



# Overdrive

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

## ***From the President***

***By Bruce Watson***

Well, Healey driving weather persists, and here it is Nov. 1; upper 70's to 80 today and tomorrow. No reason to put your cars under cover quite yet. This is a great time to take a drive to the country to see the fall colors, and maybe visit a fall festival. While you are out, pick up some cider and an apple fritter. Yesterday was not only Halloween, but our grandson Elliott's first birthday. It was a little warm for his Puppy Dog costume! It appears that Jim and Sue Frakes put their red and white Healey to good use for the Trick or Treaters this year, by participating in a Trunk or Treat event at their church. Another great way to get a Healey out in front of the public.

The Bush's hosted another wonderful Halloween party at their barn out in the country. The usual good time was had by all, along with an excellent pitch-in. There were certainly a lot more desserts than anything else, but I didn't hear anyone complaining. After dinner and some good comradery, and a few "Sniders" and beers, everyone moved outside to sit around a blazing bonfire. It was a perfect night; warm temps, and no wind to blow the smoke from the fire in our eyes. Thanks to Jim & Bev for being such gracious hosts.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the horizon, and soon the year will be coming to a close. Healey thoughts are already beginning for the many events coming up in the year ahead. Some members are planning to attend Conclave in Waco TX. Some are planning a trip to the Vintage Car races at the Mid-Ohio race track. Some are looking forward to the Louisville club's Spring Thing. And others are already making their hotel reservations at the Lodge at Mohican State Park in Ohio for next year's September Roundup. These are but a few of the many activities that Healey enthusiasts can take

advantage of next year. Let's keep those Healeys on the road as long as the weather permits.

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Bruce

## ***Next Business Meeting***

The September business meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9th.



### [Dawson's On Main](#)

1464 Main St, Speedway, IN 46224  
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Dinner: 6:30 & Meeting: 7:30

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### Mr. Healey's Neighborhood

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

**Miami Valley AHC**  
<http://sites.google.com/miamivalleyahc.com>

**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>

## For Sale

Bruce and Charlene Gilham are selling their BJ-8. Additional details are on the Market Place page on our website. Please contact Jim Frakes (317) 697-6441 if interested.



## ***From the Editor***

***By Bob Haskell***

We were saddened to learn of Paul Imel's passing on Saturday evening. The visitation is at the Freeman Funeral Home in Shelbyville Wednesday evening and the funeral is at 11AM on Thursday at the funeral home. Our best wishes go out to Kay Goldsberry and Paul's family.

Well, I punted the tri-carb's brake issue to Strohm Automotive on the southwest side of Indy. While fitting new rear brake shoes did help, I still wasn't happy with the pedal travel (Charlie, I got nothing!). So Jim Frakes put the car in his Austin-Healey trailer on a Sunday afternoon and met me at Strohm's Monday morning. A couple of days later I was driving the car home between the rain drops (taken the hard top off as getting in/out of the Healey in the trailer isn't easy). The issue with the brakes was air in the master cylinder. While both of us used a pressure bleeder, they also pumped the brake pedal which I did not. Of course after driving the car to the Halloween party at Jim and Bev's I noticed that the brake lights weren't working. So I replaced the brake light switch and had to bleed the system again. I did try fitting LED tail light bulbs, but the turn signals wouldn't flash. Apparently not enough current flow to heat up the bi-metallic strip in the flasher. One can buy a gizmo that provides the needed resistance, or a different flasher.

Melanie and I drove the Healey up to the Indiana/Michigan border for Northern Indiana's driving tour last Saturday. Two and half hours each way. Water temperature was pretty reasonable 180 degF on the way up (outside air temperature in the 60s). On the way home at 2500 rpm in 4<sup>th</sup> overdrive on US 31, it was in the low 70s and the water temperature gauge was reading around 195 which (still) seems high to me. Not sure if that gives much cushion for warmer weather. Got to get my confidence up if we're going to drive to Waco in April for the Texas Healey Roundup. Anyone want to tag along?

Cheers,  
Bob



*Another Elvis sighting at Halloween*

## **Images from the Halloween Party**



# October Business Meeting Minutes

by Sherry Storrs

The Thursday meeting was held at George's Restaurant. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Randy/Janet Belden, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Dick/Ruth Buis, Jim/Bev Bush, Jim/Sue Frakes, Craig Rice, Jim/Jo Switzer, Dave Verrill, Steve Halleck, Dave Broyles, Sandy/Jim Burck, Charlene/Bruce Gilham, Melanie/Bob Haskell, and Bill Coan.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$62, with Randy Belden winning and donating the entire amount to the Benevolence Fund.

## Treasurer's & Membership Report – Craig Rice

- Current membership – 55
- Benevolence Fund - \$634

## Calendar/Announcements

- **Edie Anderson Traveling Award**- we keep this for a year, as we had the highest percentage of our club membership attending Conclave.
- **Season Long Photo Scavenger Hunt** - Jim Switzer announced the winners:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jim and Sue Frakes – they found every country/state/city
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Randy & Janet Belden
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Bob & Melanie Haskell
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Dick & Sherry Storrs
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place – Bruce & Barb Watson
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place – Jim & Bev Bush
  - 7<sup>th</sup> place – Dick & Ruth Buis
  - Everyone agreed this was a fun and sometimes challenging activity. The winners received a \$200 gift certificate to a B&B of their choice.
- **Halloween Party** – Jim & Bev Bush's Barn, October 22
- **Delegates Meeting** – Nov. 5-7 Dick Storrs
  - This year Dick Storrs has organized 2 activities for the members to enjoy on Friday, Nov. 4. The first is Dr. Foster's car collection in New Castle. The second is Bill Osterlie's collection. After lunch at the Cambria Suites, they will head off on the tours. If you can help transport delegates, contact Dick Storrs (317-709-6894). If you plan on attending the dinner on Saturday, Nov. 5, please let Jo Switzer know by Oct. 20.
- **Spring Thing** – the Blue Grass Club will continue holding this event.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Boyle Racing Headquarters Benefit** – Chip Ganassi's Racing Shop
  - Oct. 16, 2016. 1:00-4:00
  - \$50/adult. Benefits Boyle Racing Headquarters Foundation
- **Northern Indiana Fall Tour** – Oct. 15, New Buffalo, MI
  - 12:00 Noon lunch; 2:00 Tour
  - Contact John Eslinger
- **Vintage Car Races – Mid Ohio Race Track**, June 23-25, 2017

## Old Business

The remainder of the meeting was spent on the September Round-up Wrap-up. The entire weekend was a great success. We received a lot of positive feedback from the participants. They enjoyed the varied activities and sights to see that we had planned for them.

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- Having the Funkana on Thursday really helped to draw a lot of people in.
- Bob Haskell did a great job of documenting all the events in photographs.
- Financially, the weekend did very well. The Steering committee worked very hard in getting sponsorships. We secured \$1035 in sponsorships plus the Silent Auction donations. The auction netted \$2,502. After all expenses, the net revenue was \$4,573.
- Bruce Watson suggested donating \$2500 to Riley Children's Hospital. We would still have approximately \$6500-\$7000 in the checkbook, not including the Benevolence Fund. Members present agreed to giving \$2500 to Riley Children's Hospital.
- Stacy and Chastity from the Wayne County Visitors Bureau did a fantastic job. They put in a lot of time and effort in helping us. It was proposed that we do something for them to show our thanks and appreciation for all they did.

### **New Business**

- **Election of Officers** – Nominees
  - President – Jim Frakes
  - Vice President – David Verrill
  - Secretary – Melanie Haskell
  - Overdrive Editor – Steve Halleck
  - Web Master – David Bird
  - Treasurer – Craig Rice
- **Holiday Party** – It was agreed by those present to have an “After Christmas Party”. More details at the November meeting.

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: Wednesday, November 9 – Location – Dawson's (Nov. 8 is Election Day)**

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Storrs

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## **Calendar of Events**

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

### **November**

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

**Plainfield, IN**

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

### **December**

**13<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting (tbd)**