday evening in South Bend and travel up on Saturday.

September Roundup - 48 registered as of yesterday. We will meet at the Marsh at 3015 W. US 36 in Pendleton to drive over on 36. We plan on leaving Marsh at 12:30. The Schoppenhorsts are driving their motor home, so they can haul stuff.

Jim Frakes did a flyer for Roundup 2012 to hand out at the Round Barn Winery event and September Roundup 2011.

Jim Frakes suggested that Dick Storrs might do a drive to the British Fall Out event

at Winona Lake.

Christmas Party menu - would like to reduce the amount of food left at the end of the meal - Melanie and Jo suggested having the caterer prepare one entree and one vegetable. Club members would supply bread, salad, and dessert. The cost to the club for the party typically runs about \$650. Members decided to have two entrees: honey-baked ham and chicken.

Tech Sessions:

On Labor Day, which was Jim Switzer's birthday, Jim Frakes, Brent Porter, Norm Schoppenhorst, and Bob Haskell helped Jim install the engine and gearbox in Jim and Jo's MGB. Before everyone left, the car was running and hopefully the cam is broken in. It still needs some around town mileage and a couple of adjustments before heading off to September Roundup.

Norm and Suzie are ready to install the engine and gearbox in the Bugeye. Norm would like to have a tech session Sunday, September 11th - starting at 9:00 AM. (Bruce Schoppenhorst (son) was also there to install the engine and gearbox in Suzie's Bugeye).

Dick Storrs has a spare six cylinder differential. He offered to use it as a prototype for the build up for a 3.54 gear set (when available) and swapped in as a complete unit when a car is 'upgraded'.

New Business:

We discussed the officer election process. Bob Haskell will send out an email soliciting nominations. Please reply back to Bob by October 1st.

Jo suggested a new position - Event Chairman, who could also give the duties of the Vice President.

Melanie Haskell discussed getting new club shirts from Lands Ends Business Outfitters. We can put our Central Indiana AHC logo into the system and members can then get any shirt with that logo. There are a couple different versions of our current logo. Use the version on the vests (colors). The goal is to have them for September Roundup 2012. Send in color/ shirt style choice to Jim/Bob.

Old Business - Jo Switzer suggested that we reduce the price on the remaining cook books to \$5 each. We've sold enough books to cover our cost. We have

about 150 books left (between the Switzers and Frakes).

Time to stuff bags...

Bob Haskell

AHCA 3000 Mk I registrar

http://www.ciahc.org/registry_3000mk1.php

2011 Calendar of Events

October:

- 1st - British Fall Out, Winona Lake, Indiana (Dick Storrs agreed to incorporate a "ralley" for our member's planning to attend this event.
- 20th - 23rd - Southeastern Classic, Lake Guntersville, Alabama
- 29th - Halloween Party and Business Meeting at the Bushs' – see following page for details.

November:

- 17th - Business Meeting – meeting place yet to be determined.

December:

- 3rd - Christmas Party at South Harbour Club House

September Roundup extra curricular activity, by Bruce Gilham (info largely plagiarized from internet sources).

While many enjoyed the road rally, many others journeyed eight miles south of Piqua to Troy, home of the WACO Aircraft Company, and host for the annual Vintage WACO Homecoming Fly-In. The event featured the return of approximately 20 vintage WACO biplanes to the site of the original WACO aircraft factory.

WACO was a pioneering aircraft company during the golden age of aviation, and from about 1924 until they ceased aircraft production in 1947, the company manufactured thousands of open cockpit and cabin WACO biplanes. "They were the Boeing of their day," said Don Willis, WACO executive director." And for a

seven-year period in the late 1920s and early 1930s WACO was the largest producer of commercial airplanes in the U.S. Many of the early aeronautical records were set in WACOs and these aircraft were exported to over 40 countries around the world. Today many of these beautiful aircraft have survived. They have been restored and are still flying.

WACO (referring to the aircraft) is correctly pronounced "wah-co". The first syllable pronounced as in "water", not "way-co" like Waco, Texas, whose name is entirely unrelated.

Several companies operated under the WACO name, with the first company being the Weaver Aircraft Company. In the spring of 1923 this became the Advance Aircraft Company, but from then on all planes included the WACO trademark on the tail.

The WACO name was extremely well represented in the US civil aircraft registry between the wars, with more WACOs registered than any other aircraft company. During World War II WACO produced large numbers of military gliders for airborne operations including the Normandy Invasion.

WACO ceased operations in 1947 having suffered the fate of a number of general aviation companies when an anticipated boom in aviation following World War II failed to develop.



The 4th or 5th (We've lost track.) Bush
Halloween party

At the Bush's' barn
(Which is almost finished)
Saturday,
October 29
6:00 to ???

Business meeting at 5:00

Hot dogs & accoutrements,
plates, glasses, etc.

Bring a side dish
And
Your best campfire tale.

Dress for the weather

Costumes may be required.
Think about it.

If you need a map, e-mail us at buffie@indy.net.