



# Overdrive

March, 2015 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

## ***From the President***

***By Bruce Watson***

March is here and the first day of spring (read, the first day of the Healey Season) is just around the corner. The golf courses are open and the daffodils are poking their heads through the thawed out soil. I took the first drive of the season in my “wannabe Healey” today and it sure felt good. Neighbors are getting their sports cars and other modes of transportation out of their garages with a bucket and hose, and performing another of the rights of spring; washing the car in the driveway. I hope that everyone has taken advantage of the beautiful spring weather to get your Healeys out from under cover, and clean them up. It’s time to start showing them to the waiting public, and to begin enjoying that rush of Healey horsepower and the wind in your hair.

We had a well-attended meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at Logan’s Roadhouse.

Preliminary planning is beginning for our turn at hosting September Round-up in 2016.

The Haskells, Switzers, Bush’s and Jim Frakes are planning a trip to the Fourwinds Resort & Marina, the site of the very first Conclave 40 years ago in 1976, to check out the site for our event. More on their expedition at the April 11 meeting.

Note that this is a Saturday, and we will be holding a breakfast meeting at 9:30AM at the Blueberry Hill Pancake House on east Washington St., just off Rt. 465. If the

weather forecast is good for that day, perhaps we can plan a short drive to some interesting destination in the metro area.

For those planning to attend Enclave in Gettysburg, PA, You should register right away. Space is already running short for a couple of events.

Please check our club website for a myriad of upcoming events over the course of this driving season.

Happy Spring! And may all your Healeys start on the first crank!

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## ***Next Business Meeting***

The April business meeting will be on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Blueberry Hill Pancake House  
7803 East Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN  
(317) 358-8401  
Breakfast: 9:30  
Meeting: 10:30

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

**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)*

Well, April 11<sup>th</sup> is overflowing with events. There's monthly business meeting. There's the swap meet in Louisville. And now there's the Cars for the Cure at Rolls-Royce. Can't do all three. Oh, well.

Had some fun last Saturday, was able to use my two Sun Scopes on Ron Francis' 100. They both worked, strangely enough. They showed that the #4 spark plug voltage was a bit weak. Engine compression is good and replacing the plug and plug wire didn't change the results. Testing with a different distributor is next on the list.

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



# Springthing

TENNESSEE STYLE

Hosted by the Bluegrass Austin Healey Club

May 14 - 17

Goodlettsville, TN

Twenty miles north of Nashville on I-65

[bluegrassclub.com](http://bluegrassclub.com)

The **Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club** is proud to partner with our Volunteer members to the south to present the **2015 SpringThing**. The fun, laid back and hospitality-filled **SpringThing** you've come to expect is taking a Tennessee-style vacation and we invite you to join in on the festivities.

Each year we strive to find the very best VIP experiences for our guests and 2015 won't disappoint. We've lined up special behind-the-scenes access to the **Lane Motor Museum** in Nashville, complete with a tour of the basement. But this isn't your grandmothers dusty old basement. This one is filled with hundreds of cars, many of which you've probably never seen or heard of. If tours are your fancy, enjoy the beautiful roads and experience the countryside with your Healey friends all on your schedule.

Our famous hospitality suite will be specially catered this year with deli-style selections to keep your stomach full, and of course our bottomless kegs and wine boxes will be on hand to keep you watered, as usual.

Come enjoy new territory for **SpringThing** as we celebrate the family reunion that is **SpringThing**. The **Bluegrass Club** look forward to seeing you in May!



Nashville, TN  
car museum!

**Lane Motor Museum** features 150 unique cars and motorcycles and is home to the largest European collection in the U.S. The vehicles date from the 1920s all the way up to modern day and feature a varied collection of microcars, amphibious vehicles, military vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, prototypes, one-of-a-kind vehicles and motorcycles.

*The Bluegrass Club has arranged for a tour that includes the private warehouses featuring over 300 cars not seen by the public.*



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Car Model \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee

- Includes a professionally catered Hospitality Room \$85

Lane Motor Museum Tour

- Includes a Private Basement Tour and Pizza Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet

- Choose \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast or \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Talapia \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration to: Susan Ralph 4417 Long Hollow Pike Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
615-337-0369 [sralph1@me.com](mailto:sralph1@me.com)



**Rooms are only \$82!**

**La Quinta Inn & Suites**

120 South Cartwright Court, Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
1-615-851-1891

Use code "**Spring Thing**" To receive rate

## ***March 2015 Business Meeting Minutes***

***By Sherry Storrs***

The meeting was held at Logan's Roadhouse restaurant in the Castleton area. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Jim/Bev Bush, Tom/Wendy Neal, Randy/Janet Belden, Bob/Melanie Haskell, Jim Frakes, Jim Switzer, Craig Rice, Pat Bruce, David Broyles, Tom Pearson, Steve Halleck, Michael Goldenberg, and David Verrill.

President Bruce Watson began the evening by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Our winner was Bev Bush, who generously donated her \$20 winnings to the Benevolence Fund. The Benevolence Fund now totals \$405.

**Treasurer's Report** – Craig Rice reported the club membership now stands at 56 paid members.

### **September Round-up 2016**

Our club is hosting this event, so much discussion followed as we began to plan for this event. Jim Bush has already done some preliminary “investigation” into a possible site, The Fourwinds Resort & Marina in Bloomington, IN. September 18-20, 2016 is a possible date as there is no IU football game that weekend.

The Bushes, Haskells, Switzers, and Jim Frakes are planning a visit to the Fourwinds on April 4. They will be taking a tour of the facility and hopefully also talking to a manager regarding room levels, pricing, and catering options. They will report back to the club at the April 11 meeting.

There is some concern that, if we choose to stay at the Fourwinds, the price of the rooms will be considerably higher than those at September Round-up this year. Those rooms in Piqua, OH will be \$74/night.

2016 is the 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Conclave which was held at the Fourwinds. We hope to be able to capitalize on this and possibly get other clubs to come, thus attracting a wider area of possible participants.

Doug Bruce (our speaker at the February meeting) has offered to help. There is a possibility of having the car show in Bloomington – possibly on the IU campus.

**Enclave 2015** – Bruce Watson encouraged those who are planning to attend to please sign up. Dick Storrs offered to plan a driving route to & from Enclave.

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## **Business Meeting Minutes continued**

### **Upcoming Events**

Cars for the Cure – Saturday, April 11, 11:00-4:00  
Benefits Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Rolls Royce Training Center, W. Raymond St., Indianapolis  
Tour of the Goodwin Collection – April 11  
Stutz Heritage – July 30  
Carmel Artmobilia – August 29

For a complete listing of upcoming events, please look on the club's website.

**Next Meeting: April 11 Breakfast Meeting at Blueberry Hill Pancake House,  
7803 East Washington St.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Storrs – Secretary

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

#### **April**

11th Breakfast & Business Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> British Car Swap Meet, 502 Auto Club, Louisville  
11th Cars for the Cure, UAW Training Center, Rolls-Royce

#### **May**

3rd - August 23rd [Dream Cars: Innovative Design, Visionary Ideas](#)  
3rd 38th Annual British Swap Meet and Car Show  
12th Business Meeting (tentative)  
14th - 17th SpringThing  
15th - 17th [Carlisle Import and Kit Car Nationals](#)  
29th - 31st [Champagne British Car Festival 2015](#)  
30th - June 7th [Annual British Car Week](#)  
24th Indy 500 Party

## **June**

10th - 14th [2015 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational](#)

9th Business Meeting (tentative)

11<sup>th</sup> IBCU's London to Brighton Run

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

## **July**

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

14th Business Meeting (tentative)

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

## **August**

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

8th Indy British Motor Days

11th Business Meeting (tentative)

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)