



Overdrive

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President's Message June 2020

A big shout out and thank you to the club members who turned out May 23rd on the southside of Indy. Barringer's Tavern parking lot was the locale for the short meeting. Tavern owner Kevin Dolan gave a brief history of the tavern. Its path has crossed with the likes of Al Capone and John Dillinger and now can boast of our Austin-Healey club members.

It sure was good to see everyone after a 2-month absence and nobody looked the worst for wear. What did look really good was the 6 Healeys in the parking lot mixed in with 2 other foreign convertibles among members cars. It was a true top down day.

The first topic of the meeting was the Lighthouse Tour. Peter Van Blaricum and John Eslinger had called me the week before wanting to cancel. Their main concern was the lack of open restaurants and other facilities. I asked them to hold off on any decision until we had our meeting on the 23rd. A vote from those in attendance was also in favor of cancelling. Maybe we can reschedule this for the fall. It seemed to strike a nerve among club members as a desirable long weekend getaway. Must be the lure of the water.

September Roundup is still on. Changes have been made to the registration form eliminating the tiered fee structure based on date of registration. One fee is in effect, even to walk-ins on September 17th. This new revised form will soon be posted to the CIAHC website and David Verrill will be passing out the form when he attends Springthing in June.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 6th. We are going to re-create last year's original round about tour of historic Woodruff Place. We are meeting at Needler's Market parking lot at 1030AM for a short meeting. (Notice how these parking lots are becoming the preferred venue for social distancing gatherings?) We will then drive to Woodruff Place and loop among the East, Middle, and West Drives and around the statuary and fountains before proceeding back downtown for lunch at King Dough Pizza. Needler's Market is located at 320 N. New Jersey on the edge of the Lockerbie Square district.

Be safe and hope to see you early June

Jim Bush



Kevin Dolen (the bar owner) tells the history of the bar before the meeting starts.



Janet and Randy heading out before the rain hits (they didn't make it home in time.)

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 Frake's supercharged Bugeye is still available. Details and pictures at the end of the Overdrive.

Next Business Meeting:

The June social distancing meeting will be held June 6th at the Needler's Market Parking lot.

The meeting will be held at 10:30 followed by a drive before returning downtown for lunch at King Dough Pizza.

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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>

CIAHCA May Business Meeting Minutes

Date: May 23, 2020

Place: Barranger's Tavern 2565 S Meridian St

Attendees: Randy & Janet Belden, Roy Bowman, Pat Bruce, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Steve & Kathy Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Dick & Sherry Storrs, David Verrill

Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order in the Tavern's parking lot at 10:40 am

Jim called on Steve Halleck to describe his participation in the recent Meatball 10000 charity driving event in southern Indiana which was able to raise \$15,000.

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

Jim reported for Craig Rice Treasurer/Membership a current membership count at 49.

Jim next directed our attention to our 2020 event calendar:

- The Light House Tour event has been cancelled by the Northern Indiana Chapter.
- The Bluegrass Chapter has scheduled its Springthing for June 18-21 in New Albany, IN
- We are the host chapter for the 2020 September Roundup scheduled for Sept 17 - 20.
Bob Haskell will be setting up electronic banking and credit card processing capability.

Pat Bruce talked about the history of the large cemetery grounds in view just north of the Tavern which includes the grave of racing and car making pioneer Louis Chevrolet.

We adjourned at 10:55 am for lunch in the rear patio behind the Tavern

Next meeting: Sat, Jun 6, 10:30AM at Needler's Market 320 N. New Jersey for a short parking lot meeting and drive. Bring your Healey !

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

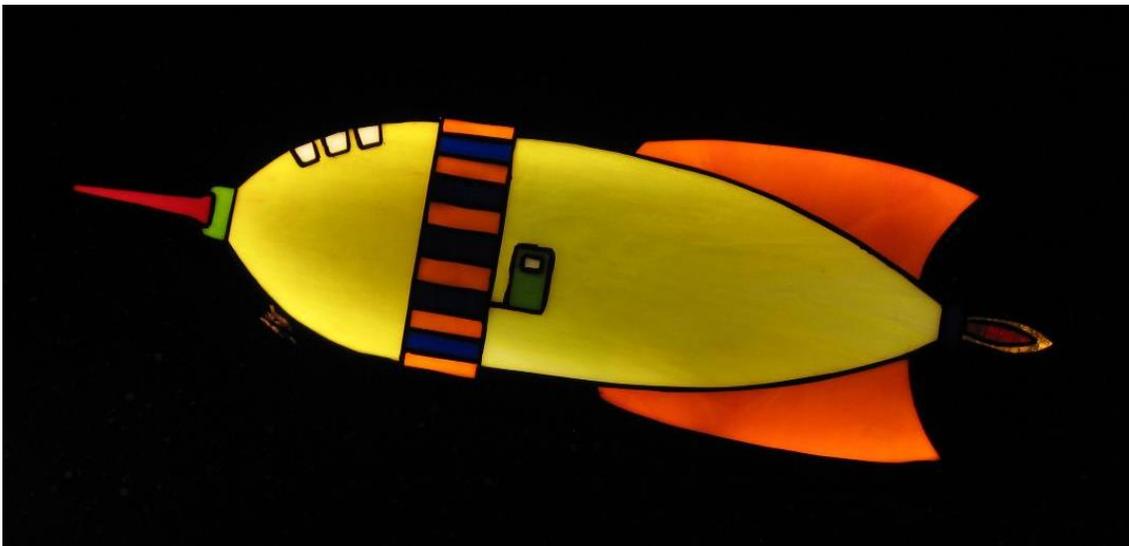
Seemingly simple adjustments on these old cars often take MUCH longer than expected. A couple of months ago, I said that I was making some changes to the Sprite to cut down on body roll. After installing heavier front springs, the front was lowered about an inch. I ordered shims to lower the rear and a ¾ front sway bar from Jeff Porada at Winners Circle. Trying to install the sway bar, I found that the bolt holes in the wishbones were not in the stock position, putting the sway bar links too far out to work. I got a piece of scrap 3/16 steel plate to make new mounting plates that would fit the wishbone holes and still keep the links in position.

To find a shape that would fit the wishbones but keep the links in the stock position, I used CAD (Cardboard Aided Design). Lots of cutting, grinding, and drilling got the mounts to work.

On the rear, I loosened the forward spring bolts and U-bolts, raised the springs to take off pressure and drove the shims into place. Doing so, I found the U-bolts were now not long enough – and one of the shocks was leaking. Shocks and longer U-bolts ordered along with new dogleg links (for some reason, the rubber on the 60-year old links was bad).

Installed the new shocks and doglegs without problem. Then found that the longer U-bolts wouldn't go in due to one of the shock bolts. I had to remove the shock bolts, remove the shims, install the U-bolts, tighten them down, install the shocks, loosen the U-bolts, install, the shims, and tighten everything up. Took it for a drive around the neighborhood to make sure nothing fell off. End result – the rear is about an inch lower but it's still sitting ½ inch lower on the driver's side. I guess I'll keep the car's original name – Ilean.

David Broyles has been working on another interesting project. He sent a picture of his creation. It's stained glass, about 26" long and 9.5" wide. It is hanging on a wall covered in the Milky Way wallpaper at Payne's restaurant in Gas City.



Jim Frakes has been busy during lockdown. He sent me this: 'This week I have been cleaning out my Willowmere property. After two days of loading up the truck and trailer, and one day unloading the first truck load, I am working tomorrow to unload the 8-foot bed pick up. Next week I think it will take four more days of load / unload and store.

There are parts everywhere. Threw away 9 starters today and at least 8 generators.

I hope to categorize stuff in June.

Meantime, I have the Supercharged Bugeye up for sale. The other Bugeye is on my list to get it running at least. The 37 truck is 90% stripped. Next is cab off and wheels back on to roll it out for sand blast.

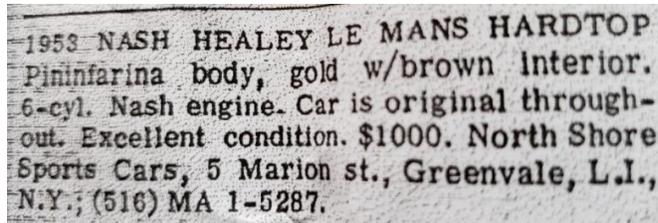
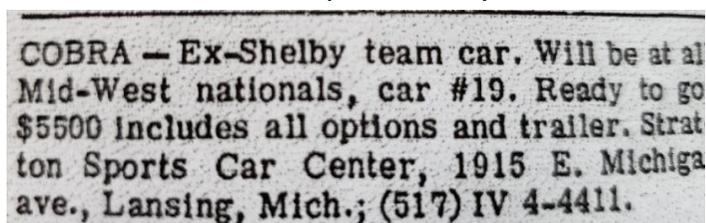
White BJ8 is waiting on help to get the shroud down and on. Mid-June? I need someone to help with counting the speedo cable revs to tell speedo repair how to set ratio. Have to roll car 52 feet 6 inches and count turns!

Need to order some moss carb parts. They open Monday 11th.

Best to just say, if you need a part, ask. I may have it. Sold three parts last week. Went to Michigan, Australia, and NW INDIANA'.

A friend from high school managed to get a copy of the Competition Press and Autoweek from July 9, 1966, which covered the Fords winning at Le Mans and sent me a copy. Man, I miss that publication. It covered not only the big races, but also the amateur racing.

The Classified ads are fun to read. Sprite sway bars for under \$17, an ex-factory racing Shelby Cobra with trailer and spares for \$5500, and a Nash Healey for \$1000! Wouldn't that be nice to find them for that price today!



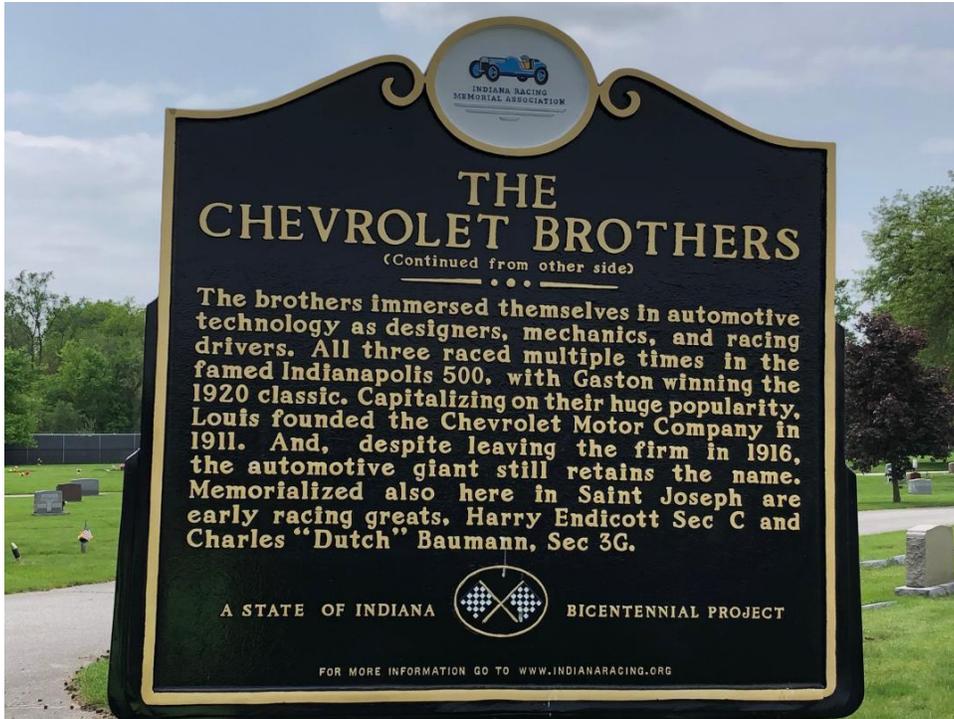
Dave Verrill and I attended the Meatball 10000 on the 16th. It was a 60-mile drive put on by the Artomobilia folks to raise funds to buy meals for the staff at area hospitals. Their goal was 500 cars at \$20 each - \$10,000. It was great weather and they ended up with around 750 cars! They had it well organized, with people staying in their cars to maintain social distancing. The drive went through Hamilton and Madison Counties on some fun roads. The downside was that by staying in the car, you couldn't see most of the other participants – Dave and I never saw each other. On the plus side, out on the road, with people waving all along the route, I was able to forget about the times we're going through now and enjoy tooling in the Sprite.

This may be how clubs need to put on events for the near future, shorter drives without stops-people arrive, take off for the drive, then leave for home without interaction.

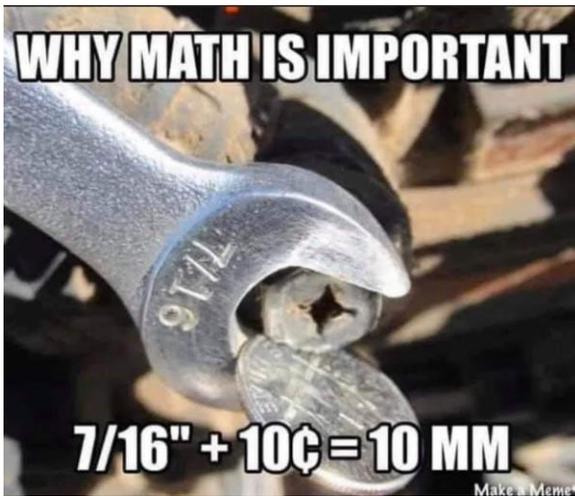


Kudos to Jim and Bev for the idea of the social distance club meeting this month. Berringer's Tavern on the southside is a good location, with lots of history. Right across pleasant run from the tavern is the Holy Cross Cemetery, final resting place of the Chevrolet Brothers and early Indy drivers Harry Endicott and Dutch Baumann.

The idea of holding the meetings in parking lots while social distancing worked well, and is a good model for future events.



Pictures by Pat Bruce



Event Calendar

Event cancellations continue. If you know of any I've missed, please let me know!

June:

June 6 – CIAHC Meeting and Woodruff Drive, 10:30 AM, Needler's Market, 320 N. New Jersey, Indy

~~June 7 – 22nd Annual British Return to Ft. Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH – cancelled. Will be held June 6th, 2021~~

~~June 12-15 – W. Michigan Lighthouse Tour, Traverse City, MI~~

~~June 14 – Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance, Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH - postponed to June 13, 2021~~

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 4 – Indy Grand Prix, IMS

~~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 14-16 – Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals, Carlisle, Pa

Aug 23 – Indy 500, CIAHC party, Monie’s home.

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 17th-20th – September Roundup, Springhill Suites, Plainfield, IN

Sept 19 – SIRBrit Motor Cars Show, Newberg, IN

October:

Oct 1-4 – Southeastern Classic XXIV, Lake Lanier, GA

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

FOR SALE 1958 AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE (BUGEYE OR FROGEYE)

FEATURES;

- * 948 ENGINE. NOT CLEAR IF ORIGINAL OR NOT.
- * TRANSMISSION SHIFTS OK, BRAKES GOOD. STARTS GOOD.
- * ORIGINAL TYPE JUDSON SUPERCHARGER WITH A SINGLE SU CARBURETTOR.
- * SUPERCHARGER BEARINGS LUBRICATED BY ORIGINAL MARVEL MYSTERY OIL CANISTER AND ADJUSTABLE DRIP SYSTEM.
- * **ITEMS ADDED BY PREVIOUS OWNER (INSTALLATION BY A PROFESSIONAL).**
- * REBUILT FRONT SUSPENSION COMPLETELY.
- * FRONT DISC BRAKES AND ROTORS.
- * NEW FRONT SPRINGS (RED) AS SHOWN.
- * NEW TUBE SHOCKS ON FRONT.
- * NEW REAR SEMI ELLIPTICS
- * PAINT; BRIGHT YELLOW, WITH DUAL BLACK STRIPES.
- * **ITEMS ADDED BY CURRENT OWNER.**
- *NEW FUEL TANK
- * NEW TIRES
- * TUNING (CAR WOULD START AND RUN OK, BUT TRY TO DIE OUT WHEN DECELERATING) P.O. (PRESIDENT OF A NATIONWIDE SERVICE BUSINESS) USED THE CAR IN BUSINESS AD CAMPAIGN FOR TWO YEARS. WHEN HE BOUGHT IT, THE FRONT SUSPENSION WAS TRASH. P.O. HAD EVERYTHING RE-DONE FOR DRIVING BUT RARELY DROVE IT. HE HAS A LARGE CAR COLLECTION AND MOTORCYCLE COLLECTION (OVER 150 BIKES)

NOTES:

Windshield is very good as are the posts. Steering is good.

Picture of driver side shows the door was not closed during the photo. It closes nice and smooth with a solid sound.

Left front fender at the very bottom has a boo-boo.

Tach, Speedo and Fuel gage appear to be not working.

No soft top or tonneau cover.

Have not done a compression test. Does not smoke except after setting a while. Clear after warm up. I think it may be clearing the Marvel Oil.

I TOOK A VIDEO OF THE ENGINE RUNNING; OIL PRESSURE AT NEAR IDLE AND SUPERCHARGER SHOWING 20 LBS BOOST.

(I am working on two other Big Healey restoration projects, my favorite 66 BJ8, and another bug-eye (complete but needs help) plus a '37 chevy stakebed truck that is now stripped down ready to remove the cab. Current Big Healeys running are my BN4 OEW (white) htop, Porsche red, over OEW covers and a 65 BJ8 driver Black over red with a/c and a neat motorcycle trailer for long distance driving. Too busy to do this one justice. Too busy to do this one justice.

Car is priced at \$25,000. Or best offer. Car is located in Indianapolis and stored in winter.

Jim Frakes, 317-697-6441 leave message, I will call back.

