



Overdrive

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President's Message June 2019

Sue and I left on Monday noon with car in trailer and pulling it with her Jeep TrailHawk. Since this was our first time using the Jeep, Jerry helped me with three tries at height adjustments. We debated about driving the Healey but finally settled on the trailer due to the large amount of rain in the forecast from Thursday on thru the weekend. The Jeep was a good choice as it got so much better gas mileage and pulled superbly. Until we hit mountains, it was getting right at 15 MPG and never dropped below 14 in the mountains.

On the way we had planned on a leisurely drive and stay overnight about halfway. That idea changed when we decided to go to the Biltmore in Ashville. We both had been there before but a long time ago. We arranged tickets on-line and ended up stopping overnight about 150 miles out and made the rest on Tuesday. Biltmore has added many rooms to the original tour of 30 years ago, even opening several decorated guest rooms on the third floor.

As we left the Biltmore and headed off the ramp to I 40 towards the Blue Ridge Parkway, A familiar Silver Jeep passed us. Doug, again like last year going to Charleston, randomly intersected with us. He was on his way to the SE Classic event and planned to meet us there. Weird, to say the least, randomly meeting. We are both staying in Big Lynn Lodge, about a mile from the Little Switzerland Inn.

Wednesday, Doug, in his Jeep and me in the Healey headed out about 10AM with Doug mostly leading thru the “twisties” for 8 hours of mountainous driving. The Healey performed very well with no issues what so ever. Sue stayed behind as too many high-speed turns was not her thing.

Thursday, Sue and I headed out about 10 for a more leisurely run while Doug played run ahead and wait on us. We enjoyed the scenery thru the country side and some very nice towns like Banner Elk and Boone (home of Appalachian State University). In Boone, we stopped for some refreshments and snacks for a few minutes and as we left, the Healey stopped cold. A blown fuse feeding the ignition switch was replaced and we tried again. This time it started and quit soon. No fuse blown. After a few more checks, I decided the ignition switch may be the culprit as it was very touchy about staying on. We left it there and Doug drove us back to get the trailer and Sue’s Jeep. Another hour back, and starting to load, it started and I was able to run it back into the trailer. Getting to the ignition switch requires taking out the lower section of the console to get to the wiring. As it stands now, it will stay in the trailer and that task I can do at the warehouse.

Rain persisted on/ off most of the day and evening. At dinner, there were about 20 registrations staying at the same Big Lynn Lodge and most were telling tales of wet driving conditions to get here. Mike McPhail of Gulf Coast, AHC drove his 100 and Brett Blades told about driving from the Dallas Area on I20, switching to the Natchez Trace at Jackson, MS where his fellow Healeyites could not see his tail lights. More rain is expected tomorrow!

Central Indiana AHC business.

As most of you who attended the May Meeting already know, the club voted to **not** have the September Round-up in 2019, it will be just too busy with many of us going to Deadwood. We also voted to still take our turn, as scheduled in September 2020. We are looking into venues and dates that would be suitable. Stay tuned as we firm up plans.

Please contact me if you have a suggestion on dates (+/-) that would be best and locations that sound interesting.

Healey Museum in the Netherlands.

As reported in the this Overdrive message, The AHCA, as part of their ongoing support of the Healey Museum, is matching local and regional clubs donations made to the Museum, through AHCA, up to \$2500 per year. Central Indiana voted to support this by donating \$1000 to the cause. While most of us may never get to the Museum, having a repository for the information is a good cause. If you are in Europe and have time to visit the Museum, you will not have to pay the admission fee.

On sending the donation to the AHCA treasurer, copying our National President on the donation news, we find they already raised the \$2500 and matched it for a total of \$5000 for 2019. Their intent is to use our funds to jump start the 2020 fund raiser, assuming the Delegates will vote the same amount for 2020 during their National Meeting in November.

“That’s all Folks”

Jim Frakes, President,
Central Indiana Austin Healey Club.

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

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

Jim has not heard from Jeff Ford about any hits on his car. He has been contacted about a Brit Car local enthusiast who is looking for a Healey and is contacting Jeff to see if his is still for sale.

Jay Ondrovic’s car has been picked up from Jim’s warehouse by Jay and his wife, Lynn. Since they will be closer to Ohio Valley Club than the Blue Grass club, Jim recommended they contact OHV for membership. If they want to sign up for OHV, they would NOT have to pay the \$15 club dues this year according to Dale Ballenger.

Next Business Meeting:

**The June 11 business meeting will be at George's Neighborhood Grille,
6935 Lake Plaza Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46220
Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM.**



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Indiana British Car Union
<http://www.ibcu.org>

Austin Healey Club of America
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CIAHC May Business Meeting,

Date: May 14, 2019

Place: Grindstone Charlie's, Plainfield

Attendees: David Broyles, Dick Storrs, Jim & Bev Bush, Jim & Sue Frakes, Jim & Sandy Burke, Jo & Jim Switzer, Craig Rice, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Ruth Buis, David Verrill, Steve & Kathy Halleck, and guest Denise.

Jim Frakes called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Minutes from the April business meeting were unchanged as published in the Overdrive.

June 1st Driving Tour of Irvington and Woodruff Place by the Bush's will start from Needler's Market, 320 New Jersey (2 blocks Northeast of the Circle). Arrive at 10:00 for a 10:30 start. Lunch will be at the Mug at 11:30. Rain or shine.

June 8th, London to Brighton run begins at the normal location, and ends at Beltera Casino.

Jim Frakes noted the national Club will match donations to the Donald Healey Museum up to \$2500 nationwide. Jo Switzer motioned that we donate \$1,000. Bev Bush Seconded. The motion carried. Jim Frakes will send Craig Rice the information on sending the check.

Jim Frakes asked if our club wanted to put on the September Roundup this year since Miami Valley can't do it. Our club was actually scheduled for September Roundup in 2020 and having Conclave earlier in the same month would make putting Sept Roundup together difficult for this year. Jo motioned that we do not host September Roundup this year. Ruth seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion occurred on possible sites for 2020 (Houston Woods, Muncie) but was tabled so members could do research.

Conclave 2020 will be in May near Tampa Fl. According to the Minnesota chapter's May newsletter, this September's Conclave in Deadwood already has 259 registrations, 295 bus tours requested, 203 car show entries, 364 Banquet registrations, and 402 registrations for the BBQ!

The Frakes and David Verrill will be travelling to Southeastern Classic (and will miss the London to Brighton run).

Jon and Joan will be having their Indy 500 party. Please RSVP. Steve will send an email out to the members to remind them.

Caravan participants for Springthing will meet at 2:00 at Lincoln Square Restaurant in Columbus, In – between a third and a half mile east of I-65 on IN 46.

David Morrison brought a case of club pens for the attendees to see and suggested we need a new one with the club logo.

Our guest for the meeting Denise came with a '68 Sprite which she and her husband have owned 2 years. They are putting it up for sale because it is rarely driven. We're trying to convince her to participate in more club events and hang on to it.

Next meeting will be June 11th at George's Neighborhood Grille.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Bluegrass Springthing Adventure

By Jim Bush

Three red big Healeys, one blue Bugeye and and a grey Hyundai met in Columbus Indiana for the caravan drive to Louisville for the annual spring Healey event. This was David Morrison (technically red over silver cove) in his BJ8, Jim and Bev Bush in their all red BJ7 and David Verrill in his red BT7. Ruth Buis piloted the Hyundai. It was decided to stay off the interstate I-65 so we travelled IN 7 to Madison, crossed the Ohio River on 421, and approached Louisville from the east.

Thursday night was a free BBQ dinner with the regular sides. Quite tasty. Friday was the rally and tours situated at Yew Dell Botanical Gardens, Kentucky Artisan Distillery, and Hermitage Farms Thoroughbred Brood Mare facility.

The Saturday car show was in downtown Louisville in a up and coming area the locals call NULU, as in new Louisville. Think SoHO with bourbon. Speaking of bourbon, ask Steve, Dave and David about the bourbon infused milk shakes they located at the car show. Jim and Bev skipped the car show and wandered off to Cave Hill Cemetery, a 296 acre burial site in the heart of the city. The hilly terrain and well-manicured and landscaped plots give this a botanical garden feel of its own. George Rogers Clark, Colonel Sanders of fried chicken fame and Muhammed Ali are buried here. Many of the tombstones show an artistic flair and combine stone with bronze figurines.

At the Saturday night awards dinner took place at Claudia Sander's Dinner House. Claudia was Col Sander's wife and the restaurant is behind their home. Our own Steve Halleck won \$40 in the 50/50 drawing. Dave Verrill won nothing but it wasn't from a lack of trying (see included photographic proof). David Morrison again topped all comers to garner Best of Show and received a charred bourbon barrel lid as his trophy. Something unique at the car show was each car had a ballot box in front where Healey owners and the general public voted with money!! The top three vote getters got all the funds donated in their names to their charity of choice. That breakdown was this:

David Morrison - Riley Children's Hospital

\$215

Peter McHugh Fun For The Arts

\$100

Jerry Spurlock Juvenile Diabetes

\$ 75

Springthing 2020 will be held later in the year because Conclave 2020 will occupy the 3rd week of May. Stay tuned for the exact date.



Maybe it's the Yuengling, or more likely Bev Frazier's sales technique, but Dave was in a buying mood for the 50/50.



Healeys queue up for the tour and tasting at the Kentucky Artisan Distillery, one of the stops on the rally.



Our distillery tour finishes in the tasting room.



Part of the botanical gardens



Car Show in NULU



Chatting before the meal at Claudia Sander's.



Ben and Col. Sanders present David another well-deserved best in show award.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

A big thanks to the Bluegrass club for another fun Springthing! The crew put together a very fun agenda for the weekend.

Thursday night we put the hoods up on the Healeys, as a storm poured in during the evening. The remainder of the weekend was sunny and warm, a welcome difference from last years' rain fest.

Jim Werner's rally route Friday was very enjoyable, ending at the Botanical Garden and Distillery (which are next door to each other). Dave Verrill and I (the Z team) performed as usual, missing several of the questions along the route – in spite of driving part of the route twice on the drive back to the hotel.

The Saturday car show at NULU was held in an excellent location, especially since the group had to find the location at the last minute after the planned location cancelled on them. The nearby artisan's fair and local shops brought a number of non-Healey folks over to view the cars.

The dinner at Claudia Sander's Dinner House was very good, with plenty of room for the crowd. Col Sanders joined us for the dinner and back at the hotel afterwards for the auction.

With a good chance of showers, most of us left early Sunday morning, driving through downtown Louisville and up 31 back towards home, hitting only occasional light showers.

A total of 11 folks gathered at Jon and Joan's home in Brown County on race day for the annual 500 party. In addition to Jon Monies & Joan Wright, Ruth Buis, Jim and Bev Bush, David Verrill, Pat and Debbie Bruce, Jim and Jo Switzer, and I showed up to watch the race, chat, and enjoy some great food. The women cleaned up on the pool for the race, with Debbie drawing the winning driver, followed by Bev, and Jo. Jim Bush 'won' for first car out of the race.

Thanks to Jon and Joan for hosting again.



Watching the race takes second priority when the food is ready!

With the rain ruining the Cars and Gravy event in April, we've been asked if the Healey club would like to be the co-host one of the upcoming events. The dates are 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19. Let's discuss at the next meeting.



Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2019 Events

June 8th, London to Brighton drive, 8333 N. Frontage Rd, Fairlane, IN to Beltara Casino, Vevay, IN

June 11th - CIAHC Business Meeting, George's Neighborhood Grille, Indy

June 30th - Michiana Brits Annual British Car Show, St Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN

July 9th- CIAHC Business Meeting, TBD

July 14th – Cincinnati British Car Day, Harbin Park, Cincinnati, Oh

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

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

Aug 13th – CIAHC Business Meeting, TBD

Aug 24th - Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

Sept 6th-11th – CONCLAVE, Deadwood SD – regalia now available.

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. 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19