



Overdrive

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From the President

By Jim Frakes

Happy New Year

2018

Conclave 2018

An exciting year awaits the Central Indiana AHC in 2018. As you all know, we are the host club for Conclave 2018 at the French Lick Resort in French Lick Indiana.

By now you should all have your January issue of the Healey Marque which contains a lot of the information about the FLR and, as usual some changes,

additions, deletions and corrections may need to be made. However, the basic information is correct.

Up to now, the planning group committee for most events has been Jim Frakes, Dick Storrs and Jim Bush. Most weeks we have been meeting at Jim's office to go over the most critical items that have deadlines, such as the Marque. Sponsors are a major focus now and we have commitments but need and expect more.

Jim Bush is in contact with the program printer and is working that angle. Dick Storrs has many hats and has been extremely instrumental in the schedule.

Melanie Haskell has been spearheading the Regalia with a separate advisory group. She expects to have the samples and pricing available for our meeting on the 9th.

Ben Moore of Bluegrass has led the web site construction and has many more items which were sent to him last week to add to the web site. We really need to get an online registration capability but the form is available for print there. Hopefully, Ben can get the updates in within the next two weeks.

Tech sessions are full except for a 60th Anniversary Sprite promotion that is to be discussed with a speaker on Wednesday Jan. 3rd.

A Tech session on proper fuels and why is presented by Country Mark, a maker of fuels and especially non ethanol. A very nice sponsor also.

Doug Bruce will present a session on Vintage racing.

Tucker Madawick will present on Engine building and balancing and engine longevity.

Hotel arrangements including rooms a banquet have been reviewed by Jim and Jo Switzer on their recent trip last week. They recommended a change in the Hospitality room location and a few more items yet to be ironed out with the event coordinator.

Ladies Tea; this annual event is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon in the West Baden Atrium. There are two settings available for thirty (30) persons each setting.

Schedule is tentatively set for most all items.

Outside clubs assisting include Midwest for the car show assisted by Miami Valley, Ohio Valley for Gymkhana at the Salem Speedway, BlueGrass for

Registration (Mike and Arlene Schneider), Ben Moore on Web Site, Dr. John Rice and Bill Wilding for Rally, and more if we find the need arises.

Jim Cox of Virginia will run the Valve Cover Races (VCR) and will need assistance TBD.

Gary and Paulette Lownsdale will run the Pinewood Derby and Charlie Lownsdale MAY have the RC Races.

Funkhana seems to be a favorite of Dick Storrs and we expect that to be centered on basketball and a Sprite, during the car show.

Concours is a separate event and is run by the Concours Registry with a **local coordinator** to make sure they have all of the facilities and supplies, location, food, etc.

The tentative schedule is up for discussion.

Holiday Party Planning **TBD**

Technical Sessions;

None have been requested. Now is the time to think about those little things that are bothering you about your car.

Ron Francis and Jim Frakes helped Bob Haskell pull the engine on Bob and Mel's black Healey just before Christmas. It is now in the hands of Bernie Lamp for some expert help on the cooling issues and possibly other issues.

Some small progress is being made on Jim Frakes White over red BJ8. Work just keeps getting in the way and of course Bob Haskell's famous saying : "Modifications slow you down" do not help either.

The November issue of the Presidents message mentioned several events some of us went to in 2017. What I forgot to mention was the very nice drive to Cammack Station near Muncie. Thanks to Steve Halleck in coming up with the nice route and the equally great visit to this car memorabilia location. Although Conclave

2018 may take a lot of attention, we still have drives that we enjoy and places we have never been.

Sue and I traveled to Dover, TN over the New Year's weekend to visit Sue's sister. Dover is in the "land between the lakes" region with Kentucky Lake to the West and Lake Barkley to the East. Dover is also the site of Ft Donelson National Battlefield along the Cumberland River, an interesting civil war site.

Leaving on Friday and driving a Durango on nearly all Interstates on a cold wintry day was boring. On the return trip, we decided a little excitement wouldn't hurt. Just outside Dover, Bumpus Mills Road heads north toward the KY border and is about 35 miles of some of the best twisty's you could ask for. The Durango was fun but I gotta make that run in a Healey someday. The whole area is just a lot of fun roads. I spent five hours on roads South of Dover in the 05 Mustang convertible two years ago.

Healey On! See you on the 9th at Squealers.

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.)

Note from Bruce and Barbara:

CIAHC members,

CIAHC friends,

It is after much thought and consideration that we want to make you aware that we will not be renewing out membership in the CIAHC. We have been AHC members in 5 different clubs around the country for over 36 years. It has been a great time, and we have met some wonderful people, and travelled to some amazing places along the way. The CIAHC has been the club that we have been the most active in and have enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships the most.

I want to thank you for all the help I received during my Presidency, and for the hospitality and great parties and social events we enjoyed being part of. We wish you all the best in 2019 and in the years ahead, and hope that the French Lick Conclave is a huge success. We will miss you all.

Safe Travels & Happy Healeying!

Bruce & Barbara

Next Business Meeting:

The January business meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 9th at Squealers



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Miami Valley AHC

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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 Meeting-Aug 15th, 2017

CIAHC Business Meeting-November 14th, 2017

Melanie Haskell

The meeting was held at Dawson's on Main – David Broyles, Jim Bush, Steve Halleck, Dick Storrs, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Ruth Buis, David Verrill, Jim & Sue Frakes, Steve & Martha Berenyi, Randy Belden, Roy Bowman, Tom Neal, Pat & Debbie Bruce

Jim Frakes ran the meeting.

Roy Bowman won the 50/50.

Approved Oct. Overdrive. Jim Frakes forgot to mention Steve Halleck's great trip to Cammak Station in his event summary in the Oct. Overdrive.

Thanks to Bushes for a very nice and very cool Halloween Party. Jim wants to have some dress up at the party next year.

Craig Rice report:

Membership is 54 for 2017. Curtis Boyd is a new member for 2018. Mike Schneider is working on a software program to enhance letting the membership person know about new members.

Conclave update:

30 registrations so far.

BBQ dinner is Tuesday, 6 – 10. 20 - 30 have signed up so far. Limit is 300 attendees. Jim Bush has priced out a tent for overflow seating. No number limit on Awards Banquet.

Delegates meeting from Dick Storrs:

Gary Feldman welcomed members and honored veterans.

The most attended Healey event nationally is the Christmas party and most clubs have it after Christmas.

Local members should be converted to national members.

Don Cline reported that SEMA recommends car tires be replaced at 10 years.

Conclave VP Neil Anderson plans to move Conclave to cooler months, spring or fall.

Going forward, Conclave should be executed by multi clubs and destination locations.

Bonnie Ayer gave a report on Conclave Waco.

Eileen Wetzel, from Minnesota AHC, reported on Conclave 2019. It will be Sept. 8 - 13 in Deadwood and Rapid City in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The change to Conclave in the fall will impact September Round-up. Encounter, and Rendezvous are also moving to September.

Treasurer's report-OK

Secretary report, OK-old records have been digitized.

Club insurance is from JC Taylor.

Fred Dabney is DMH fund chair since Bard Foster died.

Reid Trummel reported that Healey Marque was below budget.

Healey on-line store will be open all year round. It will have badges.

Ben Moore website active for on-line registration. Ben would like to know how promotional material has worked.

There are 3030 members of record. The club plans to collect renewal funds and issue one check. 506 are national members. Gary wants to convert to local members. There are three national members in Indiana.

Twenty clubs last year didn't send representatives to delegates meeting. It was recommended that clubs partner with clubs that are nearby. We should plan an activity with the NI group.

Jo & Jim Switzer planned the delegates meeting for 5 years. Going back to the same place next year.

Comments from Jim Frakes:

SE Classic will be in Oct. 2018 in Charleston. The awards will be on the ship Yorktown.

First Conclave advertisement in Healey Marque. Don't expect more registrations until next year. 200-250 registrations are expected.

Pat and Debbie Bruce have registered for Conclave.

AHC Delegates Meeting Minutes

From Dick Storrs

2017 AHCA Delegates Meeting

Opening Remarks:

Gary Feldman (President) welcomed the delegates; honored the veterans present; introduced new delegates; and noted some of the key club members who had passed away.

Roll call was taken, followed by the approval of the meeting minutes for: Conclave 2016, the Fall Meeting 2016, and Conclave 2017.

Area Club Reports:

Reports were given for the following clubs: Golden Gate; Sarnia Bluewater (Ont); Quebec; So. Ontario; Capitol; Tampa Bay; Illini; Atlanta; Midwest; Central Indiana;

Kansas City; Bluegrass; S.E. Michigan; Minnesota; New England; Carolina; Triad; Miami Valley; Mid Ohio; N. E. Ohio; Ohio Valley; Oklahoma; Oregon; Low Country; Gulf Coast; North Texas; South Texas; Bonneville; and Wisconsin.

The best attended event was the Holliday/Christmas Party. Many clubs did driving tours, and participated in regional meets.

Officers Reports:

VP Club Support (Bruce Gearns): The subject of “local-only” membership was discussed, which provides insurance coverage for people who are only members of the local club only. The long-term goal is to convert these types of membership into full membership.

VP Safety (Don Klein): SEMA information is available on the website. If anyone has questions they can check with Don. Of special note: tires should be replaced when they are 10 years old. Also, if waivers are needed for club events, they can be obtained on the website and access to the waiver was approved to be moved from “delegate” to “member” area.

VP Conclave (Neil Anderson): He will assist all host clubs to continue the tradition of Conclave. Topics currently under discussion include: a) moving Conclave to cooler months (fall/spring); b) multi-club execution/implementation of Conclaves going forward; and c) continue to find highly desirable destination for future Conclaves.

- * 2017 Conclave Report (Bonnie Ayer): Bonnie noted: that the three Texas clubs had less than 2 years to plan; attendance was not as hoped for; the three area clubs worked well in planning and conducting the event; they had great sponsor support (which made it all possible); the required and added activities made for a quality Conclave.
- * 2018 Conclave Report (R. Storrs): Location – French Lick Resort; **July 15 – 20**; all the required events will be there.
- * 2019 Conclave Report (Eileen Wetzel): The Minnesota Club is hosting Conclave in the Black Hills, SD; **September 8 -13**; in addition to the required events, there are great driving tour opportunities and unparalleled scenery; Deadwood and Rapid City are under review for locations; it is a far drive, but affords a chance to visit a great location in the USA. They requested that other events reschedule to accommodate this change in the calendar.

It was also noted that the Encounter and Rendezvous events are moving into September – to avoid the heat (please don't even think “Global Warming”).

Treasurers Report:

Bev Sealand provided a report that indicates we are solvent at this time.

Secretaries Report:

Edie Lowery reported that the digitizing project (to condense and retain old club records) has been completed. Going forward records will be digitized in kind. The machine needed to perform this task was purchased (as the initial job was too small for an outside firm to do the work) and this facilitates on-going record keeping, and kept cost below budget.

Insurance Report:

Fred Dabney indicated that J. C. Taylor will continue as broker in providing insurance to the club, through Formost Insurance.

DMH Fund:

Fred Dabney – ACHA (replacing Baird Foster, dec.) will now head the board for the DMH Fund, as chairman. The other board members include: John Heffron – AHCA/AHSTC; Bev Sealand – AHCA; Peter Sturtivent – AHCA/AHSTC; and Trish Woglom – AHSTC. The board will continue to review and award student scholarships through the Fund.

Healey MARQUE:

Reid Tremel reported that the MARQUE in 2017 was produced below budget.

Comercial Ad Manager, Laurie Willford, reported that while ad revenue was less than expected, it did not impact the costs to produce the MARQUE. Savings were obtained which resulted in budget savings. An issue has come up with Haggarty no longer advertizing in the MARQUE, and possibly not contributing support to club events (Conclave). AHCA club members are requested to support advertisers in MARQUE, as this provides a response that will insure future support.

Regalia:

Steve Bell reports that 50 Healey Car badges have been added to the on-line store (on the website). About 7 – 10 have been sold already. Formerly the on-line store was only open at certain times, but now will be open anytime. One customer gave testimony as to being completely satisfied with his shopping experience.

Website:

Ben Moore noted the following: a video section has been developed to share/digitize old video of past conclaves (submit to Ben for inclusion or follow website instructions); new materials are being developed for Future 50 projects; area clubs are advised to be careful in the use of their websites and facebook, to avoid hacking (Ben can help). We are now out of the old promotional cards, but Ben would like feedback about: a) how it worked; b) what was good/bad; c) need for old, or replacement; material; and d) promotional material will be downloaded from the website in the future.

Membership:

Mike Schneider reports that the current total membership is 3030. He requests that where renewal checks are sent to the area club, the funds sent to national be condensed into one check. This avoids the task of submitting many checks to the bank and bank fees when the number of allowed transactions are exceeded.

Other Reports/General Discussion:

Gary Brierton suggested the delegates manual (avail. on the website) be published for new delegates.

Gary Feldman distributed a summary showing there are currently 506 “national” members. If possible, area clubs should try to attract these members into interacting with the local clubs.

Cliff Hudgens lead a discussion as to why 20 clubs did not send a delegate to the annual meeting. Steve Bell had surveyed those clubs and the information obtained indicated cost was a factor in only 1 of 15 responses. Other reasons for not attending were: a) incorrect contact information in the Directory (which the local club is responsible to report); b) local club just was not interested; c) low club activity; d) too busy; e) 5 clubs that did not attend in 2016 agreed to attend in 2017 (3 showed). New recommendations were offered for the coming year: a) partner – buddy-up with a club adjacent to your club to help with activities, spark renewed interest in Healeys, or develop relationship that promotes attendance in nation events; b) a regional officer to work with clubs; and c) phone contact by national to maintain/develop relationship.

Bruce Gearns proposed increasing reimbursement to overage levels currently being approved by the Treasurer. This was passed, adding about \$100 to the maximum in three line items proposed (50% of milage; delegate travel expense; officer travel expense).

Gary Feldman lead a discussion regarding the Concours Judging Committee. Past fees have been variable and sometimes didn't cover expenses incurred in performing the judging. It was felt the fees should be sufficiently high to limit the number of cars to be judged, as well as add significance to the judging. It was felt in some cases judging was requested for the purposes of increasing the value of the car prior to sale. Further discussion with the Concours Committee was proposed.

A request for a printed list of attending delegates was made and approved

BMTA – The proposal to join the British Motor Trade Assn. (an association of companies that have business in the maintenance and restoration of British Cars) was tabled for further discussion.

Next Years Meeting:

The delegates voted to return to Indianapolis next year.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

A reminder from Craig Rice – be sure to get your dues in for the 2018 season. In order to get your information listed in the 2018 Membership Directory, you need to have your dues paid by Jan 15th. If you don't have the dues in by Feb 15, you will be dropped from the club roles and won't receive the Healey Marque any longer.

I was sorry to see that Bruce and Barbara will no longer be with the club. They have been very active in the club and great people. They will be missed.

If it's too cold to go out to the garage to work on the cars, it's a good time to think about Conclave. So far, almost all of the heavy lifting for putting this thing together has been handled by just a few members of the club. We need to take some of the pressure off of this group. Come to the club meeting or contact Jim, Jim, or Dick about helping out. Everyone's help is needed so we can put everything together for the event.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please get your registration turned in!

Things have been pretty busy for me lately, so I have had little time to work on the Sprite. I did come across something that could be of use for others.

When I replaced the master cylinder, I did a bench bleed before installing in the car, so I had decent pedal pressure right off the bat. Then suddenly the pedal went to the floor. Nothing, including another master cylinder bleed made any difference. Before pulling the unit back out to tear it down, I tried dropping the nose of the car so the rear end of the master cylinder was higher. I immediately had pedal pressure again.

The hole between the master cylinder reservoir and the pistons is toward the rear of the master cylinder. Apparently, air from the brake line got back in the master cylinder and was trapped forward of the hole. Tilting the car allowed the air to come through the hole restoring pressure. Not sure if the big Healey MCs have the same hole position as the early Sprite, but if you can't seem to get the air out of the master, try raising one end of the car to see if you can burp the master cylinder.

It was nice to see Dave Verrill, David Morrison, and Jim and Sandy Burke get their pics in the January Healey Marque from the Mayberry drive. Thanks to Bob for getting the pics!

Automotive Fuse Id Colors

Here's a good reference article Jim found at http://www.onallcylinders.com/2017/11/08/automotive-fuse-id-color-chart-for-car-truck-fuses/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+OnAllCylinders+%28OnAllCylinders%29

Fuses are an essential part of any electrical system.

They are designed to fail automatically in the event of an electrical overload or short—sacrificing themselves to save your wiring harness.

Given the nature of how fuses work, it's critical that you use the proper amp rating for the circuit. Too low a value and your fuses will blow prematurely, while using too high a value defeats the purpose of the fuse in the first place.

There are several automotive fuse types, but today we're talking about the blade-style fuses found in most modern cars made after 1980. Keep in mind that there are several different types of blade fuses beyond the standard ATC size too, including Micro, Mini, and Maxi styles.

Fuse Rating (in amps) by Color

1
2
3
4
5
7-1/2
10
15
20
25
30
35
40

(Image/OnAllCylinders)

Regardless of the style of blade fuse, these fuses—used in automotive (and other electrical component) applications—typically follow a standard color-coding scheme that makes it easy to identify their respective electrical current ratings.

At first you might think “Heck, it’s easy to identify these, they’ve got the number written right on ‘em. I don’t need to know the color.”

And that’s somewhat correct, though some fuses simply have the number embossed in the plastic and not painted. More importantly, fuse boxes often are located in the dark recesses under a dashboard or in a dirty engine bay where they can be difficult to read.

That’s why being able to identify them by their color is such a big help. We looked to the fuse experts at Bussman to help compile these handy guides.

You can download this color chart, print it out, and tape it up inside your shop.

Don't have a color printer?

Use the table below with the color names spelled out.

Fuse Color Codes, by Amp

Color	Amp Rating
Color	Amp Rating
Black	1
Gray	2
Violet	3
Pink	4
Tan	5
Brown	7-1/2
Red	10
Blue	15
Yellow	20
Clear	25
Green	30
Aqua Blue	35
Orange	40

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2018 Events

July 15th - 20th - **Conclave** 2018 French Lick, Indiana hosted by Central Indiana AHC

Aug 5th – 8th - Healey Seaside Summit, Boston North Shore <http://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-2018.html>

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

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