



# *Overdrive*

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## ***Presidents Message***

### **Conclave 2018 Update.**

Mike Schneider has updated our current registrations as of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 165 registrations. The Co-Chairs have been meeting weekly and have most items under control (we think). Thanks go to Jo and Jim Switzer who have volunteered to be our host hotel coordinators. We have some short falls that have popped up in our manpower chart, John Mann is having knee surgery and is not attending. He was on our schedule to help Ruth Buis in the Hospitality. That task starts on Sunday evening (3 to 7), Monday (1-1/2 hrs), Tuesday (1-1/2 hrs), Wednesday 3 hours and nothing on Thursday. The Hotel is furnishing the liquid refreshments. The help needed will be minimal there. Any help would be appreciated.

David Broyles has a project he is working on that will prevent him from coming also. His task was to run the silent bidding auction with Kathy Halleck assisting. The hours are listed on the schedule and only runs, Sunday drop off (4 hrs), Monday-(1-1/2 hrs), Tues, (1-1/2 hrs) Wed. 4-5 PM with closing at 5 PM Wednesday. Pick up and pay 5-6:30 Wednesday. This is an important task and help is needed.

Photographers are needed to take pictures at events. Not just pictures but to make sure the photos contain info on each event they took pictures of. They should be taken with a good quality Digital camera, or some smart phones do have the resolution for good print quality pictures. These will be sent to Reid Trummell, Healey Marque editor to include as he sees fit in the Conclave issue of the Healey Marque.

An Emcee to coordinate the event is needed. Good, clear voice, to be heard over the crowd. We will have capable AV systems in the Host Hotel.

## 2018 Conclave Schedule at French Lick Resort Hotel

<b>Sunday Registration</b>	Event Center	2 – 7 PM	
7/15/18	<b>Hospitality Room</b>	Clifton Rm	3 – 7 PM
	<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Taggart Rm	2 – 6 PM <b>Drop Off</b>
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Taggart Rm	2 – 6 PM <b>Drop Off</b>
	<b>Regalia</b>	Taggart Rm	2 – 6 PM
	<b>Welcome Meeting</b>	Clifton Rm	7:30 PM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Car Show</b>	Abbeydell	8 – 9 AM Placement
7/16/18	<b>Car Show</b>	Abbeydell	9 AM – Noon + voting 9 – Noon
	<b>Funkhana</b>	Abbeydell	9 AM – Noon 50/50 sales
	<b>Wine &amp; Canvas/Cheese</b>	Abbeydell	11 AM – 4 PM
	<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Taggart Rm	4:30 – 6 PM Voting
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Taggart Rm	4:30 – 6 PM Bidding
	<b>Regalia</b>	Taggart Rm	4:30 – 6 PM <b>Last Day</b> (Closes)
	<b>Technical Session I</b>	Murdock Rm	2 - 3:15 PM “Top Tier Gas”
	<b>Technical Session II</b>	Murdock Rm	3:45 – 5 PM “Racing Healeys”
	<b>Hospitality Room</b>	Clifton Rm	4:30 – 6 PM
	<b>Concours – Prejudging</b>	Covered Garage	4 – 5 PM
	<b>Tour of West Baden</b>	West Baden Atrium	6 – 7:30 PM
	> > >	<b><u>Date Night: Dinner on your own</u></b>	< <
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Gymkhana</b>	Salem Speedway	8 AM – 2 PM Parade Lap 11AM
7/17/18	<b>Concours Judging</b>	Covered Garage	9 AM – 5 PM
	Make a <b>Healey Journal</b>	Murdock Rm	1 – 2:30 PM
	<b>Technical Session III</b>	Hickman Rm	2:45 – 4:15 PM “Ladies ask..”
<u>Steve Day</u>	<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Taggart Rm	3 – 4:30 PM Voting <b>Last Day</b> (Closes)
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Taggart Rm	3 – 4:30 PM Bidding

	<b>Hospitality Room</b>	Clifton Rm	3 – 5 PM	
	<b>BBQ Dinner</b>	Abbeydell	5 – 6 PM	50/50 sales
	<b>BBQ Dinner</b>	Abbeydell	6 – 9 PM	Start serving @ 6 PM
	<b>Funkhana Awards</b>	Abbeydell	9:00 – 9:15 PM	50/50 drawing
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Pine Wood Derby</b>	Hickman Rm	9 – 10 AM	
7/18/18	<b>RC Races</b>	Event Cntr lobby	10 – 11 AM	
	<b>Valve Cover Races</b>	Clifton Rm	11AM – 12:30 PM	
	<b>Technical Session IV</b>	Murdock Rm	2 – 3 PM	“Engine Rebuild”
	<b>Delegate Meeting</b>	Hickman Rm	2:30 – 4:00 PM	
	<b>Technical Session V</b>	Parking Lot	3:30 – 5 PM	“5 min. w/..” <u>Steve Day</u>
	<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Taggart Rm	4 – 5 PM	<b>Pickup</b>
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Taggart Rm	4 – 5	<b>Last Bids</b> (Closes)
	<b>Silent Auction</b>	Taggart Rm	5 – 6:30	<b>Pickup &amp; Pay</b>
	<b>Hospitality Room</b>	Clifton Rm	4:30 – 5:30	
	> > >	<b>Dinner on your own</b>	< < <	
	<b>Hospitality Room</b>	Clifton Rm	8:30 – 10:30 PM	John Colgate
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fun Rally</b>	TBD	8:30 AM	Participant
Meeting				
7/19/18	<b>Fun Rally</b>	So. Indiana	9 AM – 3 PM	
	<b>Ladies Tea I</b>	West Baden Hotel	1 – 2:30 PM	
	<b>Ladies Tea II</b>	West Baden Hotel	3 – 4:30 PM	
	<b>Hospitality</b>	Clifton Rm	6 – 7 PM	
	<b>Awards Banquet</b>	Clifton Rm	7 – 11 PM	

**Friday** Say our goodbyes until the next Healey Event

7/20/18 (See you on the road)

## **TECH SESSION**

Bob Haskell had an engine and transmission re-install on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Bob can give us a report on that event since I was unable to attend.

## **SPRINGTHING 2018**

Tops up, Tops down, Tops up, Tops down. That about describes the sometimes wet Springthing 2018 in Eastern Louisville. Somewhere over 50 registrations enjoyed a somewhat leisurely Springthing with drivers from Canada, TN, IN, OH, MI, Ky, making their first regional outing of the year. It was nice to not have to drive long distances to see some of Louisville many of us had not seen before.

Friday was clear enough for some to get in a round of Golf. Nearly every body scattered again to find good restaurants for Lunch and see downtown sights. The Frakes, including Doug who came up from Cumming, GA and Spurlocks, Jim Switzer recommended The Cafe on Brent Street, which was a very tough place to find. The recommendation was very good as we could see by the very large crowd. Their specialty is huge cakes such as Italian Wedding Cake. Jo requested we order one for her Dad (+ Jo and Jim), so we said we will take and pay for half. Two weeks later we finally thru out the small piece that was left. MMMM good!

On Friday evening, the group sang Happy Birthday to the Austin Healey Sprite and celebrated with a lot of very decorative and very richly iced cake. Appropriately washed down with more than adequate bubbly Champagne. Mostly followed with Bourbon and Scotch as the evening wore on.

The turnout of bugeyes were unusually high with our own Steve Halleck driving his very nice medium blue. The voting was a little strange and had to do with parts of the car, i.e., best color, best interior, best engine bay, etc.

Saturday was another on your own entertainment day before the evening convoy to Jephtha Creed, a new liquor distiller in the area just East of I 265 on I64. Their Bourbon won't be ready to sell until 2019, but the different flavors of Vodka were worth tasting after the very well orchestrated tour of the facilities and explanation of the process.

Central Indiana was represented by Jim and Sue Frakes (yes, trailer), followed by Steve Halleck in the bugeye, David Verrill in the 3000, and Ron Francis in the 100M. Bringing up the rear was Ruth Buis in her BJ9. We met up in Columbus for a nice lunch at Zaharikos Ice Cream Emporium and took back roads all the way. Jim and JO Switzer also came in their BJ9 Pick-up and Dick Storrs and Jim Bush also attended.

Sunday wake up was clear, bright and sunny for the trip home and uneventful. Thanks again to the Bluegrass Club for another enjoyable weekend Springthing.



Blasts from the past; Springthing 2013



**Technical Sessions;**

None currently scheduled.

## ***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:***

The May business meeting will be Tuesday, June 12th at Dawson's on Main in Speedway



1464 Main Street, Speedway, IN  
Dinner 6:30 & Meeting 7:30

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**Bluegrass AHC**

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**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 Meeting-Apr 10th, 2018***

CIAHC Business Meeting-May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Melanie Haskell

The meeting was held at Squealers Barbeque Grill– Jim Bush, Steve Halleck, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sue Frakes, Jim and Sandy Burck, Dick Storrs, Bonnie & David Morrison

Jim Frakes ran the meeting.

50/50 drawing, Dick Storrs won \$20 donated

Jim identified people in the throwback picture that was in the newsletter.

Craig Rice gave the treasurer's report

Jim Frakes hosted a Tech Session on April 28<sup>th</sup> at his warehouse. Jim Bush thinks he has his door handles on wrong. He concluded that is why you should go to tech sessions.

Springthing is May 17 – 20 in Louisville. Ron Francis, Dick Storrs, Ruth Buis, Steve and Kathy Halleck, Bev and Jim Bush, and Sue and Jim Frakes planned to attend.

Jon Monies and Joan Wright are hosting their annual Indy 500 Party! Arrive around 11:00. Let Joanie know what you plan to bring.

Marion Brantley passed recently. He was very good at being a concours coordinator/judge. He will be missed.

Tom Neil is selling his car. It is black over red. He sent an email on the car to the club distribution list.

The meeting minutes from last month were accepted.

Steve Halleck took his car to Strohm Automotive for repairs.

Use of Framm oil filters has caused in some engine failures

Carmel Artomobillia is Aug 25th. It is a must see, with lots of cars.

Springtime in the Smokies is May 26<sup>th</sup> in Townsend, TN.

The Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> Indy British Motor Days car show in Zionsville will feature the Austin Healey. It's desired to have as many as Sprites as possible.

September Round-up is September 20 -23<sup>rd</sup> in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

## Conclave update

19 Sprites are registered.

Regalia order form is on the website.

Jim, Jim, and Dick have a meeting every week. Budget looks good.

More and more sponsors have donated cash and products. Still need auction items.

Dash plaques are ordered.

Jeanette Blanck donated money for a trophy in memory of Walt Blanck. It will be for best of show and will be in the shape of Indiana.

Determining the number of trophies needed for the car show.

Jim Bush has a bill for port-o-lets for the car show. He will meet with the caterer for the BBQ dinner. Jim will talk to the French Lick town board to see if they can have the week of Conclave declared Austin Healey week. There are posters for businesses to put in windows. Woman from the visitor's center wanted to know if the car show was open to public. It is open but there is not much parking.

Working up a bid sheet for the auction. Portion of profits will be donated to Riley Children's foundation. There are 11 wineries. Wrote a letter asking for money, gift certificates or wine for advertising. Only made it to 3 wineries so far and 2 of the wineries made donations. One gave 4 bottles of wine and one gave gift certificate. There are still 8 or 9 more to visit. We can probably put that wine in the auction.

Kathy Halleck put together set of tiles for with logos. She can make more to sell.

Jim Bush visited Tucker Madawick recently; he had a couple of Healeys in the shop. They sent an email and they are going to attend Conclave. Tucker is closing the shop at the end of June. After June, he only will work one day a week on small projects. He has some old equipment at the shop. He will be giving a talk on Wednesday on engine rebuilding. Jim B is putting together a program.

Dick Storrs has over 100 meals orders. We still need to get more to registrations at the hotel. Still have some room registrations without Conclave registrations. There should be about 183 registrations with 1166 night rentals. We need 75% of the 233 rooms reserved to not suffer any penalties.

Steve Day has volunteered to present a ladies program. He will discuss how a car works. What to look for if a failure occurs while driving. Another option is a Parking Lot Tech Session with a 5-minute discussion about your car. A Parking Lot Tech Session was well received at NW Rendezvous.

Fifty-two have registered for the Thursday Ladies tea. There are a total of 60 seats available. 30 people signed up for tea and the rally. The schedule is tight.

Conclave 2019 will be in Rapid City or Deadwood, South Dakota.

# *Miscellaneous Meanderings*

*By Steve Halleck*

The weather decided to turn 'british' or this year's Springthing. Jim and Sue Frakes, Ron Francis, Dave Verrill, and Ruth Buis and I met up in Columbus on the way down at Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor for lunch, enjoying the beautiful turn of the century decor (and good ice cream). The trip down went smoothly until about 25 miles from our destination. Jim pulled over, pointing out the black clouds ahead. We put our hoods up and motored on, hitting interstate 264 in rush hour in the rain. There were a couple of close calls dodging traffic, and we lost Ruth for a while.

Arriving at the hotel, we met up with Jim Bush, Jo and Jim Switzer, and Dick Storrs. At the get together that evening, I met former Sprite owners Doug and Becky Bell from Columbus in their TR4.

With the forecast calling for rain through Saturday with possible heavy storms, the agenda became very laid back. Drives on your own during the day with an evening get together. Rather than have a car show, the cars were judged at leisure in the parking lot using several interesting categories (Best boot? – you can't see a bugeye boot without climbing in!).

Scattered rain slowed activities, but we did manage to find some nice places to eat in the area. Ruth enjoyed meeting several of her old friends and taking rides in some of the Healeys, including the one she and Dick formerly owned. She said it was good to see it owned by someone who really cared about it.

Sat afternoon, the weather finally cleared in time for the drive to Jephtha Creed distillery for a tour and our dinner/awards banquet. Ruth took her first ride in a Sprite with me (giving her more of an appreciation of the bigger Healeys' comfort).

While the rain put somewhat of a damper on activities, it gave more time for swapping stories and meeting friends. Thanks to the Bluegrass club for their work putting this together.

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Since last year, my Sprite has been plagued by cutting out and flooding when I got above 3200 RPM (about 55 MPH). It forced the caravan down and back to travel slowly so I could keep up. While in Louisville, Dave Verrill went for a ride with me and suggested trying a small adjustment of the float level. When I got back from the trip, I pulled the float bowl covers to check. I had the floats set dead on for the H1 carburetors – but the carbs are HS2s! Putting the float settings at the right level for the actual carbs made an immediate difference.

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I called Kathy from Springthing to ask if she'd mind if I brought home another Bugeye. Her immediate, negative response changed when I told her it was a 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale model in the silent auction. A big thanks to Jim Frakes who jumped in to save it for me at the last minute when I was outbid.

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Car shows and cruise-ins are starting. I got a text message from a friend saying he'd seen a couple of beautiful Healeys at Noblesville. Look familiar?



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There are lots of running jokes about Lucas electronics. Some of them are really funny. But the biggest issue is that the electronics are 40 to 60 years old and have been 'adjusted' by owners over the years. Incorrect, corroded connections cause a lot of issues. Issues can also be caused by just downright dumb moves – for example:



## ***Event Calendar***

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

### **2018 Events**

June 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Champagne British Car Festival, Bloomington, IL

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH

June 10<sup>th</sup> Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance, Cincinnati, OH

June 12<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, TBD

June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Michiana British Car Show, South Bend, IN

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXVIII, Kalamazoo, MI

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, TBD

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

July 21<sup>st</sup> – Rolling Into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, British Car Day Dayton, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, Oh

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

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – Indiana British Car Union Show, Zionsville, IN

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, TBD

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> – Auburn Fall Auction, Auburn, IN

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

Sep 11<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, TBD

Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Encounter 2019, Lancaster PA

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – September Roundup, Lawrenceburg, IN

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Southeast Classic, Charleston, SC

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, TBD

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, TBD