



# Overdrive

May 2012 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

## From the President:

By Jim Frakes

Spring came in March and Winter came back in April. Still, the Haskell's Spring Tune-up / clean up and shopping trip had a great turn out. Two Healey Blue over Olde English White Austin-Healeys braved the rain to get some work done. Bruce and Barbara Watson came in their BT7 and Michael Goldenburg brought his BJ8 over to have a few items looked at. Jon Monies and Joan Wright, Jim Frakes, Ruth and Dick Buis, Jim and Jo Switzer, Jim and Sandy Burck, Craig Rice and Norm Schoppenhorst, joined our hosts Bob and Melanie Haskell for the event. A very nice lunch of chili with side dishes was followed by a Birthday cake for Ruth's Birthday. We won't reveal which one.



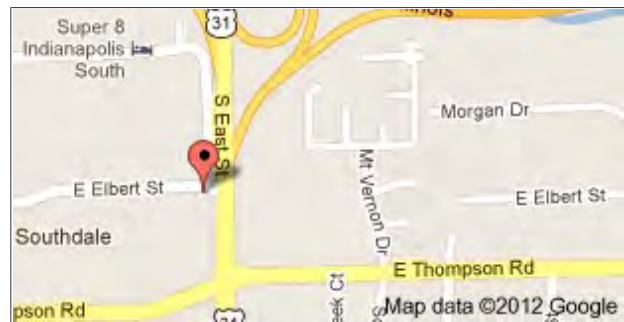
Michael is reviewing what the BJ8 needs to be for some driving this summer. After a look over-under and inside, we really did not find much as it was rebuilt in '86 and Michael is considering some cosmetic upgrades maybe this coming fall-winter.

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## Coming Events:



Business meeting: May 10th at Dimitri's, 4902 S East St (US-31), Indianapolis, (317) 791-1118



Indy 500 Party: Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> at Jon Monies and Joan Wright's, 1008 Nelson Ridge Rd, Columbus. Arrive at 10:30 AM or later. RSVP to Joan at [wrightmonies@aol.com](mailto:wrightmonies@aol.com). Bring your favorite salad or desert.

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<http://www.healeyclub.org/>

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Bruce was able to fix his rear bumper brackets for a more sturdy bumper. With the rain setting in for most of the day, Healeys were scarce. But, work was done.

The Miami Valley Chapter AHCA reports they have lost one of its founding members. Pete McMurchy passed away quietly Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, at Hospice from a variety of ailments due to heart problems. He was 84.

Pete's interest in the Healey marque was to be the beginning of the Miami Valley Chapter of the AHCA. Pete bought his first Healey, a 1967 BJ8, in the summer of 1975. That same year he saw an ad in a car magazine seeking memberships in the newly formed Austin Healey Club of America based in Chicago. He joined the AHCA and persuaded other Healey owners in the area to send in their memberships. The next year, Pete and other Healey owners from the area traveled to Bloomington, Indiana for the first AHCA Conclave. Pete was one of the core group of five members who then met often and planned forming a chapter in the Dayton area. Those were fun times and a lot of harebrained schemes for enticing new members emerged with Pete usually leading the absurd. That fall, in an effort to see about interest about a chapter in this area, an ad was placed in the Dayton Daily News and the word was spread among the local foreign parts stores. About 15 Healey enthusiasts showed up for the initial meeting. The National Club approved recognition of the Miami Valley Chapter and Pete served as the first treasurer for many years. Pete remained active in the club until health reasons slowed him down. Despite his failing health, he attended the annual Christmas party this year.

Pete was a kind and generous person. He always had a smile and could make friends with anyone. His easygoing manner hid a really offbeat sense of humor and he could turn a small incident into a whole night of laughter. Our condolences go to his wife Mary Lou and their family. He will be truly missed.

## **April 12, 2012 Business Meeting at George's Neighborhood Grill** **By Bob Haskell, secretary**

Meeting called to order by Jim Frakes (President).

Attending the meeting were: Randy and Janet Belden, Steve Berenyi, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Pat Bruce, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim Frakes, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Paul Imel, John and Kathi Mann, Craig Rice, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Jim and Barbara Stringfield, Dick Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer, and Bruce and Barbara Watson.

Treasurer/Membership Report: we have 56 members.

March meeting minutes accept as published in the April issue of Overdrive.

Jim Frakes, and Jim and Jo Switzer attended the AHCA President's meeting in Chicago. It was a jam packed 1.5 day meeting. Conclave in 2013 will be in Northern Quebec. 2014 will be in Hot springs (Homestead), Virginia. The hotel has a breakfast buffet on 80 foot table (breakfast/brunch). It's within a golf resort; the car show will be on a driving range.

### **Events for the year**

April	28 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Clean-up at the Haskells. Starts at 9am
May	5 <sup>th</sup>	The Spring Tune-up at the Mahnensmiths has been canceled as Tim and Renee are both working 6-7 days a week.
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Business meeting
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Indy 500 Concours car show. Jim Frakes highly recommends going based on last year's event. The MG club will have a car corral. Costs \$50 and includes a parade lap. Preregister by May 4th.
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Rally - looks like this will be the IBCU rally in July.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Indy 500 Party TBA
June	2 <sup>nd</sup>	British Bash (Louisville, KY)
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Business meeting
	17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>th</sup>	Conclave in Louisville - drive down on 16th (Churchill Downs on 17th).
July	12 <sup>th</sup>	business meeting
	20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	at Switzer's or with Illini club...
	21 <sup>st</sup>	London to Brighton Run (IBCU / CIAHC)
August	9 <sup>th</sup>	Business meeting
	11 <sup>th</sup>	11th IBCU British Car Motor Day - Zionsville - featured car: Triumph Spitfire (50th year).

	25 <sup>th</sup>	Carmel Artmobile
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Ice Cream Social
September	8 <sup>th</sup>	Northern Indiana Round Barn British Car Show
	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	September Round-up
October	6 <sup>th</sup>	Winona Lake
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Party
November	9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting Jim Frakes and Jo Switzer asked the club to consider hosting the AHCA's delegates meeting in mid-November. Jo is looking at the Baymount Inn near the airport (I-70 & I-267). It has a 24 hour shuttle to the airport and we would be allowed to bring in own food/beverages. The club would need to provide lunch on Saturday and desert and auction items. Members can attend the auction and the banquet (at the hotel or Oliver Thomas winery?). entertain spouses.
December	1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Party at South Harbor Club House, Noblesville

### September Roundup

- Roy Bowman discussed the location of car show. He has talked to folks running the Farmers Market in the Cummins COB parking lot. He has asked Cummins for their requirements (insurance, etc).
- what regalia do we want to have for the event? tee shirt, polo, coffee mug, water bottle? Bruce Watson is working with Logo USA in Westfield for the Rotary. Will bring samples to the Spring Clean-up at the Haskells.
- Ohio Valley has volunteered to do the goodie bag.
- Need someone to do funkhana (Charlie Lonsdale has volunteered to bring the Pinewood Derby track and cars.

### Club Shirts

Melanie has started working with Lands End's Business. She needs the club's logo in an embroidery file format (.dst). Jim Frakes looking for.

### Tech

David Broyles brought his full-size wooden model of the left hand front chassis/A-arm assembly that he put together to display his tow bracket and tow/lamp bracket. It now includes the curb that you're not suppose to hit and has been painted. Tow brackets ~\$120 per pair. Zinc phosphate/powder coated.

Norm would like to have a tech session to set the timing on the Bugeye's engine.

### Other

Jim Frakes would like to have a meeting here again and then goto I-69 exit 5 to visit a car museum.

## Guest Column by Gary Feldman

### AHCA VP Club Support

Gary has three topics to discuss....

Item 1) Late last year I was contacted by Camisasca Automotive Manufacturing Co. about a “British Car Club License Plate Frame Program” they were developing in conjunction with Moss Motors. They are now up and running, see the link:

[http://www.mossmotors.com/SiteGraphics/Pages/license\\_plate.html](http://www.mossmotors.com/SiteGraphics/Pages/license_plate.html)

As you’ll see, I created an AHCA frame to be used in their advertising. These frames would be a nice addition to your club’s local regalia offerings. The sample frame I received is of a very high quality – so if anyone has interest for your local club, all the details are outlined in the link above. Minimum order quantity is 30 and requires a onetime set-up fee of \$35.00.

Item 2) I’m trying to help a friend out, he’s looking for two metal dashboards (single piece) for a 100 Austin-Healey. These are being reproduced, but thought it would be worth sending out a quick email to see if anyone had some laying around or knew of someone that might?

Item 3) List Favorite Suppliers & Automotive Specialists on Angie’s List

Austin-Healey Club of America members have a unique WIN/WIN opportunity in front of them. By taking a few moments to list their favorite classic sports car suppliers and mechanical consultants on Angie’s List we’ll all benefit.

Angie’s List has created a “Classic Cars” section and is seeking input from clubs around the country that can be recommended to those who subscribe to Angie’s List for recommendations. Each verified report can earn \$5 for the Austin-Healey Club of America if you designate it as your charity. Those who already have done so, say it takes about 3-5 minutes to complete a report and receive verification that the charity they designated will receive \$5 per report. You may provide more than one report, and each one verified earns AHCA \$5. Here’s how to do it.

1. Go to <https://www.angieslist.com/AngiesList/review/charitablereports.aspx> It is very simple to submit a report. There are big buttons that say “continue” and lots of prompts if you leave anything out.



2. When you click on the link above, you'll be prompted to set up a profile, including a password. Angie's List does not accept anonymous reports and requires a valid email address as part of the reporting process.
3. Select or type in Austin Healey Club of America when it asks for a charitable organization and follow the instructions.
4. Next, you'll be asked for a provider name. It is very likely that your providers are not on the List yet, so you can click "add" to add a provider.
5. When you add a provider, you'll be asked for their contact information. There are a few required fields here...like the kind of information you'd find on a business card. You'll be asked to choose some categories for the service provider (i.e. alternators, painting, etc.)
6. You'll next be taken to the report page, where you're asked to give grades via radio buttons and you're able to write comments about your experience.
7. Click submit. This will prompt an email to be sent to the email address you entered before. Your report will not be submitted until you verify your email address.

Once you verify your address, the report will be submitted and you can leave another report. This may seem like a lot of steps, but it's pretty quick...and once you've submitted your first report, it's very easy to go back and do more!

Additionally, for doing just ONE report you'll get a FREE 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP to the "Classic Car" section of Angie's List. You'll get a special follow-up email with the details.

Thank you for your support, enjoy!

Gary Feldman

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# It's easy to raise money for the **Austin Healey Club of America!**

**Just gather a list of companies you'd like to review and follow the steps below!**

- 1 Go to [Angieslist.com/AngiesList/Review/CharitableReports.aspx](http://Angieslist.com/AngiesList/Review/CharitableReports.aspx)
- 2 You'll be prompted to set up a profile, including a password. Angie's List does not accept anonymous reports and a valid email address is required as part of the reporting process.
- 3 Look for your favorite provider (or add them) and submit a report.
- 4 After you submit a report, an email will be sent to the email address you entered before. Once you verify your address, the report will be submitted and you can leave another report.

*You will earn \$5 for the Austin Healey Club of America for each qualified classic car report you submit (while this partnership is in effect), along with a 1-year membership to Angie's List Classic Cars. Within a few days, you'll receive information about your Angie's List Classic Cars membership. With your Angie's List membership, you'll also be able to search for Classic Cars providers and read reviews from other Angie's List members.*



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# Calendar

## May:

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Indy 500 Party – See page 1.

## June:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – British Bash
- 14<sup>th</sup> Business meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>: Conclave in Louisville – suggest we drive down on the Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, in order to be settled in ahead of the Churchill Downs kickoff at 12:00 on Sunday.

## July:

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> – London to Brighton Run hosted by CIAHC

## August:

- 9<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> – British Car Motor Days
- 25<sup>th</sup>:- Carmel Artmobile
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Annual Ice Cream Social

## September

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Northern Indiana AHC British Car Open Field Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> – September Roundup in Columbus, Indiana – hosted by CIAHC

## October:

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club “Fall Out 2012” at Winona Lake
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party and business meeting

## November:

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting

## December:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Party in Noblesville