

Overdrive



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President's Message

It is with much sadness that we learned of Bic Healey's passing. Bic was the last of the Healey family members who were directly involved in the Healey Motor Company. Our sympathies go out to his family.

It is difficult to sit here writing my remarks for this month's newsletter with the forecast for snow tomorrow, after such a beautiful spring weekend. The Healey Gods were certainly shining on our **Spring Tune-up** on Saturday. Attending were Mike and Carolyn Schmit from the Northern Indiana Club, Jim and Sandy Burck, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Bruce and Barbara Watson, Jim Bush, Steve Halleck, Jim Frakes, Doug Frakes, Craig Rice, John Mann, and Healey friend Ron Francis.

After some greetings, the guys got down to work and the ladies took off for the Fashion Mall. I heard that the only saving grace for Mike Schmit, was that Carolyn had to curb her spending because she didn't think she would have room in their BJ8 to get everything back home to Kokomo. They all had a good time and caught some lunch at McAllister's Deli.

This was truly top down weather, and it brought 8 Healeys to Jim Frakes garage, along with a couple not-so-British cars. At one point or another, I think all the Healeys made it onto Jim's lift for a closer look at their undersides, and a few minor repairs and bolt tightening. The most significant project was Steve Halleck replacing the original distributor in his Bugeye with an electronic distributor. (See Steve being gobbled up by the big open mouth of his Sprite.) After the surgery, it started right up. However, due to a missing timing mark, Steve had to set the timing by ear, but he got the engine purring nevertheless.

When the ladies returned from shopping, we had some lunch and desserts brought by several of the attendees. Thanks to all who brought something.

This was a great way to kick off the Healey driving season. Lots of good stories, and tales of Healey driving experiences, and some good tech talk also. A big thanks to Jim Frakes for his hospitality and the use of his garage.

At this time we have 4 to 6 members who are planning to drive their Healeys to **Conclave in Hot Springs, VA**. We may have 2 to 3 others who will join the caravan in their no-so-British cars. An invitation has been extended to the Northern Indiana Club for anyone traveling to Hot Springs, to join our caravan. I will be finalizing our route in the weeks ahead, and will also be checking some local restaurants to make a group reservation for one of the free nights during Conclave. The area around the Homestead Resort appears to have many good choices of restaurants.

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PATRIOT'S TABLE

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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/>

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Chatham Tap on 116th Street was the site of the April club meeting. This was a new venue and those Healey members attending were Bruce and Barbara Watson, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim Frakes, Doug Frakes, Jim and Sandy Burck, Dick Storrs, Craig Rice, David Broyles, Steve Halleck, Jim and Bev Bush, Bob and Melanie Haskell, John Mann and Roy Bowman.

A new activity for monthly meetings was the sale of tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Doug Frakes was the inaugural winner and was kind enough to donate his half back to the club. Remember this is to fund our benevolent fund so we are off to a good start.

After the Treasurer's report, President Bruce Watson went over several announcements. The Cars for the Cure event on March 30th, with three Healeys among the classics, raised over \$12,000. This is the 3rd year for this outing and it just gets better. Bruce has not heard from Miami Valley club whether or not they will host 2015 September Roundup. If they drop out we will step up a year early. A proposal was made to show support to Pakistani Mohsin Ikram for his harrowing Healey drive from north to south in Pakistan. This was agreed to by those in attendance and an Indiana club patch will be sent to him.

Roy Bowman gave information on the Indiana Automotive Historical Society. This group aims to foster interest in the early history of automobile manufacturing in Indiana. They have recently affiliated with Indiana Landmarks, and you must be a member of Indiana Landmarks to join the Automotive Historical Society. Dues are \$25 each. More info can be found at the website IndianaLandmarks.org.

Bruce then reviewed several upcoming events, mainly Springthing and Conclave. We still need a host for Ice Cream Social. David Broyles volunteered to look into a downtown Fairmount Indiana event with some backing of the local businessmen. We still have a backup from Ruth Buis of Patriots Table in Greenwood. We should have more info next month. Tom Pearson has agreed to host a day of Tether Car Racing in Anderson on July 19th. That should be unique.

Nice venue at Chatham Tap and the Ole Speckled Hen on tap was just like I remember that classic English brew. Meeting concluded.

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Coming up in Early June is an event you will want to make sure to put on your calendars. The first **Brickyard Invitational Vintage Car Races** will take place on June 6, 7 & 8, with the actual races taking place on Sunday, June 8. Our own club member, Doug Bruce, has accepted an invitation to race his #71 Bugeye Sprite. Doug is having his engine and trans rebuilt for this race. Doug has invited our club members to join him and his team at their paddock on the infield of the Indy road track. I encourage you to make this event a must-attend. These vintage car races are an absolute blast to watch. And they are one of the very few races where you can get up close to the cars and their drivers in their paddocks. The field was limited to 1100 vintage cars, so you can be sure to see some great wheel to wheel racing among some rare and very interesting historic race cars. Check out the race website at <https://www.svra.com/events/brickyard-vintage-racing-invitational/> Let's make plans at our next meeting to go as a group.

Finally, as requested by our members at the monthly meeting, I have send a letter and club patch to Mohin Ikram from the Vintage & Classic Car Club of Pakistan, in support of the courageous tour he and his wife, Saira, took in their 100-4 Healey from Peshawar to Karachi Pakistan. This was a journey of approx. 1000 miles, during which they had to take a 60 mile detour around an area with a rumored riot. If you haven't read the article in the March Healey Marque Magazine, I urge you to do so. You will find it fascinating.

Let's get those Healeys out of storage and begin once again to enjoying the top-down Spring weather!

Bruce



SHOW AND TELL

For the May meeting dig out your earliest pictures of you and your Healey and bring along to the meeting in Greenwood. Put that photo in a clear plastic baggie to prevent food stains and discoloration. Maybe that early picture is only available in black and white!!! Be prepared to give the history of your car. This can also be one that got away.

Braking News

On Sunday, April 6th, we learned that Brian "Bic" Healey, 88, of Perranporth, Cornwall died peacefully earlier that day in St. Austell Hospital in Cornwall surrounded by his family. He had fallen and broken his hip in January and had a subsequent hip replacement. He was on the mend when he contacted pneumonia earlier last week, from which he did not recover.

Bic, as he was known to all, was the second and middle son of Donald M. and Ivy Healey . He joined his brother Geoff at the Donald Healey Motor Co. at Warwick soon after the 1952 Earl's Court show that introduced the Healey to the world. He became Director of Sales and later the Director of Healey Marine Division. Bic was a founding member and current president of the Healey Driver's Club, organized in 1955.

Bic's sales division at DHMC was responsible for setting up the process, through their own dealership, that allowed many US military servicemen stationed in England and Europe to buy Austin-Healeys and MGs, to use them while on tour and then ship them home to the US. Like his father and brother he also competed in international events, lastly with a 100S in the 1955 Mille Migle

Probably the first introduction of Bic to American Healey enthusiasts was when most of the Healey family. Including DMH, attended Healey events in the early 1980s, including the first International meet in Snowmass,CO in 1982. Since those early events, Bic and Mary have travelled the world to meet and become friends with countless Healey owners. He also hosted many of these friends at the annual Healey Driver's Club event in Cornwall. He was the consummate salesman of Healeys, devoting his life to the cars that bear the family name.

He was the last of the original Healey family, preceded by his parents and his brothers Geoff and John. Bic is survived by his wife Mary, their children Peter, Linda, Jonathan, and numerous grandchildren.

We shall continue to drive and enjoy the cars his family created in honor of their family.

We send our deepest condolences to the family and close friends of Bic Healey.



SpringThing

Join us May 15-18, 2014!

Name _____

Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Car 1 _____ Car 2 _____

Club Affiliation _____

Is this your first SpringThing? YES NO

_____ Registration - \$60 (includes two adults)

_____ Glen Willis Mansion dinner - \$28 (per person)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club

Mail registration and payment to:

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3416 Barbour Lane

Louisville, KY 40241

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Toe In Toe Out



A Day in the Lift

Spring Tune-Up Day at Frakes Engineering



Jim Burck & Craig Rice
compare 100s

Jim Frakes, Bruce Watson, and
Steve Halleck take a break in the
action



Central Indiana Austin Healey Club, USA

Mohsin Ikram
Vintage & Classic Cars of Pakistan
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April 9, 2014

Mohsin,

At our monthly club meeting last night, one of our members proposed that as a show of solidarity with you and your wife, we should send you one of our club patches. Our members unanimously approved the idea. We applaud your love of Austin Healeys and your courageous tour across Pakistan.

So enclosed for you, is one of our club patches. I hope you have a prominent place where you can display it, to remind you that we are not only supportive of your love of driving your Healey, but also in support of your stand against terrorism in your country.

Our driving season is about to begin with the warm spring weather finally arriving. It has been a long, cold winter here. We are planning a Spring Tune-up this Saturday for everyone to get their Healeys out and get them tuned up for the season.

Happy touring,

Bruce

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

10th—Indy Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

13th—Monthly Meeting

Patriots Table

(Southeast corner County Line and Madison Avenue)

15—17th - Springthing, Bluegrass AH Club

Georgetown, KY.

25th— Indy 500 Party hosted by Monies/Wright

Brown County, IN

31st thru June 8th

British Car Week, get your British car out and drive it

JUNE

4th—8th— SVRA racing at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

15th—18th CONCLAVE

Hot Springs, VA

28th London to Brighton Run

Hosted by British Car Union

29th—Michiana British Car Show

St. Marys College

South Bend, IN

JULY

8th Monthly Meeting

19th Tether Car Race