



Overdrive

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Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all who attended our annual member planning meeting on January 10th. We had a very productive time scheduling the 2013 calendar, including events of our own along with quite a few events from other clubs in the midwest area.

The consensus of our members was to have a few less regularly scheduled Thursday business meetings, and in place plan more Saturday social events that would provide additional opportunities to drive our Healeys, and, hopefully, make our gatherings more interesting to our significant others.

Four events in particular I want to highlight because they require an RSVP or a reservation and/or are fast approaching.

The first event is our annual Chili Cook-Off and Daytona 500 Party on February 24th. Bruce and Barbara Watson have again graciously offered to host in their charming home. Barbara will prepare a large pot of chili to share, but tradition calls for two or three other chili dishes to taste and judge. If you don't bring chili, please bring an appetizer or dessert. Our club will provide drinks: beer, wine, soda, and iced tea. Plan to arrive shortly after noon, the race begins at 1PM. Barbara has planned an

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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Dimitri's Casual Dining on the southside of Indianapolis was the location to kick off 2013 meeting of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club. In attendance were Jim & Jo Switzer, Jim & Sandy Burke, Dick & Ruth Buis, Dick & Sherry Storrs, Jim Bush, Bruce Gilham, Jim Frakes, Bruce Watson, Craig Rice, John Mann, Bob Haskell, David Broyles and Bill Logan.

The majority of the meeting was dedicated to planning our social and driving calendar. Fleshing out an event schedule can be an exhausting and troublesome experience....so many cars to see, so many roads to drive, so few days. One thing that has changed is in 2013 the club will have several Saturday morning business meetings, starting in March and April. Check out calendar at the end of the OVERDRIVE or the club website at www.ciahc.org.

Craig Rice reported our membership at 59 with several previous members to be contacted for renewal. If anyone can shake an owner lose from their dues, it is Craig.

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NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24th NOON

CHILI COOK-OFF

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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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activity for those not interested in watching the race. The address is 1355 Trescott Dr., Westfield.

Please RSVP to Barbara@bwatson.us, or 317-669-7979

The second event is Saturday, March 16th, which takes the place of our March members meeting. Plan to arrive at 11:30 at the Union Jack Pub, 6225 W. 25th St. Speedway. Following lunch and a brief business meeting we will travel 2+ miles to the Dalara IndyCar Factory, 1201 Main St, Speedway to tour the facilities. Cost is \$5 for seniors, \$10 for younger folks.

RSVP to Bruce.Charlene@gmail.com by March 1st to insure seating at the Pub..

The third event begins at 11:30AM Saturday, April 27th and is sponsored by the Indy Region Sports Car Club of America—their first ever Car Club Challenge. In essence this is a TSD competition rally comprised of 2 to 3 car teams from various car clubs. Our club can enter as many teams as we want at \$20 per car. For the latest details, see the SCCA announcement on page 4. The SCCA will publish entry forms in late March. Stay tuned

Dick Storrs has planned a spectacular fourth event for Saturday May 4th and has already scoped out interesting Healey roads to get us there and back. Located between Connersville and Brookville, *Rilebrook Hall* is patterned after an English country estate and is set on 22 acres of rolling hills and meadows.



Dick has starting Geist Res-one at New can join us

planned two points, one at ervoir and Palestine. You for lunch

around 12:30 at either location or arrive at 1:30 to continue the drive. The two groups will rendezvous near Rushville and then continue on to *Rilebrook*, arriving at 4:30PM. This allows time to relax, tour the gardens, have tea or wine before our 6PM seating. Dick has reserved all twenty available seats. Dinner lasts about 2—3 hours and consists of five courses including a dessert of bread pudding with white chocolate and Jack Daniels sauce. The cost for dinner is \$36 per person, cash only.

Rilebrook does not serve liquor but we can bring our own wine. The main course will include poultry so choose your wine accordingly. Dinner should be completed between 8 and 9PM and we will return home using US 52 as the main highway back to Indianapolis.

The first twenty people to email Dick Storrs (rastorrs4533@sbcglobal.net) will be included.

Those registering after we reach the limit will be put on a waiting list.

I hope you find these upcoming events intriguing, entertaining and good reasons to enjoy the company of our fellow Healey members.



Canadian Conclave Column

A little piece of Europe on our side of the ocean. This is how the Quebec Austin-Healey Club is touting the 2013 conclave in Charlevoix, Quebec Canada. Indeed this part of Canada retains some unique cultural aspects that attendees will find different than previous conclaves.

For starters, French is the official language of Quebec province. But don't worry, many Quebecers speak English. Secondly, they use that pesky metric system we all thought was useless in the 7th grade. A quick refresher:

1 Kilometer = .6 mile

1 Liter = .264 U.S. Gallon

Temperature is given in Celsius degrees. 0 Celsius is freezing and 100 degrees Celsius is boiling. That conversion formula is $9C/5 + 32 = \text{Fahrenheit}$. In Quebec City, in June, the average high is 22 degrees Celsius and the average low is 10 degrees Celsius. Do the math and win a prize at the February meeting for the correct corresponding high & low temperatures in Fahrenheit.

Each month until June we will be running this Conclave column with bits of trivia, history and odd facts to get you revved up for Canadian Conclave 2013!



Indy Region
Sports Car Club of America
presents
The Inaugural Car Club Challenge
Car Rally
Saturday, April 27, 2013



Announcing the first-ever Car Club Challenge. Our goal is to entertain you, introduce the sport of road rallying, and provide a friendly competition between the car clubs in the Indianapolis area. This event is presented by the Indianapolis Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). The SCCA is a national club of auto enthusiasts whose interests include road rallies, racing, and solos.

This rally is about 3 hours and 70 miles in length and will be **entirely on paved roads**. You'll be directed to follow a prescribed course at designated speeds. Along the course you'll encounter checkpoints where you'll be timed and penalized for either early or late arrival. Teams from each club will consist of 2-3 cars, and the team's score will be the sum of the 2 lowest scoring cars on that team. A club may enter as many teams as they desire. Cost for the event will be \$20 per car.

Location:

Southern Plaza Shopping Center - 4200 S. East St. - East Parking Lot
(On US31 just north of I-465 exit 2 on the south side of Indianapolis)

Schedule: Saturday, April 27, 2013

11:30am to 12:30pm	Registration and tech inspection
12:30pm	Participants Meeting
1:01pm	Car #1 starts rally (subsequent cars at 1 minute intervals)
4:00pm	Car #1 finishes rally (time approximate)

Eligibility and Restrictions

- At least one person in each car must belong to the car club that they represent. There is no limit to the number of people in the car, but each car must have at least two people.
- Anyone, regardless of experience may participate.
- The vehicle must be of the make of the club that they represent.
- Each vehicle must be street legal and pass a road worthiness inspection at registration.
- Equipment manufactured specifically for rallying is **not** allowed. This includes any non-stock distance measuring device connected to the car or decimal reading clocks. To allow older cars to be competitive, stock computers built into the car may not be used.
- Tablets, laptops, smart phones, GPS, and other "general use" devices **are** allowed.
- Teams may not use electronic devices to communicate with each other during the event.

Additional Information

If you have questions or need help forming a team, please contact John Calhoun, ja_calhoun@indy.rr.com. General instructions and entry forms will be posted at www.indyscca.org/RallyPage.html in late March.

2013 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 24th Daytona 500 Party and Chili Cookoff
Hosted by Watsons
12:00 meal, 1:00 race (and business meeting)

MARCH

- 16th Saturday morning meeting 11:30AM
Union Jack Pub 6225 W. 25th St., Speedway
Dalara facility tour

APRIL

- 17th Saturday morning meeting & optional drive (TBD)
27th SCCA Club Rally 11:30 to 4:30

MAY

- 4th Dinner drive to Rilebrook restaurant
5th 36th Annual British Swap Meet and Car Show
Hosted by Northeast Ohio AHC
9th Business Meeting
16th –19th Springthing
Hosted by Bluegrass AHC
31st British Bash
Hosted by Louisville's British Sports Car Club

JUNE

- 8th Saturday Morning Business Meeting with optional drive (TBD)

23rd Conclave Charlevoix
Hosted by Le Club Austin Healey du Quebec

23rd 26th Annual Michiana British Car Show
St. Mary's College, South Bend, IN
Hosted by Michiana Brits

JULY

TBD Impromptu destination tour/rally to a state park.

11th Business Meeting

????? IBCU London to Brighton Rally
Hosted by Indiana British Car Union

AUGUST

8th Business Meeting

17th Ice Cream Social

SEPTEMBER

12th Business Meeting

13-15th September Round-UP

Columbus, Ohio

Hosted by Mid-Ohio AHC

OCTOBER

5th British Fall Out

Winona Lake, IN

Hosted by Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club

26th Halloween Party

Hosted by Jim & Bev Bush

NOVEMBER

14th Business Meeting

DECEMBER

7th Christmas Party