



# Overdrive

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

## ***From the President***

***By Bruce Watson***

I hope everyone has enjoyed the mid-winter thaw and maybe took the opportunity to get your Healey out for a little exercise. It sounds like a number of our members are taking the winter down time to get their cars back into shape for when spring finally arrives. According to Punxsutawney Phil, only six more weeks of winter. And with any luck, el Nino and global warming, spring will be here sooner than later.

If you haven't begun to whip your Healey into shape, now is the time to get those parts ordered. Once the good weather arrives, you won't want to miss the opportunity to get back into your Healey, turn the key, push the starter button and go!

Well, Dick Buis' tech session was a success. We had a great turn-out at Jim Frakes' warehouse where the BT7 had been trailered to be worked on. 12 people in all turned out to help a fellow member. After a complete tune-up, new oil and filter, new battery, fresh gas, a few carburetor tweaks, a new petcock valve and antifreeze, brake and rear end fluids topped off, new carb overflow hoses installed, a complete underside inspection, a cockpit cleaning along with some exterior detailing, and a few cob webs brushed away, she fired right up. Well, maybe not right away, but after a fuel leak, and a distributor wire repair, and a little pat on the bonnet, the ol' BT7 purred like new! All this work was in preparation of Dick selling his car this spring. A few people lent a hand on Jim Frakes BJ8 restoration project also. Ruth and Dick provided all the doughnuts and pizza we could eat, and Jim Frakes provided the drinks. It was a great tech session. Thanks for all who participated.

David Verrill did a nice job of running our meeting this month in my absence. Most everyone took it easy on David, and the meeting ran smoothly.



*John Mann, Ron Francis and Dick Buis working on Dick's BT7 MkII*

Thanks David. I appreciate your stepping in. Even though spring is just around the corner, the September Round-up Steering Committee has been busy with the planning of our event on Sept. 15 – 18  
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## ***Next Business Meeting***

The February business meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

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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**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*

Glad to report that Doug Frakes (Jim Frake's son) and Gene Marinacci (former club member) are both now recuperating at home after their stay at Community North.

Painting in the detached garage is progressing. This past Sunday I got two coats of paint on the ceiling and walls of the sloped ceiling side. Now it's time to get on the four post lift to paint the flat ceiling.

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

Bob

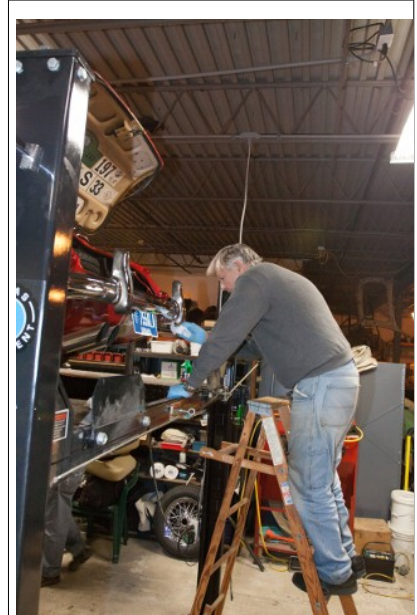
## *From the President*

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in Richmond, IN. The more we meet with the Visitors Bureau, and hotel people, the more excited we have become about our choice of Richmond. Everyone we have met has bent over backwards to be accommodating of all our requests. The Holiday Inn is newly renovated and a perfect venue for our meet. The Visitors Bureau will be promoting the event through numerous different media, including newspapers, radio and TV. We are close to being able to develop the registration fee, and get registration materials together, and to begin to promote our event to the other clubs. The city has many different and surprising attractions from which we can select for our participants to take advantage of between scheduled activities. Building murals abound throughout the city. The Historic Depot District provides a quaint setting for the car show, somewhat reminiscent of Galena, but on a smaller scale. Richmond has one of the largest collections of Tiffany stained glass windows anywhere in the country; 62 of them in the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church alone! We have made arrangements to visit this Church and have a private tour led by Rev. Joe Fields. Our car rallye will take us through some beautiful countryside, and to many interesting places, including the highest point in the state. With Jon Monies being the Rallye Master, you can bet it will be fun. These are just a few of the highlights. There are many more things to see and do in Richmond and the area.

Remember to begin thinking Spring, and get those Healeys ready to hit the road!  
Happy Healeying!

Bruce



*Roy Bowman shows that sometimes you need a ladder to polish the bumper*



*Jim Switzer, Jim Bush, Craig Rice, Jim Frakes, Ron Francis, Jon Monies, Dick Storrs, Dick Buis, Bob Haskell, Steve Halick, John Mann, Roy Bowman, Ruth Buis and Pat Bruce. Not pictured are Jerry Butler, Doug Frakes, Dewey Poskon and Bruce Watson.*



*Steve Halick and Bruce Watson work on an oil change.*

## **January 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, David Morrison, David Verrill, Jim/Sue Frakes, Jim/Bev Bush, Craig Rice, Randy Belden, Roy Bowman, Jim/Jo Switzer, John Monies/ Joan Wright, Bruce/Charlene Gilham, David Broyles, Tom Neal, Steve Halleck.

President Bruce Watson, began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$76. The winner was Randy Belden, who graciously donated the entire amount to the Benevolence Fund which now stands at \$293.00.

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

\$3500 balance in checkbook

3 members dropped their membership

13 members not yet paid. If they all renew, membership will be 55.

### **Announcements**

Tom and Cindy Sipher's son Jason passed away unexpectedly January 8, 2016.

Jeff Freers' (Northern Indiana) father died Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. He was 90 years of age.

Kurt Anderson's (Northern Indiana) mother passed away.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Updates on restorations:**

Jim Frakes – coming along slowly

David Morrison – engine should be back in in about 3 weeks. Hope to have it on the road in the Spring.

### **Daytona 500 Party @ Watsons**

Sunday, February 21, 12:00 Noon

This year we will be adding soups along with the chili

**Meeting location** – There was discussion among those in attendance regarding always holding the meeting at Dawson's. Many people like going to George's Neighborhood Grill as well. After a show of hands, the majority of people favored alternating between George's and Dawson's. Vice President David Verrill will look into having the February meeting at George's.

### **Review of 2016 CIAHC Calendar of Events**

While going through the events scheduled on the yearly calendar, Roy Bowman told us about the drive he took to Bean Blossom near Ninevah, IN to The Farmhouse Cafe. We could possibly add this to the ice cream social in August.

Jim Switzer made us aware of the Season Long Scavenger Hunt. The MG Club does this activity from April-October each year. They compile a list of Countries, Cities and States in Indiana (example: Peru, Indiana). Members can visit these places, take a picture to verify they were there and submit it to the Club. There are prizes given for most places visited. Most agreed this would definitely be a fun activity to do with fellow club members.

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## January Business Meeting Minutes

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### September Round-up 2016, Richmond, IN

The Steering Committee has meeting scheduled for February 2 with Stacy Whicher of the Visitor's Bureau. Kay Johnson, the Holiday Inn representative will be in attendance as well. They hope to finalize plans for the Round-up.

John Monies and Joan Wright are planning the Rallye.

Charlene Gilham has been in contact with Joe Fields, the pastor of the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in Richmond. The church has 62 stained Tiffany glass windows. She hopes to arrange a meeting with him and the Steering Committee on February 2 and discuss a tour of the church during September Round-up. She is also working to have the curator of the Richmond Art Museum at the February 2 meeting as well.

### Tech Session

Dick Buis' BT7 needs lots of work to get it ready to sell. Dick will order the parts needed. The tech session will be held on **Saturday, February 6** starting at noon. Beer and pizza provided.

**Lands End catalog** – Roy Bowman brought to the club's attention the possibility of using Lands End as a vendor for our September Round-up regalia. We already have an account with them, but individuals can also have their own account. He showed us several items from the catalog; quality is good and prices reasonable.

Lastly, Jo Switzer thanked Ruth Buis for all the knitted items she donated at the Christmas Party. Due to the generosity of club members, we were able to give The Cardboard Ministry \$150.

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

**Next month's meeting to be held Tuesday, February 9. Location to be determined.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Storrs  
Secretary



*A painting by Roy Nockolds of Bonneville in 1953*

## ***Calendar of Events***

### **February**

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting at George's**

12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> World of Wheels at the State Fair grounds

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Daytona 500 Party**

### **March**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting at Dawson's on Main**

### **April**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting at George's**

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

### **May**

#### **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 Roanoke, in Roanoke, 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**

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**