



Overdrive

August 2015 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

From the President

By Bruce Watson

Finally, the weather cooperated. August brought a month of very nice but warm driving weather. So no excuses not to have gotten your Healeys out for a romp.

August started off with the Indiana British Car Union's 27th Annual Indy British Motor Days car show at Lyons Park in Zionsville. A number of our members showed their Healeys; Dave Mueller's white Bugeye Sprite; David Verril's red BT7; David Morrison's red & gray BJ8; Pat Bruce's customized silver Bugeye Sprite; Jon Monies & Joan Wright's Jag XJ; Roy Bowman's powerful, red BJ8; Jim Frakes' red BJ8; Jim and Jo Switzer's rubber bumper MGB; and Ron Francis' 100 LeMans. Dave Mueller and David Morrison won Best of Class awards in their respective classes. Ron Francis, David Verrill, Jim & Jo Switzer, and Jon & Joan each won an Award of Excellence. Jim Frakes was awarded the Lions Club Pride Award.

Then on August 15th, Bruce Gilham organized a multi-faceted Ice Cream Social. The day began with a personally guided tour of the Dream Cars exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, by none other than Bruce Gilham himself. From there we drove across the street to the Woodstock Country Club for a wonderful lunch. And, of course, an Ice Cream Social wouldn't be complete without ice cream somewhere. Bruce & Charlene put together a nice rally/drive that ended at Bub's in Zionsville for ice cream. Thanks to Bruce and to Tom Neal for arranging this very eventful day.

The month ended with another great Carmel Artomobilia. The day was warm and sunny, and the streets of downtown Carmel were lined with exquisite cars of every marque imaginable. Several of our members participated and did the Healey marque proud; Dave Mueller, David Morrison, Roy Bowman and Ron Francis displayed their cars. A

unique red Bugeye with a custom traditional Healey bonnet, and an award winning black over cream 100-6 also represented the Healey marque. Jim Frakes and Bob Haskell took advantage of an automobile photography class during the afternoon hours. I guess that makes them both our official club photographers!

Next on the calendar is September Round-up, hosted by the Miami Valley AHC, in Piqua, OH. This will take place on September 18 – 20. We will be planning a caravan trip to Piqua at our September meeting. Remember to be looking for items to donate to the Silent Auction. This is an important fund raiser for the hosting club which helps them cover their expenses.

There are only a couple months of good driving weather left. Let's get your cars out and make the most of the good driving opportunities!

Next Business Meeting

The September business meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th.

Dawson's on Main
1464 W Main Street
Speedway, IN 46224
(317) 247-7000
Dinner: 6:30 & Meeting: 7:30

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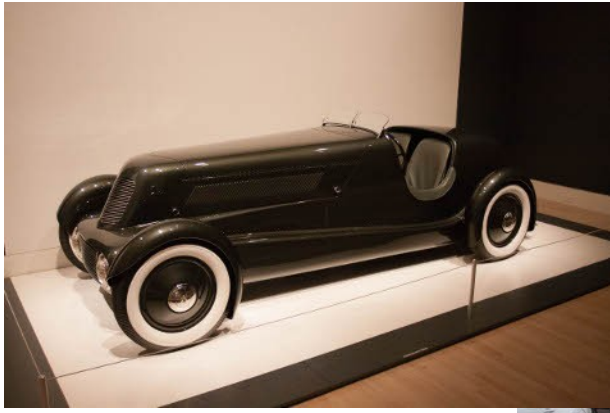
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Indiana British Car Union
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Austin Healey Club of America
<http://www.healeyclub.org>





From the Editor

by Bob Haskell

With the summer wrapping up, the car events are coming at a furious pace. There's something to do every weekend. It's also time to also think about the upcoming election of officers for next year. Please consider volunteering, or volunteering someone else!

Melanie and I went to the Garages of Zionsville tour, a fund raiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Zionsville. Roy Bowman also attended. The two of us started off having dinner from the Bub's food truck at the Club. We then traveled to our first garage, just west of Executive Airport – Abarth Acres. The car collection is in an updated 120 year old car barn. Inside, most of the cars were Fiats and Abarths, with some Vespa scooters, Ape three-wheelers and a Sumbeam Tiger. The next stop was in the Mayflower business park at Gateway, a business that sells cars on consignment. A few MGs, a BMW 2002tii, some muscle cars, hot rods, classics, Corvettes and T-birds. Something for everyone. The next stop was at Just Marketing, a marketing firm for auto racing. The owner, Zak Brown, has a '63 3000, but he was overseas. One of J.P. Montoya's Mercedes F1 cars is a wall in the lobby. In the back were a few high end cars – Ferrari, Ford GT, Audi R8, and Porsche. Final stop of the evening was at the home of Joanne and Jim Volez. Joanne had a very cool Ford F1 pickup truck. Several garages, one with a couple of Jaguars and a Triumph TR3. I made a suggestion to one of the event organizers: if they hold the event next year, they should get in touch with us and the IBCU during the planing stage. We ought to display some our cars at the Boys and Girls Club; there's probably not enough parking space on our cul-de-sac to have them at our place.



Can you spot the Tudor windscreen washer bottle?



Tom Hall from the Ohio Valley (Cincinnati) club brought two neat things to the Artomobilia show in Carmel. The first was a new red Bugeye; Tom and Nancy got it 3 weeks before the event. The car has a very unique bonnet, which you can see at September Roundup if you missed it in Carmel. The second item Tom had was a Battery Tender Portable Power Pack. This is a 12 cell lithium-ion jump starter about the size of a VCR tape that Tom used several times on the Enclave trip. It's available at Home Depot for \$75 and it can be recharged via a power (cigarette) plug. Also has a USB connector to recharge your phone.

Regarding the photography class Jim Frakes and I took, I came away with the need to stop letting the camera do all the work. So put the camera in manual mode, set the f-stop, exposure time, ISO, and the white balance, and play with the exposure compensation. The instructor was Walt Knuth who is Director of Education & Special Projects at Roberts. He's photographed the Indy 500 for the last 25 years and he had the five month job of photographing the collection at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

A few of us went to Auburn for the auction and swap meet. I never expect to buy much Healey related stuff, but I do get some walking in. Out on the swap meet field, I did find some of the Riverside records of automobile racing from the 50s and 60s, and a few friends including Gary Feldman (N.E. Ohio). There was one big Healey that crossed the auction block while we were there, a 100-6 that reached around \$26K, but I didn't catch whether it sold or not.

Bob



July 2015 Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the MCL South (465/31 Interchange). Those in attendance were Dick/Sherry Storrs, Jim/Bev Bush, Ruth Buis, David Verrill, Bruce Watson, Roy Bowman, Jim Frakes, David Morrison, David Broyles, Jim Burck.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. David Morrison was the winner of \$16, with \$16 going to the Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund is now at \$206.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Announcements

September Round-up (Sept. 18-20, 2015, Piqua, Ohio)

- Sign up now if you're planning to go.
- If you're going, please bring items for the Silent Auction. David Morrison will be donating a print.
- Car show – will be held at WACO Company Biplane Fly-In, Troy, Ohio
- If you want to take a ride in a WACO biplane, tickets are \$90 and can be purchased in advance (937) 335-9226
- We'll work out drive plans to Piqua at Sept. 8 meeting

Out-INclave at Switzers – July 18

A big thanks to Jim & Jo Switzer for organizing and hosting.

Zionsville Car Show – August 8

Our club was well represented and received many awards.

- Jim Frakes – Pride Award from Lions Club
- David Morrison, Dave Mueller – Best in class
- Ron Francis, David Verrill – Award of Excellence
- Jim/Jo Switzer – MGB Rubber Bumper
- Joan Wright – Jag XJ class, Award of Excellence

New Business

September Round-up 2016 (Sept. 15-17, 2016)

- Location: Holiday Inn, Richmond IN.

- Rate: \$120 + tax/night. Buffet breakfast included.
- We will have use of a hospitality room every night. We will be able to bring our own snacks, beer/wine.
- 50 rooms have been reserved.
- Depot District – they will close off the streets for our car show.
- Jim Bush has found information on “The Stained Glass Trail”. The Presbyterian Church in Richmond has 64 Tiffany stained glass windows. Jim is also working on a brochure to promote the weekend. He will have it ready to pass out at Sept. Round-up in Piqua.
- Other local attractions: Model T Museum and the Highest Point in Indiana.

Ice Cream Social – August 15

- IMA Dream Cars exhibit – Bruce Gilham will be our docent.
- \$18 ea. less guest pass sharing
- Lunch & car show at Woodstock CC – Tom/Wendy Neal to host. Cost of lunch - \$20-\$25. The Club will subsidize \$10/per person for lunch.
- Healey ride to an ice cream shop following lunch.

Christmas Party

Jo Switzer called many places trying to find a central location convenient for all club members. Unfortunately, most places were very expensive. However, the **Milano Inn** was affordable. It was decided by those in attendance that we would hold our Christmas party at this location. The price would be \$26/person +20% tip and 9% tax. There will be 4 entrees to choose from plus the salad bar.

Meeting location discussion

Jo and Jim Switzer had a proposal to move the meeting permanently to Dawson's in Speedway. There's concern about the falling attendance at the monthly meetings. They felt if it was always held at one location, members might be more inclined to attend. Those in attendance voted in favor of starting in September at Dawsons.

Garages of Zionsville Tour – August 22, Benefits Boys & Girls Clubs of Zionsville

Southeast Classic – Sept 25-27, Sevierville, TN

Enclave 2015 – Gettysburg

David Morrison, Jim Frakes, and Dick Storrs reported on Enclave. All enjoyed it with minor (but fixable) problems. David Morrison's carburetor drawing print received 1st place in the Arts & Crafts.

Rolling into Roanoke Car Show – July 25

Roy Bowman reported that 3 members showed their Healeys: David Verrill, Bruce Gilham, and Roy Bowman.

Next month's meeting:

Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30

Dawson's on Main, 1464 W. Main, Speedway, IN 46224

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Storrs

2015 Calendar of Events

September

8th Business Meeting at Dawson's on Main, Speedway

12th Vintage Vineyard Foreign Sports Car Show at the Round Barn (Baroda, MI)

12th - 13th [24th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival](#) (Columbus, IN)

18th - 20th September Roundup (Piqua, OH)

24th – 27th Southeastern Classic XXIX (Severville, TN)

October

2nd - 4th [Newport Hill Climb](#)

3rd British Fall Out Cruise In (Winona Lake, IN)

13th Business Meeting (tentative)

24th Halloween Party

November

6th - 8th AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting (Plainfield, IN)

10th Business Meeting (tentative)

December

5th Christmas Party at Milano Inn

