



Overdrive

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President's Message Aug 2019

Events: Finally, the rain has stopped and now the heat and high humidity has rolled in with a vengeance, I might add. Not exactly good weather for a Healey or most any classic car.

On Saturday the 20th, I drove the 59 Healey for a short trip to the Cars and Gravy event at the old Indiana National Bank building on East 38th street in Indy. At 8 AM, there were three cars already there, including a Jensen Healey and the obligatory, but nice black Corvette. The population grew over the three hours there including a very nice white over black, converted 100 M, belonging to Bill Oesterle. It was reportedly expected to go on "Bring A Trailer", the online auction site, sometime in the near future. It should sell very well as it is a beauty. Anton Julian, caretaker of Bill's collection was there along with others who appear to be in the know of Bill's cars. Roy Bowman also displayed his Healey and shortly David Verrill showed up with his very nice red Healey. With four Healeys, they were quite popular and a lot of questions were being asked.

Some other cars included a very nice 59 White Cadillac that was popular, an early 60's Ford Thunderbird and a few vintage Motor cycles. Cars came and some went over the course of three hours but overall it was a small crowd. Heat and Humidity may have kept them away or just the fact their appeared to be many cars and coffee on that Saturday.



Sue and I made our first trip of the year to the Noblesville Square later that evening, sans a Healey. Ron Francis had his 100 M on display but very few classic cars were there, maybe a ½ dozen. Heat and Humidity again?

Last week, Steve Halleck gave me some lessons of being a Bugeye Sprite owner. At my request, he volunteered to help me try to figure out why the Yellow Supercharged Bugeye would keep stalling out when I let off the gas. He also had several comments on other things related only to Sprites such as how the top bows work and a missing bracket for the heater duct. Alas, no answers to the stalling. Thanks. Steve for the help. We did get to rule out a few items that were not the cause.

We ran out of time as a potential Healey buyer and his wife arrived to discuss Healey's in general. He left knowing more but is wisely taking his time to find what he wants. I told him I felt Jeff Ford would be at the IBCU event and he could see his Healey first hand.

The next day, Jerry Butler helped me again and we found the idle adjusting needle was barely missing the eccentric plate, effectively closing the butterfly and choking off the fuel. Since it was way under the back side of the carburetor and very difficult to get to. Who knew?

2020 September Round-up: Jim Bush has been working on ideas and should have the latest report at the August 13th meeting at Squealers.

Deadwood Conclave: The event is getting much closer and we are getting excited. It seems we will have a good contingent from Central Indiana, but we are all seeming to be going our separate ways.

We can discuss plans by everybody at the meeting.

Jim and Jo Switzer reportedly are making plans to attend and will be pulling the car in a trailer yet to be purchased.

Jim Bush and Jim Frakes went to Martinsville on Wednesday the 24th to review and evaluate two Healeys, a 100 and a BJ8, at the request of a lady from Massachusetts.

Turns out she is the daughter of Jim Alderson, an original Central Indiana AHC Founder and a President in years past.

Jim occasionally attended our monthly events when they were held on the south side but not in the past few years.

Jim has an illness and has been moved to a nursing home in Martinsville.

The lady plans on buying the two cars from the estate and the attorney needs to have an appraisal on both cars in order to finalize the estate.

Her brother Scott also is ill and cannot be of any help.

At this time neither car is for sale and neither have been run for several years. The 100 needs a lot of attention, even though it looks good.

Several pieces are missing and we found a few.

Jim Bush and I asked her to save and donate for our September Round-up event auction, any memorabilia such as manuals and magazines or other Healey stuff when they auction the garage items.

He has a large collection of photos he took over the years and all are framed and hanging in the garage.

We would like to have them and put them in the auction as most of them we could identify as owned by regional Healey people now or in the past.

Due to the length of time they have been not run, we advised not to try to start the cars until a list of items were checked and the cars made safe.

We provided estimates on both as to the as found price with no work done on them and the expected price if they spent the funds to fix them properly.

She was very nice to talk to, had researched the Healey's, and we enjoyed the trip.

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

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

Jeff Ford reports his '64 BJ8 is still for sale. Please call Jeff if you know anyone who may be interested. 317-402-8876.

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Freshly rebuilt motor and transmission. NEW clutch pressure plate, master and slave cylinder, brakes, bumpers, exhaust, paint, interior, carpet and top. True knock off spoke rims and tires with spare. Electronic ignition and tach converted. Includes lots of extra parts, new sport mirrors (in the box), car cover.

Denise 317-797-1242

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Next Business Meeting:

**The August business meeting will be Aug 13th at Squealers, 5515 W. 86th Street
Indianapolis
Dinner 6:30 & Meeting 7:30**



Due to Conclave, there will be no September business meeting.

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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 July Business Meeting,

Date: July 9, 2019

Place: Logan's Roadhouse, Greenwood

Attendees: Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Jim & Sandy Burke, Jim & Bev Bush, Jim & Sue Frakes, Steve Halleck, John Mann, David Morrison, Craig Rice, Dick Storrs, David Verrill

Jim Frakes called our meeting to order at 7:35 pm

The minutes from our June business meeting were unchanged as published in Overdrive.

Craig Rice's Treasurer/Membership information stands as reported in June.

Jim Bush and Jim Frakes reminded us that we had decided at the prior meeting that there will be no 2019 Sept Roundup event. We will be the host Club for 2020 with the details and location TBD.

Jim Bush has made reliable car transport plans for the 2019 Deadwood Conclave. If anyone is interested in this service, contact him ASAP.

Dick Storrs has planned an Aug 17th tour and party at Zionsville which could include any Cars attending the Cars & Gravy event that morning. More details TBA.

We then adjourned at 8:17 pm

Our next business meeting: Tues, Aug 13 at Squealers, 5515 W 86th

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

The Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club has a new website. <https://www.niahc.org>.

Cars and Coffee this month at the Indy Speedway (actually, across the street since there was testing going on at the track) had a small contingent of Healeys. Roy, Bob & Melanie, Dave Verrill, and I were there along with a couple of other LBCs. Their cars got a lot of attention, and a few of the Healey club handouts were taken.



The Cincinnati British Car Day was a scorcher! There were some storms to the north that some folks travelling south to Cincy had to drive through, but it was sunshine all day at the event. There was a decent turnout of Healeys (mainly Ohio Valley). The Jag contingent was out in force, with a good variety of models, including a very nice XK120. Not entered, but grabbing a LOT of attention was a gorgeous retromod Talbot-Lago.





Two local events in August. The IBCU British Car Day in Zionsville on the 3rd should be a good show. We have a Nash Healey and an Arnolt-Bristol scheduled to attend. Early entries are ahead of last year's numbers. Bring your Healeys out!

The other event is our co-hosting Cars and Gravy followed by a drive around the west side and up to Zionsville for a tour of the Bentley dealership and lunch/ice cream in Zionsville. Come out for some good breakfast at Cars and Gravy, a fun drive, then the tour and lunch in Zionsville.

At the Cincy show, I heard about another event that unfortunately is the same weekend as Artomobilia. Bellefontaine, OH is going to have a revival of a sports car hill climb. It was last run there in 1974. It's a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile run with a 490 ft elevation change. The event includes the Hill Climb, Time-Speed-Distance Rally, Autocross, Car Show/Awards Ceremony, and a Historical review of the original races with participants from the 1953 to 1974 events. The Hill Climb is open to cars built prior to 1974, The Rally, Autocross, and Car show is open to all cars.

<https://www.facebook.com/Bellefontainehillclimb/>



Be wary of cheap
aftermarket parts!

Next year, in October, Indy will host an 8-hour road race. The Intercontinental GT Powered by Pirelli race will be called the Indianapolis 8 Hours. Not a Sebring or Daytona, but it should be interesting to have an endurance race here!

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2019 Events

Aug 3rd – IBCU British Car Day, Zionsville, In

Aug 10th - British Car Day, Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton, Oh

Aug 13th – CIAHC Business Meeting, Squealers

Aug 17th – Cars and Gravy / Westside drive, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

Aug 24th - Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

Aug 23-25th – Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival, Bellefontaine Oh

Sept 6th-11th – CONCLAVE, Deadwood SD

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

Oct 6th – Newport Hill Climb, Newport, IN

Recurring events

Noblesville Cruise In – Saturday Evenings (weather permitting) April to November, Noblesville Courthouse Square

Brownsburg Car Show – Saturday Evenings (weather permitting)

Cars and Coffee each Saturday. Locations are Gator Motors the first and last Sat of the month, Zionsville Park the 3rd Sat of the month, and IMS the 2nd Sat of the month.

Cars and Gravy – 215 E 38th St, Indianapolis. **8/17**, 9/21, 10/19