



# Overdrive

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

## ***From the President***

***By Bruce Watson***

Healey driving weather has finally arrived, and along with it, the many local and regional events in which we can participate with our Healeys. It is important that we give our Healeys a regular work-out to keep them in good running condition, just like our bodies need regular exercise to keep us in good shape. It is also important that we show these beautiful cars to the public as often as possible to maintain interest in the marque, even if that's just a Sunday afternoon drive.

One of those opportunities is the Cars & Coffee Drive-in held every Saturday morning. The location has been changed from the parking lot on Meridian by Kona Jacks and Starbucks. It now takes place at the Lotus Dealership (Gator Motorsports – ed.) on 96<sup>th</sup> 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.

Another Drive-in car show takes place in Danville on the first Friday night of each month from May to September. Several of us have attended this event in the past, and had dinner at the Mayberry Café. There were numerous other classic British cars there, and they were happy to have us join in. Let's pick a date and get a group together for one of these Friday night car shows.

Noblesville holds a Cruise-in on the square every Saturday night from 4:30 to 8:30. This is also a fun event that can be combined with dinner at one of the restaurants on the square. You can just show up or

we can plan an informal group get together.

Then there is the Brickyard Vintage Races Invitational. At our last meeting, we discussed getting together at the track on Saturday, June 13. Doug Bruce will be racing his Bugeye Sprite at 10:45, and the ProAm Race will be held at 1:35. At 12:30 the Indy Legends drivers will be in Pit Lane to sign autographs. This is a great time, with the paddocks open to the public. Doug Bruce has offered his paddock as a place to meet and drop off personal items that you don't want to carry around. The races can be watched from the infield fences or from the grandstands on the straightaway. From any vantage point, you will enjoy some exceptional Vintage

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## ***Next Business Meeting***

The June business meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Squealers Barbeque  
5515 W. 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis  
(317) 871-7427  
Dinner: 6:30  
Meeting: 7:30

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### Mr. Healey's Neighborhood

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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)*

Tech tip: When re-torquing the cylinder head nuts, you need to loosen each nut a bit first. A nut may be under-torqued, but it may take more than the specified torque to get the nut to rotate. If the nut doesn't rotate, then the preload developed by the stud won't change. Don't loosen all the nuts, just the one you're re-torquing. There is a factory tool (an obstruction wrench) that allows you to re-torque the cylinder head without removing the rocker arm assembly.

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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Racing. There will also be a car show for classic and vintage cars, with a lap around the track as part of the entry fee. Go to the Brickyard Vintage Races Invitational for all the details. Gates open at 8:00.

A smaller than usual group enjoyed the Indy 500 Race Party at Joan Wrights' and Jon Monies' home in Brown County on Sunday, May 24. Jon smoked a turkey and chicken legs. Joan served delicious Bloody Marys', and those who attended enjoyed a smorgasbord of great appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. Winners in the Race Car/Driver drawing were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jim Bush with Juan Pablo Montoya; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Chris Wright with Will Power; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ruth Buis, with Charlie Kimball. Dick Buis won the 1<sup>st</sup> out of the race with Connor Daly. Thanks again to Joan & Jon for their wonderful hospitality.

Our June meeting will be held at Squealers Bar B Q on 86<sup>th</sup> St., on June 9th at 6:30PM.

Let's have a good turn-out at the June meeting, so we can plan to get together for the Brickyard Vintage Races, and a couple other car shows ver drawing were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jim Bush with Juan Pablo Montoya; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Chris Wright with Will Power; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Ruth Buis, with Charlie Kimball. Dick Buis won the 1<sup>st</sup> out of the race with Connor Daly. Thanks again to Joan & Jon for their wonderful hospitality. and events. and events.

Get those Healeys out and enjoy them now that the good weather has arrived.

Bruce Watson

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## ***May 2015 Business Meeting Minutes***

***By Sherry Storrs***

The meeting was held at George's Neighborhood Grill. Those in attendance were Jim/Bev Bush, Jim/Jo Switzer, John Mann, Randy Belden, Bruce Gilham, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Roy Bowman, Dick/Ruth Buis, Jim/Sandy Burke, Bob/Melanie Haskell, Craig Rice, David Verrill, David Broyles, and Jim Frakes.

President Bruce Watson began the evening by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Our winner was Randy Belden. He received \$25 and \$25 went to our Benevolence Fund.

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

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

We are now looking at Richmond, Indiana as a possible site. There is a Historic Depot district which would be a good venue for a car show. There is a new Holiday Inn on Rt. 40. Other attractions:

Antique Alley

Hoosier Hill – highest point in Indiana

Orville Wright Museum

Bruce Watson will get more information and report back.

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### **Dream Cars at IMA – May 3-August 23**

General admission - \$18 Hours 11-5 pm

#### **“All Revved Up” - June 6**

It's being promoted by the IMA as a family event. For \$85 we'd get “early admission “at 10:00 to see the dream cars and they would provide security for our Healeys. If we had 15 or more attending, the cost would be \$15/person. The consensus of those at the meeting was that June 6 was too soon to try and organize a club event. It was decided to do the IMA with our Ice Cream Social on August 15. It was also brought up that Tom Neal had suggested at a previous meeting that we all go to the Woodstock Country Club after the Dream Cars exhibit.

### **Brickyard Vintage Races – June 10-14**

The consensus was to make this a club event. More details to follow.

### **Other News**

Roy Bowman talked about “Rolling into Roanoke” Car Show as a possible club activity. Roanoke is located 10 miles SW of Ft. Wayne.

Ice Cream Social – August 15. Need a host/organizer

### **Next month's meeting: June 9, 2015**

**Squealers on W. 86<sup>th</sup> St.  
6:30**

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Storrs



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

### **June**

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

9th Business Meeting (Squealers)

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

### **July**

11<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

25<sup>th</sup> Rolling into Roanoke

### **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)