



Overdrive

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Presidents Message March 2019

Did I miss Spring, summer and fall and we are back into winter? I am really itching and ready to get the Healey out for a Spring drive. However, with the amount of large potholes, I might want to rethink that. A person could lose a Sprite in some of them.

Of Special Note; The Central Indiana AHC needs to think about a new President for 2020. After three stints as President, I think it is time for new ideas and a new President. I have enjoyed my role in the club and know it can continue in a more productive manner with a new leader. I can think of at least four **(MEN and WOMEN)** who would qualify well in that role and have more imagination and energy to bring to the club. Please give it careful thought **NOW**, before we get to the end of the year and find no one has volunteered. In the words of Lyndon B. Johnson; "If nominated, I will not run, if elected, I will not serve". The time has come.

Holiday Party

I am told by Sue I missed a great Holiday party and want to congratulate Jim and Bev Bush for a wonderful twist on an old tradition; stealing the best gifts. Also thanks to Steve Halleck for being her Chauffeur for the event and Kathy Halleck for being her inexpensive Uber back home.

Daytona was a fairly smooth race throughout 490 miles, then all H### broke loose with a major pile up taking out several really good cars and drivers. I really felt bad for Matt

DiBenedetto, who drove the wheels off the #95 car leading many, many laps before being sidelined in the BIG crash.

April:

TECH SESSION; Saturday, April 13th is the planned date for a Tech Session at the Frakes Warehouse. Bring your Healey (weather permitting) for a session of car readiness for the coming driving season. Need to change oil and filter? (BYO). Tighten up those shocks? New points and plugs? Fuel filter, brakes, etc. Whatever you need done we can try to assist. Many types of tools are available to use. There should be two lifts available, four post and two post, for looking under the car (there may be Gremlins there). Coffee and Donuts early and Lunch of Pizza's and drinks included.

Don't forget "Cars and Gravy" on E. 38th street Saturday April 20th. The featured Marque will be our favorite; Austin Healey's.

Don't forget every Saturday night's informal cruise-in on the Noblesville Square starts in April, weather permitting, it is always a good time.

May:

May 16th through 19th is the planned date for BGAHC Springthing in Louisville. Always a fun event and certainly Blue Grass hospitality.

Mecum Auctions Indianapolis Fairgrounds 2019 May 14th thru 19th.

Indy 500 May 25th at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Party at Joan Wright and Jon Monies. Anytime after 10:00 AM. Let Joan know what you are bringing.

June;

June 1st Jim Bush will have a club driving tour of Irvington and Woodruff Place

June 6th thru the 8th is the SE Classic this year in Little Switzerland, NC. It moved to June due to the Conclave in Deadwood, SD being in September. Rooms and tickets may already be gone as they were limited.

June 8th the IBCU London to Brighton Run

August; The date for the annual Indiana British Car Union's British Car Day show in Zionsville is August 3rd.

September: Finally, a Conclave in cooler weather? September 6th to the 11th in Deadwood, SD is the location. We are looking forward to the event and the drive out and back. Getting prepared? [Attend the tech session on April 13th to check out your car.](#)

October: Newport Hill climb in Newport, Indiana is October 4th -6th. It would be a nice drive to a very festive venue if anyone is up for it. I think we would enjoy a Healey, maybe a Sprite, try to climb the Hill.

October also means Halloween Party time for the Central Indiana AHC. For a great number of years this has usually meant "Partying in the Barn" at Jim and Bev Bush's great barn venue. It has seen many a party and a lot of improvements over those years. The Bush's wish for a rest and have agreement from Pat and Debbie Bruce to be the new party makers in their barn/garage.

CAR REPAIRS AND UPGRADES

John Mann reports his 100-6 conversion to Disc Brakes is complete and is sporting some very attractive Mini Lite type wheels.

Progress is slow on the White/ (now over red). Engine and transmission are in and all accessories are bolted on but not ran around the block yet. Too blasted cold!

See you on the 12th

Jim and Sue

"Keep Calm and Healey on"

CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

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

From Jeff Ford: I am selling my 64 BJ8 Phase 1 and would like to list it in the Overdrive. It's black with new red interior and new red carpet. Lots of new parts and work done on it over last 4 years. Head has been reworked for pump gas. I'm asking \$39K.

I have owned the Healey for 5 yrs and each year updated some aspect of the car. This is the 3rd Healey I have owned. I will cover new parts/updates front to back. Head was updated to burn pump gas. New spin on oil filter. Carbs tuned, electronic ignition, new water pump, Wizard aluminum radiator, electric pusher fan in front of radiator. New tires, (Pirelli) Mini Mags, hubs and knock-offs. New paint one year old. New interior and carpet with Koolmax floor insulation. Tach recalibrated. Many new trim pieces to help reduce cabin noise. New

brakes all around. New rear seals. New gas tank, sending unit and pump. Other new parts that I can't recall now. Parts that go with car. Complete BJ8 exhaust, 4 extra wire wheels with old tires. Just had back surgery and most likely will have hip surgery later this year. Thanks for your interest.



Jim Frakes red 65 BJ8 is sold but not picked up yet. Mid-March is the target for pick-up from the Southern buyer, weather permitting.

Next Business Meeting:

The March business meeting will be Mar 12 at George's Neighborhood Grill, 6935 Lake Plaza Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46220. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM.



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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 February Business Meeting,

Date: February 12, 2019

**Place: Logan's Roadhouse, County Line Rd and Madison Ave
Greenwood**

Attendees: John Mann, Rick & Sandy Smith, Jim & Bev Bush, Roy Bowman, Steve Halleck, Dick & Sherry Storrs, David Verrill, Ruth Buis, Sue & Jim Frakes, David Broyles, Peter Van Horn, Craig Rice, Bill Coan & Guest

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

The minutes from our January business meeting were approved as published in Overdrive.

Craig Rice was called on to provide his Treasurer/Membership report. Currently we have 49 members paid for 2019, and he provided our Club accounts balances. Craig, Steve Halleck and Jim Bush are comparing various e-mail lists.

Jim then directed our attention to our upcoming Club events calendar.

(Feb) Club VP Jim Bush reminded us of our 2018 Holiday party rescheduled now to Sat, February 16th at Tavern On South, downtown. Dinner cost to be provided by the Club this year as a celebration of our success hosting the 2018 Conclave

(Mar) Korner Garage Tech Session and Shop Tour - Rick Smith, as a representative of PPG's Omni Plus paint line is opening up his shop for a demonstration of these paint products and processes beginning at 10 am until 2 pm on Sat, March 2. A general tour of Rick's restoration shop and its services is being offered along with a delicious lunch.

(Apr) Tech Session at Frakes Warehouse on April 13 beginning at 9 am – for car seasonal preparation and cleanup. Coffee and donuts early and pizza for lunch.

- Jim Bush announced our Club's co-sponsorship of the first Cars and Gravy car gathering for the 2019 season on Sat, Apr 20 held at the renovated Old National Bank building at Washington Blvd and 38th St. See the attached for the 2019 season's schedule of these monthly car gatherings.

(May) Bluegrass Club's Springthing will be May 17-19.

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- Jon Monies and Joan Wright will again host their Indy 500 raceday party May 25 at their residence in Brown County; please bring a pitch-in snack or food item to share.

(Jun) Dick Storrs is planning a drive and party in the Zionsville area in Jun – TBD

- Jim Bush has set up a historic driving tour of Irvington and Woodruff Place for Jun 1.
- SE Classic hosted by the Triad AHC, Jun 6-9
- Indiana Brit Car Union (IBCU) London to Brighton Run, Jun 8

Other 2019 events of note include IBCU Zionsville British Car Show, Aug 3; Artomobilia in Carmel Art District, Aug 24; and Black Hills Conclave, Sep 6-11. See Jim Bush for possible car carrier arrangement for the Black Hills event.

Discussion ensued regarding cars:

John Mann is sorting out installing front and back disc brakes on his BN4
 Jim Frakes is offering his red BJ8 for sale at \$45K
 Linda Spees has decided to keep her BJ7 convertible

We then adjourned at 8:03 pm

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

After snowmagedon forced the cancellation of the club holiday party, we were finally able to hold it in mid-February. Tavern on the South was an interesting old building and a good location for the party. The staff was very attentive and friendly. Good food, good conversation, and a chance to talk to some of the members that can't make the normal monthly meetings. Jim Bush made the gift exchange more interesting with telling us a story that involved passing gifts right and left so you had no idea where the gift you originally chose would end up! Thanks to Bev and Jim for handling the event.

Members attending were:

Dick/Sherry Storrs	Michael/Rita Goldenberg
Jim/Bev Bush	Jim/Jo Switzer
Steve/Kathy Halleck	Crag/Sue Rice
Rick Smith & Sandy	Dewey/Mary Pat Poskin
Jim/Sandy Burck	Curtis Boyd & Tony Benner
Pat/Debbie Bruce	Bill Coan & Sandy Ferrguson
Steve/Martha Berenyi	David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker
Ruth Buis	Roy Bowman
David Broyles	Sue Frakes
John Mann	David Verrill



Chowing down



The restaurant quickly adjusted to the appetites of the crowd to bring up more food.



Why do all the pictures of Kathy and me show us at the food line?

Mark your calendars for the first event of the year! April 20, the Central Indiana Austin Healey Club will partner with the National group for the first Cars and Gravy car show of the year. If you haven't heard of Cars and Gravy, it's a monthly get together at the former Indiana National Bank at 215 E 38th Street (between Delaware and Washington). Club member Bill Oesterle is one of the owners of the building. It's a classic car meet up, a neighborhood get together, and family and pet friendly event. There are vendors at the events so you can get breakfast and other items.

This is an excellent chance to put the Healeys in front of a new (and possibly younger) audience and possibly attract some potential new Healey enthusiasts. It's also a good place to get some excellent food and talk with other car nuts! Let's help support Bill and get the cars out there!

If you can bring your car to the event, please let me know so I can get a count for the layout of our area.

Another 'Don't Do This' example. This goes well beyond the Lucas issues.



Tools Explained



TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:
A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2019 Events

Apr 13th – Spring Tune-up, Frakes' Garage, Castleton, IN

Apr 20th – Cars and Gravy with the Healey Club, Indianapolis, IN

May 5th – 3rd Annual Cruisin to a cure for ALS, Lawrenceburg, IN

May 14th – 19th – Mecum Auctions, Indianapolis

May 17th – 19th – Springthing, Louisville, KY
May 25th - June 2nd – British Car Week, Everywhere
May 26th – Indy 500 party, Monie’s house.
June 1st – Healy Club Cruise, Irvington/Woodruff Place
June 1st – British Bash, Louisville, KY
June 6th – Dinner and a Movie, Royal Theatre, Danville, IN (free to all British Car Owners)
June 8th– IBCU London to Brighton run, Fairland, IN
June 30th - Michiana Brits Annual British Car Show, St Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN
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 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. 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20,8/17,9/21, 10/19
Fortville Cruise In – Main Street Fortville, IN every Wed evening, May thru October

Check out www.oldcarsonly.com for more events.

2020 Events

May 17th-21st – Conclave, Crystal River, FL