



# Overdrive

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

## **From the President**

**By Bruce Watson**

This month was all about September Roundup! A final planning review took place at the September Business Meeting on Tues., Sept. 13. All last minute issues were addressed and the final plan was in place. Thursday was a beautiful day for the drive to Richmond. The majority of participants arrived early to enjoy getting together with their Healey friends. Ruth Buis' and Sherry Storrs' Hospitality room opened at 4:30 and had plenty of takers. There were plenty of sandwiches, snacks, desserts, and of course beer and wine. Dick Storrs' Funkhana, Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, was a big hit that evening. Many of the attendees enjoyed playing with Dick's toys, and competing for the best combined score. As the evening wore on, the revelers moved the party to the patio behind the hotel, where lots of good times were had until around midnight. Friday began with a tasty and filling breakfast prepared by the hotel kitchen staff. Then it was on to the Rally that Jon Monies and Joan Wright had prepared. It was another beautiful day, and everyone seemed to enjoy the laid back Rally format with no-one getting lost. Participants then had the rest of the afternoon to explore Richmond or just enjoy one another's company in the Hospitality room. Then it was off to dinner in one of Richmond's many great restaurants. More hospitality followed dinner. Saturday morning, and another great breakfast by the kitchen staff. The weather was iffy, but the show must go on. Jim Frakes and his team got all the cars into position for the Car Show on Ft. Wayne Ave. in the Historic Depot District. It was a great venue for a car show. During the Car Show, Jim and Bev Bush ran their Mystery Mural Tour in the Depot District. The search for mural details, and questions was as mischievous as predicted. The rain held off for a couple hours, but in the end, cars had to be covered, and tops put on or up. A number of the Mural Tour

participants donned umbrellas to complete the Mystery tour. Many attendees also took advantage of other attractions in the area, like the National Model T Museum, while others enjoyed some of the shops and restaurants on Ft. Wayne Ave.

The rain continued throughout the afternoon, putting a damper on outdoor activities. 30+ people did however, enjoy the Tiffany Stained Glass tour of the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church. We were not only treated to the history and beauty of the church and its' stained glass, but also to a private recital on

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## **Next Business Meeting**

The September business meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11th.

[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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<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*

Thanks to Dale Ballinger for his write-up on September Roundup (see page ). I did a bit more work on the brakes on the tri-carb. After figuring out the issue was with the rear brakes, I took the rear drums off and everything looked okay. Continued and took the brake shoes off. On the backside, the steady posts had rubbed a hole into the shoe. So I when I rebuilt the brakes the last time, I screwed the steady posts in too far and tilted the shoes. I'm not sure how much the shoes were moving if the posts got caught in the holes. Time for a new set of shoes.

Bob

## ***From the President***

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the 100+ year old pipe organ, replete with its' very own "Church Mouse." It seems that one of the wood workers that installed the lavish woodwork, carved a small mouse, and placed it behind one of the columns surrounding the pipes. A number of people then braved the rain to visit the Richmond Art Museum with Charlene Gilham as their guide.

That evening, the awards dinner was held, and Chef Chuck and his staff prepared a superb meal of shaved prime rib and baked salmon, salad, veggies and potatoes. Dinner was capped off with different kinds of cheesecake.

Following dinner, awards were presented to the winners of the Car Show, the Rally, the Funkhana, the Mystery Mural Tour, and Longest Distance Travelled. (All awards are listed following in the Overdrive, along with many pictures of the event taken by the official event Photographer, Bob Haskell.)

The evening ended with final bids on the huge Silent Auction, which David Broyles had masterfully organized. He and Craig Rice made short work of collecting everyone's bids. This turned out to be maybe the largest and most profitable Silent Auction ever for a September Roundup.

The kitchen staff served up another excellent breakfast on Sunday morning. Everyone said their goodbyes and packed up. The weather had cleared and it was a beautiful day for the drive home.

As a result of numerous Sponsors, 50+ Registrations, a good 50/50 Raffle, and the profitable Silent Auction, we will be making a donation to the Riley Children's Foundation out of the proceeds of the event.

I want to thank everyone who played a part in the planning and execution of one of the best September Roundup events ever. It was the success that it was as a result of your efforts and hard work!

Bruce

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## ***September Business Meeting Minutes***

*by Sherry Storrs*

The Thursday meeting was held at Dawson's in Speedway. Those in attendance were Bruce/Barb Watson, Roy Bowman, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Dick/Ruth Buis, Jim/Bev Bush, Jim/Sue Frakes, Craig Rice, Jo Switzer, Dave Verrill, Steve Halleck, Dave Broyles, Sandy/Jim Burck, Charlene/Bruce Gilham, Melanie/Bob Haskell, Joan Wright, Jon Monies, and Tom Neal.

President Bruce Watson began the meeting by selling 50/50 raffle tickets. The amount sold was \$46, with Charlene Gilham winning and donating the entire amount to the Benevolence Fund. (Bruce and Charlene announced that they had just sold their house and were going to be moving south -Editor)

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

- Current membership – 55
- Benevolence Fund - \$572

### **Calendar**

- **Season Long Photo Scavenger Hunt** - Jim Switzer . Ended tonight, Sept. 13
- **Halloween Party** – Jim & Bev Bush's Barn, October 22

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### **Old Business**

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming **September Round-up, September 15-18 in Richmond, IN.**

- **Registrations** – 40 paid registrations, approximately 70 people
- **Goodie Bags** – Stacey and Chastity from the Visitors Bureau have filled the bags for us.
- **Sponsorships**
  - Moss Motors - \$250 in cash for the Silent Auction
  - Victoria British - \$25 gift certificate and Silent Auction items
  - Muncie Imports - \$300 gift certificate
  - Korner Garage - \$200
  - Hagertys – lanyards for name tags
  - Auto Zone – bucket of car products
  - J & J winery – bottle of wine for Silent Auction
  - Allen Hendricks – note pads
  - \$1200 in cash donations – a portion of this will be donated to Riley Children's Hospital.
- **Funkhana** – Dick Storrs
  - This event takes place Thursday night. Dick has planned for a night of “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles”.
- **Rallye** – Jon Monies and Joan Wright
  - This event takes place Friday morning starting at 10 AM. They're calling it a “Poker Run” with a twist. Route is approximately 80 hours and should take no more than 2½ hours to complete.
- **Car Show** – Jim Frakes
  - This event takes place Saturday morning in the historic Depot District. The street will be closed from 9-noon. Jim also has all the supplies for the car wash.
- **Silent Auction** – David Broyles
  - This event will be open until after the banquet on Saturday evening.
- **Suggested Tour and Historic Sites** – Roy Bowman/David Morrison
  - Roy has been working with Stacey and Chastity from the Richmond Visitors Bureau. A “visitor guide” will be in the goodie bags, along with a locator map.
- **Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church** – Stained Glass Tour
  - This event is on Saturday from 2-3:00. There are 34 people signed up for this tour. There is no charge, but they welcome donations to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the church.
- **Richmond Art Museum** – Charlene Gilham
  - This even takes place on Saturday at 3:30. Charlene has arranged for a docent to give a tour.
- **Mystery Mural Tour – Jim & Bev Bush**
  - This event takes place on Saturday during the Car Show. It is a timed event.
- **Regalia** – Melanie Haskell
  - We are selling hats and visors, for \$20 each.

### **New Business**

Election of officers will take place at October meeting. Open positions: President, Secretary and Overdrive Editor.

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: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 , 6:30 at George's Neighborhood Grill.**

## ***September Roundup Awards***

### **Funkhana:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bruce and Charlene Gilham

#### **Awards of Excellence:**

Jim and Sandy Burck

Allen Hendricks

Bob and Pat Duffie

### **Ralley: (D = driver; N = navigator)**

1<sup>st</sup> Skip Jackson (D) and Dale Ballinger (N)

2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Coobatis (D) and Bruce Gearns (N)

3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Richey (D) and Sarah Richey (N)

4<sup>th</sup> Steve Halleck (D) and Kathy Halleck (N)

**Longest Distance:** Harold Arrowood

**Mural Tour:** Jeff Parada and Nancy Bacon

**50/50:** Steve Halleck

### **Car Show:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Awards of Excellence</b>
100	Jim and Sandy Burke	Craig Rice
Roadster	Ken Livingston	John Lomax, David Verrill, Dave and Vicky Roberts
Convertible	Jerry and Peg Spurlock	Bernie and Leslie Lamp, Gary Brierton, John and Janet Steck
Bugeye Sprite	Steve and Kathy Halleck	Jim and Bev Bush, Bob and Pat Duffy
Square Body Sprite	Nelson Whittstock	
Some Other British	Dale and Sandy Ballinger	
Peoples Choice	Jerry and Peggy Spurlock	

## ***September Roundup***

***By Dale Ballinger (Ohio Valley AHC)***

The weekend started on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> with a nice drive up on the Indiana border. Some of us had a great Mexican lunch in Liberty at the El Reparo. We arrived for registration at the Holiday Inn and then went right into a wonderful hospitality with a meet and greet by the Richmond visitor bureau. We spun the wheel and won some unusual prizes.

It was so great to see our Healey friends from North Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Canada, Kentucky, Ohio, and of course Indiana. A huge regalia store opened for us, and the Central Indiana Club offered many silent auction items for bidding. So many goodies, so little will power. The Riley Children's Foundation was the beneficiary this year.

That evening after a belly filling Subway snack, cookies, and drinks in the Hoosier Hospitality room, we took part in a fantastic Funkhana. The theme was "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" like in the John Candy / Steve Martin comedy. It was a comedy of errors for sure, but very fun.

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Friday morning after our complimentary breakfast buffet, we took off on a Poker Run rally. It featured the highest natural point in Indiana and crossed four historic covered bridges. Some of our group passed on this adventure and instead enjoyed one or two self-guided tours of the Richmond area.

Because we had "dinner on your own" that evening, we followed Janet's recommendation and casually dined at Little Sheba's Restaurant in the Depot District. Then again that night, more Hoosier Hospitality ensued well into the harvest moon night.

Saturday morning after another complimentary breakfast buffet featuring biscuits and gravy this time, we were off the car show back at the Depot District. It was a very nice venue.....until the skies opened up on us big time. The CIAHC arranged a Mystery Mural Tour walking rally while the drops beat down.

After Car Show there were more self-guided tours of the Richmond area, such as the Model T Museum nearby. The Wayne County Historical Museum was a huge favorite of Jake. At 2:00 we went on the Tour of Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church to view the fabulous stained glass windows. It featured Tiffany Glass windows from New York. It seems that Mr. Reid was one of the richest men in America at that time. The organist filled about fifteen minutes with a roaring rendition of several hymns on the enormous pipe organ.

At 3:00 PM, there was a tour of the Richmond Art Museum led by a curator. Back at the Holiday Inn more Hoosier Hospitality. Then we had Cocktail hour before our dinner. We dined on salmon and prime rib. The awards ceremony followed. Chairman Bruce Watson emceed the evening and performed very well.

The rally winners were Skip Jackson and Dale Ballinger winning first place in the rally with a straight from their five drawn cards. Jon Monies really set up a fantastic trip. The Mystery Mural Tour winners were Nancy Bacon and Jeff Porada. That test was very tricky and required precise thinking. The Funkhana winners from OVAHC were Bob and Pat Duffey with an Honorable Mention award. Dick Stories laid out a most interesting challenge for us.

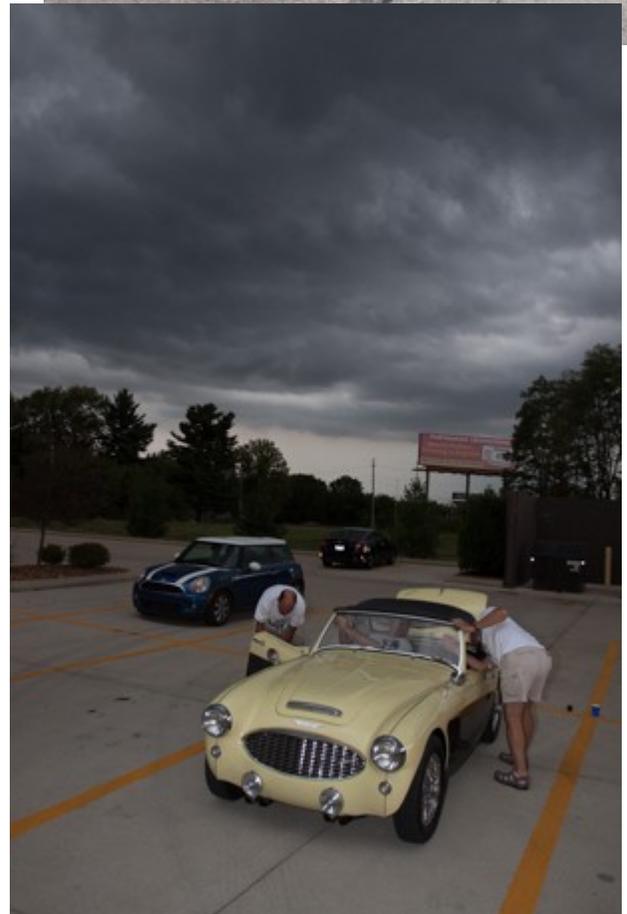
Jim Frakes arranged the car show. We had popular choice voting again this year. He gave the first place award for AH convertibles to Jerry and Peggy Spurlock. In the Bugeye Sprite class, Bob and Pat Duffey won an award of excellence. In the SOB class (some other British) Dale Ballinger won first with his Jensen- Healey. An award for "hard luck" went to Jeff Porada for his unfinished yellow Bugeye. For the "Peoples Choice" award for best car, the award went to Jerry and Peggy Spurlock. Congratulations!

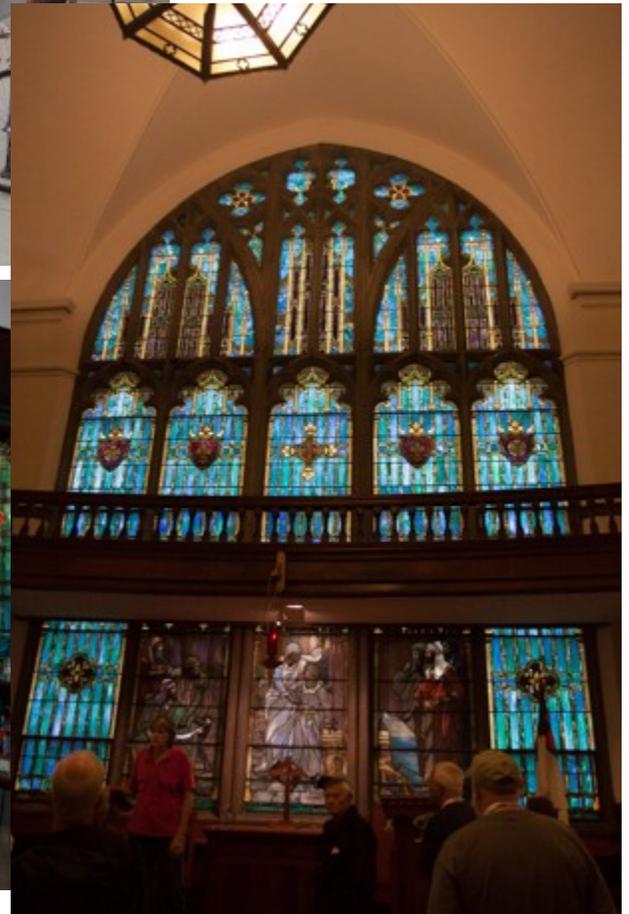
Chris Clark from the Mid-Ohio AHC went forward and gave a presentation for 2017. September Roundup will be at Mohican State Park near Lexington, Ohio on September 14 - 17. He asks that you register and obtain rooms before July ends. Rooms are only \$110 per night and you should ask for the Austin-Healey Club rate directly by phone only.

Thanks to the CIAHC for a great show and a wonderful weekend. The OVAHC members present were Sandy & Dale Ballinger, Scot & Eileen Brown, Bob & Pat Duffey, our activity activator Skip & Joan Jackson, Gayle & Cindy Loos, John & Janet Parrott, Jeff Porada & Nancy Bacon, and Jerry & Peggy Spurlock. See you next year?











## ***Calendar of Events***

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

### **October**

**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**

