



# Overdrive

April 2016 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

## **From the President**

**By Bruce Watson**

The Healey Marque continues to live up to its reputation as the premier car club magazine. Great articles this month about Sprites and the fitting of a rack & pinion steering assembly to a big Healey. I am anxious to see this conversion on one of the big Healeys; possibly at Conclave. And it is always fun to read the Healey Chatter to see what interesting things other clubs are doing; especially for me, what is happening in some of the 5 clubs I have belonged to.

Our members continue to get their cars ready for the Spring driving season that is now upon us. Jim Frakes continues to provide his shop for Tech Sessions to help members do repairs, tune-ups, and other work they need done to get their cars on the road. The most recent one was held on March 19. John Mann replaced the pinion seal on the 100-6's rear end. Jim's lift made this a much easier job. Another crew worked on the drivers' window mechanism on Michael Goldenberg's BJ8. And a couple people lent a hand on the reassembly of Jim Frakes' BJ8 restoration. You will see many of those in attendance in the following photos: Jim Bush, Dick Storrs, Steve Halleck, Dewey Poston, Rick Smith, Michael Goldenberg, John Mann, Craig Rice, Bob Haskell, Ron Francis, Jim Frakes, and Bruce Watson. Tech Sessions are always a good time to share stories and build camaraderie among our members.

Speaking of Conclave, I trust that everyone that is planning to attend the event in Northern Kentucky has already registered. Getting an early idea of how many people will be attending is a critical part of the planning process for these events. If you have not already registered, I urge you to do so as soon as possible.

Likewise, those who are planning to attend Spring

Thing, please send your registration in right away. If we want the Louisville members to support our September Round-up, we should send a good delegation from Central IN to their event. It sounds like they have a good event planned again this year. Planning for September Round-up continues with the intention of having our registration form ready to go by early April. We can then begin to promote our event at SpringThing, Conclave, and by direct communication with the other clubs in our group and in the region. I thank everyone for their willingness to help plan this event. So it's time to get those Healeys out from under their winter covers, cleaned up, tuned up and ready to have fun. The driving season is upon us!

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## **Next Business Meeting**

The April business meeting will be on Saturday, April 16th.

Sunrise Cafe  
11711 N. Meridian Street  
Carmel, IN 46032  
(317) 575-9323  
Breakfast: 9:00 & Meeting: 10:00

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## From the President

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Remember, our meeting this month will be held at the Sunrise Cafe on April 16 at 9:00AM for breakfast. It is located just North of 116<sup>th</sup> St. at 11711 N. Meridian St. in Carmel in a large office building. The entrance is from Pennsylvania Ave. I look forward to seeing you there. Drive happily and safely, and with a big smile on your face!

Happy Healeyng!

Bruce



### Mr. Healey's Neighborhood

**Central Indiana AHC**  
<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**  
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthernIndianaAustinHealeyClub>

**Ohio Valley AHC**  
<http://ohiovalleyahc.com>

**Indiana British Car Union**  
<http://www.ibcu.org>

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



*Steve Halleck and Rick Smith assist Michael Goldenberg with the window regulator. Photo by Bruce Watson*

## **From the Editor**

Things are starting to go back into the detached garage. In spite of the short notice, Steve Berenyi, Jim Bush, Ron Francis, and John Mann stopped by on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, to help move stuff in from the attached garage. We only dropped a couple of heavy things and I think I was the only one with a bruised toe. Now that the stuff is in the garage, I get to figure out where it goes. Of course, I'm thinking about moving things around.

Melanie and I traveled up to Michigan City on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, to go to the estate sale at Jack Summers. I bought just a few parts, a couple of tools and Melanie brought home some Christmas decorations. I was disappointed to see that the Healey prints/posters that Jack had hanging in the garage weren't there, but that's the way it goes. This was our first estate sale and we found it a bit sad having known Jack and Nancy. We did get to spend some time with some of the Northern Indiana club members which was good.

On the way home we stopped in Kirklin and walked around a bit. One of the antique stores has some automobilia, including a Bandai Austin-Healey 100-6 model. As most of the shops are only open on Saturday and Sunday, we decided to drive there Saturday afternoon after lunch. We did find the model (I left without it). One store was selling "odd" soft drinks. One was bacon flavored cream soda. Hmm, bacon. I also left without it. The town is holding several flea markets and cruise-ins (on different days) this year. I think that we'll try to go to one of each and see how they go.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Louisville BSCC Annual Swap Meet takes place at Bruce Dominic's Unique Automotive shop at 3918 Bardstown Rd.

The Northern Indiana club will be holding their Spring Tuneup this year at the Mahnensmiths, on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. They'll be just working on the Healeys, no organized trip for our better halves.

I would appreciate receiving material for the newsletter a couple of weeks before the next business meeting.

Bob



# **March 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, Dick/Ruth Buis, Steve Berenyi, Roy Bowman, Jim Bush, Jim/Sue Frakes, Dave Morrison, Tom Neal, Craig Rice, Jim/Jo Switzer, Pat Bruce, Dave Verrill, and Richard Kurth.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$50. The winner was Sherry Storrs who donated her \$25 winnings to the Benevolence Fund, bringing the total to \$363.00.

President Watson also introduced our newest member, Richard Kurth. Richard has a 1965 BJ8 which currently needs to be restored.

## **Treasurer's & Membership Report – Craig Rice**

Current membership – 59

Club treasury in good condition

## **Announcements**

- The Korner Garage Open House -rescheduled for Saturday, March 12
- Jim Frakes Tech Session – Saturday, March 19
- Sandy Burck is out of rehab and at home. She will be receiving in-home rehab therapy. Visitors are welcome.
- Tom Pearson -Bruce Watson has been unable to reach him to see about his recovery.

## **Old Business**

Season Long Photo Scavenger Hunt - Jim Switzer has been working on this and reported he has the details worked out. It will start in April.

## **New Business**

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing/planning **September Round-up 2016** which will be held September 15-18 in Richmond, Indiana.

### **Tentative Schedule**

- Thursday – Registration, Meet & Greet
- Friday – Rallye, Driving & Walking Tours on your own, Funkhana, Silent Auction
- Saturday – Car Show, self-guided tours of Richmond, self-guided driving tours, Awards dinner
- Sunday – Breakfast, Goodbyes

**Car Show** – Bruce Watson has met with the police regarding the streets being blocked off for our Car Show. He also met a man who has a local TV show who wants to interview Bruce on his show in August to help promote the event.

**Revenue** – It is based on 50 participants, which we feel is very doable. The goal is not to make a lot of money, but to make sure everyone has a good time and enjoys September Round-up.

We are looking for Sponsorships - \$500, \$300, \$200 \$100 levels. The Steering committee will look into this.

**Registration** - \$65 registration fee for 1 car/2 people. Target date to open registration is **March 31**.

**Lodging** – The Holiday Inn, price of approximately \$120 per night which includes free breakfast every morning.

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## **March Business Meeting Minutes**

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**Hospitality** – Ruth Buis and Sherry Storrs will head this up.

**Regalia** – Suggested items were deck of playing cards, beer steins, coffee mugs, book of stamps with Healey cars.

**Promotion** – Send registration form to Presidents of all surrounding clubs. Send club news to Healey Marque mentioning planning for Sept. Round-up with the dates. Have table, banner (Sprite bonnet sign courtesy of Jim Bush), registration forms at Conclave in June. Have September Round-up graphic banner on home page of website.

**Rallye**- John Monies and Joan Wright report the rallye route is complete. It's about 80 miles long.

**Car Show** – Will be held on Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the historic Depot District.

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

### **Next month's meeting: TBD**

There was discussion about the possibility of having a breakfast meeting at the Sunrise Cafe on Meridian St. in Carmel on Saturday, April 16, instead of the regularly scheduled meeting on April 12. Will forward more info once we have confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Storrs

## **Tech Session**

**by Jim Frakes**

A chilly 42 degrees didn't stop John Mann and Michael Goldenberg from driving their Healey's to a Tech session at Jim Frakes' warehouse on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Chilly? As compared to earlier in the week, yes, but with a failed window crank in Michael's beautiful Healey Blue over Olde English White BJ8 and John deciding to not insert side curtains in his very nice Olde English White BN4, it felt even more like a chilly ride. Altogether, thirteen Central Indiana AHCA club members enjoyed a lively session. The crew assisted in replacing the pinion seal in Mann's car, a rather daunting task made much easier with a powered lift. Michael's window was another tough task just getting the door hardware off to get to the window mechanism to see the problem. Fortunately, Jim had a spare, assembled window assembly stuffed in the high reaches of the ware house. That made it much easier to diagnose and "steal" a missing part to make much needed repairs. The Healey was left to spend a few more days there waiting on some new \$2.70 nylon window glides. Another crew tackled additional task on Jim's restoration project BJ8. Four Piston Caliper Disc brakes and rotor installation was completed on the right side, Left rear brake pads and drum was completed, and a fuel filter installed on the incoming tank to pump line. Papa John's Pizza topped off the early morning donuts and coffee as the group was ready to attend to personal chores by early afternoon. Thanks to all who attended, worked and shared their love of our Healeys.



*John Mann offers up the pinion oil seal.  
Photo by Bruce Watson*

**Congratulations to Central Indiana membership longevity achievements by several members; Frank and Patsy Hiatt, Del and Elaine Pig; 40 years! Bob and Melanie Haskell, 35 years, and Jim and Jo Switzer, 30 years.**

## **Calendar of Events**

See the calendar on the club's website for more details and links.

### **April**

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Texas Healey Roundup 36

### **16<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting at Sunrise Cafe**

16<sup>th</sup> Louisville BSCC Annual Swap Meet

17<sup>th</sup> All British Car Swap Meet & Autojumble in Wheaton, IL

### **May**

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Auburn Spring Auction

### **10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> SpringThing 2016 in Corydon, IN

19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Southeastern Classic XXX in Crystal River, FL

28<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup> British Car Awareness Week

### **June**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Champagne British Car Festival in Bloomington, IL

### **7<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Conclave in Hebron, KY

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational, IMS

18<sup>th</sup> British Bash in Louisville, KY

19<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day Car Show at Forest Park, Noblesville, IN

26<sup>th</sup> Michiana British Car Show in Notre Dame, IN

### **July**

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXVI in Kalamazoo, MI

### **12<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> London to Brighton Run

23<sup>rd</sup> Rolling into Roanokee, in Roanokee, IN

### **August**

6<sup>th</sup> Dayton British Car Day, in Dayton, OH

### **9<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> British Motor Days, in Zionsville, IN

### **20<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social**

27<sup>th</sup> Carmel Artomobilia

### **September**

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Auburn Fall Auction

10<sup>th</sup> Fast & Curious – a Vineyard Sports Car Show, Roundbarn Winery, Baroda, MI

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, in Columbus, IN

### **13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September Round-up, in Richmond, IN

### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> Oktoberfest, in Winona Lake, IN

### **11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> Halloween Party

### **November**

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, in Plainfield, IN

### **11<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting**

### **December**

13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting