



Overdrive

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From the President

By Jim Frakes

Daytona report.

I hope everyone had a great time at the Watson's Daytona Party. Since I attended four days of racing including the 500, I have a quick note about the pre-races.

Thursday evening's twin 150 races under the lights set the field behind the two fastest Qualifiers Chase Elliott and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Chase won the first race and lead most of the way showing a lot of talent and Speed. Dale Jr. Showed he also had the power by leading a lot of the second race. Then, he appeared to drop back for no reason except theoretically, he proved his point and did not need to risk being in the middle of a melee and damaging his car or him. Likely a smart move.

Friday Nights Truck race was a wreck fest with the first one in the first turn of lap two. It took out several contenders, but the field was pretty large to start with. On the white flag, Austin Wayne Self was in 19th place. On the back stretch a multi car pile-up ensued with the front of the field getting nearly wiped out. A rookie, Taz Grala, a senior in high school played hooky and won the race. Second was Austin Wayne Self. 19th to second in one lap.

Saturdays Nationwide race was another wreck fest with eventual winner Ryan Reed taking first . It was his second ever win, taking the same race two years ago.

President's report.

I am unable to be at the March meeting due to a trip to assist Doug Frakes during a medical procedure in Cumming Ga. on the 15th. Sue and I should be returning the following weekend.

2018 Conclave - For those who didn't make the last two meetings, we will be the host for the 2018 Conclave at French Lick.

Central Indiana Austin Healey Club Meeting of Feb. 15th 2017

Notes from the presentation by Dick Storrs, Jim Bush, and Jim Frakes regarding a proposal for hosting Conclave 2018. In some case, updates to the notes are included in the (parenthesis).

Jim Frakes presented the concept of Central Indiana Hosting the event at the French Lick Springs Resort Hotel. Jim reminded the club it would be 18 years since Central Indiana hosted the event in 2000. Our club is slightly smaller but not as significant as some other clubs. In recent years it has been very difficult for clubs to step up due to the size of the clubs and the age (who us?) of the members. As V.P. of Conclave for nearly ten years it became obvious a changes had to be made in order to continue to have the premier event. In many cases, regional meets had started to grow larger but Conclaves still had been very successful in the past five years. The National events have grown more expensive also, but with many people being retired, and had more time to plan, the AHCA Conclave still is popular. Nicer venues, such as The Homestead and Gettysburg has drawn great crowds, but expensive. Last year in Cincy, was a welcome respite in price and still had a lot to keep members busy.

At our annual AHCA Delegates meetings, an answer continued to be discussed as the need for assistance from other nearby clubs who have a specific talent, to help put on one event. That is our plan for 2018. That does NOT mean we have answers for every venue at this point. (However, changes / additions are being made daily).

Dick Storrs and Jim Bush were asked to act as a co-chair team with Jim Frakes to assist in putting this together. They traveled to French Lick with Jim Frakes and met with their event planner, Tracey Galloway, and toured the host hotel area and helped to make our early assessment as to the suitability of the area.

Jim Bush: Several venues were suggested for a Cowboy Cookout BBQ dinner. Our plan was to be away from the Host hotel to keep the expense down. I looked into several venues but settled tentatively on the Wilstem Ranch, about nine miles drive from the hotel. This would be similar to the drive we had at Homestead for the BBQ dinner. With this event we can have about 250 in the loft of the barn and overflow can be accommodated in a tent we would rent. There were few venues that had enough facilities to accommodate larger crowds.

Dick Storrs : The Gymkhana and Funkhana can be held at the Salem Speedway, A historic paved Asphalt track that has seen many stars in their early racing careers; Foyt, Andretti, the Unsers, etc and more recently Nascar Stars such as Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart. There will be restrooms and expect food vendors plus it is close the historic town of Salem and its Square. Driving distance is about 45 minutes,.

Jim Frakes: Host Hotel; the French Lick Resort Hotel and Gambling casino is our host hotel. Rooms are \$130 per night plus tax, Kings, Queens, and doubles. Much less than The Homestead but still considered a resort Hotel. Next door is the West Baden Hotel. Rooms there are also available at a Special rate of \$ 179 per night plus Tax. These would be outer rooms only, none overlooking the Dome room. Both are Historic Registered hotels built in the early 1900s as resorts

taking advantage of their world famous “Pluto Water”. They both have quite a history of entertaining some of Chicago’s Gangsterland in the 20s and 30’s and much more famous people before falling on hard times. Restoration was completed a few years ago due primarily to a major philanthropist, Bill Cook of Cook Medical equipment (think Stints).

The facilities are great and have a major share of their business from car club conventions. Porsche, Corvette, MG and a large Model A restorer’s club in 2014 with over 500 registrations. Much of their tours will be easy to copy for our purposes.

Event rooms include the Murdock which will serve the Tech sessions and indoor pinewood derby and valve cover races. The Clifton will be the site of the awards dinner. It has all of the A/V connections built in and overhead projectors available.

Ladies Tea (\$) will be in the West Baden Hotel Dome and will be limited to thirty-two persons per setting. If there is a demand for more, there can be 2 settings, which would alternate with the Optional Tour of the West Baden Hotel (\$).

Arts and crafts, Regalia and silent auction will take up Taggart rooms A and B.

Parking is free in the plaza, which is covered. It also is the backup location for the car show in case of rain. Nearby in the plaza is the permanent car wash set-up.

There are three golf courses on site, ranging from low cost to an expensive Pete Dye course.

At the present time Pre-Conclave registration has been agreed to by Mike and Arlene Schneider of Bluegrass.

After the presentations, the group was called to a vote which carried affirmative. A choice then of July 8th or July 15th start of the Conclave. Starting on the 15th carried also.

Conclave 2018 Update as of 2-28-2016

Mike and Arlene Schneider, BGAHC have agreed to be the pre-conclave registrars. CI-AHCA will have to man the on-site registration and packets for the incoming persons on Sunday and Monday AM.

OHV – AHC has agreed to run the Gymkhana. CI-AHCA will be responsible for the Cones which likely will be rented from the Salem Speedway.

WEB Site creation and maintenance; Offered by Ben Moore of BGAHC.

There is still a lot to be decided at this point, but progress is being made. Jim Frakes and Dick Storrs and maybe Jim Bush are making a trip on Friday to meet with Neil Anderson, Conclave V.P. Our plan is to meet with both Tracey of French Lick resort and Salem Speedway. Neil will be traveling on to Louisville for the National AHCA Presidents meeting.

CARS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

Send me or Steve Halleck any news of cars that are for sale.

Tech Sessions

None scheduled that I am aware of. Please contact me if assistance is needed. 317-697-6441.

Next Business Meeting:

Feb Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14 at Squealers



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Dinner 6:30 & Meeting 7:30

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Bluegrass AHC
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Miami Valley AHC
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Mid Ohio AHC
<https://sites.google.com/site/midohioahc/>

Northern Indiana AHC
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Ohio Valley AHC
<http://ohiovalleyahc.com>

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

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

CIAHC Business Meeting-Feb 15th, 2017

By Melanie Haskell

The meeting was held at George's Neighborhood Grill. Attendees-Jim and Bev Bush, Steve Halleck, Bruce and Barb Watson, Dick & Sherry Storrs, Jim & Sue Frakes, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, David Broyles, Jim and Sandy Burck, Ruth and Dick Buis

Sherry won \$15 in the 50/50 drawing.

Tom Pierson passed away Jan. 31st. CIAHC will make a memorial donation in Tom's name to the American Heart Association.

Minutes were approved minutes from last meeting.

Bruce Watson talked about Daytona Party. Show up around 12, race starts at 1:00. Beer, wine will be served. Signup sheet was passed around.

April 20th-23rd -Texas Healy Roundup 37 in Waco, Texas-Canceled

Spring Thing is scheduled for May 18th-21st

The Great Race dates and locations on website.

CruZionsville Porsche show will be June 3rd on Main St in Zionsville. The show includes cars made in Indiana. Many of the Indiana cars that are currently at MSA museum will be at the show.

Jim Frakes, Jim Bush, and Dick Storrs presented options for Conclave 2018 in French Lick. Motion passed to have conclave in French Lick starting on July 15th.

Craig Rice reports:

Treasury report \$6450

Membership 50 -53

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

As Jim mentioned in his column, we are a go for Conclave 2018! Last year's September Roundup was a big success. Now we need to do it on a national stage. It's going to be a lot of work but I'm excited about it. I asked my brother to get me all the info from the Porsche outing there.

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Did anyone manage to get your Healeys out during the May temps we had in Feb? I was hoping to get some driving in. My distributor came back from the rebuild. When I installed it I saw it was 180 degrees out. I

thought the driving dog might be installed incorrectly but Jeff at Advanced Distributor said the distributor was correct and my drive gear was off 180. He also sent a link to a John Twist/University Motors video on how to adjust it. In the video, John is using an engine that's out of the can and mentions that it's a lot harder to see with the engine in. That's an understatement. I don't see how anyone with a square body would be able to do this! The gear comes out using a long 5/16 fine thread bolt. The longest one they had at Lowes was 3 inches, which barely was long enough to reach the gear. Putting the gear back in, the bolt length didn't give me a good way of making sure the gear was going in straight. First pass I missed getting it in right and almost dropped it into the sump! I spent about 20 minutes sweating while I tried to get it back out without losing my grip on the bolt head.

Once I got it put back in correctly and hooked everything back up the engine started right up. I got the timing set initially and decided to take the car out for a short drive Friday before the temperature dropped. Just as I dropped the jack, I heard thunder. I managed to get about 2 miles before hurrying home as the rain started. With the 40 degree temperature drop and snow, driving is back on hold.

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If you have a Saturday morning free, Gateway Classic Cars on 96th street is open for Cars and Coffee on scheduled Saturdays throughout the year. Check their website for dates if you're interested. It's a good chance to look at the cars they have for consignment in comfort – even when the weather is bad. Most of their inventory tends to be in muscle cars, but they do have a variety of vehicle types. When I was there on the 25th, they had a nice looking '62 3000 for \$44,995 and a 52 Jag XK120 for \$128,000.

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A big thanks to Bruce and Barbara Watson for hosting the Daytona 500 party!

The Daytona 500 Party was well attended this year, with 24 people attending on a beautiful day in February. Everyone enjoyed loads of delicious appetizers, chili and desserts, along with one another's company.

Driver Drawing:

1 st Out	Matt Kenseth	\$5.00	Barbara Watson
Lead at Mid-point	Kevin Harvick	\$10.00	Jim Burck
Winner	Kurt Busch	\$25.00	Jim Switzer

Congratulations to all the winners.

Chili Cook-off:

Out of 5 competitors, Barbara Watson, Sherry Storrs, Kathy Halleck, Bev Bush, Jo Switzer, **Barbara Watson** was the winner, with a new recipe for this year! Barbara gets bragging rights for yet another year!

Congratulations to Barbara, and thanks to all the Chili chefs, as well as those who brought appetizers and desserts.



Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

March 14th-Business Meeting at Squealers

March 19th-All British Car Swap Meet and Autojumble-Wheaton, IL

April 11th-Business Meeting

April 20th-23rd –Texas Healy Roundup 37 in Waco, Texas

May 9th-Business Meeting

May 18 – 21 Spring Thing, Lebanon, Ky

May 27 – June 4, British Car Week, Everywhere, USA

May 28th-Monies/Wright Indy 500 Party

June 3rd-British Bash-St. Joseph's Children's Home, Louisville, KY

June 3rd-Moss Motors Motorfest-Petersville, Virginia

June 4th-Champaign British Car Festival-Bloomington, IL

June 8th-11th-Open Wheel World Challenge-hosted by SVRA at IMS

June 11th-Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance

June 13th-Business Meeting

June 14th-18th-Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational-hosted by SVRA at IMS

June 18th-24th-Rolls-Royce Owners' Club Annual Meet-French Lick, IN

June 25th – Michianna British Car Show, Notre Dame, IN

June 27th-Hemmings Great Race stops in French Lick, IN

July 9th-14th-Conclave in Waco, Texas

July 9th- British Car Days, Fairfield, OH

July 11th-Business Meeting

July 15th-London to Brighton Run

July 22nd-Rolling into Roanoke Classic Car Show-Roanoke, IN

Aug. 5th-Dayton British Car Show-Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton, OH

Aug. 9th-12th-Encounter 40-The Austin Healey Sports & Touring Club-Princeton, NJ

Aug. 12th-IBCU Indy British Motor Days-Zionsville, IN

Aug. 26th-Carmel Artomobilia-Carmel Arts & Design District

Sept. 9th-10-26th Annual Scottish Festival-Columbus, IN

Sept. 11th-15th-Monterey International Healey Week

Sept. 12th-Business Meeting

Sept. 14th-17th-September Round-Up, Mohican State Lodge, Perrysville, Ohio

Oct. 10th-Business Meeting

Oct. 12th-15th-SouthEastern Classic 27-Lake Guntersville, Alabama

Oct. 28th-Holoween Party at Bush Barn

Nov. 10th-11th-Fall Delegates' Meeting

Nov. 14th-Business Meeting