



Overdrive

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President's Message Sept 2019

Could the Minnesota AHC put on any better show than they did? I think not. With some very great help from the Wisconsin and Manitoba clubs, everything went off very smooth.

My son Doug and daughter Kim rode together in his Jeep Grand Cherokee and Sue and I pulling the Healey in the trailer, from Noblesville to Deadwood, leaving on Sunday and staying overnight in Iowa. A long trip culminated in a visit to the Badlands, before moving on to Rapid City for two nights. That gave us plenty of time to visit Custer State Park, Chief Crazy Horse Monument, the town of Custer, Cave of the winds (elevator was closed), etc.

After arriving at the Deadwood Mountain resort on the 4th, we had the extra day to drive a very nicely paved, scenic route through the Spearfish Canyon. We drove over to the Devils Tower in Wyoming, a very large, uniquely formed stone butte, rising 1267 feet above the Belle Fourche river. Kim, Sue and I hiked around the perimeter and watched several climbers high on its Western side. It is 867 feet from summit to base and the summit is 5,112 feet above sea level.

On to Conclave; Healeys were everywhere, people we knew were everywhere. From LA, CA to Florida to Newfoundland they came and enjoyed the town of Deadwood and its history and all of the venues of the Conclave. On Saturday, Doug took Kim to the airport in Rapid City so she could be back for her anniversary on Sunday.

The car show on the grounds of the Rodeo was early and fast as the town police were waiting on us to be escorted up through Deadwood's Main street on to the town of Lead and back down to park two by two on one side and another group parking on the opposite side, went off very smooth. There were hundreds of people

lining the streets and clapping as we drove by and stayed around while we parked the cars on main street and had lunch.

Central Indiana had a fairly large contingent of members with the Frakes, Storrs, Halleck's, Bush's, Wright - Monies, Switzers, Smith's and Morrison's. David and Bonnie won the Best in Class for BJ8's and were the overall winner of Best of Show for the second straight year.

That was a challenge to get Morrison's car to the event as Rick and Sandy drove their RV pulling the car in my older brown trailer. It almost made it! When they stopped in Wall, SD (Wall Drugs), they noticed the right rear wheel was making a lot of noise, a shot bearing and a shot hub to go with it. After Rick's call I drove back from Deadwood to Wall (we pulled the car out and David drove it ON to Deadwood) and we pulled it to a possible repair place. The repair place could not do the job but he sent us on to another place 40 miles further and in the country. There the owner of the shop determined the hub and bearings had to be replaced. He went into his shop and came back with a brand-new hub that fit! I asked him to check all the other hubs and bearings and left it there about 4 PM. Next morning early, the owner called to say it was done, I paid him over the phone and Rick picked it up. All is well!

In summary, I believe we all had a very good time even those who were not able to bring their cars. We thoroughly enjoyed the Indian dance presentation by Brule' which was just long enough to make a grand finale to the event.

An uneventful drive back took us a different route. We traveled I 90 then straight South on I 29 to just below Kansas City for an overnight stay before moving on to St. Louis to visit Sue's daughter and family there. We were fortunate to leave Deadwood early that morning as we have heard tremendous wind and rain moved in and many drove their cars across I 90 towards MN and WI. Internet picture of the flooding closing I 90 in Eastern SD and other parts on 12th, the day we left, are easily searchable.

Conclave 2020 will be a challenge for Sue and I getting to Florida. We have a granddaughter graduating in St. Louis starting at 4 PM on the day of Conclave reception! Going to try to make it.

As a side note, I will not be in town on the 8th for our monthly meeting. I need someone to take that one for me. I am flying to GA to meet Doug, then we fly to Salt Lake City, UT for a bit of sightseeing before heading to Tooele, UT to drive the track there in an event called "Ford RS Adrenaline". We will return back to GA and I fly back to Indy on the 16th.

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.

Bob Haskell found a Healey replica and a square body Sprite on Craigslist:

<https://indianapolis.craigslist.org/cto/d/rushville-1961-austin-healey/6983499174.html>

<https://indianapolis.craigslist.org/wto/d/laurel-austin-healey/6975728193.html>

Anyone intested in sheet metal work? My brother has a new English wheel with a lower die set for \$275 (\$440 value), and a metal brake for \$150. Contact Steve if interested.

Next Business Meeting:

**Due to Conclave, there was no September business meeting.
The October meeting will be held at the Halloween Party on the 26th at Pat & Debbie
Bruce's barn. 4501 N. 400 W., Rushville.
Eat at 4:00 PM
(See flyer at the end of newsletter)**

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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>

Conclave '19 notes

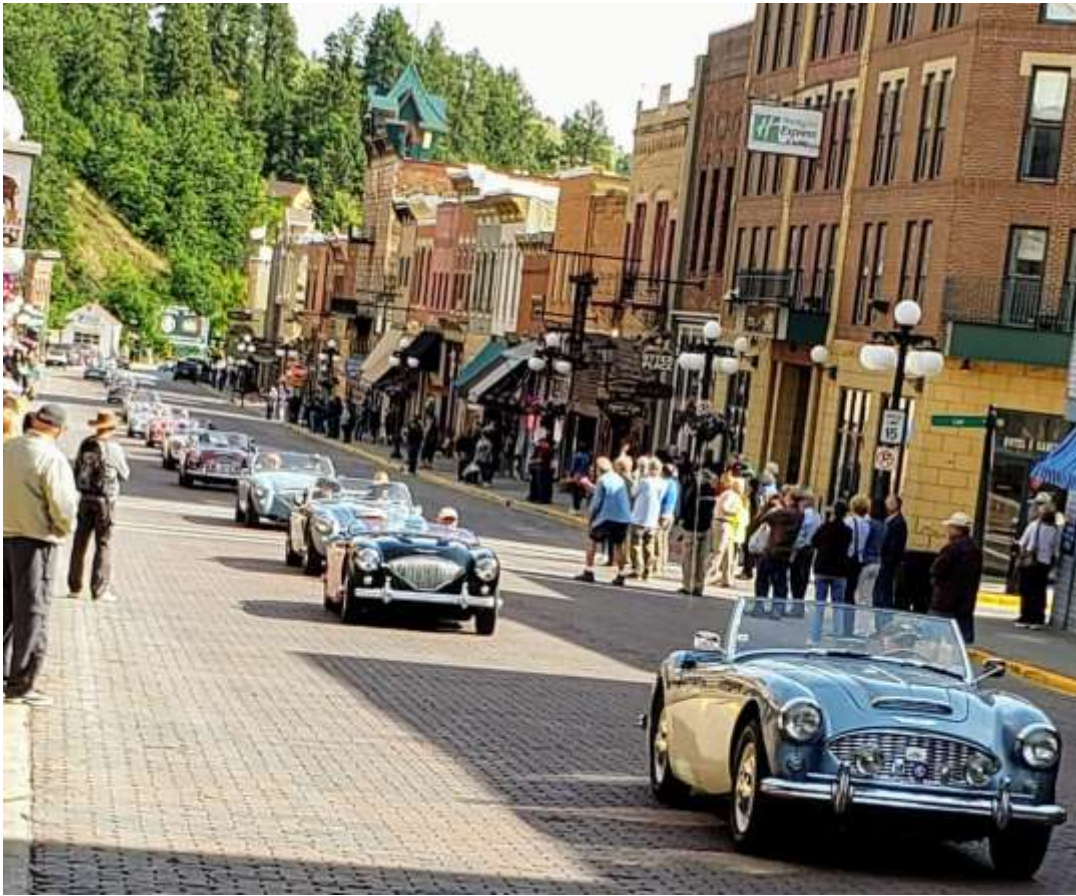
- Attendees from CIAHC included Jim and Sue Frakes with Jim's son Doug and daughter Kim Tighe; Jim and Jo Switzer; Dick and Sherry Storrs; Jim and Bev Bush; David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker; Rick Smith and Sandy Dodson; Jon Monies and Joan Wright. Dick drove his Healey out solo, picking up Sherry at the Rapid City airport.
- Deadwood was a fantastic location for the event. The drives and scenery are amazing out there. In addition to the scenery, there is a lot of history in the area with several historic sites such as the Mt. Moriah cemetery where Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane are buried. It was even fun for the Bushs and Hallecks, who were there in rented BJ9s after our transporter fell through.
- The Minnesota club did an AMAZING job of putting the event together. The Deadwood Mountain Grand was a great venue for handling the huge crowd of people attending, but Deadwood is not designed for the number of cars that were there. Finding locations for the car events took a lot of work on logistics – and they really pulled it off!
- There were two car shows Sunday. The first, at the North end of town was for Conclave category judging. The cars then began a parade that took them through downtown Deadwood to Lead then back for a public popularity car show to benefit the Boys and Girls Club. Seeing around 200 Healeys rumbling through Main Street in Deadwood on the parade was a sight to see. There are some videos and pictures on the Austin Healey Club of America's Facebook page.
- The closing banquet included a concert by Brulè. What an amazing performance and profound message of reconciliation. Look them up!
- At the awards, David and Bonnie took best in class and Best of Show for big Healeys.
- Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon from Cincinnati cleaned up at the awards in the Gymkhana and rally. Nancy was given the Pat Moss award.
- Photos from the event photo contest can be seen at: <https://dropevent.com/Conclave2019>



One of the photos from the event photo contest.

Bugs in a bugeye

credit: annnmark from dropevent



The sound of about 200 Healeys rolling through Deadwood was impressive!



Jim and Sue on the return run of the parade.



David and Bonnie rolling through town.



We kept missing Dick and Sherry on the parade, so all we have is the tail of the car.



The Conclave location brought in cars we don't normally see in the flatlands, such as this gorgeous Sprite from Utah. It gave Jim Switzer ideas for his car's build.



Bonnie and David going into some of the tunnels.



Dick and Sherry stop to take in the view.



Area drives took you away from big city driving. They may have to change this town's sign – the house is for sale.



Our crew arrives at Mt Rushmore for the evening lighting ceremony. Unfortunately, the clouds moved in as the lights came on.



The drives took you near wildlife. David was a little nervous with the Bison near his Healey in Custer State Park.



Keep your windows closed and don't exit the cars they said. Not a problem when these guys were walking around the car!

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Dave Verrill and I headed over to Carmel this month for the first Cruise Indy event to support Folds of Honor. There were about 100 cars there - lots of Ferraris, Vettes, Muscle cars, antiques. They had vendors, food, an auction, celebrity Catherine Bach (Daisy Duke), and a Bourbon and Wiskey VIP tent! The cars left the car show mid-afternoon for an optional 12-mile cruise from Carmel to Indy and back. The event was very well organized, and could well turn into a top event in the area. Next year we need more than the 4 LBCs that showed up for the inaugural event.



The BMC cars shared parts bins. The MG TD owner noticed the overrides on the rear bumpers of the TD and the 3000 were the same.

After Dave posted on Facebook that Cars and Gravy was scheduled at the National on the 21st, I decided to head down there for breakfast and was joined by Dave. It was a small but very interesting turnout for the event this month. When I pulled in, I was greeted by Mark Frost, who was the first president of CIAHC. Mark brings his Vette to the events and talked about vintage racing his Honda.

Those who attended Cars and Gravy last month may remember the beautiful Packard on display. This month, the spot was held by an amazing Duesenberg. Both cars are owned by John Klein. The knowledge of the cars that John has is amazing! It's worth the time to listen to his description and histories of the machines.



John Klein explaining the history of this Duesenberg.

After Cars and Gravy, Dave and I decided to check out a gathering in Westfield at the Grand Junction Brewing Co. Tap Room. The show went for 10 hours, and owners would come and go during the day. Dave and I had a good discussion with Terry Thompson, who owns an interesting 38 Chrysler and worked in Indycar racing. While the crowd at the event was small while we were there, the Tap Room has a good selection of brews, which made the afternoon more enjoyable!

Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

2019 Events

October:

Oct 5th – **Griot’s Garage Caffeine & Gasoline**, 9-11AM, **Tech Session** 11-2:00, 2185 Airwest Blvd, Plainfield, In.

Oct 6th – **Newport Hill Climb**, Newport, IN

Oct 26th – **CIAHC Halloween Party**, Pat & Debbie Bruce’s Barn, Rushville, IN

November:

Nov 9th-10th – **Delegate’s meeting**, Indy

Nov 12th – **CIAHC business meeting**, TBD

December:

December 8th – **CIAHC Christmas Party**, 3202 N. Meridian, Indy

Dec 10th – **CIAHC business meeting**, TBD

2020 Events**May:**

May 17-21 – 45th Healey Rendezvous, Montebelu Resort South Lake Tahoe

May 17-21 – Conclave 2020, Crystal River, FL

August:

Aug 8th – British Motor Day, Zionsville, In

Recurring events

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

Cars and Coffee each Saturday. Check their Facebook page for special locations/events.

Cars and Gravy – 215 E 38th St, Indianapolis. 10/19 (MINI Cooper featured Marque)



CLAHC Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26

Arrive any time in the afternoon; eat around 4:00 ish (earlier time so people can get home before dark). Fish in the pond (Bluegill and Bass), hike in the woods, or simply sit and enjoy the countryside. We'll supply the main dish and a variety of libations. If you have special preferences, feel free to bring them. Please bring sides and/or desserts. Campfire is questionable due to dry conditions.

Please RSVP to Pat: 765.570.0289 or Debbie 765.561.3804

Address: 4501 N. 400 W., Rushville



Several suggestions



for getting here:

East on 70; South on 109; East on 40; South on 140; West on 900 N;
South on 400 W for 5 miles. We're on the west side of the road at 450
N

East on 52; North on 700 W at Arlington; East on 400 N; North on
400 W and go $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to 450 N. We're on the west side of the road.

From Rushville: West on 52; Right on Henderson Road to the 4-way stop
at 400 W and 400 N (Henderson Road becomes 400 W at this point).
Continue north $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to 450 N. We're on the west side of the road.