



# Overdrive

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## *President's Message April 2020*

Isn't it a pain to change all these clocks? Whether springing forward or falling back I dread the time-consuming task of making sure I get in sync. In today's digital world besides the clock on the wall we have other devices to get right...coffeemakers, DVR, thermostats, etc. I had to leaf through the 300+ page manual for the Dodge to get that one corrected. At least the Healeys don't have clocks and if they did it would probably be a thumb screw hidden below the face dial that you turn counterclockwise like resetting an odometer.

I'm three for three!! I have driven one or both cars at least once each month in 2020. I feel I'm a sure bet to run out the remainder of the year with having been out and about in our Healeys.

Next month we have two events on the calendar. Jim Frakes again has graciously opened his warehouse/garage for a spring tune up on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The very same day there is a Ladies Tea in Carmel (see attached flyer). Two separate events, one geared for the guys and the other for the gals.

I spoke with Peter Van Blaricum from Northern Indiana concerning his Michigan lighthouse tour. He has been busy clearing out other tasks and has not progressed as far on this as he had hoped. In our conversation this is what we laid out. He wants drivers to be in Michigan City, Indiana before 11AM on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will depart at 11AM for the first lighthouse in St. Joseph, MI about 45 minutes away. Lunch will be in St. Joseph or Benton Harbor. The northernmost

point we will travel is to the Leelanau Peninsula by Traverse City. Peter is to work on establishing hotels and the actual itinerary.

As we approach the driving season, various club members will organize drives or events and request an RSVP. This fancy French phrase “repondez sil vous plait” means please respond. Please respond as this helps in ordering food, arranging seating and is just the nice thing to do.

One such event being planned is an October drive through Crown Hill Cemetery. We will meet at the Indianapolis Museum of Art for a gardens tour, then lunch at the museum café before proceeding to the cemetery. This cemetery, listed as a National Historic Place, is the perfect spot for Halloween. I’m getting chills down my spine as I think of the fun to be had.

See you April on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Grindstone Charleys.

Jim Bush

## ***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 Frakes supercharged Bugeye.

## ***Next Business Meeting:***

**NOTE: Depending on progress of COVID-19, we may need to cancel the gathering.**  
**The April meeting will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> at Grindstone Charley's 5383 W Rockville Rd, Indianapolis**  
**Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM.**



**We will continue to use Grindstone Charlie's for meetings going forward.**

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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>

# ***CIAHCA March Business Meeting Minutes***

**Date: March 10, 2020**

**Place: Grindstone Charley's 5383 W Rockville Rd, Indianapolis**

Attendees: Randy & Janet Belden, Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Pat Bruce, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Jim & Sue Frakes, Jeff & Jan Freers, Steve & Kathy Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, John Mann, Dick & Sherry Storrs, Craig Rice, Jim & Jo Switzer, David Verrill

Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order at 7:28 pm

Jim recalled our enjoyable Daytona/Chili Cookoff Party at the Switzers' home and called on Jim Switzer to describe the allotment of the pool proceeds in light of the postpone-ment of the Sunday Feb 16 race session.

The February business meeting minutes were unchanged as published in Overdrive.

Craig Rice Treasurer/Membership reported a current membership count at 48.

Jim next directed our attention to our 2020 event calendar:

- Rick & Sandy Smith have postponed the open house at their Korner Garage.
- Jim indicated he will tour the IMS Museum's exhibit *From the Vault* at 10 am March 21 and invites other Club members to join him.
- Bonnie Stahlecker will be having an exhibit of her art work at the Edington Gallery, 1495 N Harding St. Opening reception 6-9 pm, April 10.
- Jim Frakes will provide a Spring Tech session at the Frakes Warehouse for Healey cleanup and prep on Apr 18. Bev Bush is organizing an afternoon Tea on that day in Carmel which is being provided by our Club. **Please RSVP Bev.**
- Jim has contacted the person in charge from the Northern Indiana Chapter which is the host for the Lighthouse Tour, a sightseeing event along the western shore-line of Michigan from June 12 -15. Details of the Tour itinerary to be provided.

We are the host chapter for the 2020 September Roundup scheduled for Sept 17 - 20.

Jim will be meeting with a representative of our favored charity Riley Children's Hospital to publicize this event and placing it on various car event and Healey Club chapter calendars. Craig Rice will be discussing options for setting up electronic banking and transaction processing arrangements with Mike Schneider.

We adjourned at 8:30 pm

**Next meeting: Tues, Apr 14, 6:30 pm, Grindstone Charley's 5383 W Rockville Rd **Note – now cancelled.****

## ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

***By Steve Halleck***

All of our plans are on hold right now due to COVID-19. With the restaurants in the state being closed, it's most likely we will not be having our business meeting or Lady's Tea. In April. Conclave has also been cancelled.

Kathy and I cancelled a March trip to Texas and have instead been repainting in the house. I'm praying that this is a short-lived situation so we don't have to cancel future club plans. As we get closer to our April meeting, Tech Session, and Lady's Tea, I'll send an update out to everyone.

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I had the Artomobilia events on the wrong weekend in the prior Overdrive calendars. It's the weekend of Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, with the car show on the 29<sup>th</sup>. This is an amazing car show and well worth coming out to see.

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The SE Classic date has changed to Oct 1-4 this year. I think Jim and Sue Frakes, David Morrison, and Bonnie Stahlecker are planning on going. I'd hoped to go, but can't do it this year. If anyone else is planning on attending, contact David about driving down together.

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I have been wanting to update the handling on the Sprite. Rebuilding the rear springs took care of the 'bachelor's lean', but it still has way too much body roll in the turns. After talking to some folks that have great handling Sprites, I picked up a set of uprated front springs (300 lbs) that will drop the front about an inch. I need to pick up some wedges to lower the rear also. After trying that out, I may be going to a ¾ inch sway bar.

This is what I felt like on tight turns at speed:



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Take care of yourselves during this health crisis. I think to avoid cabin fever, I'm going to isolate in the garage more.

Keep a positive attitude. One way minimize worry about the current situation, is to find ways to laugh about it.



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Thirteen years after those kids are born, they will become quaran-teens.

## ***Event Calendar***

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

**April:** (look for update on possible cancellation of our events for April.)

Apr 14 – CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie’s, Indy

~~Apr 17-19 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Texas Roundup, Granbury, TX~~

Rescheduled to Sept 18-20

Apr 18 – Tech Session- Spring Tuneup, Frake’s Garage, Castleton, IN

Apr 18 – Lady’s Tea, Tina’s Traditional Old English Kitchen, 30 N Rangeline Rd, Carmel

**May:**

May 12 – CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie’s, Indy

May 15-17 – Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals, Carlisle, Pa  
May 17-21 – 45th Healey Rendezvous, Montebellu Resort South Lake Tahoe  
~~May 17-21 – Conclave 2020, Crystal River, FL~~ cancelled  
May 23-31 – British Car Week, Planet Earth  
May 24 – Indy 500 Party, Monie’s/Wright Home, Columbus, IN  
May 31 – Champaign British Car Show, Champaign, IL.

### **June:**

June 6 – IBCU London to Brighton Run. Starting in Pittsboro, IN  
June 7 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual British Return to Ft. Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH  
June 9 - CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie’s, Indy  
June 12-15 – W. Michigan Lighthouse Tour, TBD  
June 14 – Cincinnati Concours d’Elegance, Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH  
June 17-21 – 2020 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational, IMS, Indianapolis, IN  
June 18-21 – Springthing 2020, New Albany, IN  
June 20-28 - Tire Squeal (Schweinfiletring), Southern IN  
June 28 – Michiana British Car Show, Notre Dame, IN

### **July:**

July 12 – Mad Dogs and Englishmen Auto Faire, Kalamazoo, MI  
July 12 – British Car Day, Cincinnati, OH  
July 14 - CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie’s, Indy  
July 25 – Rolling Into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

### **August:**

Aug 1 – British Car Day, Dayton, OH  
Aug 8 – British Motor Day, Zionsville, In  
Aug 11 - CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie’s, Indy  
Aug 28-30 – Artomobilia Weekend, Artomobilia Car Show Aug 29, Carmel, IN

### **September:**

Sept 8 - CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie’s, Indy  
Sept 12/13 – Columbus Scottish Festival / European Car Show, Columbus, IN  
**Sept 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – September Roundup, Springhill Suites, Plainfield, IN**  
Sept 19 – SIRBrit Motor Cars Show, Newberg, IN

### **October:**

Oct 1-4 – Southeastern Classic XXIV, Lake Lanier, GA **(Note date change!)**  
Oct 2-4 – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN  
Oct 10 – Crown Hill Cemetery Drive and Lunch, Indy  
Oct 24 – Halloween Party, The Korner Garage, Indy

### **November:**

Nov 6-8 – AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN



Nov 10 – CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie’s, Indy

**December:**

Dec ?? – CIAHC Christmas Party, TBD



*CIAHC Ladies' (and Gents') Tea*

*Saturday, April 18*

*1:45 to 3:45*

*At*

*Tina's Traditional Old English Kitchen*

*30 North Rangeline Road*

*Carmel, IN*

*Menu includes cucumber sandwiches, scones,  
seasonal desserts, and tea.*

*The club is paying for this event.*

*Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 8*

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*317-835-7827.*