



Overdrive

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Presidents Message

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On Saturday April 28th, a small group of fellow Healey men converged on Jim Frakes Warehouse for a spring Tune-up session. I am glad to see everyone's car is in great shape and in no need of a tune-up. LOL. Nobody brought a car to work on! Steve Halleck had a problem with the bugeye brakes that kept him from bringing it, but not from driving a BJ9. We were joined by David Bird, a first time tech session attendee, who had a great time helping but also learning about the cars. Often I noticed him taking notes for future work on his car. It is still based in Norman, OK and still in need of a lot of work, but he has garage space there and gets to visit his mother and brother there. A total of eight showed up including Ron Francis, Jim Burck, Steve, David, Craig Rice, Jim Bush, After a slow start in finding parts and tools to work on some of my cars, we ended up getting more done on my projects than I planned on. Steve is running out of time to fix brakes himself and he is delivering the car this week to Strohm Automotive to do the repairs.

Steve and Jim Bush were very instrumental in assisting to get the yellow bugeye out and running. I had not touched it since it was parked 1-1/2 years ago. Still some tuning to go but this week I removed, cleaned and fixed the emergency brake, checked all lights (fixed LF parking light), and other items that need attention.

Thanks to all who helped. The Pizza was good also.

Springthing in Louisville

Don't forget this annual event is just around the corner. Sue and I have registered as well as the Bush's, Ron Francis, Dick Storrs and several others. Most of us are planning to go down on Thursday afternoon. Since it is in Louisville this year, it will be a great time to see more of what Louisville has to offer downtown.

Conclave 2018 Update. May 1, 2018

Mike Schneider has updated our current registrations as of the end of April which now totals 160 registrations. The Co-Chairs; Storrs, Frakes and Bush meet every week to go over unfinished items. Most everything is shaping up to be on target but there are always some slips along the way.

As stated last month, we are also receiving some auction items for the silent auction. This will be a silent bidding auction with the closing on Wednesday evening. All items that donors want us to carry down should be sent / delivered to my office in Castleton in c/o Jim Frakes, (Conclave 2018), Frakes Engineering, 7950 Castleway Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250. UPS delivers there each day and we can store in my warehouse there or just drop things off during our working hours. 7-4:30. Door one has a push button which will allow you to drop off items.

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.

Marion Brantley

Sad news on the passing this week of Marion Brantley from St. Pete Florida. Many of you know him and his very nice all black BJ8 named Blackie, from past Conclaves and Springthing events or SE Classic. Marion was often the Chief Concours Judge at Conclave events. Personally, Marion was my personal chauffeur on many Healey and "just lunch" trips while I was in Florida. We went to the Tampa Bay British car shows, DuPont Registry car show, and others. Marion knew every Healey owner in the area, but one special trip was to a husband – wife team (both MD's who graduated from IU Med School). They bought a 100 in 1956 after becoming MD's and still owned it. They also had a 1910-14? Fiat with a surrey top, a huge inline engine of 14 liters and an open crankcase. Amazing to look at the crank turning and oil dripping into the aluminum sump which was fastened to the frame. They took it on many excursions and competitive runs, especially describing a trip thru the Canadian Rockies with the top down. Facebook and the Healey mailing list had many words of sympathy for Marions wife Kay and their son and daughter. Bonnie and I had dinner with them and Kay baked a wonderful meatloaf with raisins. Best I ever had. I will miss Marion.

BLAST FROM THE PAST.

2008 Chili Cook off Ladies.



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, May 8th at Squealer's
Barbecue Grill,
5515 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis
Dinner 6:30 & Meeting 7:30



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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>

CIAHC Business Meeting-Apr 10th, 2018

By Melanie/Bob Haskel

The meeting was held at George's Neighborhood Grill– attending were David Broyles, Jim & Bev Bush, Kathy & Steve Halleck, Craig Rice, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sue Frakes, Randy & Janet Belden, Bruce, Roy Bowman, Jim and Sandy Burck, David Verrill, and Dick Storrs.

Jim Frakes ran the meeting.

Craig Rice gave the treasurer's report

Tech Session planned for April 28th at Jim Frakes' warehouse.

Springthing is May 17 – 20 in Louisville.

Jo Switzer sent her appreciation to the club for the thoughts and prayers after her Mother's passing.

Conclave update:

- Regalia order form is on the website.
- Dick Storrs sent an email to people who have registered with the banquet menu, the registration form with activities that have been added, and the regalia order form. The banquet choices are bacon wrapped pork fillet, orange balsamic salmon, red potatoes, Prince Edward vegetables, and salad.
- There isn't a dinner planned for Monday night. Reservations at local restaurants are a good idea. Jim & Sue liked 33 Brick Street. French Lick winery is not open Monday – Friday. Denny's is good for breakfast before 8:45 AM. West Baden has a good gourmet restaurant. French Lick Resort has Sinclair's and the Power Plant restaurants.
- The Cincy Club is running the event at Salem Speedway on Tuesday. The figure eight has the best pavement. The banked track is being repaved. The runs on the figure eight will be 25 – 30 seconds. The 33 degree banked part of the track will not be used. The runs will be quick and there is plenty of room for spectators.
- Wine and Canvas pictures are in the April issue of Healey Marque. The Healey pictures will be pre-sketched. The colors have been picked out. The Sprite is blue and the big Healey is green. There will also be wine and cheese.
- Parking is on the lower level of the garage. There is shuttle bus and trolley service between the French Lick Hotel and West Baden Springs.
- Registrations for events
 - 10 for Wine and Canvas
 - 10 for Wine and Cheese
 - 239 for BBQ
 - 47 for Tea
 - 76 for Tour of West Baden
 - 206 for Banquet
 - 12 for Journal
 - 94 for Car show
 - 73 for Rally
- There are 152 registrations with around 300 people so far. Around 175 – 180 registrations are expected. There are 117 Cars, including 20 Sprites. There are 6 spaces available for RVs.

- The car show will be on grass with a small area on gravel. It is a nice shaded venue.
- Jim Bush has tent vendor on stand-by if needed for the BBQ. No deposit has been paid yet. Will do a 50/50 at the BBQ. Must be present to win. Can't do the drawing at the hotel.
- The committee is asking the 14 area wineries for donations for auction and wine tasting. Need to fill bags week before Conclave. 5 – 6 people are needed for registration.
- There are 5 cars for Concours. Steve Berenyi is coordinating the Concours event.

Don't forget to bring things for the auction.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Bob Connell's Open House on April 21st was an interesting get together. Since Bob's shop is an MG shop, the attendees were all MG owners (except me – but my Sprite does have an MG Midget drive train). It was nice talking to other LBC owners. There were several nice MGBs (several supercharged), and a couple of A's – including an amazingly engineered MGA with a Ford V8.



While almost everyone at the open house were over 60 years old, we did have a promising new LBC owner. One of the younger people at the event showed up with his 19 years old son. When I asked what type of MG he owned, he informed me the MGB was his son's. While Dad was helping, Jason (I believe that was his name) was doing the research and restoration on his car. Dad was catching the bug from his son and talked about getting an LBC of his own. It was great to see someone from the younger generation active in keeping these cars on the road.

I had planned on taking the Bugeye to Jim Frakes' tech session to re-bleed the brakes and change the oil, but my new master cylinder failed a few days before the session. We ended up with only Jim's cars there to work on - but he does have lots of projects going on in his garage.

Pete from the Northern Indiana chapter sent a note out warning about the use of Fram oil filters. Advanced Auto Parts is no longer carrying them due to a drop in quality. I switched to a WIX type on the Sprite.

The Carmel Artomobilia has sent out the schedule and signups for this year's events. The Car show will be on August 25th. This is always an amazing show, with over 400 cars of all varieties and 20,000 spectators. Our cars fall into the ECS1 and ECS2 classes. If you are able to show your car, go to <https://www.artomobiliaweekend.com> to register. It would be nice to have more than just Roy and I there this year representing the marque. If you don't show your car, make sure to stop by.

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2018 Events

May 8th – Business Meeting, Squealers Barbecue Grill, 86th St, Indianapolis

May 10th – 12th – Auburn Spring Auction, Auburn, IN

May 11th- 12th – Springtime in the Smokies, Townsend, TN

May 17th – 20th – Spring Thing (Sprite Shindig), Louisville, KY

May 18th – 20th – Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, Pa

May 26th – June 3rd -^t Celebration British Car Awareness Week, Everywhere

June 1st – 3rd – Champagne British Car Festival, Bloomington, IL

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

June 10th Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance, Cincinnati, OH

June 12th – Business Meeting, TBD

June 13th – 17th 2018 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 24th – 31st Annual Michiana British Car Show, South Bend, IN

July 8th – Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXVIII, Kalamazoo, MI

July 10th – Business Meeting, TBD

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

July 21st – Rolling Into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

Aug 4th, British Car Day Dayton, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, Oh

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

Aug 11th – Indiana British Car Union Show, Zionsville, IN

Aug 14th – Business Meeting, TBD

Aug 24th – 26th, Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

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

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

Sep 11th – Business Meeting, TBD

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 13th – Business Meeting, TBD