



# Overdrive

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## ***Presidents Message December 2018***

December! "Tis the season to be Jolly". Tis also the season to be planning ahead for the next Healey driving season.

**Conclave 2019:** It is often said the best Conclave is the one after your own. Certainly, we are looking forward to Conclave 2019 in Deadwood, SD as being a wonderful event. Reportedly there are over 120 registrations as of November and expectations for a large turnout has the host Minnesota club making arrangements for more Hotel rooms. Sue and I made our reservations just after our own Conclave 2018. Now to get the Healey ready for a long drive. Our plan is to drive up early and see a few sights before the event starts. After the event the plan is to return via Stillwater, OK to see her oldest son and family before returning to Indy.

**Driving Season.** This year **can** be the year of driving your Healey and enjoying Indiana. I would like to challenge the club to plan on one driving weekend each month to a new or old nice location. Of course, that means someone needs to plan each one. It does not have to be a long drive, nor a famous place, or even a unique place, however, their must be food and / or ice cream involved (got to keep the calories up). At our next meeting, I am asking for suggestions on where and who might lead us. We have had some good events over the years and scenic destinations, and even non-car related events. Put on your thinking caps and let's exercise our favorite classic car, the Austin Healey.

## Upcoming Events

**2019 London To Brighton – TBD (IBCU)**

**2019 Indy British Motor Days -August 03, 2019 (IBCU)**

Feb 17, 2019

**26th Annual All British Classic Car Show BCSCC, FL**

Apr 06, 2019

**35th Annual All British Car Show CFBC, FL**

**Blast from the past from November;**



Where  
are  
we?

The picture of the neat and unique brick building is in Crawfordsville, IN. It was built by Civil War Major General Lew Wallace. It was built as a study (now a museum) by General Wallace and was located behind his home, allowing a quiet place for the General to write his most famous novel, Ben-Hur. Wallace had a storied war career starting with being an organizer of a militia in Covington, Indiana to be prepared for Indian attacks in Western Indiana. As the leader, he volunteered to lead his group in joining the civil war and thus was granted a rank as an officer. Although he was not a West Point officer like his father, his war victories led to eventually becoming a Major General. His appointment to the highest rank (at the time), was due to leading the epic battle and capture of Ft. Donelson, on the Cumberland river, near Dover TN. Our Healey group was led by Roy Bowman and included a tour of DePauw U. and later lunch in Greencastle, on the square in view of the German V-2 Rocket (one of only 2 in the U.S.). This was a nice drive, not too far and very informative. It could be a repeat drive this year.

**Blast from the Past;** Bruno Verstraete (sp) attempting to repeat the Healey Speed runs of 1954 at Bonneville.



**Where are we and where are we headed?**



**TECH SESSION**

None scheduled for December.

***CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY***

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

***Next Business Meeting:***

**No meeting in December. January 'meeting' is the Christmas party Jan 12, Tavern on the South, 423 West South Street, Indy.**



**Our January planning meeting hasn't been finalized yet. Stay tuned.**

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***Mr. Healey's Neighborhood***

**Central Indiana AHC**

<http://www.ciahc.org>

**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>

# ***CIAHC Business Meetings, Nov 13, 2018***

Melanie Haskell

The meeting was held at the Coachman—Jim & Bev Bush, Steve & Kathy Halleck, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sue Frakes, Jim & Sandy Burck, Dick Storrs, David Verrill, John Mann, David Morrison, Bobbie Stahlecker, and Jo Switzer attended.

Jim Frakes ran the meeting.

Bob & Melanie Haskell won the 50/50 drawing. The \$45 pot was split with the club.

## **Delegates Meeting**

Jim Frakes reported that the delegates enjoyed the tour of the Subaru factory. Subaru uses ostrich feathers to remove dust from pieces before they are painted. Thanks to Dick Storrs for arranging the tour. Ideas for next year are the Speedway, Skillman collection or speed shops. Thanks to Jo and Jim for setting up the National meeting.

## **Holiday party**

The Holiday party will be a buffet at Tavern on South. The buffet will have 2 entrees.

Bev motioned that the club pay for buffet. Jo seconded. Passed by everyone.

## **Delegate's meeting report from Dick Storrs**

Social activities other clubs do:

Wineries

Valentine's party

Holiday party

Regional and local events

Keep events simple

Other clubs rotate officers.

We will work with northern Indiana for joint activities. Goshen is an option. The Central Illinois club wants to meet at the Newport Hill climb.

Ben Moore reported that the Website will be refreshed. There will be a calendar that can be modified. There will be links to Instagram and Facebook. Constant contact is another option.

The club needs to recruit younger members.

## **Conclave**

Moving to spring/early summer.

Destinations are important.

There will be an Austin Healey parade through Deadwood.

The Caravan on 44 to Conclave is off the table.

Possible location for Conclave 2022 is Park City-Bonneville.

## Other business

The January meeting will be planning for 2019. One discussion will be working with other clubs. One proposal is to give away memberships for first year.

Miami valley will not do September Round-up this year

## *Miscellaneous Meanderings*

*By Steve Halleck*

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed your Postprandial Somnolence (That's the overwhelming desire to nap after the big meal.)

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Thanks to Dick Storrs for another great field trip as part of the annual delegates meeting in November. The tour of the Subaru plant in Lafayette was fascinating. It's amazing to watch the complexity of the vehicles moving along almost 17 miles of conveyors through the various steps with the correct parts arriving at each station for assembly.

Watching the complexity of the process, pictures of Abbington kept coming into my head – how far we've come!



(this is an internet pic – no photos were allowed on the tour)

Beyond the sheer size and complexity of the operation, the tour also provided some very interesting facts. The people working in the paint area cannot use certain shampoos, deodorants, or colognes – and cannot eat popcorn for two days prior to working! They are tested before beginning work to make sure they don't introduce anything that could interfere with the paint process. The best method found for doing the final dusting of the vehicles in the paint line is by a wheel of ostrich feathers – only from female ostriches. Subaru has their own ostrich farm to supply the 240,000 feathers used per year.

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'Let he who is without oil cast the first rod.' Compressions 8.7:1

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I'm not sure how many folks attended the Ginassi open house last month. I saw Craig and Sue there. It was an interesting event. The shop was open to wander about. Several of the staff were present at different points around the shop to answer any questions and provide some interesting info. Indy cars have several antennae for radio and telemetry, but they are all below the skin of the car to avoid wind resistance. Carbon fiber doesn't allow radio waves so those sections (along with critical driver safety points) are covered with Kevlar.



We couldn't take pictures in most of the Ginassi shop. The walls of the hauler room are covered by old Indy cars – and a prototype delta wing.

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If you enjoyed racing in the '60s, I can recommend an excellent book. I just finished 'Go Like Hell' by A. J. Baime. It's a very well written book about the battle between Ford and Ferrari at Le Mans. It covers not only the races, but gives an excellent history of events going into the races and details about the lives (and deaths) of the drivers, builders, managers, and of course Henry Ford II and Enzo Ferrari.

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My Sprite is still at Korner Garage. The 'while you are at it' additions continue. Originally, we were only going to repaint areas where the repairs were, but found that the existing paint on the rear deck wasn't sticking and was coming off with the masking tape. Stripping down the deck, Rick found the metal wasn't sealed and apparently wasn't completely dried when the paint was done in the '80s causing some surface rust.



Under the stripper, you can see the surface rust.

The car has now been totally repainted. Rick is a perfectionist, and has done a fantastic job on the dents/dings in addition to the paint. He added a touch of pearl to the paint job to give it a pop.



The paint still needs wet sanded/polished and they are also doing some touch up of the inside of the bonnet, inner fenders, and firewall.

While Rick was doing his magic, I took the windshield frame and cockpit trim in to have it powder coated with a near chrome color. That was a mistake, as they were not able to resolve an off-gassing problem on the windshield frame and uprights. There are several 'bumps' in the finish in spots. I'm not sure what I'll do long term, but for now, it's going back together as is. The plater said the same off-gassing occurs during chrome plating as well, but I remember Laurie Day's bugeye at Conclave had glass smooth chrome.



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What are the rest of you doing over the winter? Let's let the club know!



Changing the suspension?



Increasing horsepower?

## ***Event Calendar***

Please let me know of any addition/changes! The list is pretty sparse.

### **2018 Events**

Dec 29th – Cars and Coffee, Gateway Motors, Indianapolis

### **2019 Events**

**Jan 12th – CIAHC Christmas Party**, Tavern on the South, 423 West South Street, Indianapolis. 6:00PM social hour, 7:00 PM dinner followed by white elephant gift exchange.

Feb 17th - 26th Annual All British Classic Car Show, FL

Apr 6th - 35th Annual All British Car Show, FL

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mecum Auctions, Indianapolis

May 25th - June 2nd – British Car Week, Everywhere

June 30<sup>th</sup> - Michiana Brits Annual British Car Show, St Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> – IBCU British Car Day, Zionsville, In

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – CONCLAVE, Deadwood SD**

Sept 21st-22nd - SIRBrit Motorcar Day on the River, Old Dam Park in Newburgh, In