



Overdrive

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President's Message March 2020

As of this writing 28 days until Spring!!!! I can't wait. The official date is March 19th but the weather could be warmer before then or the bottom could fall out and we'll be buried in snow. Growing up in northern Indiana I can remember getting excited for spring and just around sectional basketball time we would have a surprise snowfall. Hey we were young and fearless.

I did get the BJ7 out and about on January 16th. After 31 years our furnace clunked out and we got a new one installed. I had to move the car to allow access. It was in the low 40s so I said why not. I bundled up and took a spin around the block which out in the country translates into a 5-mile drive. Bev opted not to join me but maybe the Bugeye will see some road time this month.

In February we like to go to the Chicago Auto Show as it is bigger than Indy and more accessible than Detroit. Prior to the furnace failure we were planning on a new car for Bev. Her Prius is 15 years old and nearing 200,000 miles. Now we will wait until next year and probably get another Prius. A member of the Jaguar club told me driving a Prius sucks the excitement out of driving. I said that may be true but I save my excitement for my Healey. Whether the BJ7 or the Bugeye nothing beats that vintage top down experience. And running through 4 or 5 gears does takes more involvement than a CVT transmission. So Bev and I drive them as much as we can. A short trip to the library or the pharmacy can turn into an extended cruise through the countryside.

I received additional information on the lighthouse tour in Michigan from Peter van Blaricum. The dates are still the same...June 12th through the 15th. They plan to start from the Michigan City, Indiana area and include the Traverse City Michigan wineries as part of that tour. Peter was excited to hear that CIAHC has 9 members expressing interest in attending. He is to call me with firm info on locations and hotels.

I just received notice from Rick Smith that the Korner Garage tech session/open house has been re-scheduled for March 28th. Please mark your calendars accordingly and RSVP to Rick at ricksmith@gmail.com.

Jim and Jo Switzer hosted the Daytona 500 party. About 16 people attended, don't know who won the race drawing due to 1 day delay but I think I may have first out money sewn up. Jan and Jeff Freers won the Chili Cook-off portion, Dave Verrill won for the Hot Chili, and Roy Bowman won the other competition with his mac and cheese offering.

At the February meeting there was an end of table discussion among the wives about a Ladies Tea the same day the gents get together at Frakes warehouse. That initial conversation has gathered steam and was discussed further at the 500 party. I believe a place has been booked and details will be released soon. Things are happening here at CIAHC.

FUN FACT: The plural of Prius is Priii (pronounced Pree-eye)

See you March on the 10th 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:

**The March meeting will be held March 10th 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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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 11, 2020

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

Attendees: Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Ruth Buis, Jim & Bev Bush, Jim & Sue Frakes, Jeff & Jan Freers, Steve Halleck, John Mann, Dick & Sherry Storrs, Craig Rice, Jim & Jo Switzer, David Verrill

Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order at 7:30 pm

He introduced new members Jeff and Jan Freers who have transferred from the Northern Indiana Chapter.

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

Craig Rice Treasurer/Membership reported a current membership count at 47. .

Jim next directed our attention to our 2020 event calendar:

- The Switzers are hosting our Daytona/Chili Cookoff Party on Feb 16. Please provide an RSVP to them with your plans regarding this.
- Rick & Sandy Smith are having an open house/tech session at their Korner Garage to demonstrate some new technology and introduce recent additions to their staff on Mar 29. (NOTE – changed to Mar 28th) A delicious lunch will be provided.
- Rick is in contact with the IMS Museum about having a car club group tour of the exhibit *From the Vault* which closes Apr 20.
- Jim Frakes will provide a Spring Tech session at the Frakes Warehouse for Healey cleanup and prep on Apr 18.
- Dick Storrs is working with the host Northern Indiana Chapter organizing a Light House Tour along the western shoreline of Lake Michigan from June 12 -15.

Further details to be determined.

We are the host Chapter for the 2020 September Roundup scheduled for Sep 17 – 20. Jim and Jo Switzer are arranging host hotel meeting and banquet arrangements with Springhill Suites in Plainfield.

We adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting: Tues, Mar 10, 6:30 pm, Grindstone Charley's 5383 W Rockville Rd

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

We had a few nice days in February between the cold and rain. I was able to at least get the Sprite out for a couple short drive, although it got a little cold. Can't wait for good weather again.



A big thanks to Jo and Jim Switzer for hosting the 500 party at their home this year. Good food, good company. Too bad we didn't have a race to watch. While sitting and eating in comfort, we thought about Jim and Sue Frakes who were sitting in the rain in Daytona.



The IBCU's London to Brighton Run will be held this year on June 6th. Details are being finalized, but the event is planned to start at Scamahorn Park in downtown Pittsboro. These are fun drives and we need to get more Healeys out for the rally.



**pro tip:
to drain all the oil
squeeze the car
real good**



Event Calendar

Please let me know of any addition/changes!

March:

Mar 10 – CIAHC business meeting, Grindstone Charlie's Indy

Mar 15 – 24th British Car Swap Meet and Autojumble, Wheaton, IL

Mar 28 – Korner Garage Tech Session, TKG, Indy

April:

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

Apr 17-19 – 40th Anniversary, Texas Roundup, Granbury, TX

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

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, Montebelu Resort South Lake Tahoe

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

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 - 22nd 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 21-23 – Artomobilia Events, Artomobilia Car Show Aug 22, 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 2-4 – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

Oct 10 – Crown Hill Cemetery Drive and Lunch, Indy

Oct 15-18 – Southeastern Classic XXIV, Lake Lanier, GA

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