



# Overdrive

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

## ***From the President***

***By Bruce Watson***

It's been another good month for driving our Healeys and wannabe Healeys. The weather has been beautiful for lots of top down driving. As I write this note, the weather forecast is for Healey weather conditions for at least the next couple weeks. Take advantage of it, because as we all know, Indiana weather can change for the worse in a flash as we get into October.

The Miami Valley club did a wonderful job on this year's September Round-up. The drive over to Piqua on scenic Rt. 36 on Friday was uneventful. They had plenty of good food and drink in their Hospitality room. Everyone gathered there and spent the evening getting reacquainted with old friends from the other regional clubs, from Northern Indiana, the Triad Club, and what would a Sept. Round-up be without our Canadian friends from the Bluewater Club! The revelry went well into the night.

Saturday brought with it the Car Show at the WACO Airplane Museum. Many of the old WACO biplanes flew in for the weekend providing a great exhibit of these planes of long ago. The museum was well worth seeing, and learning the history of these great planes. However, just as the Car Show began, the skies opened up with some "British Sunshine", sending everyone scrambling for their portable garages, tonneaus, and side curtains. Between the museum and the pavilion, there was plenty of cover. The Car Show officials decided that they would wait to judge the cars until their return to the hotel in the afternoon after the showers passed.

A fun Poker Run was however held between the raindrops. 7 cards were collected and poker hands were made during the Awards Banquet that evening. A good array of items was on hand for the Silent Auction, that should have helped our hosts pay for

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## ***Tech Session***

Tucker Madawick is having a tech session at his business, Autosport Inc, in Bloomington on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>. According to Jon Monies, things get underway around 9:30AM. Jon also suggested that folks could stop by in Gnowbone afterwards and before heading to the Halloween party. A full Healey day.

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Bloomington, IN 47408  
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## ***Next Business Meeting***

The November business meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

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### Mr. Healey's Neighborhood

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<http://www.ciahc.org>

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

**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*

*by Bob Haskell*

Not much going on Healey related at the Haskell's. Hope to see the project Jim Switzer dragged home from Jon and Joan's a couple of weeks ago soon. We had a great time at September Round-up in Piqua. More recently, the three of us traveled east to visit family and friends. Every three years a few of us from college get together in a different part of the country. This year we met in Rhode Island which meant we could also spend time with Melanie's family. Also spent a day with my folks. Didn't see any Healeys on the trip; but did see a nice MGA in Wickford, RI.

Bob

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the event. Special guest, auctioneer Gary Brierton provided some levity with his lively Southern auctioneer style.

The Car Show events were announced following dinner, and our club did itself proud. Following are the classes and Awards won by our members:

Big Healey Roadster Award of Excellence Dave Verrill

MK III Single Light Best of Class Jim Frakes

100-4 Best of Class Ron Francis

Award of Excellence Jim & Sandy Burke

Award of Excellence Craig Rice

SOB Best of Class Jim & Jo Switzer

Best of Show was awarded to Tom & Nancy Hall from the Ohio Valley Club, for their beautiful Bugeye Sprite.

Sunday morning arrived, and everyone said their good-byes and best wishes for safe travels home. Next year it is our turn. We began to promote our event in Sept. 2016 with a brochure developed by Jim & Bev Bush. A table with a Sept. Round-up 2016 Richmond, IN sign was up throughout the event. And I made a Power Point presentation during the banquette festivities. We will be making a concerted PR effort to attract Healey Enthusiasts from all over the Midwest, Canada, Kentucky and other Southern clubs. Stay tuned. Please be thinking of what you would like to do to help plan and run the event next year. Contact the Bushs, Switzers or Watsons with your preferences.

We had some bad news from Dave Morrison earlier in the month. While he was out for a drive with his niece, he tried to avoid a collision with an oncoming car that had crossed the center line, and drove off the road and into a tree. Significant damage occurred to both Dave and his beautiful and recently restored BJ8. Dave suffered a broken nose, several broken ribs, a broken eye socket, and many bumps and bruises. He spent a few days in the hospital, and is home recovering. Fortunately, his niece was not injured. We wish Dave the very best and hope for a speedy recovery.

To end on a good note, Tom Pearson is back home, and out of rehab after the replacement of an aortic heart valve. It has been a long haul for Tom, and we wish him well with his ongoing recovery. He needs to hop in that "Nasty Boy" and get his heart pumping again!

Our next gathering will be at the Bush's barn for the annual Halloween Party on Oct 24. No meeting this year at the party or in October. Next meeting will be for officer elections on Nov.10, at Dawson's in Speedway.

***Drive safely. I will see you at the Halloween Party!***

***Bruce***



## ***Halloween Party***

It's that time again!

The Bushes are hosting the Healey Halloween Party at their barn on Saturday, October 24. Starting at 6 PM.



As in the past, we will provide the hot dogs and buns, utensils, plates, and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish. There will be Sniders, a small selection of beer and wine, and this is a strictly Classic Coke and Diet Coke facility. Please let Jim or Bev know that you are attending by Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Directions to their place was sent in an email.

Costumes are optional. (Clothing is not ! - editor)

## ***Delegates Meeting***

Our National Delegate, Dick Storrs, has provided the following information about the activities during the Fall Delegates meeting here in Indianapolis.

The schedule of activities on **Friday November 6**, prior to the start of the AHCA National Delegates Meeting is as follows:

11: 30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch at "Bearcats" in the Stutz Building ( eat, view cars and artist's work),(\$\$ pay for your lunch)
30 minutes	transit time
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Rolls-Royce-Allison Air Engine Museum (Free)
30 minutes	transit time
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Dallara Indy Car factory: factory tour; photo; and use of interactive area (\$20) If weather permits, a ride in the two seat race car on streets adjacent to the factory (\$30)

We have a "package" price on the Dallara part of \$50.

I promised our club members an update on this information now that it is finalized.

Dick has done a great job of lining up some very interesting activities for the other Delegates, and including our members.

Please let Dick know if you are interested in attending any or all of these activities as soon as possible, so he can make the appropriate reservations. You can contact him at his e-mail above or at 317-844-9661.

If you're planning on going to the dinner and silent auction on Saturday, please let Jo Switzer know.

## September Round-up

by Jim Frakes

September Roundup 2015 hosted by MIAMI VALLEY was a rousing success despite some inclement weather at times. The drive over looked to be very wet on Friday AM with a downpour on the NE side of Indy. By just after noon, it cleared and with mostly tops down, the drive was uneventful. Sunny and blue skies all the way for about a 102 mile ride from Noblesville.

Miami Valley's very nice regalia and hospitality allowed about 70 Healey friends to meet, greet, eat and yes, the usual liquid refreshment was consumed. As the evening progressed, rainbows were over the parking lot, but gathering storm clouds indicated the evening and next morning were going to be wet. Cars were covered for the impending wet night. It was!

Early AM was also. Still, the short drive to Troy, Ohio's WACO Aircraft Museum and grassy field in the morning was worth the effort. Several Vintage and Continuation Waco Planes were on display outside and in the Museum, along with numerous memorabilia about WACO's glorious days. According to WACO's President, and their web site: The WACO Aircraft Company was the largest manufacturer of civil aircraft in the country in the late 1920's and early 30's and this museum is dedicated to the plant and the employees that made it great.

Rides in a WACO continuation aircraft were available. One blonde lady got more than she bargained for as the plane lifted off about 75 feet, so did a large flock of geese.

Unbelievably, the first group avoided the aircraft while the others scrambled all over the place, also successfully avoiding the eminent disaster. I have a sequence of high speed pictures to show.

The rain had put some damper on the Poker run but skies again cleared enough for most cars to again go topless and still see some sights of the country.

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*kareoke night*



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Awards dinners are usually dull, but the Miami Valley crew put together an outstanding feast with three entrees and plenty of sides. Nobody should have went hungry as there was much food over including cake and pie.

### Raffle winners:

- **2016 September Round-up Goody Basket:** Jim and Jo Switzer
- **Healey Clock:** Mike and Kim Bish

### Awards:

- **Rally (Poker Run)**
  1. Jim Frakes\*
  2. Bob and Melanie Haskell\*
- **Car Show Winners** (1<sup>st</sup> followed by Awards of Excellence)
  - **Sprite:** Charlie and DeeDee Lownsdale, Bob and Pat Duffey, Skip and Joan Jackson
  - **100:** Ron Francis\*, Jim and Sandy Burke\*, Craig Rice\*
  - **6 Cylinder Roadsters:** Dave and Vickie Roberts, Tim and Kathleen Coons, Dave Verrill\*
  - **BJ7 Convertible;** Tim and Bobbi Ross, Jerry and Peggy Spurlock
  - **BJ8 Convertible one light:** Jim Frakes\*, Jack and Ann Overley
  - **BJ8 Convertible two light;** Gary Feldman, Gary and Linda Sipes, Jamie Coobatis, Mike and Linda Bish, John and Karen Steck, Jacobs
  - **Jensen-Healey:** John and Janet Parrott
  - **S.O.B.:** Jim and Jo Switzer\*
  - **Diamond in the rough:** Wittneben
  - **Best in Show:** Tom and Nancy Hall (Bugeye)

\* denotes a Central Indiana member



# ***September 2015 Business Meeting Minutes***

***By Sherry Storrs***

The meeting was held at Dawson's in Speedway. Those in attendance were Bruce Watson, Dick Storrs, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Dick/Ruth Buis, Jim/Bev Bush, Jim Frakes, Bruce/Charlene Gilham, Steve Halleck, Bob Haskell, John Monies, Craig Rice, Jim/Jo Switzer, David Verrill.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Roy Bowman was the winner of \$16, with \$16 going into the Benevolence Fund.

**Treasurer's Report:** 57 members  
Benevolence Fund - \$214

## **New Business**

September Round-up – Sept. 18-20 – Piqua, OH  
Left over Regalia – will be taken over to be sold  
Silent auction donations – check your closets  
Caravan – meet at Marsh Supermarket on US36, Pendleton, IN  
Depart 1:00 p.m.  
Registration: 3-8 p.m.

## **Upcoming Healey Events**

Scottish Festival – Sept. 12-13 – 4 miles south of Columbus, IN  
Southeast Classic – Sept. 25-27 – Sevierville, TN  
James Dean Festival – Sept. 25-27  
British Fall Out Cruise In – Oct. 3 – Winona Lake

**Halloween Party – Oct. 24** – hosted by Jim/Bev Bush  
6:00 p.m.

**Our October monthly business meeting will be held at this event**

**Delegates Meeting – Nov. 6-8**, Plainfield, IN

On Friday (11/6) Delegates will be touring sites here in Indianapolis. Our club members are welcome to join in this tour. Specific locations and times will be determined after September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we will then pass that on to the club (see information elsewhere in the news letter).

If you are planning to attend the dinner on Saturday night, please let Jo Switzer know.

Dinner - \$25-\$30

Auction items needed

**Christmas Party – Dec. 5 – Milano Inn**, downtown Indianapolis

6:00 Joyful Hour

7:00 Dinner (approx \$25-30/person)

White elephant gift exchange

## **Other Business**

**Election of 2016 Officers**

President – Bruce Watson

Vice President –Open

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Secretary – open  
Treasurer /Membership– Craig Rice  
Overdrive Editor – open  
Club Delegate – Dick Storrs

Any additional nominations can be sent to Bruce Watson at [bruce@bwatson.us](mailto:bruce@bwatson.us)  
Election of officers will take place at the November 10 Business meeting.

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

September 15-18, 2016 Richmond, IN

Location: Holiday Inn

Cost: \$119/night, includes breakfast buffet

Promotional brochure – Jim Bush

brochures will be available at this year's Sept. Round-up to be passed out.

Promotional power point presentation -Bruce Watson  
will be shown at the Piqua, OH Round-up

Auction – David Broyles

See attached list of committees. We will definitely need a lot of participation from club members, so be thinking of where you would like to help.

### **Next Month's Meeting**

**October 24, Halloween Party – Bush's Barn**

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

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

### **October**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> British Fall Out Cruise In (Winona Lake, IN)

24<sup>th</sup> Autosport Tech Session (Bloomington, IN)

24th Halloween Party

### **November**

6th - 8th AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting (Plainfield, IN)

10th Business Meeting (Dawsons on Main)

### **December**

5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at Milano Inn

