



Overdrive

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

From the President

By Bruce Watson

The summer heat has finally arrived, along with the stifling humidity. Truly not the kind of weather that Healeys, or their passengers, like. But then, we have learned to tough it out in a little British cars. We have all experienced every kind of weather that Mother Nature can throw at us. So heat is just another reason to take the top down and ventilate the cockpit. The driving season is too short to not get our Healeys, and other British cars, out on the road to enjoy the beautiful Indiana countryside.

A few members of our club did just that while participating in this year's IBCU London to Brighton Run. This was a beautifully scenic rally, on a perfect weather day, through Southeastern IN, terminating in Madison, IN on the Ohio River. The run attracted around 40 cars and 80 people, who overwhelmed the Key West Shrimp House when we arrived at our destination. Jim and Sue Frakes, Tom and Dan Neal (Tom's brother from South Africa), and Bruce & Barbara Watson represented the CIAHC this year. Congratulations to Jim and Sue for coming in 5th place. The run was approx. 100 miles long. B&B turned in a mileage number of 120+ miles, which says something about our directional skills. But we made it to the end and had a great time.

And don't forget the Central Indiana Healey Challenge. Tour the USA and other countries without leaving Indiana. A number of club members have used this challenge to tour parts of the state trying to locate cities, states and countries, and provide proof that they actually found them. Yours truly and his wife have traveled to places that are on the map, but found no signs to prove that we had been there, only to be told that "others found signs!" It is kind of like being angry at the rally master, or in this case, the author of the list of locations. Hey, it's all part of the fun of touring in our sports cars, and you get to see some beautiful countryside while

doing so.

Also coming up on July 31 is this years' Ice Cream Social. The Frakes are hosting this annual event, and will have the details forthcoming. Be on the lookout for a special e-mail notice.

Next on the agenda is the IBCU British Motor Days Car Show at Lions Park in Zionsville. This is always a wonderful collection of all sorts of British sports car marques. The date is August 13. Let's plan to have a good showing of Austin-Healeys this year. Plans are still moving forward for September Roundup. Sponsors are being lined up to help defray the costs of the event.

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Next Business Meeting

The August business meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16th.

[George's Neighborhood Grill](#)

6935 Lake Plaza, Indianapolis

Avalon Crossing (Binford Blvd. and 71st St.)

(317) 577-1600

Dinner: 6:30 & Meeting: 7:30

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Ohio Valley AHC
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Indiana British Car Union
<http://www.ibcu.org>

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

From the Editor

By Bob Haskell

Former club member Steve Martin was in a motorcycle accident a couple of weeks ago. He's now recovering in a rehabilitation center after having surgery at St. Vincents. We wish him a speedy recovery. I made a little progress on the tri-carb. Machined a new spacer for the rear hub so the outer bearing race is held in place in the hub by the axle.

Bob

From the President

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Hospitality plans are in the making. A multi-faceted Funkhana is planned for the opening night, along with a great rally, and car show and Mystery Mural Tour in the picturesque Historic District of Richmond, IN. All of these and many more activities will be available for this years' participants. If you haven't done so, get your registrations in as soon as possible, and take note that the Holiday Inn is only holding our special rate until Sept. 1. After that date there will be a significant increase in the room rate. Call the number on the registration form, and tell them you are with the September Roundup event.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing you at some of the upcoming events.

Bruce A. Watson
President CIAHC

Images from the Healey Challenge

By Bob Haskell

While Melanie and I have driven around the state in our MINI, we've taken pictures that hopefully prove that we've been to the locations on the list. But we've also seen some neat things along the road. In Raleigh, the remains of the first consolidated school in Indiana (from 1876) just hints at what a majestic building it was. Indiana's first woman's rights convention which took place in Dublin in 1852. The Pure (gas station?) sign with the old, crusty street signs (Hamburg and Bullfork) in one of two Hamburgs. How many places have you been to?



Washington Township Public School



Woman's Rights in Dublin



in Hamburg (Franklin Township)



Rock City bird house?

June Business Meeting Minutes

by Sherry Storrs

The Saturday breakfast meeting was held at Dawson's in Speedway. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Roy Bowman, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Dick/Ruth Buis, Steve Berenyi, Jim/Bev Bush, Jim/Sue Frakes, Melanie/Bob Haskell, Wendy/Tom Neal, Craig Rice, Jim/Jo Switzer, Dave Verrill, and Steve Halleck.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$42, with Jo Switzer winning \$21. She donated her winnings to the Benevolence Fund.

Treasurer's & Membership Report – Craig Rice

- Current membership – 55
- Benevolence Fund - \$337

Calendar

- **Cars & Coffee** – normally at Gator Motorsports Saturday mornings. The 2nd Saturday of each month it will be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum.
- **London to Brighton Run** – July 16 – Reg. Form on website
- **Indy British Motor Days** – Aug. 13 – Reg. Form on website
- **CIAHC Ice Cream Social** – July 31 (Jim and Sue Frakes)
- **September Round-up** – September 15-18, Richmond, IN

Announcements

- Dick and Ruth Buis have sold their Healey. It now resides with its new owner in Louisville.
- Sandy Burke continues to make progress. She is now doing some cooking and housework. She and Jim walk every day. They are frustrated because they can't get an appointment with the specialist they want to see until September.

Old Business

- **Season Long Photo Scavenger Hunt** - Jim Switzer
 - Jim has been receiving photos from 4-5 club members so far. Over 40 sites around Indiana have been visited.
- **Conclave Reports**
 - We all enjoyed the “photo show” Jim Frakes ran on his computer during the meeting. Our club won the Edie Anderson Best Area Club Attendance award. We had the greatest percentage of our members at Conclave.
 - Randy & Janet Belden and Dick & Sherry Storrs shared 1st place in the Rallye.
 - Ron Francis took 2nd place for his car in the Car Show.
 - Our help in counting ballots was much appreciated.
- **September Round-up**, Sept. 15-18, Richmond, IN
 - 20 registrations as of today's date.
 - Make your hotel reservations soon; Kay Johnson from the hotel is getting nervous.
 - Regalia – Jo Switzer is meeting with Jan to discuss items.
 - Promotion – send tri-fold registration form once more to Presidents of surrounding clubs
 - Banner – Bruce located the banner. Jake Jacobs had it and is sending it to Bruce.
 - Roy Bowman is putting together “Exploring Richmond on Your Own.” He hopes to get help on this from the Tourism Bureau.

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June Business Meeting Minutes

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New Business

- **Ice Cream Social** – to celebrate the CIAHC's 40th Anniversary
 - We'll start at 1:30 at the Noblesville town square and head off for an hour drive, ending up at Jim and Sue Frakes' lake house for ice cream. Their address is 944 Laurel Lane, Noblesville in South Harbour. Please RSVP 317-697-644

See the club's website for more details and a complete calendar of events, including the current edition of the Overdrive. [Hhttp://www.ciahc.org](http://www.ciahc.org)

Next month's meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at George's Neighborhood Grill.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Storrs

Ice Cream Social

The club celebrated it's 40th anniversary with a tour of southern Hamilton county and ice cream and beverages at Jim and Sue Frakes' "lake" house on July 31st. The tour included Forest Park (home of the Indiana Fair train), Potter's covered bridge, the White River Campground and Strawtown Koteewi Nature Park.



Potter's Bridge



Healeys at Forest Park



The view of Morse Lake from the Frakes' deck

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President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$76, with Randy Belden winning and taking \$20, donating the remainder to the Benevolence Fund.

Treasurer's & Membership Report – Craig Rice

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- Benevolence Fund - \$477

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- CIAHC celebrates the 40th Anniversary with a drive followed by ice cream on Morse Reservoir at Jim and Sue Frakes lake house. Be at the Noblesville Square Parking lot by 1:30 PM (on the Northwest side of the Courthouse Square – closer to the river) for the start of the drive.
***** **RSVP to 317-697-6441** *****
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Old Business

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 - Jim continues to receive photos from members. The **deadline** for submitting photos is **September 13**.

September Round-up, Sept. 15-18, Richmond, IN

- **Registrations** - 22 as of today's date. Make your hotel reservations soon. On September 2, the price of the rooms goes up.
- **Regalia** – We plan to sell hats and visors, playing cards, and long sleeve t-shirts with the September Round-up logo. We also have cookbooks and 2 stadium blankets left from previous years. We will be using small wine glasses with votive candles as table favors.
- **Promotion activities** – Dick Storrs will be sending “reminder notices” to all surrounding club Presidents in mid-July and again in mid-August with the schedule of the weekend's events.
- **Hospitality** – Bev & Jim Bush have lots of items for the welcome bags. Roy Bowman is meeting with Chastity to determine which brochures to pack in the bags. He's also working on a customized map with the sites we are promoting.

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10th Fast & Curious – a Vineyard Sports Car Show

From John Eslinger (NIAHC)

This year the Northern Indiana Austin-Healey Club is Co-Sponsoring the Sport Car Show with Stan Mason at Round Barn Winery. We have a special event. Stan Mason has organized a tribute to Jack Summers during the show. This was the last event Jack attended before he passed away on Oct 24. Special parking with the tribute to be held around 2:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite picture, special story and memory of Jack.

Last year we had up to 60 sports cars and we are expecting twice as many this year. There are quite a few attendees from last year that identified this event as their most favorite car show of the year. One of the strongest reason they liked this event was for the ability to invite friends that may not share the same level of excitement about sports cars as you may, but enjoyed the ambiance of a being at a Winery and listening to live music while enjoying cars. Some of the sports cars that attended were British, Ferrari, Porsche, German, Swedish, French and Japanese Sports Cars. We have signs to organize cars by their country of origin. This event has no registration or awards just show up and enjoy a beautiful day of Sports Cars, Live Music with Round Barn's own Wine, Beer, Spirits, Food, water and soft drinks. Most car owners arrive before Noon and can leave anytime later. Car tours are encouraged to this event and are a great way to make it a club event by winding through the beautiful wine country of Berrien County. Please contact me at Stan Mason for a scenic route to the winery.

We will add a special racing sports car area this year along with opening to American sports cars.

Please invite anyone you know that might be interested and if you belong to a car club please add this to your list of events for the season.

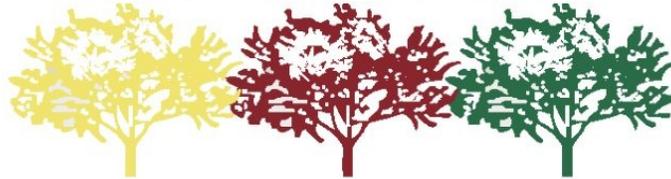
Baird Foster Passing

By Jim Frakes

Baird was very passionate about honoring DMH and also passionate about driving and showing his own Healey. Baird was the driving force in obtaining the donations for the purchasing and installation of the Stained Glass Window in the Church in Perranporth, Mr. Healey's hometown. He later was instrumental in setting up the DMH memorial award to further education for young men of Perranporth, Cornwall, England, who had an interest in restoring classic cars. He also was just an all around nice guy. I first met him at the year 2000 Grand Prix of Montreal where we both drove in the Formula One drivers Parade. Baird was so excited when he drew the name of English F-1 driver Jensen Button as his parade driver in his Healey for the ride around the track.



Austin Healey
**SEPTEMBER
ROUNDUP**



RICHMOND, IN
SEPTEMBER 15-18, 2016

Calendar of Events

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

August

6th Dayton British Car Day, in Dayton, OH

9th Business Meeting

13th British Motor Days, in Zionsville, IN

27th Carmel Artomobilia

September

1st – 4th Auburn Fall Auction

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

10th – 11th 25th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, in Columbus, IN

13th Business Meeting

15th – 18th September Round-up, in Richmond, IN

October

1st Oktoberfest, in Winona Lake, IN

11th Business Meeting

22nd Halloween Party

November

4th – 6th AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, in Plainfield, IN

11th Business Meeting

December

13th Business Meeting