



Overdrive

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From the President

By Jim Frakes

June was such a busy month, now July looks even busier as Sue and I prepare for my Granddaughter Claire's wedding on July 7th, in Noblesville. Then we fly to WACO for Conclave early the next morning. After Conclave, we are taking the long way home thru Oklahoma City, (Sue's Granddaughter who gets married in November), followed by Stillwater, OK to visit her son and family. Heading East, we will stop in LaDue MO, to visit with her daughter and Family before finally back home about the 20th of July. Since both the Frakes and Verrill are out for June, the members meeting declared a non-meeting month of July.

Kokomo Car Museum

June 17th, CI-AHCA Healey members, the Frakes, the Haskell's and Roy Bowman made the trip to Kokomo to join the Northern Indiana club in touring the Kokomo Car Museum. I had heard about it but was always too busy to make the short drive. Now that I have seen it, I assure you it was a worthwhile trip. I knew the Haynes auto was one of the first in the U.S. but never knew it claimed to be the first built as an auto, not as just putting a motor and propulsion on a buggy. Although it still looks like a buggy, there are features that make it unique. Reportedly the original is in the Smithsonian Museum in DC and a replica is in the Kokomo Museum. Several Haynes autos are featured as well as Haynes Apperson and also just plain Apperson's.

Our tour guide was very informative and there were plenty of cars to see. A unique "Biflex" suspension system was on two cars. It appeared to be an early version of shocks and struts, as the front of the front springs, were attached to a vertical cylinder. Apparently, the cylinder contained a piston with oil that would allow the

cushioning of the spring bounce to provide a better ride. Other cars ranged from later thirty's cars and forty's and up into the 50's. Those included a '55 T-Bird, and several GM cars. The T-Bird convertible caught my attention since I had a black '55 at one time. Jim and Sandy Burck would love the powder blue 1947 Lincoln four door with suicide doors. Some 18 feet plus in length, the model sold over 7,000 that year.

Mike and Carolyn Schmidt invited the group to their home in Kokomo for a scrumptious Bar B Que followed by some excellent desserts. Naturally a little tire kicking was involved and even a few Healey parts changed hands. The Schmidt's have a nice collection of cars including their Black BJ8 and another Black BN7. Their Dodge Charger also brought a lot of attention. Thanks' go to the Schmidt's for hosting both events.









Hagerty Great Race.

This annual event starts somewhere in the U.S. and ends in Traverse City, MI. This year it started the 2300-mile trek in Jacksonville, FL and stopped for lunch in French Lick, IN for a lunch break. Sue and I traveled down the night before allowing more pix to be taken for Conclave 2018 and view other areas of interest. Roy Bowman traveled down on Tuesday AM to join in the parade of British cars from the Louisville British Car club at Salem. Their group included Healeys of Jim Werner, Bernie Lamp and co-driver Roger Coates, Jim and Kathy French, Bill Fryrear, John and Suzanne Rice, Mike and Carla Spence, and Steve and Laura Wenger.

Shortly after noon, a color guard from French Lick paraded on the street followed by a nice rendition of our National Anthem by a local young lady (a good job by the way). Soon, the Great Race entries entered town, some 100 in all, and made their way down the street where The Hagerty Great Race Emcee, assisted by "Color

Commentator” Corky Coker of Coker Tire, proceeded to tell who they were and what type and maybe some history of the car they were in. My favorite was the 900 Cubic inch engine’d, surrey topped, behemoth driven by two young men dressed in bright white coveralls and wearing goggles. Another entry, trying for Rookie of the race were the 16 year old female driver and her 14 year old sister as navigator.

The group stopped for the night in Franklin Indiana. I do not know if any of our members made that much shorter trek to see the cars.

David Verrill is driving my Durango to Waco and pulling the Healey trailer loaded with his red 100-6. Might be just a little cooler ride than those driving standard Healey’s down. David plans to stay a few days after Conclave while Sue and I take the Durango and head for OK.

I expect to have a report on Conclave for the August issue of the Overdrive.

Until then, Healey ON!

Jim and Sue.

Tech Sessions

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

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

(Please send Jim Frakes or Steve Halleck any news of cars/parts that are for sale.)

Nothing this month.

Next Business Meeting: NOTE DATE CHANGE!!

No meeting in July. Aug Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug 15 at Squealers



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Bluegrass AHC
<http://www.bluegrassclub.com>

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

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

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>

Cammack Station Ice Cream Drive

On a warm (well, hot) Saturday morning 7 Austin Healey cars with their drivers and navigators met on the east side of Indy near Fort Ben. After getting a 'sugar fix' at the donut shop, everyone lathered up sunscreen, put on their hats/visors, got driving instructions, and prepared to head towards Cammack Station. The Cammack Station building was Pete's Grocery when I was growing up in nearby Reeds Station. Since that area was my old stomping grounds, the route included some of the fun back roads I played on as a kid.

After the locals checked out our cars, the Healey parade headed Northeast to Fall Creek and by Geist Reservoir. The group stayed together through most of the stop lights and intersections, sometimes with the help of kind drivers who motioned us through. Many of the roads followed creeks and rivers where the trees provided needed shade. The route provided some scenic sights near Fortville and Pendleton, and passed the home where I got my first Bugeye many years ago.

A truck stop near Chesterfield provided a place to stretch the legs and 'empty and fill' the tanks again. Jim and Bev found some items for next year's Conclave.

The parade continued through Daleville and the back roads to Cammack. The trip ended at the nostalgic Cammack Station – filled with old tractors and memorabilia from the '50s and '60s (the TV only shows the Andy Griffith Show). My friend from high school, Dave Douglas and his wife Marie met us at the Station in their bright orange classic Mini Cooper. We shared the Station with a Red Hat Ladies birthday party, and as we were leaving, a Corvette club.

After filling our own tanks with lunch and ice cream, the group parted in separate directions for the drives back home. The hot sun and the motion of the Sprite caused my navigator to fall asleep on the way home, but fortunately, I know the way.

Steve



Getting ready to start



Good place to start – at the donut shop.



Bev and Jim have air conditioning in their Sprite!



Coming off the bridge at Geist



Arrival at Cammack Station



Dave and Marie Douglass were at Cammack in their classic Mini. Note the license frame.



The view from downtown Cammack



The inside of Cammack Station



The group, filled up on lunch and ice cream. Jim/Sandy Burck, Sue/Jim Frakes, Dick/Sherry Storrs, Roy Bowman, Kathy/Steve Halleck, Bev/Jim Bush, Bob/Melanie Haskell.

CIAHC Business Meeting-May 9, 2017

The meeting was held at Dawson's on Main. Attendees- Steve & Martha Berenyi, Jim & Bev Bush, Steve Halleck, Dick Storrs, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Dick & Ruth Buis, Roy Bowman, David Verrill, Jim & Sue Frakes, Jim & Jo Switzer, John Mann

Jim Frakes ran the meeting.

Craig Rice reports:

Treasury report, no change from last month

Membership 52

The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

On June 10th, Steve Halleck conducted a very enjoyable drive to Cammack Station, a restaurant converted from a historic filling station. Seven Healeys made the trip. The participants enjoyed good food and ice cream.

On June 17th, Jim & Sue Frakes, Bob & Melanie Haskell, and Roy Bowman joined the Northern Indiana Healey club on a tour of the Kokomo Automobile Museum. After the museum, we had lunch at Carolyn and Mike Schmidt's house. We enjoyed a garage tour featuring a Cobra, BJ8, BN7, and a Dodge Charger.

Jon Monies and Joan Wright hosted a great 500 Race party.

Conclave 2017

Jim & Sue Frakes and David Verrill plan to attend Conclave in Waco. Jim's overdrive locked up during Springthing in Lebanon, KY so he will not have a Healey in Waco. Last Jim heard there were less than 70 registrations for Waco.

Roy Bowman enjoyed British Bash at St. Joseph Children's home.

No currently scheduled driving events.

June 27th the Great Race will stop for lunch in French Lick. The cars will stop for the night in Franklin around 4:40. Next overnight stop is Auburn. Cars in the Great Race must be 50 years old. It is a time/speed rallye from Florida to Michigan.

No business meeting in July due to numerous conflicts.

Dinner and a Movie-Danville

Thursday, July 13th, the Hoosier MG Club is sponsoring a free showing of the movie Genevieve at the Royal Theater in Danville. Genevieve is a 1953 classic British comedy about the London to Brighton Run. There will be free popcorn and drinks courtesy of IBCU. Interested in having dinner in Danville before the movie? Three local restaurants (Diesels, Frank's Place, and Mayberry Café) are offering a free (non-alcoholic) drink with a dinner entrée. **Must show proof of British car ownership.** Thanks to Jim Switzer for giving me the correct date.

London to Brighton Run is July 15th. It will be a tulip rallye this year. See the IBCU website for more details.

July 22nd is Rolling Into Roanoke.

August 8th business meeting at Squealers.

August 12th is IBCU's British Motor Days car show at Lion's Park in Zionsville.

New Business

Jim & Jo Switzer moved to Avon and no longer have a landline phone.

Conclave 2018 Update from Jim Frakes

Mike Schneider expects a large number of registrations for Conclave.

The club voted for Riley Hospital for Children as the charity for conclave. Per Roy Bowman's suggestion, a charity in French Lick will also be considered.

Back Home Again in Indiana is the theme of conclave because the first conclave in 1976 was in Indiana.

Monday

The car show is at Abbeydell Convention Hall, the former estate of Larry Bird. Funkhana will be on the basketball court and will have a basketball theme.

Tuesday

Gymkhana is at Salem Motor Speedway, the Ohio Valley (Cincinnati) club will host. There is shopping in Salem. BBQ will be at Abbeydell catered by an Amish Group. Max seating is 300.

Wednesday

Tech Sessions: Doug Bruce will talk about classic car racing. Tucker Madawick will give a talk on his crankshaft balancing tool and engine re-building. There will also be a Country Mark gas technical discussion.

Drives: A list of drives will be available. They will be copied from the Model A event booklet. It has detailed instructions on self-guided tours. The Porsche club toured the Louisville Slugger factory and the community of English in Carroll County.

Thursday

Events are the Rallye and awards banquet.

The French Lick Visitor's Center staff will be at the hotel the first or second day of conclave. They are putting together the goody bags. Guests staying at the hotel will get a \$10 gambling chip.

Regalia

Jo Switzer, Bev Bush, Martha Berenyi, Sue Frakes, and Melanie Haskell will work on options for regalia. An order form needs to be ready for the September Overdrive. Jim Frakes showed samples of men and women's short sleeve light blue oxford cloth and short sleeve white polo shirts. Other options are t-shirts, baseball hats, and wind shirts. Martha suggested we look into key fobs, mouse pads, and aprons.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Recently, a friend from college and I reconnected after many years and began catching up. He heard about my Sprite and wanted to know more about it and how I became interested in them. This is one of my memories from my first Sprite.

My first Sprite was also a '61 Bugeye which cost \$100 and was towed home. Some of my friends from school and I would work on it at night to get it running. Even though it wasn't that old of a car back then, it had a lot of problems. Being a 17 year old with limited income, I often had to get creative keeping it on the road.

One problem that occurred frequently was the car dying when the distributor got wet. It happened so often that I told people 'If a dog raised its hind leg anywhere in the county, the car would die.' Not exactly reliable transportation for my daily driver (and not good for dates).

I visited the local British Leyland garage (that gives you an idea of how long ago this was!) for advice. They had a solution of a rubber cap that fit over the distributor cap to seal out the water. A great solution, but coming up with \$35 back then was out of the question.

I decided that an alternative would be to put a splash shield below the distributor. I fashioned one out of an old aluminum foil pie pan, wedging it into position so it wouldn't fall off. I was excited about how well it worked and proudly showed people that I wasn't afraid to drive in the rain or through puddles.

My solution ran into a snag following a particularly heavy rain. Driving after a very heavy rain I came upon a large puddle that went the width of the 4 lane road. The water came up to the floor boards but the car still ran! I was driving slowly, to make sure water didn't wash above the splashguard.

Everything was going beautifully – until a semi went past in the other lane. The wave it created went over the top of the bonnet, immediately killing the engine. I pushed the car out of the water to the side of the road and waited for the distributor and me to dry out so I could carefully drive home.

Jim talked about the Great Race in his report. I elected to not get up early to drive to French Lick and opted for the short drive to Franklin for the overnight race stop. What an eclectic collection of cars! The cars have to be at least 50 years old. Jim mentioned the 900 cubic inch 'behemoth'. There were also two Subaru 360s that were flown in from Japan for the race and looked like they could almost have come in as carry-on luggage! Some of the rides were amazing machines worth a fortune, and some looked like they were held together with duct tape and bailing wire. Regardless of how much money was in the cars/trucks, it seemed like all of the participants were having a great time with the race. Their website has some really good photos and stories. Take a look at www.greatrace.com.

Kathy and I went for a drive on the 4th for ice cream in Zionsville - via Franklin. It was a 140 mile loop around Indy on back roads and secondary highways. We alternated baking in the sun and trying to avoid the scattered rain showers. We were less than successful at avoiding the showers, hitting the worst rain the same time we hit a series of stop lights. After a short stop under the overhang at a bank drive through, we decided the rain was about over – we were wrong and had to drive a little while longer with the wipers going and a towel to dry the inside of the windshield. We spent the last part of the drive dodging a small rain cell on the way home, and had just pulled in the garage when the rain cut loose. Afterwards, I ordered a bikini top for the Sprite to make those type of drives more enjoyable.

Anyone doing the London to Brighton run this month? If so, please take photos and send me a report. My navigator is going to be out of town so I won't be able to attend.

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

Ongoing Indy Cars & Coffee Events:

- 1st & 3rd Saturdays at Gator Motorsport – 3353 W. 96th Street – 8:30 AM to Noon
- 2nd Saturdays at IMS Hall of Fame Museum – 4790 W. 16th Street – 8:30 AM to Noon
 - o These dates are currently confirmed for 7/8/17, 8/12/17, and 9/9/17 – October pending
- 4th Saturday at Gateway Classic Cars – 4400 W. 96th Street – 8:30 AM – Noon

Regular Cruise-Ins:

- Danville, IN Square – First Friday of each Month, May to October – 5:00 to 9:00 PM
- Noblesville, IN Square – Every Saturday, May to October (earlier/later, if weather allows) – 4:30 to 8:30 PM or later

- Fortville, IN Main Street – Every Wednesday – 5:00 PM until dark
- More around the state: <http://www.oldcarsonly.com/page/page/187576.htm>

July 9-14-Conclave in Waco, Texas

July 9 – Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Auto Fair XXVII, Hickory Corners, MI

July 9- British Car Days, Fairfield, OH

July 13 – Dinner and a Movie: IBCU Showing of “Genevieve” Movie, Royal Theatre, Danville, IN

July 15-IBCU London to Brighton Run (London, IN to French Lick, IN)

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

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

Aug 8 – CIAHC Business Meeting, Location TBD

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

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

Aug. 26-Carmel Artomobilia-Carmel Arts & Design District (*one of the top shows in Indiana*)

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

Sept. 11-15-Monterey International Healey Week, Monterey, CA

Sept. 12- CIAHC Business Meeting, Location TBD

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

Oct. 10- CIAHC Business Meeting, Location TBD

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

Oct. 28-Holoween Party at Bush Barn

Nov. 10-12-Fall Delegates’ Meeting

Nov. 14- CIAHC Business Meeting, Location TBD

2018 Events

July

15th - 20th

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