



Overdrive

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Presidents Message May 2019

Yes, Hawaii was nice, but I would not want to live there. Back to reality now and the much cooler and wetter weather. When is Spring coming; well, it did show up in the form of a very rainy day for a cars and gravy event. Thanks to those who did show up for the Austin Healey featured day. Yes, I did not attend. My excuse is no side curtains were ever installed on the '59 BN4 and I spent most of the morning fitting them on. They ended up fitting well after a few adjustments.

Central Indiana AHC business.

Last year most of us voted to not step up and take the place of the Miami Valley clubs turn being host to September Round-up. This year is our normal turn of the rotation and we, collectively, must make a decision to go forward or see this event go by the wayside.

I have briefly looked at a couple of venues (via Internet and driving). Connersville has several unique places to visit such as the Whitewater Valley RR Museum and the Fayette county Museum plus there are some very nice rally roads (I recently drove IN 121 and IN 229) which are near Metamora. Downside is the only close hotel is Rushville's Quality Inn.

A second option could be Hueston Woods Lodge and Conference center in College Corner Ohio. It is just across the border into Ohio, on the road to Miami University. Normal rates are \$91 per night but some prices are in the \$72 / night and they have many more rooms that Quality Inn, Rushville.

Be prepared to voice your opinion on this coming Tuesday the 14th as the time is short if we want to plan this event. Since several of us are attending Deadwood, it would be best to be near the end of the month of September. Most likely the 19th thru 21st or 26th thru 29th, which is close to some very chilly weather.

Healey Museum in the Netherlands.

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. As President, I believe our club should consider an amount to contribute and request a short discussion on this subject at our meeting on May 14th.

Last Month's Overdrive 'Gamblers'; "Jim and JO Switzer and Jim and Sue Porter former members and now snow birds.

May; always a busy month with the end of the school year activities, Mecum Auction, Indy GP race, Indy 500 and too many festivities to attend. Still, we hope for some good driving weather to make a few excursions.

IBCU London To Brighton Run. By now you should have received the pre-registration for the annual London To Brighton run to be held on June 8th. On June 6th, the MG Club is sponsoring the free movie 1963 comedy "The Pink Panther", starring Peter Sellers, at the Royal Theatre in Danville, Indiana. Several local restaurants are having a special dinner menu before the movie. Sue and I will be in Little Switzerland for this years' SE Classic and cannot make L to B, a usually enjoyable event.

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.)

Jeff Ford's BJ8 is still available...

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.



Central Indiana Austin Healey Club member Jay Ondrovic is being transferred by his company to the KY side of Cincy and has no room in the new place for his Healey. He has asked me to help him sell the very nice 1957 BN4L silver over black four seater. He has done a very good job on this car from when I first saw it years ago. Next week It will be re-located to the Frakes warehouse where it may be seen.

Here are a few details of what Jay has told me about upgrades to the car. Engine rebuild was done by Sport and Specialty's renowned original owner of Durand, IL. Car starts using the upgraded gear reduction starter and reported by Rick Smith to run very strong. Special built fan shroud should help direct air flow well thru the rebuilt radiator. Shocks were all re-built by Pete of Wisconsin.

Interior and weather equipment were expertly crafted by "Upholstery by Lee", of near Louisville. Seats, door panels, dash, tonneau and soft top were all color coordinated in a deep burgundy. Boot Armacord was replaced with new. The boot tire tie downs were uniquely crafted by Jay.

Paint and body has been well done with the painted being a very nice metallic silver. Body panels fit well with proper door gaps as good as I have seen.

Tires have good tread and are in the range of 7 years since new. They are mounted on minilite style wheels with standard knock offs. Transmission is a side shift as usual for a 57 vintage and the rear is a non overdrive. I was not able to see the drive ratio but with no overdrive it should be a 3.54 gear set.

Chrome was not redone on the bumpers, front or rear, but appear to me to be in the eight or better range. Windshield has no cracks or de-laminations that I saw. Instruments appear to all work but I did not drive the car. They are not all of the correct Gold face.

Pictures are included for your review. Call me after next week if you know of an interested party. Price is in the mid 30's.

Jim



Next Business Meeting:

**The May 14 business meeting will be at Grindstone Charlie's 5822 Crawfordsville Rd
Rd
Indianapolis, Indiana 46224
Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM.**



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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 April Business Meeting,

Date: April 9, 2019

Place: Coachman Restaurant and Lounge, Plainfield

Attendees: Roy Bowman, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burke, Steve Halleck, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Craig Rice, Dick Storrs, Peter Van Horn, David Verrill

Steve Halleck called our informal meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

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

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

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

(Mar) Korner Garage Tech Session and Shop Tour - Rick Smith, as a representative of PPG's Omni Plus paint line opened 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 was also 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 our Club Calendar for this season's schedule of these monthly car gatherings.

(May) Bluegrass Club's Springthing will be May 16 -19.

- 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. Originally in Jun, this event will be held instead on Aug 17.

- 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.) Pat & Debbie Bruce will be hosting our Halloween Barn Party this fall. Details TBD.

Discussion ensued regarding Club cars:

John Mann has successfully installed front and back disc brakes on his BN4
Jim Frakes has sold his red BJ8.

We then adjourned at 8:01 pm

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

The club kicked off the driving season with a tech session at Jim Frake's garage on the 13th. We had a good attendance, with Jim Frakes, Jim Bush, Jim Switzer, Jon Monies, Dick Storrs, Dave Verrill, Peter VanHorn, Rick Smith, Steve Ezell, Pat Bruce, Craig Rice, and John Fortson there and ready to work. We didn't have much work to do, Jim Bush and I had our Sprites there for work. Jim was working on installing a push button start. I had a stripped lug that needed replaced and had an oil change to do. Jon Monies brought in an OLD set of Sprite side curtains to see if we could replace the plexiglass. Unfortunately, the replacements weren't close to the original pieces and while putting the originals back in the frame, one of them snapped. He's going to have to fabricate pieces to fit his frames.

Since there wasn't a lot of work to do, folks wandered around the shop looking at many of Jim Frake's projects, spending a lot of time discussing his V8 Healey.

Jim Bush got his new starter button wired successfully. I demonstrated to all why I'm better off working alone in the garage so people don't see my screw-ups. I was fully prepared with all the parts to pull the axle out of the sprite, drive out the stud and replace it. After pulling the axle and seeing that it would take a lot more dis-assembly to remove the stud, I put on my glasses and saw that the stud was ok and that just the lug nut had stripped. Assembling it back together, I put the axle in wrong the first time so the retainer screws weren't lined up. After fixing that and putting the wheel back on, I noticed that I hadn't put it on to a give access to the brake adjuster.

Putting the car on the lift, I got the oil drained and refilled then noticed the new filter still in the box. Back up with the lift to pull the filter and I managed to spill quite a bit of oil on the ground. If I do these things in my own garage, I can screw up without an audience.



It wasn't just Healeys in the parking lot as John's Porsche and Peter's MGA joined in the lot outside the garage.



Looking over one of Jim's many projects.



Jim Bush's working starter button. Final location still to be determined.



Jon Monies was nice to not make fun of my repair follies and was a good sport about breaking his side curtain plexiglass.

The weather for the Healey club at the Cars and Gravy outing this month was better suited to the Healey boats as the rain which was supposed to end on Friday decided to hang around for another full day. Despite the rain two *brave* (insert your own adjective here) souls decided to splash over for the morning get together.

Dave Verrill and I represented the club, while Ed Sherman (co-owner of the building) brought his nice Jensen Healey. Roy Bowman's car wasn't ready, but he came as well. While the parking lot was pretty empty, there was a decent crowd from the neighborhood in the Bank for the coffee and great breakfast food.

I got to talk with Ed for a while, as he showed my Son and I around the bank and talked about the plans for it. It's an amazing art deco building and well worth the trip to a future event to take a look.



Given the weather, most of the morning was spent in the beautiful bank building.



Healey's made up 60% of the cars on display!

After a couple of years where driving in the rain meant the inside of the car wasn't much drier than the outside, the Sprite is finally more weatherproof! It's amazing what a new windshield and rubber, new side curtain rubber, and new felt in the side curtains helps. Driving in the rain to and from the Cars and Gravy, the inside only had a few drops.

Springthing is fast approaching. If you are going, do you want to caravan down this year? Let's discuss at the next meeting.

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2019 Events

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 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. 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19