



Overdrive

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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December has already been a jam-packed month for the Gilham clan, including two great Healey adventures.

First, our annual Christmas Party at South Harbor Clubhouse was a great success. Attending were: Steve and Martha Berenyi, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim and Sandy Burck, Jim and Bev Bush, Bill Coan and friend Sandy, Jim Frakes, Bruce and Charlene Gilham, Bob and Melanie Haskell (and Tim!!), Tom and Wendy Neal, Craig and Sue Rice, Tom and Cindy Sipher, Dick and Sherry Storrs, Jim and Jo Switzer, and Bruce and Barbara Watson.

We enjoyed a pleasant evening with warm fellowship, great appetizers

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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The November 14th meeting was held at George's Neighborhood Bar & Grill. Those in attendance were couples Dick & Ruth Buis, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Jim & Sandy Burck, Steve & Martha Berenyi, Rick Smith and Sandy Dodson accompanied by a gaggle of single guys: Jim Bush, Jim Frakes, Bruce Watson, Tom Pearson, Randy Belden, Craig Rice, David Broyles, Roy Bowman and Tim Haskell. It was great to see Tim out and about. Bruce Watson directed the meeting in the absence of Bruce Gilham.

Melanie Haskell gave a preview of the Christmas party, what to bring, cost and when to show up, etc.

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NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY JANUARY 14, 2014

MEET AT :

FIRESIDE BREWHOUSE

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LINKS



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://ohiovalleyahc.com>

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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and fittingly, an authentic English dinner provided by our caterer, Tina's Traditional Old English Kitchen.

After dinner we raffled off a beautiful Afghan knitted by Ruth and three lovely centerpieces created by Charlene. The proceeds are earmarked for our newly established benevolence fund.

Then the real fun began with a kind of crazy Chinese/White Elephant/ Blind gift exchange. The most coveted package, that surely traded hands 30+ times, was a mailing tube wrapped with enticing vintage British car paper gifted by Bob Haskell and won by Jim Bush. Inside were two stylish Healey posters – well worth the effort.

Special thanks to Melanie and Bob, and Jim Frakes, for arranging for a great evening of fun. Also, thanks to Craig and Sue for carrying off our donations of canned goods to a local food pantry.

Then, on the 12th, we enjoyed a light dinner followed by a tour of the “Matisse, Life in Color” exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, led by our very own docent, Charlene. Joining us were Pat and Debbie Bruce, Roy Bowman, Jim and Bev Bush, Tom and Wendy Neal, Craig Rice and Dick Storrs.

Please note that we have a change to our

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The next segment of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Cindy Strum of Kings Classic Auto. She was attempting to drum up support and attendance for British cars at the World of Wheels, traditionally a street rod /American iron event. This is an indoor venue at the State Fairgrounds this February 7-9th. Cindy was quite animated and excited about getting at least 4 Healeys to this event but the reception by this group was tepid at best.

The next issue for discussion was fundraising, specifically to underwrite the benevolent fund. Our biggest source of income is September Roundup. Now this is a rotating event we host once every 4 years, the other 3 we are deleting our funds. It was decided to have club officers quorum and develop a plan and present to the members.

A decision was made to change the club meetings from 2nd Thursday of month to 2nd Tuesday of the month, starting January 14th, 2014.

Lastly, Tom Pearson displayed his tether race car. A 10cc engine powers this 15-18 inch model car which can reach 150 actual MPH at the end of a wire. Tom races this car in Anderson from May through October.

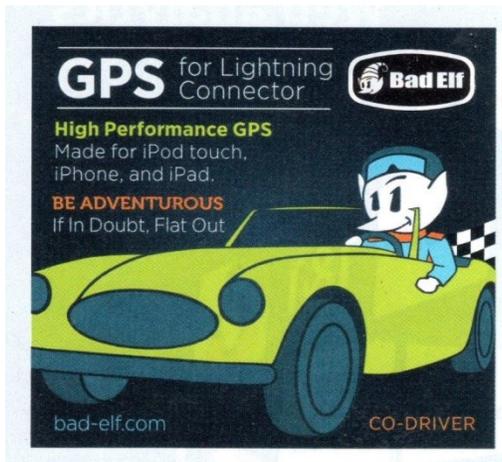
Road trip anyone?

meeting dates for the coming year. Instead of the 2nd Thursday of the month, going forward into 2014 we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Bob Haskell has already roughed out a calendar of events on our website, including the meeting dates. So, if you are unsure when we are meeting just check the Calendar tab at <http://www.ciahc.org/calendar.html>.

Our next meeting, on January 14th, will be at the Fireside Brewhouse, 997 East County Line Road in Greenwood (317) 859-9505. This will be our important annual Planning Meeting, so be sure to attend and come prepared to contribute ideas for our club events and activities for 2014.

I have enjoyed serving as president for the past year and especially appreciated the help of club officers Bruce Watson, Craig Rice, Jim Bush, Jim Switzer, and Bob Haskell – and the behind the scenes support of our significant others.

I leave you with a couple of images. The first is a “Bad Elf” ad I was startled to find in the back of the December issue of Wired Magazine. I should have known that any reputable Bad Elf would have to be driving a Healey - moreover, with the maxim “Be Adventurous, if in doubt, flat out”. Obviously, a kindred spirit of Craig and Sue Rice!



The second image is for an event I wished that I had known about at the time. The cover of the December 1999 Healey Marque shows Jim Frakes with Ron Francis’s 100 promoting Indianapolis Conclave 2000. Charlene and I did not buy our Healey and join the club until 2003. However, in the past ten years we have shared many fun and adventurous times with our CIAHC friends.

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New Healey Parts For Sale

(All Parts in Packaging)

	<u>Retail \$</u>	<u>Sell \$</u>
British Wire Wheel Wrench	49.95	30.00
Euro Headlamp (2)	79.90	60.00
Sylvania High Performance Head Lamp (2)	49.40	30.00
Heavy Duty Headlamp Wiring Harness	29.95	20.00
Mallory Electronic High Performance Dual Point Distributor #2367801	411.99	350.00

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CORRECTION

In the November *OVERDRIVE* I failed to list Craig and Sue Rice as attendees at the Halloween Party. This is especially embarrassing as they were the first to arrive, got a prime parking spot and this was Sue's Inaugural voyage out since recovering from her treatments.

My apologies

The Editor

Welcome to Wacky's World

By Roy Bowman

Just up the road north of Warsaw, Indiana is the village of Milford where the restoration shop of the Appenzeller Brothers, Jan and Patrick, is located. They are well-known among vintage car owners for very high quality and detailed work on a wide variety of classic cars, including Auburns, Pierce Arrows, and Jaguars. No website - just ask any dedicated Hudson (Italia) owner!

At the 2012 Fall Out event at Winona Lake, talking to some knowledgeable local British car insiders, I inquired regarding the history of an interesting, but obscure 50's sports car with area connections and was told that the Appenzellers were then engaged in the restoration of such a car !

The Arnolt-Bristol was the brain-child of successful Warsaw based industrialist, Stanley H. "Wacky" Arnolt, who also had a leading British car import dealership at 153 East Ohio Street, Chicago, selling and servicing MGs, and some Austin-Healeys, among others.

The Arnolt-Bristol was a hybrid which utilized a shortened Bristol 404 chassis and 6-cylinder engine, with an aero-dynamic sports car body, designed and produced by Italian body maker, Bertone. Arnolt, it seems, had previously provided a significant amount of much needed capital to Bertone and had also engaged them to produce the Arnolt-MG sports 4-seater with handcrafted Bertone enclosed bodywork, in both a sedan and convertible.

Arnolt decided to go racing, and in 1955, entered a well-funded three-car Arnolt-Bristol team at the 12 Hours of Sebring. It featured the famed French national racing hero, Rene Dreyfus, then the owner of a popular French restaurant in New York City. Dreyfus came out of retirement as lead driver and team manager. The result was a resounding success: a 1st, 2nd and 4th in the 2-liter class!

Having read about the Arnolt-Bristol, but never having the good fortune to see one in person, I kept in persistent contact with the Appenzellers regarding the progress of their restoration. Finally, it arrived back in Milford after a seemingly interminable visit to an area upholstery shop, and I anxiously arranged to go up to Milford on the morning of Tuesday, October 1st before the proud owner whisked the car away.

The result was well worth the wait and the final trip to view, as provided by some photographic evidence, which I am pleased to share.

