



Overdrive

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President's Message Sept 2020

If you didn't make it to the September 19th meeting and drive boy did you miss a good one! Jim and Jo Switzer did a great job putting this together. First with the breakfast buffet at the Springhill Suites hotel (designated host site of 2020 September Roundup and 2020 Delegate's Meeting...both cancelled). Then the drive to Hunter's Honey Farm southwest of Wibur IN. This was familiar territory to Bev and I. We previously owned property near Patton Lake and Jim's route utilized both Upper and Middle Patton Lake Park Drives. As they say it was a trip down memory lane.

Jim and Sandy Burck cruised the route in their 1960s Olds convertible. This was their honeymoon get-away vehicle and looked as good on Saturday as it did at the wedding. The only thing missing was a "Just Married" sign and a tail of tin cans.

Another classic on display was John Mann's T-top Pontiac Firebird. Ruth Buis rode shotgun and she and John both looked good. I believe it was a 1969 in that traditional gold color with the Aztec bird on the hood.

If you missed September's drive you can redeem yourself on October 10th at our Halloween themed cemetery drive through Crown Hill Cemetery. Meet at 10:30AM at the funeral home at Crown Hill north of 38th Street on Clarendon Street. This will be a self-guided tour followed by lunch at Newfield's Café at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Randy and Janet Belden graciously put this together so let's have another good turnout.

A potential drive for later this year or in 2021 was proposed by Dick Storrs. This is like the drive created by Jim Switzer where there were certain locations you had to drive to and document your presence via a photo. Be on the lookout for further details.

Finally, the club members at the September 19th meeting voted to have a Christmas party so that is in the works.

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. Details and pictures at the end of the Overdrive.

Next Business Meeting:

The October Drive will be held October 10th at Crown Hill Funeral Home 700 W. 38th St, Indianapolis (North of 38th St off Clarendon St). After a drive around Historic Crown Hill, lunch and a meeting will take place at Newfields (Indianapolis Museum of Art).

Gather at 10:00 AM at the north end of the parking lot near the headstone display.



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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 September Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 19, 2020

Place: Springhill Suites, 6014 Gateway Dr, Plainfield

Attendees: Roy Bowman, Pat and Debbie Bruce, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Jim & Sue Frakes, Steve Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, John Mann, Craig Rice, Dick & Sherry Storrs, Jim & Jo Switzer, David Verrill

Thanks to Chapter VP Jo Switzer for making breakfast and meeting arrangements with Springhill Suites.

Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order at 9:50 am.

Jim announced that Sandy Smith's daughter had passed away on Sept 11. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Rick and Sandy for their loss.

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

Craig Rice Treasurer/Membership reported our current membership count at 53.

Jim next directed our attention to our 2020 event calendar:

Steve Halleck announced that he, David Verrill, Michael and Rita Goldenberg, and Roy Bowman were among the 800 entries in the Lemonade 10000 rallye/drive event on Aug 29 from Clay Terrace.

-No Halloween Party will be held this year.

-Our Christmas Party will be held on Sat, Dec 5.

We adjourned at 10:08 am for our beautiful country drive to Hunter's Honey Farm in the Martinsville area expertly planned by Jim Switzer.

Next Meeting and Drive: October 10, 10:30 am. Crown Hill Cemetery Funeral Home, 700 W 38th St, Indianapolis. Drive is a self-guided tour followed by lunch at Newfields (IMA). Chaired by Randy and Janet Belden.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Jim Frakes attended a small car show this month and found a unique vehicle with an interesting history. He came across a Nash Healey that had been owned by Carl Chakmakian of Nash then AMC. Carl bought the car shortly after joining Nash. Being a car guy, he wanted more power, and replaced the 6 cyl engine with an AMC 327 V8, even writing a manual for other Nash Healey owners to use to make the same conversion. Carl went on to lead AMC's entry into racing with cars at Bonneville, drag racing, and the start of successful Trans-Am

runs. He kept the Nash Healey until his death in 1998. Hemmings has a good writeup on Carl that can be seen at <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/article/carl-chakmakian> (it shows a different year for the car.)





Bob sent a note that he has been working on the MGB recently. 'Changed oil in the gearbox and rear axle. Added oil to the steering rack. Wiring harness is done except for brake warning switches and stowing the overdrive harness. Made two plywood panels for the kick panels. Hope to install the vinyl on them tomorrow. Get those installed and can finish up the interior by installing the glove box. About ready to see if I installed the harness correctly.

Will be a few days before I'll be able to take the B or the Healey out of the garage - see attached image. Won't be able to park any British cars in the driveway...'



As Jim mentioned in the Prez letter, the club had a great drive this month. Again, the weather was great (we've been on a roll with the weather this summer.) Jim Switzer put together a wonderful drive from Plainfield to Hunter's Honey Farm and back using part of the rally drive that was planned for our ill-fated September Roundup this month. The group of 13 cars navigated excellent roads enjoying the scenery and honey tasting at the farm. Pat's Sprite decided it wasn't in the mood when we left and shut off after the first turn on the drive. Debbie (driving their BJ9 SUV, Bob, and Melanie Haskell stopped to provide assistance. Pat didn't find the issue, but after a while the Sprite was ready to go, fired up and continued on with the group arriving at Hunter's about 15 minutes after the rest of us. Kathy and I had to leave the group at Hunter's so she could make an appointment, so we missed the return route.

Pics from Bob Haskell:



The Group lined up for a pic before starting the drive.







Pat Bruce sent a note with the comment, 'Spent the weekend cleaning out my shed. A trip to the sandblaster, a couple of repair patch panels and some bondo they'll be gooder than new.'



Those will buff right out!

A lot of us use Griot's products on our cars. They will have a car show/tech session on the 3rd at their Plainfield distribution center – 2185 Airwest Blvd, Plainfield. Chris Jacobs, from the Overhulin TV program, will be in attendance.

Event Calendar

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

October:

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

~~Oct 2-4 – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN cancelled for 2020~~

Oct 2-4 -Indianapolis Intercontinental 8-Hr endurance race, IMS

Oct 3 – Caffeine & Gasoline and Tech Session, 10:00 – 2:00, Griot's Garage, Plainfield.

Oct 10 – Crown Hill Cemetery Drive and Lunch, Indy

November:

Nov 10 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

December:

Dec 5 – CIAHC Christmas Party, TBD