



# *Overdrive*

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## ***President's Message Oct 2020***

It was a dark and stormy night in the cemetery. Actually, it was Saturday morning about 10AM, no storms but somewhat overcast as the CIAHC members gathered for another parking lot meeting. This venue consisted of a meeting at Crown Hill Funeral Home parking lot, a self-guided tour through the cemetery followed by lunch at the Indianapolis Museum of Art's Newfield's Café. The regular crew was there with the addition of our newest members Bob and Donna Fisher in their BJ8. They have had their car about a month since it was shipped from California. I hope this is the beginning of a great relationship for the Fishers with their car and our club. Welcome to you both.

The existing officers agreed to serve in 2021 and were elected in a landslide to continue in that capacity.

Kudos to the Beldens for orchestrating this event and continuing our string of 6 consecutive months of great top down weather to get our cars out.

The self-guided tours let you choose among three options in viewing the graves or monuments of those interned at Crown Hill. The racing world had such notables as both Duesenberg brothers and their sons, Indy 500 crew chiefs A. J. Watson and George Bignotti, drivers Tony Bettenhausen, Jim Hurtubise and Cannon Ball Baker. The Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley drew quite a few club members to his high burial site with a great view looking south to downtown Indianapolis.

Those in attendance voted to NOT have a Christmas Party this year due to Covid. This is a smart move as the numbers are trending higher and we have numerous members with compromised health. Who knows what November will bring let alone December.

Be safe

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 Frake's supercharged Bugeye is still available, and his new acquisition 100 is also for sale.



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I received this from Chris: Attached are some pictures of the Austin America 1971. It ran when I put it up a few years ago. Needs wheel cylinders, Hydrolastic suspension is leaking down but will pump up. Lost a garage need the space. Don't really know the as is value. Chris Keisler 260-750-5222.



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

With the weather getting cold, and coronavirus cases spiking, we do not have meetings scheduled for November or December. If we have good weather forecast, we'll send out an email to schedule a drive and possibly a quick socially distanced meeting.

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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 September Business Meeting Minutes***

**Date: Oct 10, 2020**

**Place: Crown Hill Cemetery Funeral Home, 700 W 38<sup>th</sup> St,  
Indianapolis**

Attendees: Randy & Janet Beldon, Roy Bowman & Linda Ambroz, Pat Bruce & Debbie Bruce, Ruth Buis, Jim Bush, Bob & Donna Fisher, Steve & Kathy Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, John Mann, Craig & Sue Rice, Jim & Jo Switzer, David Verrill

**Thanks to Randy & Janet Beldon for co-chairing our event & drive arrangements**

Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Jim announced a proposal to continue our current slate of officers be continued for next year and invited members present to nominate any others. Our members elected to continue our current officers **for 2021**.

**Jim Bush, Chapter President  
Jo Switzer, Chapter Vice-President  
Craig Rice, Treasurer & Membership  
Jim Switzer, National Delegate  
Newsletter Editor, Steve Halleck  
Webmaster, Bob Haskell**

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

Craig Rice Treasurer/Membership reported our current membership count at 53.  
**We welcomed new members Bob & Donna Fisher and their dual-light California BJ8.**

Jim next directed our attention to our 2020 event calendar:

- No Halloween Party will be held this year.
- After much discussion, **our 2020 Christmas Party is cancelled** due to Covid-19 safety considerations.

We adjourned at 10:47 am and proceeded to our drive into the Cemetery, followed by lunch at Newfields at Noon.

**Next Meeting: To be determined. Stay tuned for details.**

# Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Condolences to Bob (and Mel) Haskell on the passing of Bob's dad. Robert senior passed away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in New York. Robert was a past editor of several newspapers in the area and had visited all 50 states. The club is making a donation to the National Kidney Foundation in his honor.

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Griot's Garage Open House had a very good turnout this month, but the Sprite and a lone Triumph were it for classic British cars. The Sprite got a lot of attention, but I wasn't able to catch Chris Jacobs' eye (he's a muscle car guy). I wanted to see if he could ask Chip Foose what he might do with a Bugeye.

There were some interesting vehicles, including a Volvo all-terrain vehicle and beautiful '36 Buick.



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This month's meeting and drive were unique! The Beldens provided 3 tour guides for Crown Hill Cemetery for us to drive on our own before heading to lunch. Unfortunately, Randy and Janet couldn't stick around for the drive. I heard that the Burkes tried to attend, but had starter issues and returned home.

Crown hill is a beautiful place and the final resting place for lots of famous people including a President, Vice Presidents, John Dillinger, and the very moving graves of the civil war dead. The grave of poet James Whitcomb Riley is most impressive. Located at the top of the highest hill within the city (the Crown), it has a view of the Indianapolis skyline in the background.

After touring the grounds, we headed to Newfields (Indianapolis Museum of Art) for lunch on the patio.



Jim arrived suitably masked for an October gathering in the midst of the pandemic.



The group preparing for another social distanced meeting before touring Crown Hill.



The Switzers and Dave Verrill entering the South portion of the cemetery.



Jim climbs to the 'Crown'.



The Healeys circle the 'Crown' at James Witcomb Riley's grave.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY,  
THE "HOOSIER POET," WAS BURIED HERE IN 1917.  
KNOWN AND ACCLAIMED INTERNATIONALLY FOR HIS  
POETRY ABOUT LIFE IN THE HEARTLAND, HE IS BEST  
REMEMBERED TODAY FOR HIS POEMS THAT APPEAL  
TO CHILDREN AND TO THE CHILD IN ALL OF US, SUCH AS  
"LITTLE ORPHANT ANNIE" AND "THE RAGGEDY MAN."  
HE WAS ESPECIALLY LOVED BY THE MANY LOCAL CHILDREN  
WHO WERE ABLE TO ENJOY NOT ONLY HIS POETRY, BUT  
ALSO HIS TIME AND LEMONADE ON THE FRONT PORCH  
OF HIS INDIANAPOLIS HOME ON LOCKERBIE STREET.

AFTER HIS DEATH CHILDREN BEGAN DONATING COINS  
TO HELP PAY FOR HIS MEMORIAL. THE TRADITION OF LEAVING  
COINS ON HIS MONUMENT CONTINUES TODAY AND THE MONEY  
COLLECTED IS DONATED TO MR. RILEY'S LEGACY,  
THE RILEY HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.



The view from James Witcomb Riley's grave.

The racer's section of the cemetery didn't list one grave that is important to Pat Bruce. His brother Michael, who raced Formula Fords is buried there.



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I've now had to replace 5 of the 6 wheel cylinders on the Sprite. The passenger rear cylinder started leaking before the meeting / drive this month. There are some you-tube videos on doing the job, but they all show the later model brakes. The good news is that a wheel cylinder leak sends the brake fluid out the back of the cylinder, so the shoes don't get soaked (it just ruined the paint on the wheel). The bad news is that to get the cylinder off of the backing plate I had to unbolt the backing plate so there was room to remove it! I'd love to talk to the person who designed the setup, to see how much effort went into designing it to be so difficult to fix!



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When you give the bolt one more righty tighty and it becomes a lefty loosey



### ***Event Calendar***

If you know of any I've missed, please let me know!

Due to Covid counts increasing, nothing is scheduled for the remainder of the year.