



Overdrive

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President's Message Sept 2020

Rising COVID numbers made it prudent that we Healey members press pause for the month of August on meetings and drives. I think this is a wise decision and most of our members will have ample time to gear up for a get together in September.

Last month I mentioned my radiator repair by Paul's Auto Radiator. Jim Burck gave me the locale and telephone number. After the OVERDRIVE was published Bob Haskell emailed me that he too had used Paul for repair service. This is the essence of club membership...a member has probably had at one time or another the very problem you are facing now and knows how to get it fixed. Lean on your fellow Healey owners for their expertise and experience.

I did take this idle time to venture to Jim Burck's home in Irvington area and look at his 1949 Christmas present....a Humber bicycle. This is an English bike that Jim had wanted ever since he saw his boyhood friend's model. His parents bought it from Em-Roe's Sporting Goods in downtown Indy. Em-Roe's was located on Washington Street between Meridian and Illinois Streets. Humber was founded in 1868 and made quality bikes. They were purchased by Raleigh in 1932 and continued as a premium brand until 1960. This bike has a totally enclosed chain drive and unique braking mechanism. On a trip to Ireland in the 1990s Jim was able to locate some original brake pads. The enclosed photos don't do the bike justice.

Jim is not the only bike enthusiast in our club. Pat Bruce has participated for several years in RAIN – Ride Across Indiana. This is a 160-mile trek from Terre Haute to Richmond roughly

following US 40. This year's event was cancelled due to the virus but will hopefully return in 2021 for its 35th running.

Another bicyclist is Michael Goldenberg who has participated in RAGBRAI – Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa. The route varies from year to year so the mileage also varies, but is close to 500 miles. The inaugural ride was organized by the Des Moines Register newspaper in 1973. This year's event has also been cancelled.

No meetings, no bike races, no 500 party. I'm sure going to miss Joan's Bloody Marys and Jon's roast turkey off the grill.

Wait til next year!

Be safe and hope to see you soon.

Jim Bush



Burke's Bike

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:

Details are still being worked out. Stay tuned!

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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>

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Cars and Gravy for August was a small turnout, but once again the biscuits and gravy was delicious. Additionally this month was a trailer from Inside Rail, which was selling mimosas! It was a very popular vendor.

After I parked, a gentleman showed up in a '74 T-bird and parked next to me. The rear end of his car extends about a foot beyond my Sprite. It shows just how small the Sprite is and how big the mid-70s T-birds were. (There is a Jensen Healey on the other side of the Bird, but it's not visible!)



Notice the
mimosa in
the
foreground.

The Saturday evening gathering of cars on the courthouse square in Noblesville continues. I saw Ron Francis' Healey parked there one Saturday, but didn't have the phone handy to get a pic. Fortunately, Jim Frakes came through.



The remnants of Hurricane Laura threatened to put a damper on the Lemonade 10000, but Saturday dawned as a beautiful day. Over 800 cars showed up at Clay Terrace in Carmel for their staged starts for the event. From our club, Michael and Rita Goldenberg, Matt and Anna Adams, David Verrill, Roy Bowman, Pat Bruce, and I attended. The Goldenbergs were scheduled for an earlier start time, so we didn't see them. Pat came in later.

The rest of us showed up at a parking area nearby to go to Clay Terrace together for our start time. Unfortunately, we got separated leaving the parking area, Matt and Anna were way ahead of us in staging, leaving just Roy, David, and I.

My famous rally talent was evidenced at the start, by going north instead of south at the first instruction out of the parking lot. I didn't even make it out of Clay Terrace before getting lost!

The first leg of the event wound through Carmel. Lots of folks seemed to have difficulties in this area as I saw cars going all directions – apparently as lost as I was! After a while, I caught up with some other cars and followed them through most of the route. David and Roy said they saw me on the drive, but I missed them. We did meet up again for an enjoyable lunch after the drive.

I wasn't able to get good pics during the event, but there were a LOT of photographers along the route, and I can hopefully share some of their photos later.



Roy and David staged behind me for the start. The last time I saw them until after the rally.



My travelling group for most of the event included an Alfa-Romeo, A Corvair convertible, a Prowler, and a couple of Miatas.

Event Calendar

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

September:

Sept ? - CIAHC business meeting, TBD

Sept 12/13 – Columbus Scottish Festival / European Car Show, Columbus, IN

~~Sept 17th - 20th – September Roundup, Springhill Suites, Cancelled~~

Sept 19 – SIRBrit Motor Cars Show, Newberg, IN – cruise-in only

Sept 20 – Chatham Cars and Coffee Show, 9-12, Chatham Hills Clubhouse

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 10 – Crown Hill Cemetery Drive and Lunch, Indy

~~Oct 24 – Halloween Party, The Korner Garage, Indy cancelled~~

November:

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

Nov 10 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

December:

Dec ?? – CIAHC Christmas Party, TBD