



# Overdrive

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## *President's Message July 2019*

**Event Attendance;** I expected to attend some of the local car shows / cars and coffee events this month, but the Monsoons' have continued. The rain has just been relentless on weekends. So Instead of mopping out a soaked Healey, I opted to miss most of car shows around. I had committed to attend one at the local Outlook Christian Church in McCordsville on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> . It was small but had some unusual cars such as a very nicely restored Studebaker pick-up with an original Stude engine. While there, I found out the VFW in Lawrence was having a true car show, fund raiser and headed there to see what cars might show up. Sue joined me there and we had a good conversation with a fellow who had a very nicely done Mustang GT with a Supercharger and an XKE coupe owner. We were too early and only about 10 were there.

Saturday afternoon began to clear off and the Healey driving foot twitched. Sue and I took a long drive of about six hours in to the SE side via German church road, then headed West across Thompson road to Mooresville, Monrovia, South on IN 39 and over to Eminence. Leisurely drive, (lots of stop lights on Thompson though). Coming back into Monrovia, the sprinkles started so the top came up, with the help of my able assistant. Like we say, every day in a Healey is a good day, even a sprinkling one.

**Central Indiana AHC business.**

Nothing new to report other than Jim Bush has been looking into some venues for the 2020 September Round-up. Hopefully, Jim can talk more at the meeting in July.

### **Technical Note.**

I had never put a radiator flush in the Black / red BJ8 and felt it was time. Found it to be a worthwhile task but very time consuming to do a good job. Run the car until hot, drain, cool off, add flush material and water, Run for about three hours (the Saturday run did that), drain, add flush water, run until hot, drain and cool, add more water, run until hot, drain and cool off, repeat one more time to get clear water instead of orange yuck, then put in new fluid. May not do any good but makes me feel better anyway.

**Cars for sale;** Jeff Ford still has his car up for sale. As reported last month, I know of a person interested in a Big Healey and is located in Central Indiana. We have not been able to connect and get a good feel for what he is looking for.

*“That’s all Folks”*

### ***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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If you were at the May Business Meeting, Denise Smith showed up with a beautiful red '68 Sprite. It's for sale, and Denise sent this information. I would love for she and her husband to join the club and hang onto it, but here's the information:

1968 Austin Healey Sprite FULLY RESTORED 1275cc, 4 speed, 61,000 miles. Runs and drives great! \$13,500

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  
Scott 317-437-0053

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## Review of Geoff Ford Black Healey

for sale, asking \$39,000.

This Beautiful 1965 BJ8 Phase 1 is up for sale by Geoff Ford, a Central Indiana club, Austin Healey club of America member. Geoff has had extensive work done on the car, but at this time his health keeps him from driving and enjoying it. The best thing to do is allow someone to buy the car and enjoy it to the fullest.

Major cosmetic items completed within the past two years include new, high quality seat covering in a beautiful red with red piping, A nearly overall re-paint in a deep Black with a silver accent stripe looks very good quality. Although the front windshield was removed for the painting, the rear shroud was not removed and painted. This paint has a few scratches that are hardly detectable. Soft top is nearly perfect, except for one taped area that is hardly discernable. The top Boot cover is new and excellently completed by a professional upholsterer. Steering wheel is being recovered over by a DIY leather kit that should look good when completed. Some carpet has been replaced but needs tightening and may be some more snaps to hold it in place. The furlflex on the windshield, which helps keep out water in the rain, is missing and the furlflex around the doors is not totally on correctly.

Chrome, while not perfect, is in very good shape, likely at least an 8.5 out of ten. Grille looks good.

Electrically, the wiring is of the older style but appears Functional. The tail lights indicate this was one of the early version BJ8's as they are of the smaller, glass type lens. Of course with a Phase I the DB 10 electric box for the turn signals is present.

Engine started on the first try and settled in very well at idle. Exhaust is two pipes exiting on the driver side in place of the full set of mufflers as on late BJ8's. Engine has a Pertronix Electronic ignition and a newer style geared starter but still has the generator in place. Horns are not the stock type. Radiator is an aftermarket Wizard brand Aluminum type with a pusher fan, the stock fan and a Wizard brand overflow tank. Geoff reports the valves have been replaced to be able to use newer fuels. He also reports Rick Smith of Korner Garage (Indy) did some engine lowered end rebuild but not a complete rebuild.

Overdrive works, according to Geoff but I did not take it out for a drive other than pulling it out under a tree to take pictures. At that time steering effort seemed OK as well as the gear box.

There are four new Pirelli tires on the car mounted on mini lite type wheels (which I personally like.

The Boot, trunk is ok but was not painted on the underside when the lid was painted. The Armacord is loose in so areas, an easy fix with some upholstery glue.

Under the car, which sets low it is difficult to evaluate with just a mirror but the outriggers showed no sign of rust, no oil on the floor, and surface rust on the frame. It would take some work to clean that up and really evaluate the frame (on a lift) to make sure there were bends from an encounter with a curb or other object. The front suspension looks like it has not been touched in years and again a lift would be needed to properly evaluate all suspension items such as wheel bearings, shocks, etc. Same goes for the rear suspension.

Overall, a very nice looking car that needs more TLC here and there but nothing that should be too costly. BJ8 Phase I are not as desirable as Phase II but I do not think Geoff is far off in his price point.

Jim Frakes



***Next Business Meeting:***

**The July business meeting will be July 9th at Logan's Roadhouse on the South Side.  
Corner of Madison Ave and County Line Road – 600 Greenwood Park Drive.  
Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM.**



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### *Mr. Healey's Neighborhood*

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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 June Business Meeting,***

**Date: June 11, 2019**

**Place: George's Neighborhood Grille, Indianapolis**

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

Jim Frakes called our meeting to order at 7:23 pm

We had been sharing stories as a group with those who had attended the recent SE Classic before 7:23 pm and continued with these for a few more minutes.

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

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

We reviewed our recent Club events during the last month such as Springthing, Monies/Wright 500 party and the historic tour of the Irvington area and Woodruff Place, all in which we had a great time.

Jim Bush and Jim Frakes reminded us that we had decided at the prior meeting to not have a Sept Roundup in 2019 due to the 2019 Conclave then. This has been discussed with our other area Clubs, who support us in this decision. Our Club will be the host for a 2020 Sept Roundup with some assistance from the sustaining Sept Roundup Clubs. We discussed possible sites for the 2020 event. Fort Wayne had interest from our attendees. Jim Bush was directed to obtain information from the FW visitors center and to present this to a subsequent Club meeting for our consideration.

We then adjourned at 8:10 pm

Our next business meeting: Tues, July 9 at Logan's Roadhouse, Madison and County Line Rd, Greenwood

# June 1<sup>st</sup> Drive

By Jim Bush

The Saturday drive got off to a late start as Jim and Bev Bush's Bugeye died 4 blocks from the starting point. Roadside assistance provided by Jim and Sue Frakes got a new ignition cable connection and the fuel pump a pumping. Meanwhile the crowd gathering at Needler's Market grew to include David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker, Steve Halleck, Roy Bowman, Craig Rice, and David Verrill.

The annual flea market/yard sale at Woodruff Place presented huge crowds, slow traffic and admiring glances. We only made one pass to the circle and back down the East Drive as the cross roads were blocked off. Craig's Healey overheated, David and Bonnie opted to stop and shop and the rest travelled on to Irvington, traversed two turn of the century roundabouts and ended at The Mug for lunch. Craig, Roy, Bonnie and David rejoined us burgers, beer, fries and ice cream.

This would be a drive worth repeating later in the year when the crowds are smaller, the temps are cooler and more members can attend.



## ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

***By Steve Halleck***

I've had enough of the June rains! Most of the month I'd need water wings to take the car out.

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June started off with a drive that Jim and Bev Bush put together. One of our rare sunny days gave us a chance for a nice drive through downtown, Irvington, Woodruff Place, and a nice lunch at the Mug. As we were waiting to start, we got some nice comments on the cars. A gentleman on a bike ride stopped by to talk to us for a while. He was very knowledgeable about Healeys and knew about Gene McClellan's BMC shop that I relied on in Muncie back in the '60s.

We also encountered some less knowledgeable folks who asked what the cars were. While going through Woodruff Place Jim and Bev got a complement on their car – 'Nice Karmann Ghia!'

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The threatening weather held off for IBCU's London to Brighton Run, just some sprinkles. This was good, since some of the MGs that showed up didn't have the hoods up (some didn't have hoods!). There was a good turnout for the event, with lots of MGs, Jags, MINIs, and other interesting machines – but no Healeys. Given the expected bad weather, I took the MINI; Dewey had his Jag.

The Indiana British Car Union put together a great event. Peter Fischer and David Allgeier put together the rally with lots of good roads and interesting questions to research along the way. The IBCU should have pics on their website.

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Jim Switzer had a tech session on his MGB this month to change the clutch and install a better throw out bearing. Jim Bush and I were able to help pull the engine and put it back in. Hopefully, I got the parts underneath the car installed correctly – I told Jim to double check!

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Kathy and I want to thank the club for making a donation to The Great Cycling Challenge at the June meeting. Thanks also to the members who kicked in more donations! The donations for pediatric cancer research are greatly appreciated.

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After the monsoons at the first Cars and Gravy of the season, the club has agreed to try again at the August 17<sup>th</sup> Cars and Gravy to co-sponsor the event with the National. We'll bring the Healeys out to show them off at Cars and Gravy then leave from there for the Westside drive. Grab some good breakfast at the show before our cruise!

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The weather didn't help for the Schweinefiletring (The Tire Squeal), a Saturday or Sunday drive through southern Indiana to raise funds for Gleaner's. The weather Saturday had heavy rains which fortunately ended around 11. The route covered 175 miles of great roads in roughly the same shape as the Nürburgring. The rain caused some issues with the southern leg of the route on Saturday. Anyone driving on Sunday ran into much worse weather, with multiple flooded roads and trees blocking highways. The MINI, Miata, and Lotus clubs were out in good numbers, along with lots of other car types. The group putting this together found great roads through southern Indiana for the drive! In spite of the bad weather they were able to raise over \$15,000 for Gleaners!

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As the monsoons turned to August heat, I took the Sprite out to Cars and Coffee at Graham Rahal's shop last weekend. Several folks made comments about the Sprite. It was a sharp contrast to the two Vipers on either side of it! I only saw one other LBC, an MGB that showed up as I was leaving.

## ***Event Calendar***

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

### **2019 Events**

July 9<sup>th</sup>- CIAHC Business Meeting, Logan's Roadhouse, 600 Greenwood Park Drive, Greenwood, IN

July 14<sup>th</sup> – Cincinnati British Car Day, Harbin Park, Cincinnati, Oh

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

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - British Car Day, Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton, Oh

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> – CIAHC Business Meeting, George's Neighborhood Grille, Indy

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

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> - Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – CONCLAVE, Deadwood SD – regalia now available.

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

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month, and IMS the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month.

Cars and Gravy – 215 E 38<sup>th</sup> St, Indianapolis. 7/20, **8/17**, 9/21, 10/19