

Overdrive



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President's Message

As the old saying goes, if March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb. Well the beginning of March this year was no picnic, so there's hope for some good weather from here on out. Spring has officially arrived, so let's turn our attention to our cars and getting them ready for the driving season.

On April 12, the club will hold a Spring Tune-up at the Frakes Engineering building located at 7950 Castleway. Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46250 (around the back of the building). We thank Jim Frakes for providing his building for this event. This is an event for both the guys and gals. In addition to working on our cars, we will have a pitch-in meal afterwards. Everyone should bring their favorite appetizers, finger food or crock pot meal to share along with your favorite drinks. Let's plan to meet between 9:30 & 10:00. After a bit of socializing, the gals can take off for a shopping trip. Some of the locations that have been suggested are the shops around the Noblesville Square, the Fashion Mall at Keystone Crossings, or the Castleton Mall. When they return, we can eat and raise a beer or two. The gals will probably need a couple of cars that can hold 4-5 people. We will bring our SUV, and will need one more.

Guys, bring your Healeys, tools, tune-up parts, hand vacuums, cleaners and polish. Let's get our cars running well and presentable for the first events of the season. Even if you don't have a car to work on, come out anyway, and help, or give moral support to those that will be working on theirs. This should be a fun way to kick off the Healey Driving Season!

At our last meeting, it was agreed that we would set up a Benevolence Fund to provide donations for club member related needs and suggested charitable causes. We made our first donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of Sophie Claxton, the young granddaughter of Ron & Karen Francis who battled and beat this terrible disease. Along with the club's donation, we are challenging our members to make tax deductible individual donations that would total a minimum of \$500 for this worthy cause. The car show being held to benefit this cause, Cars for the Cure, will be held downtown at the old Stutz building on Sunday, March 30, from 12:00 to 4:00pm. To find more information about the car show and how to donate, go to the Central Indiana Austin Healey Club website.

Our next meeting will be held on April 8 at the Chatham Tap at 6:30 pm. It is located at 8211 E. 116th St. in Fishers. I look forward to seeing you there. For those members who have not attended a meeting in a while, this or the Spring Tune-up would be good opportunities to reconnect.

Happy Healeying!

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NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY April 8, 2014

MEET AT :

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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/>

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

A small group of enthusiastic Healey members assembled at George's Grill for the March meeting. These members were Bruce and Barbara Watson, Steve and Martha Berenyi, Dick and Ruth Buis, Jim Frakes, Jim Burck, Randy Belden, Dick Storrs, Craig Rice, David Broyles, Tom Pearson and Steve Halleck.

After the Treasurer report from Craig Rice, President Bruce Watson gave a synopsis of the meeting held to discuss the Benevolent Fund. This will be a fund maintained by club to help fund temporary relief to a club member or their family in case of medical emergency or death of family member. Charitable causes may also be the recipient of funds. A donation must be advocated by a club member. The maximum donation is \$100. Funding will be accomplished by that tried and true method used by so many cash strapped states and municipalities—gambling. A 50/50 raffle will be held at each meeting. Tickets can be purchased at \$1, three for \$2 and the winner drawn at conclusion of each meeting.

Jim Frakes gave a summary of AHCA President Meeting. Conclave sites chosen for the next two years are 2015 in Gettysburg, PA and 2016 in Cincinnati. Overall national club membership is down 1-3% for last year, which echoes what our club has experienced.

Our club will be back in rotation to host September Roundup in 2015. Jim Bush had mentioned to Bruce Watson that Richmond, Indiana might be a good location; fair size city, on historic National Road (US 40). It was determined to pursue this and Bruce will contact Richmond Chamber of Commerce for more info.

Upcoming events are the CARS FOR THE CURE at Stutz Building downtown on W. 10th and Jim Frakes is hosting a spring tune-up at Frakes Engineering off 82nd Street on Saturday April 12th.

We still need a host for the Ice Cream Social in August. It looks like Tom Pearson is going to showcase tether car racing in Anderson, Indiana some time in July.

As they say in the garage, stay tuned.

Braking News

When we restore our cars we have the choice of the original Healey colors or we can choose another more contemporary hue. Did you ever wonder what the choice of color says about an individual? Below are (in order of most popular to least popular) colors for 2013 as detailed by DuPont and what characteristics are attributed to each color. Don't get hung up on the Freudian analysis of this list and for heaven's sake do not try to determine what Red over Black means or Black over Red.

WHITE –Suggests you have class, a smart modern look. Like Apple's iconic Ipod

BLACK—Sophisticated colorblack tie dinner, little black dress, black limo

SILVER—Shines bright with innovation. Upscale

GRAY— Gray driver doesn't want to stand out, cares less about status, more about status quo

RED—Go getters. For men its flexing muscles, for women it is having fun.

BLUE—This is a happy practical color, it projects stability

BROWN/BEIGE—Exudes a quiet peace. Brown is the color of penny pinchers

YELLOW/GOLD—Joy and happiness. Young people are drawn to yellow. Bright colors are not a threat to the them . Only 1– 2 % of cars are yellow.

GREEN—In the last 10 years green is tied to nature. It peaked in the 1990s, now passé.

ORANGE—Home Depot signature color means your comfortable with value and saving money.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

30th—Cars for the Cure Fund Raiser

Stutz Building

West 10th Street

APRIL

8th—Monthly Meeting at Chatham Tap

8211 E. 116th Street

Fishers, IN

845-1090

12th—Spring Tune –Frakes Engineering

7950 Castleway Drive

Indianapolis, IN

MAY

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