



Overdrive

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

From the President

By Bruce Watson

Happy Holidays to the CIAHC!

I wish you the very best during this Holiday Season!

By now the Healey driving season is a distant memory. But this is the time to be putting those needed Healey parts on your Christmas list, so you can begin to get your cars ready for the upcoming 2017 driving season.

The CIAHC begins the New Year with new leadership as Jim Frakes takes over the reins as its new President. Not exactly new to this role, Jim has had a great deal of experience leading the club in the past. I am sure that he and his team will provide club members with many opportunities to drive your Healeys and enjoy one another's company. The other members of Jim's team will be David Verrill, Vice President, Craig Rice, Treasurer, Melanie Haskell, Secretary, and Steve Halleck, Overdrive Editor, and David Bird, Web Master. I want to thank you for your support over the past three years. I have enjoyed the role of President and organizing the many Healey activities during my tenure.

Be safe in your travels this Holiday Season, and have a Happy New Year!

I look forward to seeing you all at our Post Holiday Party on Jan. 14 at the Prairie View Golf Club. See details on page 4.

Bruce

Next Business Meeting

The January business meeting will be on Tuesday,



January 10th.

Squealers Barbeque
5515 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis
(just east of 86th and Zionsville Rd)
(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/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>

From the Editor

By Bob Haskell

A pretty full issue this time. In addition to the president's message from Bruce, the minutes to last month's business meeting from Sherry, and my ramblings; there is the menu for our (post) holiday dinner and Dick Storr's notes from the November delegates meeting.

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Grace at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

From the Editor

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Several of us went to Paul Imel's viewing before the November business meeting. A note from the family and Kay is on page 4.

I drove the tri-carb to the two car collections that the club delegates were visiting on Friday before their weekend meeting. The first collection was Dr. Foster's in New Castle. We didn't get a chance to talk with him as they were in Antarctica at the time. I wonder what type of cars one would find down there. The Hägglunds BV206 snow cat shown in the movie "Eight Below" would be pretty neat. Bill Oesterele's collection had the most Jensen-Healeys and MGAs that I've seen in one place. Wow. The yellow bugeye that was used in the Angie's List advertisement was there with a supercharger fitted. There was a nice 100 up on a lift so folks could inspect the underside. A nasty boy project of Bill's is on Bring A Trailer now.

Melanie, Tim and I took a road trip back east to visit family before and during Thanksgiving. We did get to do some Healey things along the way. The first was spending a couple of hours at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum next to the Philadelphia airport. I gave the fellow at the front desk the last four copies of the club's cookbook that we had. Told him that he could give them away in anyway he saw fit. Grace is now on display at the museum, just as you enter the main room. The Bonneville diorama has the Shelby Daytona Coupe that was driven for land speed records with a Austin-Healey 100 that represented the stock, off the dealer's showroom floor, car that the Healeys bought to run on the salt flats for the production car speed records. A display that I think is new since we toured the museum with the AHSTC a few years ago is a Fiat 600 cut away car acquired from the American Pickers (History Channel). The chassis has been replaced with a steel tube frame, but the drive train, brakes, steering and electrical system are all there. The second Healey thing was a stop in Mamaroneck, NY at Nisonger's Instruments. Man, some of the tolls for some of the tunnels/bridges around New York City are pretty expensive. I dropped off a set of gauges and fuel tank sending units for restoration. Of course, I was asked what calibration I wanted for the speedometer. Can't we just calculate it? Probably could if I knew the speedometer takeoff and angle drive ratios. But we'll fire up the Healey and count the turns the inner speedometer cable makes over a measured distance. Once I get a good angle drive. The new one I pulled out of the boot was bad. And if I'm going to replace the tires, I probably ought to do that first. Got the cart before the horse again. The third thing was stopping in Rutland Vermont to met David, Paula and Cooper Townsend. David is an artist that does automotive cutaway drawings. I have several, including personalized ones of our tri-carb, MGB, and Mini. Didn't buy any more, but he's working on the Shelby Daytona Coupe and the C type Jaguar. We also got to look at some snow. Syracuse, New York got 20" or so the day before we got there. Thankfully, the roads were clear. A couple of weeks and 2,500 miles.

For Christmas, did you know that Lego has Caterham Seven, a Mini Cooper and a VW T1 camper/microbus kits?

Look like some good road trips are coming up next year. There are three we're considering as it's turning cold. The first is the Texas Healey Roundup in April in Waco, Texas. The next is the Moss Motorfest in Virginia in June. John Nikas and David Townsend will be there with their new book – British Sports Car Companion. Then Southeastern Classic at Lake Guntersville, Alabama in the fall. Plus, we always want to go to SpringThing and September Round-up. Should be a busy year.

Congratulations to Janet and Randy Belden. Their BJ8 is in the 2017 AHCA calendar, the month of November. Hey Janet, did you read this?

Cheers,

Bob



*Thank you so much for
the Club's donation to Paul's
Church in his memory.
His Church was a very
important part of his life
and I know he would be
grateful as well.*

Ray Goldenberg

*During a time
like this
we realize how much
our friends and relatives
really mean
to us....*

*Your expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered*

The family of Paul Ansel

CIAHC Post Holiday Party

January 14, 2017



**7000 Longest Drive
Carmel, IN 46033**

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Menu

Appetizers served Butler Style:

Spinach & Artichoke Dip on Flat Bread

Tomato Bruschetta on Crostini

(First Drink included)

Buffet Dinner:

Gathered Green Salad with Cheddar Cheese & Sliced Strawberries

Tossed in Poppy Seed Dressing

Assorted Rolls & Butter

Lemon Herb Grilled Chicken Breast

Panko Crusted Pork Loin w/Cranberry Sauce

Rice Pilaf

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Assorted Roasted Vegetables

Dessert Bar:

Keltie's Famous Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

Chocolate Squares

Sugar Cookies dipped in Chocolate

Lemon Mousse Cups

Water, Iced Tea Soft Drinks & Coffee

Cash Bar all evening

\$27.00 per person

Gift Exchange following dinner (\$20 +/-)

Contact Bruce Watson for a reservation - 317-443-3101 or bruce@bwatson.us

November Business Meeting Minutes

by Sherry Storrs

The Wednesday, November 9th, meeting was held at Dawson's Restaurant. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Dick/Ruth Buis, Jim/Sue Frakes, Craig Rice, Jo Switzer, Dave Verrill, Steve/Kathy Halleck, Sandy/Jim Burck, Melanie/Bob Haskell, and John Mann.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$50, with Craig Rice winning and donating the entire amount to the Benevolence Fund.

Treasurer's & Membership Report – Craig Rice

- Current membership – 55
- Benevolence Fund - \$684

Announcements

- Paul Imel, a member of our club, passed away recently. Bruce Watson passed around a card for us to sign to send to Kay Goldsberry. The funeral will be Thursday, Nov 10. The club has sent a \$100 donation to Paul's church.
- Looking for a Christmas gift? Think Healey. You can order regalia items from the www.healeyclub.org/regalia website.
- Riley Children's Foundation letter. Bruce Watson reported that the club has received several letters from Riley thanking us for our \$2500 donation.

New Business

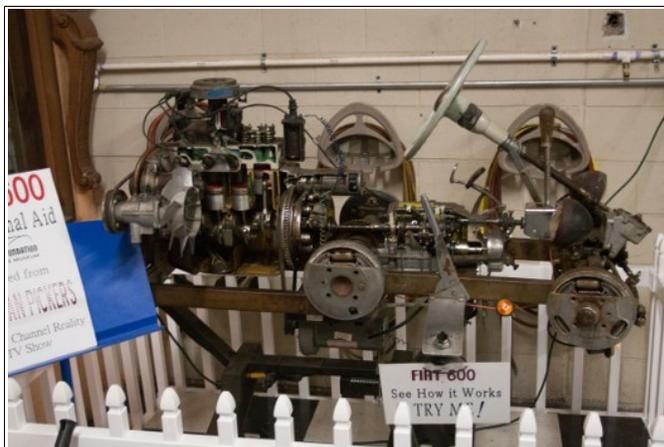
- **Post Holiday Party**
 - Possible venues: Maggiano's, Chateau Thomas Winery, Bravo, Primo's, and Prairie View Golf Club.
 - After much discussion regarding price, menu, etc. of each venue, it was decided by the members present to have the Post Holiday Party at **Prairie View Golf Club**.
 - The date will be **January 14, 2017**. The price is \$37.00 per person. The club will subsidize \$10 per person. It will be a buffet, cash bar, and it includes your first glass of wine or a drink.

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: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Storrs



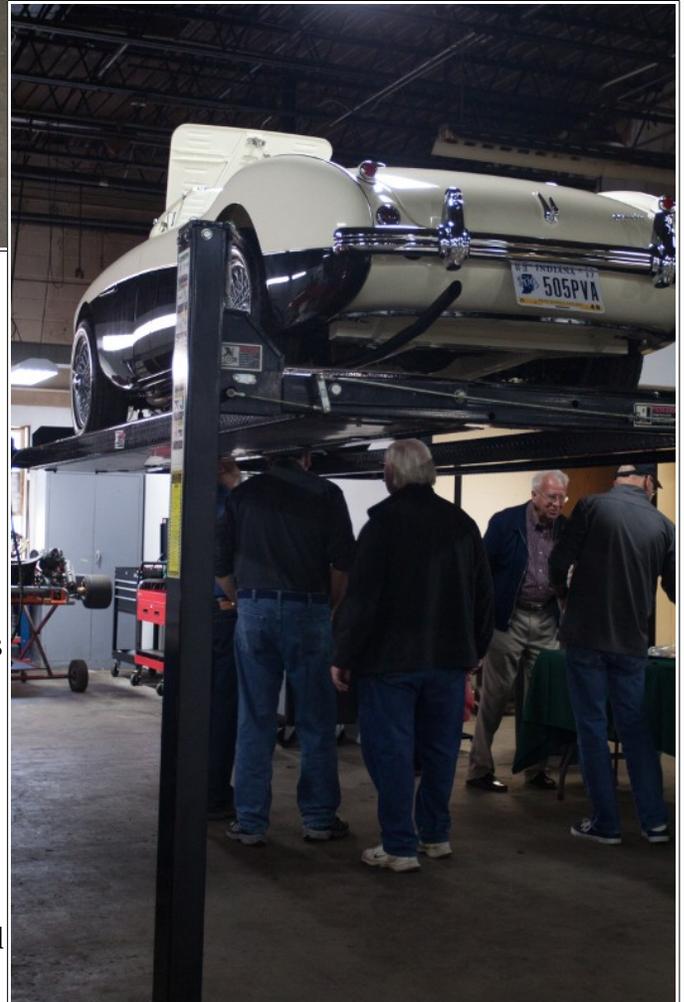
FIAT 600 cut away car at the Simeone Museum

Dr Fosters...





A couple of Bill Osterle's Healeys



2016 AHCA Delegates Meeting by Dick Storrs

Opening remarks, roll call, and approval of last meeting minutes were followed by area club reports. Of note during roll call was that 26 of a total of 47 area clubs were present.

Area club reports found membership steady, with tours and social events the primary activities where members attend. Some activities were more unique than others: dinner drives, various museum tours, picnics, performance driving events (race track runs, club provided gymkhana, and hill climbs), distillery/winery tours, crawfish boil, and club sponsored car shows (display). Fundraisers and charitable giving was also a topic that was asked to be included in the reports. Regional meets, such as September Round-up, reported the donations made to charities. Some clubs have used flea markets or swap meets to raise money for donations.

Officers Reports:

- **VP Safety/SEMA** (Don Klein) – Three items were reported:
 - Healey's with wire spoke wheels should be checked for “spoke” breakage – as an increase in breakage has been observed.
 - A mechanical brake light mechanism is available to give a more responsive illumination of the brake lights, than the hydraulic system standard on the cars.
 - The SEMA organization, which lobbies to keep older vehicles on the road; new legislation approved [see SEMA.org].

- **VP Club Support** (Gary Feldman)
 - In 2017 efforts will be made to convert ~700 “Local only” members to full memberships (better benefits than insurance coverage only – i.e. “Marque”, and offer introductory discount membership fees).
 - The Free Introductory Membership Program will be offered again in 2017, and will require communication with Mike Schneider via proper forms or information.
 - Steve Bell suggested monies be made available to assist Area Clubs who are habitually not attending the annual Fall Delegates meeting - previous efforts went unused but will continue.
- **VP Promotions** (Ben Moore)
 - New things on the Website:
 - Calendar request form
 - registry information
 - New rotating surveys to gather national club trends in a fun way
 - a shopping cart feature that enables on-line purchases
 - Introductory Free Membership cards available – but does not account for local dues
 - Website Ads are going well
 - Trends show the 40 – 50 year old generation finds “Vintage” chic – possibly attracting them to Healeys and AHCA.
 - Some other ideas:
 - once (twice) a year send out the monthly newsletter by snail mail to communicate with people who may not be using their email.
 - review old club rosters to find members who have dropped out but might be invited to return.
 - involve local media to advertise events, donations, and community activities.
 - use a rebrandable format for large events (ie. Conclave, Regional Meet, etc.) that reduces the workload for the local club.
- **Secretaries Report** (provided by Edie Lowry in Anne Johnson's absence)
 - The inventory of club records continues with the help of Edie Anderson. Once the inventory and organization are complete, the records will be “digitized” to insure their preservation and facilitate future review.
- **Membership Director** (Mike Schneider)
 - National club membership averages 3100 +/- 50, year over year.
 - Membership Badges are available (free), with your name and the year you joined the club by contacting Mike Schneider at mjsbn2@gmail.com.
- **Regalia** (Steve Bell)
 - Regalia ads are found in the “Marque”.
 - orders can be placed on the Web.
 - 9 items sold in 2016 – shipping charges can be high.
 - clubs should encourage use of the Website.
 - car badges are available and a new production run is anticipated.
 - one way to reduce shipping cost is to combine orders and have them shipped to one location.
- **Insurance** (Fred Dabney II)
 - Everything is in good order, with few claims. The cost for insurance (to cover driving activities and event liabilities) should remain the same, and only increasing with inflation and general cost increases.
- **Editor/Publisher of the Healey Marque** (Reid Trummel)
 - The costs to produce the Marque are 5.2% under budget, and expected to remain so this year.
 - Some advertisers have dropped out, resulting in slight increases on the budget, as the advertising helps defray operating cost. New advertisers are being sought.
- **DMH Fund** (Bev Sealand, Fred Dabney II)
 - The current fund assets are \$20,500. A donation of \$4000 was made in honor of Baird Foster.

- Assets of the fund will continue to be spent to maintain the DMH Memorial Walk in Perinport, UK.
- Since the maintenance costs are low, it has been decided to use assets for college/university scholarships in the USA. A board of directors will be formed to administer the distribution of funds, and be composed of members from AHCA and AHS&TC. The funds will benefit children of AHCA and AHS&TC members.
- During the meeting the Ohio Valley made a donation of \$467 from proceeds of the sale of articles from the Leroy Joppa estate to the DMH Fund.
- **VP Conclave** (Jim Frakes) – The 2016 Conclave Report (by John and Jack Jacobs) showed an attendance of 200 registrations, at the activity rich event. The Conclave contribution to the National Club was \$1449 (half the realized profits – after expenses, including any advanced money from the National). The Regalia sales netted ~\$1600, resulting in a net profit to the Ohio Valley Club of \$3049.

Old Business:

- 2nd reading of a motion to change the By-laws, affecting the number of delegates on nominating committee, from 2 to 3 – with delegate members serving rotating 3 year terms. The change will further require a transition plan to add a new member and adjust the current election and terms.
 - The motion as PASSED:
 - re-elected Bob Yule (3 yr)
 - elected Steve Bell (2 yr.)
 - Jim Richmond will serve the remaining year of his term, after which the position will be for 3 years; and that Steve Bell's position will stand for 3 years in it's next election cycle.
- The costs to produce the Club Directory and distribution expense have increased due to mailing costs. Discussion determined that the lowest cost for 2017 will be to continue with the current publisher and increase the budget line to meet the cost.
 - Motion to increase the budget line for the Directory: PASSED
- The Golden Gate Club has requested additional 2.75 pages of advertising space in the Marque, for a 2017 Healey Meet. Their on-line description of the event indicates it is both a local club meet as well as a USA (a different national Healey organization than AHCA) meet, called “Rendezvous”. It is the policy of AHCA that a free quarter page ad, in the Marque, is available to any area club holding a regional event (one that is available to other clubs – not just an individual local club - ie. SpringThing, September Round-up, Conclave, etc.).
 - Discussion found that a half page ad had already appeared in the October Marque, with a second ad scheduled for November. In addition, the Golden Gate's presentation last year, about this meet, invited AHCA clubs to attend, but that no financial support was needed or desired, and further they didn't intend to share the profits with the national club, but they did want to use the title “Conclave” for the event, in a combined meet with a USA Rendezvous. Thus, they wanted the financial support of AHCA member's attendance at a Conclave, without any financial remuneration to AHCA (keep in mind that an amicable solution to such a meet had been worked out with AHS&TC to have the meet at Gettysburg in 2015).
 - Motion: Remove November ad before publishing. PASSED
- An update on plans for the 2017 Conclave (July 9 – 14 in Waco, TX) showed that most outside events will be held in the cool of the morning, and afternoon events will be in air conditioned environs (museums, art collections, movies, etc.). The Texas clubs have combined to control costs in providing an event with good food, date night opportunities, Texas culture, Healey history, and performance cars. Please check out the brochures attached to this report.
- Any requests for form changes should now be sent to Edie Lowery
- A 2nd reading of the By-law amendment that the office of President must be filled by a member of AHCA (as are all other officers). PASSED

New Business:

- Website Management (Ben Moore) – An experienced website manager will help a local club develop their own website. It will be a “plug-and-play” program that helps local clubs quickly produce an attractive, functional, easy-to use format that makes set-up easy.
- Future Conclaves (Jim Frakes) – It has gotten increasingly difficult to find area clubs willing to host Conclave. Possible options for helping a club that's small or inexperienced, is to provide financing and expertise to the club. This could take the form of assistance from club with special skills and experience in conducting events such as Gymkhana, etc.. The experienced clubs would take over sponsorship of essential elements of a Conclave.
 - Conclave 2018/19 could be a trial run for such a proposal, and it was suggested that the 2018 site be French Lick, IN, and 2019 site be the Black Hills, SD.
 - Motion: Proceed with the plan. PASSED
 - Motion: Form a steering committee. PASSED
- Club promotion using Marque advertising
 - Motion: Allow sponsoring clubs of non-Conclave regional events to purchase more advertising space in the Marque (¼ page free and more space based upon the judgment of the Marque editor – considering the significance, tax, and space limitations) PASSED

Treasurer's Report:

(Bev Sealand) – As of 11/1/16 the AHCA is still very solvent and no dues increase was discussed. Directory mailing cost increases as discussed above were the major contributor toward the inadvertent budget increase.

Discussion of the report concerned areas of increased expense, due diligence in control of increases (to minimize), and proposed increases in spending (to be addressed in the new budget). Most increased expenditures items were either approved after the passage of the 2016 budget (Nov. 2015), or were nullified by the reduction of expenses in other areas. Overall, the total expenditures were less than the total budget value.

The area where increased funding was discussed was the reimbursement of expenses related to the Delegates meeting. Only some of the costs related to attending the Delegate Meeting are reimbursed, and this leaves a good portion of the cost to be provided by the delegates themselves. It was also suggested that this might be one reason why some clubs are not represented at the meeting.

A committee was appointed to review the situation and report back. [Cliff Hudgens, Steve Bell, Bev Sealand, Bob Gilliland]

2017 Budget: The overall budget is \$6500 more than 2016. Increases in Membership Committee, Membership Directory (increased distribution cost), advertising management, and Conclave loan amount, were the main causes. APPROVED

Other business:

- **Honorary Memberships**
 - One year honorary memberships were awarded to John Jacobs, Jake Jacobs, Anne Johnson, Jim Frakes, and Gary Feldman.
 - Lifetime honorary membership was awarded to Fred Dabney II.
- **Election of new officers:** (only new officers elected are shown – all others retained their office)
 - President: Gary Feldman
 - VP Club Support: Bruce Kearns

- VP Conclave: Neil Anderson
 - Secretary: Edie Lowery
- PASSED
- **2017 Delegate Meeting:** November 10 – 12
 - **Regional Events:** Southeastern Classic, Texas Healey Round-up, September Round-up, SpringThing, Yosemite Healey Week, Summit, Waumandee Hill Climb.
 - **Delegate Meeting Minutes:** Motion to have the meeting minutes published on the Website in the “Members Only” section.
- PASSED

Calendar of Events

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

January

- 10th Business Meeting (Squealers)
- 14th (Post) Holiday Party (Prairie View)

February

- 14th Business Meeting (tbd)

March

- 14th Business Meeting (tbd)

April

- 11th Business Meeting (tbd)
- 20th -23rd Texas Healey Roundup

May

- 9th Business Meeting (tbd)

June

- 3rd Moss Motorfest 2017
- 13th Business Meeting (tbd)

July

- 9th - 14th Conclave 2017
- 11th Business Meeting (tbd)



Tim and Susan O'Neill's 3000 as received



The O'Neill's Healey now