



# Overdrive

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

## ***From the President***

***By Bruce Watson***

I hope that summer has been good to everyone, and that you have been getting your Healeys out of the garage and enjoying them. I know that we had a lot of rain in July, but these cars were built for those conditions in Great Britain. So no excuses.

Well, July was a busy month for Healey activities. There were lots of car shows surrounding July 4<sup>th</sup> events. They are always a good opportunity to have a Healey stand out among all that other American iron. And, of course, Enclave took place the week of July 19. The Central Indiana Club was represented by Jim Frakes & grandson, Dick Storrs, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker, Craig and Sue Rice. This was Dave and Bonnie's first long distance adventure with their newly restored BJ8, and the car performed very well. Dick led the group on the trip that included many miles on our National Road, Rt. 40, winding through West Virginia, and ending up in Gettysburg, PA. The combination of the AHCA and the Austin Healey Sports & Touring annual events turned out very well. 220 Healeys and 100+ other British sports cars participated in the event. The teams of Frakes & Storrs and Craig & Sue Rice, and Morrison & Stahlecker participated in the Rally, but did not place for a prize. Our group did well in the car show. Craig and Sue took 2nd place in the 100 Class. David and Bonnie took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Red BJ8 Class. (There were so many BJ8s that the class was divided up by color.) David Morrison's drawing of Healey carburetors won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Arts & Crafts exhibit. Many people thought that it was a photo! Congratulations to our winners. It was a hot week, but all our members cars made it through without serious incident. Happy to hear all had a good time and returned safely!

And while Enclave was in session, on July 18, a good number of other members were enjoying an event organized by Jim and Jo Switzer; Out-Inclave. The day began with brunch at the Switzer's home in Carmel. We all enjoyed a driving tour put together by Jim that wound up at the MG Club's Regional Meet Car Show at Indy Executive Airport on Rt. 32. Those who drove Healeys (and one blue MGB and a Jag) were provided with our own show area on the airport tarmac. A couple hundred MGs from the 30's through the 70's participated in the show. (AHCA members showing their MGs included the O'Neals of Central Indiana and the Richeys of the Bluegrass Club – editor.) After viewing the car show for about an hour and a half, on a scorching hot tarmac, we resumed our tour, back to the Switzer's for a chip-in picnic.

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## ***Next Business Meeting***

The August business meeting will be on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

MCL Cafeteria (South)  
3630 S East St,  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
(317) 783-2416  
Dinner: 6:30  
Meeting: 7:30

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**Bluegrass AHC**  
<http://www.bluegrassclub.com>

**Miami Valley AHC**  
<http://sites.google.com/miamivalleyahc.com>

**Mid Ohio AHC**  
<http://www.moahc.org>

**Northern Indiana AHC**  
<http://niahc.org>

**Ohio Valley AHC**  
<http://ohiovalleyahc.com>

**Indiana British Car Union**  
<http://www.ibcu.org>

**Austin Healey Club of America**  
<http://www.healeyclub.org>

### *From the Editor (acting)*

Lottie Terry of Marion, Indiana and long time member of the Northern Indiana Austin-Healey Club passed away peacefully on Friday, 31 July 2015 at 87 years young. Services were on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

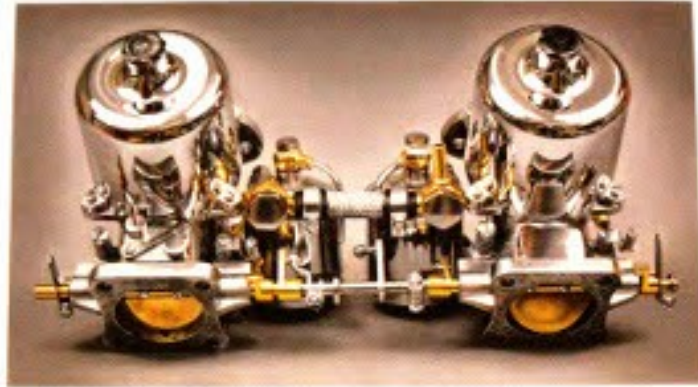
Melanie and I traveled up to Roanoke for the car show and had a good time. The Telsa dealership from Indy had a display and we were able to try one on for size. Tim and Phyllis Renz from the Northern Indiana club had their TR4 (nasty boy) there.  
Bob Haskell

## *From the President*

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Attending were Ruth & Dick Buis, Roy Bowman and friend Sussie, Jon Monies & Joan Wright, David Verrill, Ron Francis & his grandson, Sherry Storrs, John Mann, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Jo and Jim Switzer, and in the Neal's borrowed BJ8, Bruce & Barbara Watson. A big thanks to the Switzers for a wonderful event.

Then on July 25<sup>th</sup>, three of our members, Roy Bowman, Bruce Gilham and David Verrill, drove to Roanoke, IN to participate in the Rolling Into Roanoke car show. This was a nicely attended car show with lots of antique American cars, including several Auburns from the Auburn Cord Museum.



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*Yes, this is not a photograph. This is David Morrison's pencil drawing of the pair of SU HD-8 carbs from his BJ8. David made a limited edition run of 50 prints (\$50 each). (This image doesn't do it justice by a long shot!)*

Coming up are two noteworthy events that you will not want to miss. The first is the annual IBCU British Motor Days Car Show at Lion Park in Zionsville on August 8<sup>th</sup>. This is always a wonderful representation of all British Sports Cars marques from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's, and a few modern British Sports Cars. If you have not registered, there is still time. Just go to the IBCU website.

Then on August 15<sup>th</sup>, Bruce Gilham has organized a multi-faceted Ice Cream Social. The day will begin with a personally guided tour of the Dream Cars exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, by none other than Bruce Gilham. From there we will drive across the street to the Woodstock Country Club for lunch. And, of course, an Ice Cream Social wouldn't be complete without ice cream somewhere? Bruce will be sending out a notice shortly requesting your RSVP if you plan to attend. Let's get a good size group. Woodstock CC is expecting between 20 – 30 people. We are hoping to get a special spot in front of the club to show off our cars. Thanks to Bruce and to Tom Neal for arranging this eventful day. Bruce will be sending more details shortly.

Look at the Calendar in the Overdrive for other upcoming events.

Our August meeting will take place on **“Monday” August 10**; not the usual second Tuesday. It will be held at the MCL buffet located at the South 31 Shopping Center, 3630 S. East St., Indianapolis, IN 46227. This is just a short distance north of the Rt. 465 interchange, on the left side going north. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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

Bruce

## ***July 2015 Business Meeting Minutes***

The meeting was held at George's Neighborhood Grill. Those in attendance were Dick/Sherry Storrs, Bruce/Barb Watson, Jim Frakes, Bonnie Stachlecker/David Morrison, David Verril, Jo Switzer, Steve Halleck, Dick/Ruth Buis, Craig Rice, and Roy Bowman.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Craig Rice was the winner of \$16. The Benevolence Fund is now at \$190.00.

One of our members, Tom Pearson, is recovering from a 2<sup>nd</sup> open heart surgery. He will be in a rehab facility for 6-8 weeks. Those present agreed to sending him a \$50 Amazon gift card. The money will come from the Benevolence Fund.

**Treasurer's Report:** 57 members.

**September Round-Up** (Sept 18-20, 2015, Piqua, OH)

Car show will be held at WACO Company Biplane Fly-in in Troy, OH

Biplane rides will be available, weather permitting. Tickets must be purchased in advance, 937-335-9226

## **New Business**

**London to New Brighton Run results**, held Saturday, July 11. We had 3 participants from the club: Bruce/Barb Watson, Jim Frakes, and Tom Neal and his brother. There were 50 cars for the event. The Watsons took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Tom Neal and his brother took 8<sup>th</sup> place. Former members, Doug & Becky Bell won the observation rally.

## **Out-Inclave at Switzers, July 18**

This event, organized by Jo Switzer, is for all those club members not heading to Gettysburg. Meet at 10:30 at Switzers. Then head out for a drive and a car show. Returning to Switzers for a bar-be-que. Please let Jo know if you'll be attending.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Aug. 7** – Danville Car show on the square & dinner at Mayberry Cafe

Noblesville Car Show on the square – **every Saturday night.**

**July 19-24, 2015** Enclave 2015 -Gettysburg, PA,

**July 25** - Rolling into Roanoke, IN car Show, where there will be an Auburn Cord Dusenber Museum display, exotic sports cars, antiques & rods.

**August 8** - 27 Annual Indy British Motor Days – Lions Park, Zionsville

**August 15** – Dream Cars Exhibit at IMA/Ice Cream Social. Bruce Gilham to be our Docent. Thanks to Tom & Wendy Neal we'll have lunch & show our cars at Woodstock CC following the IMA exhibit. The approximate cost of lunch - \$20-25 per person. (To be club subsidized.) Tour to an ice cream shop following lunch.

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### **September Round-Up 2016 – Richmond, IN**

The Organizing committee (Bruce Watson, Jim Bush, Jim & Jo Switzer) met with Stacy Wichard, Director of Tourism for Wayne County. She was very accommodating and willing to help with our event. She offered, if we give her our “goodie bags”, to fill them for us. She will also put together a list of activities, landmarks, places of interest which we can then give to participants.

**The Depot District** – small area downtown seems to be a good place for the car show.

**Holiday Inn** – met with the manager. It's set back from the road with good security for our cars. Price of \$119/night includes full buffet breakfast. Hospitality room available – we can have our own wine, beer, soda, snacks. Back patio area.

Jim Bush will put together a “pre-flyer” advertising our event. We will pass these out at the 2015 September Round-up.

Inventory for Sept. Round-up  
36 wine glasses  
6 blankets.

**Next month's meeting: MONDAY, AUGUST 10**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**MCL SOUTH (465/31 Interchange, East St.)**

**Please note the day change for the August meeting.**

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### ***Rolling into Roanoke***

About 7:15 am on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, an intrepid trio of David Verrill, Bruce Gilham and Roy Bowman met, topped off their tanks at Country Mark in south Noblesville with ethanol-free 91+ octane fuel and struck out north together up IN 37 / IN 9. Our destination was the car show event “Rolling into Roanoke,” now in its second year.

Roanoke, Indiana is a quaint small town of about 1500 residents southwest of Fort Wayne along US 24. The car show was located along the downtown streets with a large overflow in a city park area nearby. Overall, an estimated 250+ cars with a variety of eras and marques represented, especially dominated by many fine examples of 1940's, 50's and 60's American iron. The organizing group noticed our registrations from Indy and generously positioned the (3) big Healeys together along a shaded downtown street just off of the main drag. There was a large crowd viewing the show, including Bob and Melanie Haskell, from late morning until late afternoon with considerable interest.



*David Verrill, Roy Bowman and Bruce Gilham at Roanoke*

## ***2015 Calendar of Events***

### **August**

1st [31th Annual Dayton British Car Day](#)

8th Indy British Motor Days (Zionsville Lions Park)

10th Business Meeting (southside MCL)

15<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social

22<sup>nd</sup> Zionsville Boys and Girls Club Garage Tour

29th [Carmel Artomobilia](#)

### **September**

8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting (tentative)

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

18th - 20th September Roundup

### **October**

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

13th Business Meeting (tentative)

25th Halloween Party

### **November**

6th - 8th AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting

10th Business Meeting (tentative)