



Overdrive

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President's Message June 2021

June's meeting at Squealers BBQ had the look of normalcy we have been missing since early 2020. It was good to see club members without masks, sitting together and enjoying dinner. Let's hope this continues without any relapse.

A pleasant surprise was a new Healey owner, Tom Kramer, attending the Tuesday evening gathering. He had just purchased his car and was awaiting its arrival on Wednesday. It is an early model and hopefully we may see it at the Cars and Gravy event on July 17th at 38th and Meridian in Indianapolis.

After the June meeting, Bev and I spent a week with family in Michigan at a private fishing camp. I won't reveal the name to keep it private but we were less than 50 miles from Traverse City, site of the proposed September Lighthouse Tour. We have information and brochures about Traverse City we will share at the next meeting.

While at the fishing camp my nephew had a flat tire on his mountain bike and used a nifty tool to air up the tire. It was a Stanley FatMax Power Station. It has the ability to jump start vehicles and be a remote power supply as well as a digital compressor. The air pump goes up to 120 psi, and the jumper cables have a reverse polarity alarm to warn you the cables are on the wrong battery terminals. It is portable and can be recharged at home with a standard extension cord.

It would be a great accessory for your Healey and more useful than extra pair of pants, socks, or underwear in your boot. I am sure there are similar tools on the market but I liked this one.

Stay 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.)

Next Business Meeting:

July 17th,

Cars & Gravy

215 E 38th St, Indianapolis

Car Show 9 to Noon

Meeting at 11, followed by a drive to Cammack Station

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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 Business Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2021

Place: Squealers Barbeque, 86th & Zionsville Rd, Indianapolis

Attendees: Roy Bowman, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Steve Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, Tom Kramer, John Mann, Dick & Sherry Storrs, Jim & Jo Switzer, Peter Van Horn, David Verrill

At 7:24 pm Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order.

Jim reported that the Chapter had made a generous \$100 gift to our favored charity, Riley Children's Hospital, in memory of Blake Bowman, Roy's son.

Our previous meeting's minutes were accepted as published in *Overdrive*.

Craig Rice, Treasurer and Membership, reported our membership stayed at 43.

David Verrill attended Springthing on May 20-23 in the Frankfort, Ky area and finished 3rd in the Rally.

Bob Haskell indicated that the May 16-21 Conclave at Big Bear Lake, CA reportedly had about 200 registrations.

Jim then directed our attention to upcoming events in our calendar:

- Cars and Gravy at 38th and Washington BL, followed by a drive to Carmack Station, Sat July 17 9 am
- IBCU British car show in Zionsville Lions Park, Sat Aug 14
- Artomobilia car show in Carmel Arts District, Sat Aug 28
- Lighthouse Tour along Lake Michigan perhaps Sep 10-13
- September Roundup, Mid-Ohio Chapter host, Perrysville, OH, Sep 30-Oct 2, registration forms available

We adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting: July 17 at Cars and Gravy, 38th and Washington BL

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

At 8:00 in morning on the 12th, two intrepid members of the Healey Club began their drive south to run the Schweinfiletring (The Tire Squeal). Roy in his BJ8, and me in the Sprite. The day promised sunshine, high humidity, and temps in the low 90s – perfect.

I took the lead and true to Z-team rally standards, made it all the way past the second turn before going off course, turning too soon. Easy fix, around the block and onward.

Going around some of the construction required a couple of detours. The first detour sent us down Grandma Barnes Rd, which resembled an off-road course for Jeeps. We raced along at speeds nearing 20mph! Other than this and a small section of detour 2, the tour took us on many of the nicest roads in southern Indiana.

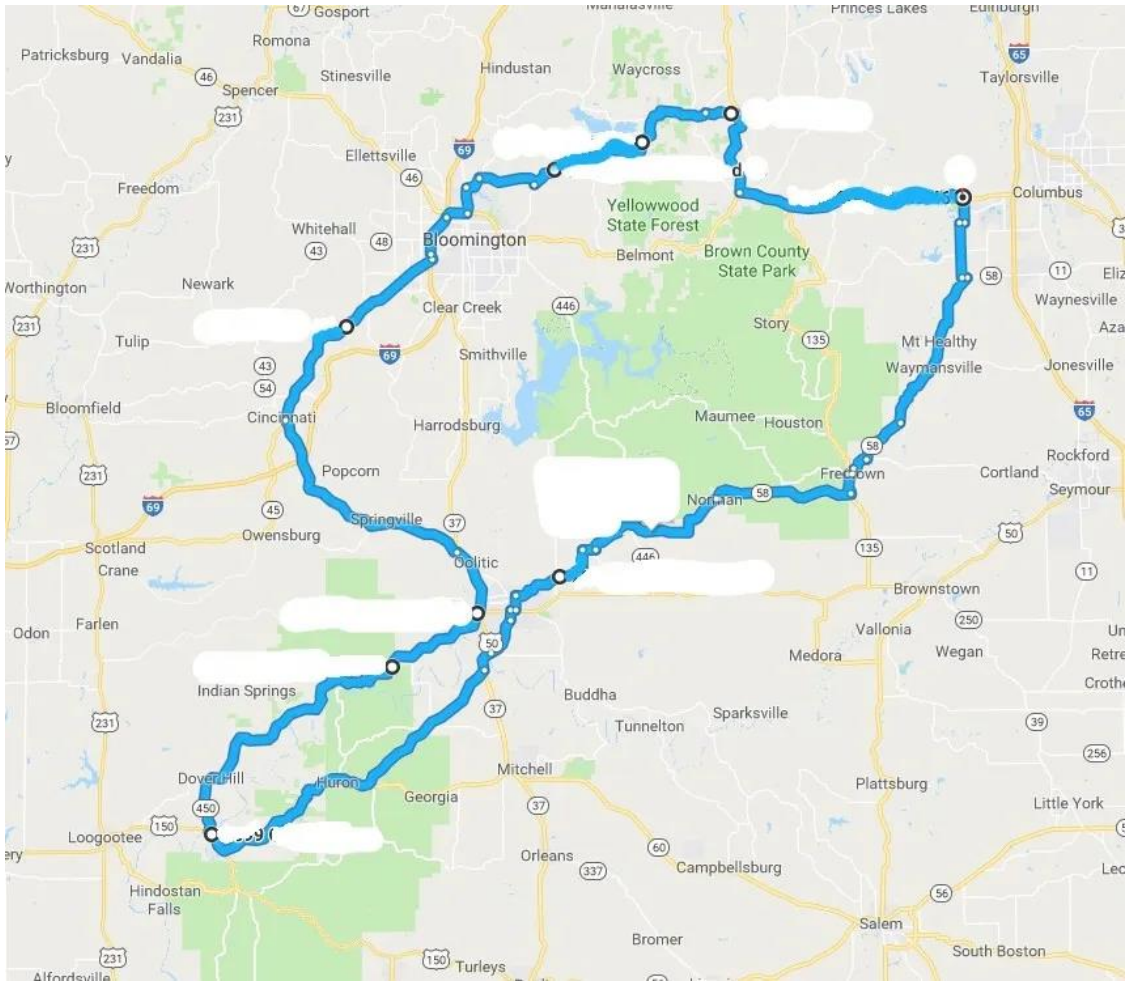
We got separated leaving Bloomington in traffic and did a couple of u-turns to find each other. Once we were going the same direction, we were separated in traffic and Roy took his wrong turn of the day, heading south on the interstate. A phone call got us back together then we were again on our way.

Our cars drew attention along the way, including from another Sprite owner who asked how to get information on the club, members of other car clubs running the event, the proprietor of one bar that was a stopping point along the drive, and an inebriated individual at one stop who kept asking for our phones so he could take our pictures.

After a little over 180 miles (not counting the missed turns), we arrived at our final stop and began the 70-mile drive home as dusk approached.

On the drive back to Indy, our cars decided to take different directions on idle speed. Roy's car would almost stall at idle requiring him to blip the throttle. The Sprite had a throttle return spring break, so I had to constantly hook the gas pedal with my toe and pull up to slow the engine - a variation on heel and toe technique.

As we approached Indy, we saw lightning ahead and hoped we'd beat the storm. I pulled into the garage at home just after 10:00 PM, 15 minutes before the storm arrived. We were hot and exhausted, but proud to have done the entire trip in one day. Many of the folks we talked to in their air-conditioned modern cars didn't complete the route.



Bob Haskell and Ron Francis attended the Father's Day car show in Noblesville. They had the only Healeys there in the 300+ cars. Bob said a fellow stopped to look at his tri-carb, wondering if it was the original paint (nope). He told Bob it was his favorite car in the show.



I hope no one else got damage from the hail storm last week. We're getting a new roof, gutters, and downspouts as well as dents repaired on our cars (the Sprite was safely in the garage).

As of now (near end of June), Cammack Station has not re-opened following extensive remodeling. We have a fallback destination if it's not open in time for the 17th ice cream drive – Jimmy's Dairy Bar in Pendleton.

Jim and Jo Switzer are hosting a Summer Drive!!!

August 7th 9:30

Please join us at our house 6720 Fieldstream Drive, Avon IN 46123. We will have a short meeting before we drive off. I will have coffee, and some goodies to get us started. Jim has a drive laid out to Greencastle where we will end up and have lunch at TapHouse Burgers . I'm sure we will find ice cream along the way too.

Hope for good Healey weather. Please join us for good driving and good friends.

Drop me an rsvp if you can 317-501-7091.

See you on July 17th!

Jo

Event Calendar

If you know of any I've missed, please let me know! Check the web site (www.ciahc.org) for changes. Bob is doing a good job on keeping it up to date.

2021 Events

July:

10-11 – Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXX, Hickory Corners, MI

17 – Cars and Gravy, business meeting, and drive to Cammack Station, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

24 – Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

August:

7 – CIAHC Summer Drive, Switzer's home, 6720 Fieldstream Drive, Avon IN 46123

7 – 36th Annual Daytona British Car Day, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, OH

14 – British Car Day, Zionsville, IN

17 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

21 – Cars and Gravy, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

28 – Carmel Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

September:

1-4 – Auburn Fall Auction, Auburn, IN

8-10 – Encounter 2021, Frazer, PA

11-12 – Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

12 – British Car Day, Cincinnati, OH

19-23 Healeys @ Newport, Newport, RI

21 – CIAHC business meeting, TBD

30-10/2 -September Roundup, Mochican State Lodge, Perrysville, OH

October:

1-3 – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

2 – Caffeine and Gasoline and Tech Session, Griot's Garage, Plainfield, IN

21 – Southeastern Classic, Safety Harbor, FL

30 – Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn, Fountaintown, IN

November:

5-7 – AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN