



Overdrive

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

From the President

By Bruce Watson

As I write this, the Holiday Season has officially begun. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Well, October ended with another great Halloween party at the Bush's barn. The event was well attended and the weather was perfect. The Schniders flowed thanks to the Switzer's who keep the Halloween tradition going strong. There was plenty of food with the attendees bringing side dishes and desserts, and the Bush's supplying the hot dogs and beverages. After dinner, the bonfire was lit and everyone enjoyed it's warmth on a perfect fall evening. Thanks to the Bush's for their wonderful hospitality.

The unusually warm weather throughout Oct. and Nov. provided an extended Healey driving season. Lots of top down opportunities. But all good things must come to an end sooner or later, and winter will soon be upon us. Two of our members are in the process of working on their winter Healey projects. Jim Switzer held a tech session in his garage on Saturday, Nov. 21. This was Jim's birthday present to Jo, and was called the "Stripper" party. (See photo of the infamous Healey Strippers.) The objective was to pull the engine and transmission from the '68 square body Sprite that Jim rescued from Jon Monies' graveyard. A sizable and energetic crew arrived at 9:00 and got to work. By noon, not only was the engine and gearbox out, but the rest of the car was stripped with the exception of the front suspension and steering rack. Jim plans to move the unibody and other body parts to his brother's barn/shop and sand blast and restore them this winter. Jim has set a two year timeline for a complete restoration. Hopefully by the summer of 2017 he will be driving a beautiful red with two center white racing stripes and Mini

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Next Business Meeting

The January business meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th.

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

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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 President

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Lite wheels, square body Sprite. Good luck on the project.

On Monday night, Nov. 23, Jim Frakes held a tech session in his warehouse to begin the assembly of his newest BJ8 restoration project. See Jim's separate report and photos. This is what club membership is all about! Healey owner/enthusiasts helping other Healey owners, and keeping the Marque alive. Thanks for all who participated in these Tech Sessions. Your help and expertise is greatly appreciated by these two members. Other Tech Session opportunities are coming up on Dec. 28, back at Jim Frakes' warehouse, and sometime in January, at Dick & Ruth Buis' garage. More details in the coming weeks.

Nov. 10 was Club Officer Election night. A full slate of candidates was presented to the membership during our dinner meeting at Dawson's in Speedway. Your 2016 officers are as follows:

- President – Bruce Watson
- Vice President – David Verrill
- Secretary – Sherry Storrs
- Treasurer/Membership – Craig Rice
- Overdrive Editor – Bob Haskell
- Club Delegate – Dick Storrs

Thanks to all who are willing to give of your time and talents to help keep the Central Austin Healey Club alive and vibrant.

Well, the Holiday Season is upon us. Thanksgiving and Black Friday are now memories, as we look forward to Christmas and Chanukah. In a departure from our recent Holiday Parties, this year we will be holding the festivities at the Milano Inn, downtown Indianapolis. A good size group of approx. 35 people will be enjoying a holiday dinner together, followed by a lively White Elephant gift exchange; exchange being the operative word. I look forward to a very enjoyable evening.

Best wishes & Happy Holidays!

Bruce



Frakes' Tech Session Report

By Jim Frakes

A very lively group showed up at Jim Frakes Warehouse to start hanging parts back on Jim's 66 Olde English White Healey. It is not just Olde English White anymore, the area below the swage line is now Porsche Red!

Ron Francis came about 3:00 and helped remove the four fenders, which were only fastened on with tie wraps and a couple of Bolts. Wrapping them carefully in moving blankets and shelving them out of the way was quite a task.

Soon others arrived and eager to find an assignment. Dick Storr's captained a team tackling the installation of the rear axle housing, radius arm assembly, preparing for the new springs and shock absorbers. They were added the next day.

Ron Francis tackled the interior insulation using Dynamat extreme to cover the interior of the firewall. Gotta keep that heat out! Bob Haskell worked on the wiring, followed by some work on the front suspension. Peter VanHorn, meanwhile, added small, but necessary parts to the front end including the steering idler and radiator brackets. Bruce Gilham modified the Moss Firewall Boards where required to fit, and prepared them to paint with white metal primer. Two coats of primer were added later and three coats of Clear Urethane over that. That should keep them a little cleaner looking (for a while). Others who participated or critiqued included Craig Rice, Mike Ford, Roy Bowman and Special Guest Doug Frakes, in for the Holiday.

Pizza, Chips and drinks were served and lots of conversation about Healey or what ever any one had in mind.

Next Tech Session: Monday, December 28th. Start time is 4 PM or whenever you can get there.



Calendar of Events

December, 2015

5th Christmas Party at Milano Inn

January, 2016

12th Business Meeting (Dawsons on Main)

November 2015 Business Meeting Minutes

By Sherry Storrs

The meeting was held at Dawson's in Speedway. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Jim/Sue Frakes, Bruce Gilham, David Broyles, Bob Haskell, David Bird, Peter Van Horn, Craig Rice, David Morrison/Bonnie Stachlecker, Dick/Ruth Buis, Randy Belden, Roy Bowman, John Mann, Jim/Jo Switzer.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. The amount sold was \$48, with Craig Rice winning \$24.

Treasurer's Report: 58 members, \$4000 balance.

You should receive the invoice for the 2016 dues by December 10. Deadline is February 28. Renew early! Jo Switzer suggested that if a member does not renew, we should follow up and see why.

Announcements

- Bruce Watson introduced the club's newest member David Bird. David is the owner of a 1958 100-6 that he wants to restore.
- Status on Tom Pearson – The open heart valve replacement surgery went well. Now he is having atrial fib problems and there is a blood clot near his heart. He is not in good spirits. Barb Watson passed around a card for all of us to sign.
- Congratulation were extended to Jim and Sue Frakes who were recently married. They were given a \$100 gift certificate to Ocean Prime for a nice dinner.

Election of 2016 Officers

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The slate of officers was moved and seconded. The vote carried.

Delegate Meeting Report – Dick Storrs – See article on page 6

Christmas Party, December 5, 6 p.m., Milano Inn (231 S. College)

Jo Switzer has to give the final count to the Milano Inn by Nov. 20. Presently, there are 33 members planning to attend. The meal will be served family style. Cost is \$35/person. There will be a cash bar. The club will subsidize the wine and appetizers. Don't forget to bring a white elephant gift (\$15-\$20 value); one gift for each participant.

September Round-up 2016 – Richmond, IN

Reservations have been set at the Holiday Inn. The Steering committee (Bushes, Watsons, Switzers) will be meeting November 23 for further planning. Bruce Watson passed around a sign-up sheet for committees.

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Tech Sessions

- Ruth and Dick Buis are planning to sell their Healey in the spring. However, it needs some work to get it running; it has sat for 3 years. They're thinking of a January date. More info to follow.
- November 21, 9:00 at Jim Switzer's. Work on his 1968 square body Sprite. The engine/transmission/drive train needs to come out of the car.
- Jim Frakes, reassembling his newest BJ8. November 23, starting around 4:00 at his warehouse.
- Doug Bruce can't get his Healey to run. If you have any suggestions or help, give him a call.

No regular December meeting due to the Christmas Party. Next regular Club meeting to be held Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at Dawson's, 1464 Main St., Speedway, 46224.

See the club's website for more details and a complete calendar of events, including last month's Overdrive.
<http://www.ciahc.org>

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Storrs, Secretary

Summary of 2015 Delegates Meeting by Dick Storrs

Purpose of Meeting:

Modify By-Laws as needed for clarity, uniformity, and changing time/needs
Approve expenditures, and approve next year's budget.
Approve necessary future plans for meetings (ie. Conclave).

Key Themes discussed: *Focused toward more meaningful and increased participation in club events.*

- Improve communication between the National and Local Club, and between the Local Club and it's current members and potential members.
- Converting from old technology to more useful new technology.
 - Digitizing AHCA records
 - Improved internet communication
 - Club Web Page – Resources are available national to implement
 - Use Facebook – Inexpensive, Ease of Use, Ease of access, Easy to format.
- Attract new members
- Facebook
 - Easy to “search”.
 - Shares information/pictures about your participation.
 - Free advertising about club events, and national events.

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- Sharing the Healey experience
 - Give Healey rides to kids, sick kids, kids without Healeys at a Healey event.
 - Attracting young people – rides, adds, “Sprite” give-away, Associate membership

Conclave:

- 2015 Conclave netted about \$30,000 in profit that was shared by AHCA and AHSTC. About \$ 7500 went to National AHCA and the same to the New England Club, who co-sponsored the event with the AHSTC.
- 2016 Conclave will be in Cincinnati June 12 – 17. We should have good turn out.
- 2017 Conclave – location has yet to be determined.
- New Conclave Ideas - encourage smaller clubs to host
 - Clubs with unique skills in one Conclave activity work with another local club
 - Training
 - Doing the activity during Conclave
 - Shared management of Conclave (ie. *ENCLAVE*)
 - A resource center available to blueprint Conclave, facilitating an easier hosting experience for the local club.

2016 National Officers: same as 2015

Notable Actions:

- The club president will be a members of AHCA
- Associate Membership status: under 25; no voting privileges; can attend in all activities; receives the magazine “Healey Marque”; pays \$25 national dues.
- The 2016 proposed Budget is disbursements of \$185,950 on revenues of \$ 188,475 with additional cash on hand of \$100,000+.
- Dues for National will remain at \$50 per year.
- The “Ann Wisdom Riley – Pat Moss Driving Award (for women only) will be awarded to the woman/women earning the highest points in Conclave driving events.

NOTES (etc.):

- 17 of the 49 local AHCA clubs do not currently participate in the annual fall delegates meeting and steps were discussed as to how to approach them, to determine why, and how we could get them to come.
- Leroy and Sue Joppa, long members of AHCA and particularly supportive of the “NASTY BOY” segment of the club, died this past year. With their heirs having no interest in the majority of Healey items in their estate, they have approached AHCA to donate that in which they have no interest. Those holding these items are making them available to AHCA members through and auction/raffle (probably at Conclave 2016). The proceeds will be given to charities that Sue and Leroy supported.
- Watch the “Presidents” column in the “Healey Marque”, as Fred Dabney (the pres.) will remark on the items: Club President and Associate Membership.
- The Manitoba Club celebrated their 25th club anniversary by publishing a book of memories, written by each member and with pictures and articles about past club activities.
- The 2016 Delegates meeting will be held in Indianapolis.

Special Note: This has to do with the heritage you share with past members of Central Indiana AHCA. There are two date relating to local clubs in AHCA: date of formation and date of sanction (entrance to AHCA). Our club shares these dates with the Carolinas Club (Charlotte) and we are both the 7th in formation and the 3rd to be sanctioned in August of 1976. Further, Central Indiana currently has the 17th largest membership in AHCA.