



Overdrive

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IMPORTANT NOTE: CONCLAVE 2019 DATE CHANGE!

Sept 6-11. Details on page 16.

Presidents Message September 2018

After such fine cool fall like weather it was welcome. Then heavy rains set-in and felt we were going to washed away. Fortunately, the rains held off long enough to have a great event for the IBCU meet in Zionsville. Weather continued to be fall like then we received a of reality this past weekend (August 27, 2018) with stifling heat. Not real Healey weather. Have faith, its coming. Just in Time for September Round-up in Lawrenceburg, IN sponsored by the Ohio Valley club. We hope you have your reservation in as I hear it is sold out, not only the host hotel, but all nearby hotels.

Sue and I will miss this year due to a commitment to go to the 59th anniversary of the 59'ers, our class reunion. This is the only one I remember missing since I Joined the club in 1995.

Please remember to take your donated items to the event, as always, an auction will be held. There are a very few auction items left over from Conclave that we will be donating.

IBCU ZIONSVILLE

With the weather clear and sunny, the IBCU annual show in Zionsville turned out a great number of cars. The featured Marque, our own Austin Healey's, had a great turn out with Big Healey's and Sprites celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Big Healey attendees; Ron Francis, Craig Rice, Jim Frakes, David Verrill, Charley Pike, David Morrison and Steve Berenyi's son with dad's BJ8. A nice OEW BJ8 from Lafayette was there plus a local BN6 "for sale" that was a hit due to the baby seat, deserved an award of excellence. A "for sale" very nice Yellow BN4 made the trip from Louisville. Morrison won (Best of Healeys) while Ron and the Rice's won an Award of Excellence. David Verrill won a special award of "favorite of the City of Northamptonshire England".

Sprite Attendees; Four very nice Sprites showed well. Attending were Steve Halleck, Award of Excellence winner; Laura and Marty McFarland, with their very nice red Sprite took honors of the Sprites. Also attending was David Mueller, Award of Excellence winner.

Roy Bowman showed in the premier class a tough group to compete with.

TECH SESSION

No known further tech sessions are planned at this time. Call if you need something or just want to put the car on the lift to check something. John Mann is having an issue that is being looked at this week.

BLAST FROM THE PAST.



Dick Storrs and Jo Switzer enjoying the Ice Cream Social. Guess the year?



Dual of Red Cars



Guess the location?

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

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

There are at least five Healeys for sale in Central Indiana. Jim Frakes red BJ8, Dan Lindsay's beautiful Healey Blue BJ8, Sandy Joerhn's Healey Blue BJ8, Lewis Jay's nice red 100-6 BN4, Geoff Ford's Healey which I have not seen, and Lisa Spees, BJ7. If you need info on any of these I can provide a phone number.

Next Business Meeting:

The September business meeting will be Tuesday, September 11th at George's Neighborhood Grille, 6935 Lake Plaza Drive, Indianapolis (Southeast corner of 71st and Binford.)
Dinner at 6:30 with meeting at 7:00.



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<http://ohiovalleyahc.com>

Indiana British Car Union

<http://www.ibcu.org>

Austin Healey Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org>

CIAHC Business Meeting-June 10th, 2018

The meeting was held at Dawson's on Main—Jim & Bev Bush, Steve & Kathy Halleck, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sue Frakes, Jim & Sandy Burck, Dick Storrs, Charlie Pike, David Morrison, Roy Bowman, David Verrill, David Broyles, Jo Switzer, Pat & Debbie Bruce, Karl Henman attended.

Jim Frakes ran the meeting.

50/50 drawing, David Verrill won \$19

Treasurer report from Craig Rice

Conclave budget is on target

Up-coming events:

Brickyard vintage racing June 13 - 17

June Michiana Brit Car show at St. Mary's College on June 24th

Mad Dogs and Englishman, July 8th, at the Gilmore Museum, Kalamazoo

July 10th business meeting may be at Frakes' office. Stuffing the swag bags will be on the agenda.

Big Overdrive newsletter issue this month. There is a schedule of Conclave events in the issue. The Conclave schedule is also in the July Healey Marque.

Club members had a great time in Louisville at SpringThing. The events included a 50th sprite celebration with lots of cake. Two pictures from SpringThing 2013 were in the last newsletter.

Tom Neil has car for sale. May put in next month's Overdrive.

Conclave

- The 3 amigos met the morning of the business meeting. As of 6/4 there were 171 registrations. Registration total is expected to be close to 180.
- Regalia order has been turned in. There will be extras above the pre-orders. Jackets, patches, and Sprite t-shirts went over well. Eighty Sprite t-shirts were ordered. Women's items and the cooler did not sell well.
- It was decided that there wouldn't be special club shirts for Conclave. Other ideas were vests or hats and larger or different color badge holders. Also, clear color insert over nametags or a pin for badge holders.
- Dick showed samples of the nametags. The badge holders will have calendar of events. Tickets have been printed out. Tickets are for BBQ, special tickets, pork, salmon, vegetarian, ladies tea, tour, wine and canvas big Healey or Sprite, wine and cheese, and journal.
- Women going to the tea and not doing the rally should go to the early tea. There are 52 signed up for the tea.

- Eighty people have signed up for the tour. Naomi has reserved the shuttle. The shuttle will park in front of the event center and transport people to the tour. Be at the event center at 5:45. One tour guide per 15 or 20 people.
- Tom Neil suggested we add the Riley logo to the bid sheet for the auction. A sample of the sheet was sent to Riley for approval. Riley wants a clear indication of how much will be donated. In Richmond we gave Riley \$2500. We will give Riley 80% of proceeds with a minimum of \$1600 for Riley art therapy.
- There will be an opening meeting. There will be information for the events. Jim, Jim, and Dick will run the meeting.
- Met with printers for the program. The plan is a 20 page program. The printer will get remainder of info next week and send a proof for review. The printer wants registration in Excel format.
- Long Motor owns Victoria British. Long motors also sell truck parts for every truck made in US. They donated 2 \$100 gift certificates, a banner, inserts, and cozies.
- JC Taylor should send bags. The visitor's bureau will provide some cozies, flashlights, keychains, and fans for the welcome bags. There will also be inserts from Moss and Muncie imports. Magnets and dash plaques will be in goodie bags.
- Blue Grass will have 6 people for registration. Regalia will be in a different room. Credit cards can be used for regalia sales.
- Auction ends on Wednesday. Jim has some stuff for the auction from Lucas Oil and Griot's garage.
- Contract signed and Abbey Dell paid for 2 days of events. 270 bbq dinners tickets sold. Can open doors and go out on patio during the BBQ.
- The artist will get a check for the Monday wine and canvas. 13 people will participate.
- Send Craig invoices and he will send checks.
- There will be a drawing during each seating of the ladies' tea. The gift certificates will be \$100 each for Chastain's boutique.
- Still need a MC for the banquet.
- Scott Brown volunteered to be the photographer for Funkhana. Pictures needed for Healey Marque.
- Ruth and Sandy are doing hospitality. Will there be drinks and snacks? Decisions are needed.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Condolences go David Broyles, Rick Smith, and Melanie Haskell who lost their Mothers recently.

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM JOHN JACOBS, OVAHC (to be discussed at our next meeting)

Jim, Jim and Richard,

I'm John Jacobs, Co-President of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey club. If you didn't know, 2019 is the last Conclave that has someone saying that they will run it, after that, no one has stepped up. I personally do not want them to stop so I have received permission from my club to ask for assistance from your clubs. If everyone agrees with this proposal then I will bring it up to the national Conclave VP and try to make it happen.

My proposal is:

Ohio Valley will be the host club for the 2020 Conclave, and if it works we will agree to take the even numbered years going forward. We will get the site picked, do any negotiations needed, set up the schedule and run the speed events. We will need your clubs to help us run other events (Car show, Rallye, Registration, etc).

We would schedule Conclave somewhere in the spring (late May, very early June). There is no need to have it in the middle of summer every year, its just hot. If you want to go to a summer event Sports and Touring has their Encounter usually in August.

I would also like to use this as an opportunity for these clubs to get out of the September Roundup business as there is the Southeast Classic, and usually the Michigan Clubs do something in the Fall. Instead I want to bring Bluegrass into the fold and then have Bluegrass, Indy, Dayton and Columbus clubs run the SpringThing in the odd numbered years (Ohio Valley would be out of the rotation but we will show up in force to participate). This would reduce your workload to running 1 SpringThing every 8 years, and helping at Conclave every other year (This is less work than running a September Roundup every 4 years, or a yearly SpringThing).

So in essence I would like to ask that for Healey events you can talk to your clubs about helping out in the **Spring** (I have some activities I know about listed for all seasons just in case you wanted to know what Ohio Valley will be doing in the future).

In the Spring of each year:

2020, 2022, 2024 – Ohio Valley hosts the Conclaves and we get help from the other clubs

No SpringThing for even numbered years

2019(Bluegrass), 2021(Dayton), 2023(Indy), 2025(Columbus) – Host SpringThing

In the Summer of each year:

Car shows, Encounter, misc club activities

In the Fall of each year:

Michigan club event, Southeast Classic, misc club activities

No more September Roundup

In the Winter of each year:

Its cold out, fix your cars and get them ready for Spring

John Jacobs

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July 8th was the Cincinnati British Car show. A beautiful day started out cool but warmed up quickly. The Sprite was the featured car. There was a good turnout for the show, but we needed more Healeys. There were a dozen Sprites, but only a half dozen big Healeys. There were some really nice cars, with a beautiful Morgan taking best of show.



Winning Healeys from Cincinnati. That's Jerry and Peggy Spurlock's BJ7 and Dale Ballinger's Jensen.

Be sure to check out the October Healey Marque for full coverage of Conclave.

The Healey community owes thanks to lots of people for their hard work in putting together the very successful Conclave at French Lick. Jim Frakes, Jim Bush, and Dick Storrs, thanks for putting all of this together, and for the choice of French Lick for the site. The facilities at French Lick Resort, West Baden, and Abbydell were tremendous and got lots of good reviews with the attendees.

Arriving Sunday, those of us from Indy only ran into a few sprinkles during the trip. Folks coming in from the South ran into monsoon weather and were happy to have the sheltered parking for their cars.



Most of the Sprites in front of the resort for a morning photo session.

Delaying the car show at Abbydale by an hour Monday morning worked out great weather-wise. The morning drizzle stopped and we had no rain the rest of the event. The car show was amazing. I didn't get a count of the actual number of Healeys, but with 208 entries for the event, there were LOTS of cars to peruse! It was impossible to get a good picture of all of the cars spread over the grounds.

While wandering around the area, you could also take part in the Funkhana that Dick put together, shooting hoops and speeding through Sprite tire changes. Neil Anderson from the Midwest club gets credit for putting the car show together.

I enjoyed each of the sessions I attended (I wasn't allowed in the ladies only question and answer session with Steve Day). Doug Bruce's session on vintage racing brought back lots of memories and made me wish I could strap in and go back on the track. Tucker Madawick's session on engine building provided lots of details on doing it right. I wish I could have stayed longer at Steve Day's '5 minutes with Steve' session, where we brought our cars through to ask Steve specific questions on issues/improvements specific to our vehicles. I would like to have spent a whole day just soaking in Steve's expertise.

At the resort, the Taggart room was packed with people picking up Regalia, looking over the many arts and crafts, or bidding on the huge collection of items for the silent auction (almost 250 items/baskets). Melanie Haskell headed the regalia. Bonnie Stahlecker and David Morrison were in charge of arts and crafts. Kathy Halleck with help from Ruth Buis and Martha Berenyi handled the very successful auction.

Bonnie and David were busy at Conclave. In addition to running the arts and crafts, they brought a really unique 'Healey' valve cover racer. Bonnie led a session on creating leather bound journals (people who didn't attend missed out, those journals are really neat.) David took honors for his amazing Sprite drawing in arts and crafts and his Healey took best of show awards. It wasn't all fun and games for them, as the generator in David's car failed to generate during the rally. He was able to get the car running with a battery pack, replaced the battery and was able to get home successfully.



The Gymkhana at Salem Speedway was well attended. Participants had fun speeding around the infield course and taking laps around the high banks. Jake Jacobs and Don Klein from Ohio Valley were in charge of this event.



Trevor Jessie and his daughter Eden on a non-timed lap.



A lap around
the banking at
Salem
Speedway.



Pat Duffy sets
Ladies best
time of the
day.



Mike Sasse in
the former Buis
BT7.

Tuesday evening, everyone travelled back to a packed Abbeydell for a delicious BBQ dinner as a row of Sprites stood smiling outside the center (which used to be Larry Bird's garage).



Wednesday night John Colgate was interviewed about his experience racing Austin Healeys and driving as a factory driver for Donald Healey. John provided a fascinating look back at his racing career.

Thursday morning was the fun rally put on by Dr. John Rice, Jim French, and Bill Wilding from the Bowling Green Club. This was a fun rally on nice roads south of French Lick. Dave Verrill got the bad luck of having me as his navigator on the rally. In spite of Dave's questionable decision for a navigator we managed to stay on course through the drive. The scoring for the rally was based on questions that weren't handed out until the end of the leg, requiring participants to pay attention and remember what they'd seen on the way. The first checkpoint was in the parking lot of a bar (with cheap beer prices!). Outside the bar, a motorcycle was for sale for an interesting price: \$1800 or 3 goats.



The second leg went through the Monastery at St Benedicts in Ferdinand, which also had a good brewhouse (notice a pattern when Dave and I are rallying?). The leg ended at St Meinrad Abbey coffin sales store.

The final leg took us back to the resort. We didn't do well on the scoring, but had a great time.



Sisters of St. Benedict along the rally.

It was nice to get together with other friends and acquaintances at Conclave. I hadn't seen Bruce and Charlene Gilham since they moved from Indy to Florida.



Past members Bruce and Charlene Gilham and Jim and Karen Richmond join Roy Bowman, David and Bonnie for German dinner at a local restaurant.

I didn't begin to give credit to all of the people that helped out to pull off a very successful and fun Conclave. Thank you to everyone that helped and all who attended.

Check out our Facebook site for more pictures from the event (including drone video of the car show).

Nature cut loose on Artomobilia this year. While at staging to go into the event, the rain began and the Carmel Police Department asked that they hold up sending in cars until the severe weather passed. Sitting for about an hour, I was able to identify several additional spots where water passes into the Sprite's interior.

The rain, which was supposed to end about an hour when it started at 8:00, decided it liked the car show so it stopped over Carmel until about 1:00 in the afternoon. When the rain stopped, a decent crowd of spectators began arriving making it more like a normal Artomobilia – until the rain returned around 4. The weather kept some of the cars and a lot of the spectators away, but it was still a great show.

Roy and David Morrison brought their big Healeys. There was one other Bugeye besides mine. Once again, David's beautiful Healey brought a LOT of attention, taking runner up for best of show!

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2018 Events

Aug 30th – Sep 2nd – Auburn Fall Auction, Auburn, IN

Sep 8th – 9th – 27th Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

Sep 11th – Business Meeting, George's Neighborhood Grille

Sep 19th – 22nd – Encounter 2019, Lancaster PA

Sept 20th – 23rd – September Roundup, Lawrenceburg, IN

Oct 4th – 7th – Southeast Classic, Charleston, SC

Oct 9th – Business Meeting, TBD

Nov 9th, Delegate's Meeting and Tour of Subaru plant, Cambria Suites, Indianapolis

Nov 13th – Business Meeting, TBD

2019 Events

Sept 6th-11th – CONCLAVE, Deadwood SD

Breaking News!!!

New Conclave Dates are Sept. 6-11; Hotels Offering Same Rates B4 Conclave

To secure room nights before Conclave 2019 it now will begin Friday, Sept. 6 and end Wednesday morning, Sept. 11.

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club is excited and looking forward to hosting Conclave!

Conclave 2019 will begin one day sooner for two reasons:

- Misunderstanding between organizers and hotels;
- Early enthusiasm for Conclave 2019 has been tremendous so **all available rooms set aside after Conclave already have been booked!**

To meet anticipated demand for additional hotel room dates, the Minnesota Club has negotiated Conclave 2019 discounted rates that begin the night of September 4 and are effective through the night of September 10. As a result of those negotiations:

- Anyone who already has booked reservations after those dates and wants to keep them will have those reservations honored by the hotels; and you may add earlier nights – September 4, 5 or 6 – at the same daily rate.
- OR, if you already have hotel reservations for September 7-11 you may change your reservation block to September 6-10; and add September 4 and 5 to your stay at the same room rate.
- **YOU MUST REGISTER FIRST for Conclave 2019** to get the password and your individual five-digit code necessary to reserve rooms at the hotels.

Because of reservation system limitations, the Holiday Inn Express cannot take reservations until October 2, 2018. The other two hotels are taking reservations now.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

We look forward to seeing you in Deadwood!

