



Overdrive

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

From the President

By Bruce Watson

Our monthly meeting was well attended at Squealer's Bar-B-Q on 86th St. The many upcoming events were discussed. One in particular was the Brickyard Vintage Invitational which took place over this past weekend. Between the races and the car show, our club was well represented.

Doug Bruce raced his Green #71 Bugeye Sprite and completed the race with a podium finish. He and Tucker Madawick battled it out for the entire race. Tucker drove his yellow and green Elva. On the last lap of the race Doug outsmarted Tucker's blocking tactic, and blew past him to take third in class and 6th overall in the Group 1&3-2 race (Small bore production class). Doug said "I should have been 4th overall and 1st in class, but the yellow flags and the field "jumping" the restart caught me off guard and I cooked my brakes going into turn 1 as I tried to make up for it. That cost me some spots that I had to make up and get back in front of cars I had already been in front of! I was unsure if I had even made it back to the podium but was not going to give up!"

Later in the Overdrive, you will see a photo of Doug on the podium, drinking the celebratory bottle of milk, along with a few others from that race. Doug was very gracious in allowing our club members to hang out at his paddock, grab a beer, and leave our belongings there as we walked around and took in the car show. He had some great stories from his weekend of racing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Several members exhibited their Healeys in the inaugural Vintage Car Show on the infield. David Morrison showed his beautiful newly restored Red over Grey BJ8. David Verrill showed his very clean Red BT7. Roy Bowman showed his awesome sounding Red over Black BJ8. And last but not least, Ron Francis showed his outstanding Black over Red

100M. Ron won First Place in the British Car class. Congratulations, Ron! These members and their Healeys all represented our club and the Marque extremely well.

In addition to those showing their cars, I attended the races along with Tom Neal (who drove his solid, Red BJ8), Jim and Bev Bush, and Bob and Melanie Haskell (plus Jim Burck, editor). Jeff Freers was there with his wife Jan from the Northern IN club. Jeff raced his White with Blue Stripes AN9, and while not achieving a podium finish, he did finish the race and his car ran well and had no issues during the weekend. [Jeff had to borrow a tow vehicle from his engine builder when his failed traveling to the event. Also lost the rear air filter during the race. Mike Spence (Bluegrass) raced his Crossle Formula Ford. editor] Like Doug, Jeff participates in several Vintage Races around the Midwest.

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Next Business Meeting

The June business meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14th.

George's Neighborhood Grill
6935 Lake Plaza, Indianapolis
Avalon Crossing (Binford Blvd. and 71st St.)
(317) 577-1600
Dinner: 6:30
Meeting: 7:30

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Northern Indiana AHC
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Ohio Valley AHC
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Indiana British Car Union
<http://www.ibcu.org>

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

From the Editor (acting)

If you're interested in being the newsletter editor, please let Bruce Watson know. I've got enough projects waiting for me out in the garage.

Bob Haskell

From the President

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Four of our club's Healeys will be participating in Enclave in Gettysburg, PA in July. They are Craig and Sue Rice's BN1, Jim Frakes BJ8, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker's BJ8, and Dick and Sherry Storrs' BN7-1. Dick has organized a driving route to and from the event. They will be following the historic National Road, Rt. 40, for the most part.

For those who are planning to attend September Round-up in Piqua, OH, please get your registration form in as soon as possible. It will help the Miami Valley organizers to be better able to plan their event. You will find the Registration form on their website; miamivalleyahca.com

Coming up between now and our July meeting are a couple events worth noting:

- Cars & Coffee Drive-in which now takes place every Saturday morning at the Lotus Dealership on 96th St. just east of Michigan Rd. Traveling east from Michigan Rd, you will see a Lotus sign on the right. There are two white brick walls with signs for Park 465 on them. Drive to the end of the road, and turn right into the parking lot. Roy said that he checked it out, and it was well attended. All makes and models of cars are welcome. The hours are 9:00 to 11:00. Let's get some cars there to represent our Marque.
- Noblesville Car Show on the Square every Saturday night from 4:30 to 8:30.
- Griot's Garage Sale/Tech Session/Car Show June 27, from 9:00 to 5:00. This event is held at Griot's Garage Distribution Center at 2185 Airwest Blvd, Plainfield, IN 46168
- Danville Car Show on the square the first Friday night of each month; next one is July 3

Remember, Healeys are meant to be driven. Get them out, drive safely and have fun!

Bruce Watson



June 2015 Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Squealers B-B-Q. Those in attendance were Bob/Melanie Haskell, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Bruce Watson, Bruce Gilham, Tom Neal, Jim/Jo Switzer, Craig Rice, Jim Frakes, Bonnie Stahlecker/David Morrison, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, David Verrill, Dick/Ruth Buis.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Bruce Gilham was the winner and he graciously donated his winnings to the Benevolence Fund, which is now at \$162.00.

Treasurer's Report – Craig Rice reported the club membership now stands 57 paid members. Our newest member is Richard Kurth from Danville, IL.

Bruce Watson began the meeting by encouraging members to register for the **September Round-up 2015** if they have not already done so.

New Business

- Griot's Garage Sale/Tech Session/Car Show – June 27 – 9-5pm.
- Danville Car Show on the Square- 1st Friday. There was some discussion as to having a possible club activity on August 7.
- Noblesville Car Show on the Square – every Saturday night.

SEPTEMBER ROUND-UP 2016

- The date is September 17-20, 2016.
- It will be held in Richmond, IN
- Bruce Watson has contacted the Visitor's Bureau and has received information. He suggested that several club members take a trip there to investigate the area.
- Organizing Committee - Jim & Jo Switzer, Jim Bush and Bruce Watson

Upcoming Events

- London to Brighton Run – Saturday, July 11
 - Start at Moral Twsp. Comm. Ctr., London Rd., ends in Liberty, IN
- Saturday, July 18 – Jim/Jo Switzer are going to plan “**an outclave**” at their house. Plans include a drive in the Healeys, then back to Switzers for a cookout. Details to follow.
- Enclave 2015 – Gettysburg, PA – July 19-24, 2015
 - Jim Frakes, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Bonnie Stahlecker/David Morrison are planning to attend. They will be caravanning together.
- Rolling into Roanoke, IN car show – July 25
- 27th Annual Indy British Motor Days – Aug. 8 – Zionsville, IN

Dream Cars Exhibit at IMA/Ice Cream Social – August 15

- It was the consensus of the members to have the club pay the \$85 fee. This would allow those attending to view the exhibit early from 10-11 a.m.
- 11:30-1:00 Lunch at Woodstock CC. Tom Neal is looking into this. Possible photo opportunity.
- 1:00- ? Leisurely drive through the countryside, with a stop for ice cream

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OTHER NEWS

- Christmas Party – December 5, 2015. Jo Switzer is looking into various restaurant sites.
- Bonnie Stahlecker – exhibit of her work at the Artist's Co-op Gallery in Lafayette. The exhibit runs through June 27.
- Roy Bowman has checked into several restaurants as possible venues for our meetings. He reported that the MCL on the southside is already booked on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Next month's meeting:

- **July 14, 2015**
- **6:30 p.m.**
- **George's Neighborhood Grill**

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Storrs



Doug Verrill's 3000 MkI at the SVRA car show



Steve Martin and Ron Francis enjoying the rain



Roy Bowman prepping his 3000 convertible at IMS



David Morrison's BJ8 at the SVRA car show - IMS



Doug Bruce's #71 on the false grid



Doug Bruce chasing Tucker Madawick in Turn 1



Illustration 1: Doug Bruce (right) on the podium

2015 Calendar of Events

June

28th [28th Annual Michiana British Car Show](#)

July

11th IBCU's London to Brighton Run

11th-12th [Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXV](#)

14th Business Meeting (George's Neighborhood Grill)

19th - 24th [Enclave 2015](#)

25th Rolling into Roanoke

August

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

8th Indy British Motor Days

10th Business Meeting (southside MCL)

29th [Carmel Artomobilia](#)

September

8th 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)