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President's Message May 2021

On the Chinese calendar it may be designated The Year of the Ox but for the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club it is the year of the woman. We started with Debbie Bruce's wildflower hike at Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary closely followed by Bonnie Stahlacker's exhibit at the Edington Gallery. And in May we just finished the Ladies (and Gents) Tea organized by Bev Bush. Now the men need to step up their game. I would be glad to see another female member of CIAHC put together something new and exciting.

The Mecum auction was in town this past weekend. Two Healeys, both 1964 BJ8s were listed for sale. One had a pre-sale estimate of \$120,000 to \$135,000. Total frame off restoration with some additional work by the White Post shop. That price is quite optimistic. I hope the seller gets that, or more.

I noticed a sponsor of the mecum Auction is Motor District Garage Condo of Westfield, specifically 176th and Ditch Road. They are storage units you buy with loft living quarters. They cater to collector cars but I saw RVs and boats in storage. These are very high-end units with custom build outs so be prepared to spend some money.

I did email the president of the Northern Indiana Healey club with our interest to participate in the Lighthouse Tour if the date does not conflict with September Roundup. Three weeks have elapsed and I have not heard back.

Lastly, I got an email from a guy who has a square body Sprite for sale. He is asking \$1500 for the car, it looks complete. Check our website marketplace for photos and further information. He said it ran when he parked it 15 years ago. Does that sound familiar?

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.)

The Mk 2 Sprite (I think) that Jim mentioned in his column is for sale for \$1500 in Terre Haute. Contact Jerry Butler at (812) 298-5584 for information.



Next Business Meeting:



June 8th, 6:30 PM

Meeting at 7:30

Squealers Barbeque Grille (back room)

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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>

CIAHCA Business Meeting Minutes

No May Meeting

SpringThing 2021

By Jim Frakes

A small but lively group of Healey enthusiasts arrived Thursday May 20th in Frankfort, KY. Home of the Capital of the commonwealth and gateway to the Bourbon Trail. Our hosts, the Blue Grass Austin Healey Club, started us off with their usual Southern Hospitality snacks followed by a very nice and tasty BBQ buffet for the evening. Healey enthusiasts from Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana were happy to get together for our first multi club event in 2021. Our host hotel, Best Western, welcomed us with a nice Hospitality room and free Breakfast each morning. For over thirty years the BGAHC has hosted Springthing and always provided a good time.

Our Indiana crew consisted of David Verrill (1960 3000) and Jim and Sue Frakes. Sue and I made a wise decision to trailer the Black and Red BJ8, which we will mention later. Weather was great and tops were down on most cars the entire weekend.

Friday AM was a no-schedule tour on your own. Of course, some went on to various distilleries. A large group traveled to the Aviation Museum near Lexington. While small, the museum had a good variety of aircraft including one four stacked wing craft. Our attraction was to a 100 formerly owned by a WWII pilot and later an astute business man in the far east. He had purchased a 100 and over the years, either did his own work or directed work to be done on his 100, adding multiple gages, toggle switches and pilot lights to the Healey. It had been recently restored after his passing and was in very nice shape. (pics below)

Lunchtime arrived and after being led through some great, scenic horse farm roads, we arrived at a quaint old railroad town on US 62 for lunch where there were multiple eateries. Food, beer, wine and good conversation was abundant.

The evening dinner on the banks of the Kentucky River also acted as the venue for the car show. 29 cars participated including one late arrival from Georgia in a square body. I had not seen him since the UK2K trip to Europe in 2000. Each year it seems there are more beautiful Healeys than the previous year, and the car show did not disappoint.

Saturdays Rally by Dr. Rice and Mike Sasse took us through many nice scenic roads, which are plentiful in Bourbon territory. Sue and I missed a turn somewhere about halfway through and ended up lost for a while, but still enjoyed the drive.

However, after two days driving, my clutch leg became very stiff and sore and made me glad we brought the trailer.

Saturday evening was of course awards night with awards for Funkhana, Rally and car show. I did not keep track of the winners but top car in the BJ8 went to Jerry and Peggy Spurlock, while Best of Show went to Gayle and Cindy Loos.

Sunday was our usual; up, breakfast, say our good byes, and hit the road home. We had a good time and were glad we made the trip to another Springthing. We look forward to 2022.

Jim and Sue.



Making the 100 look more like an aircraft. Photo by Jim Frakes

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Bev Bush resurrected the Ladies' Tea that was cancelled last year by the pandemic. A group of club ladies (and a few proper gentlemen) arrived at the Tea Room of the Rustic Root in Beech Grove on the 7th for an afternoon of Tea, Scones, and good conversation. This was by far the best Tea I've ever attended! The ladies enjoyed their conversations while the gentlemen discussed Healeys at our own table.

Thanks for putting this together Bev!



Our club drive of the Tire Squeal on the 12th has changed. Several planned participants have had things come up preventing their participation. We also could not get rooms in French Lick, so we'll make it a one-day event. If you would still like to go on the 12th, register at The Tire Squeal 2021, click on Schweinefiletring; go to home, click on register, fill out the form, enter the team name of Central Indiana Austin Healey Club. Check out the rules, great prizes, and the route (clockwise). Make a donation to Gleaners while you are there.

We'll be meeting at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, IN at 10:00 AM on the 12th and setting off on a 179-mile drive through some of the nicest roads in Southern Indiana and dining on pork tenderloins (or other menu items). We'll end up back at the Brown County Inn after the drive. You could spend the night there, in nearby Columbus afterwards, or head back home.

Please let me know if you are going to do the drive (Healeys not required) so we don't leave without you.

If you are going to Sept Roundup and didn't get a room at the inn for Saturday night, Dave Verrill said his room will be available for storing your luggage during the day's events Saturday.

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

June:

- 6 – British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH
- 8 – CIAHC business meeting, Squealers, 5515 W. 86th St, Indy
- 12-13 – Tire Squeal 2021, Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN
- 13 – Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance, Ault Park, Cincinnati, Oh
- 19 – Cars and Gravy, 215 E. 38th St, Indy
- 27 – 33rd Annual Michiana British Car Show, St Mary's College, South Bend, IN

July:

- 10-11 – Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair XXX, Hickory Corners, MI
- 12 – Cars and Gravy, business meeting, and drive to Cammack Station, 215 E. 38th St, Indy
- 24 – Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

August:

- 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