



# Overdrive

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## ***President's Message Nov 2021***

It was so sad to hear of the passing of Bob Fisher. He and Donna joined CIAHC in the fall of 2020. Their first club outing was the Crown Hill Cemetery tour in October. Since then, Bob and grandson Owen have enjoyed several of our drives – Cars and Gravy, Jack’s Donuts to Fortville, Jimmy’s Dairy Bar in Pendleton, Zionsville All British Car Show. I went to the viewing at Flanner Buchanan Funeral Home in Zionsville. If I had any doubts of Bob’s enjoyment of his Healey, they were quickly waylaid upon seeing his Colorado Red BJ8 parked in front of the funeral home. Our condolences to Donna and her family.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a tour of the Pete’s Classic Storage and Restoration. Pete’s has closed their original location at 49<sup>th</sup> and Penn and expanded the facility at 2525 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street. This tour is at 9AM and by special appointment as they are normally not open on Saturdays. Get there promptly to honor their willingness to serve our club. There is no penalty for being early.

The Christmas Party is still on schedule for Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tavern On The South. Our club used this venue 3 years ago and people seemed to like this location. We will have our buffet dinner and the gift exchange (\$25 limit). The club will pay

for the dinner and members will be responsible for their drinks. Rumor has it that the Prez and Vice -Prez are scheming to have a traditional British pub activity to celebrate the holidays. Be on the lookout for the RSVP info and do respond. There is no penalty for being early.

Stay safe

Jim Bush

***Next Business Meeting:***

**Pete's Classic Cars, 2525 E. 56<sup>th</sup> St, Indianapolis (just east of Keystone) Nov 20, 9:00 AM. We'll tour the facilities and then go to lunch nearby.**



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### ***Mr. Healey's Neighborhood***

#### **Central Indiana AHC**

<http://www.ciahc.org>

#### **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>

## **September Roundup**

This year's September Roundup returned to an old favorite...Mohican State Park in Perrysville, Ohio. We were last there in 2017, and Bev and I have the sweatshirts to prove it.

The CIAHC members assembled in Pendleton for the caravan to Mohican were Bev and I, Jim and Sue Frakes, Bob and Melanie Haskell and Dick and Sherry Storrs. David Verrill, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison would join us late Thursday at the lodge. State Road 36 was our path east and lunch was at Piqua, Ohio. This was the site of another previous September Roundup. Could we say this was a trip down memory lane?

A lot of familiar faces greeted us in the Hospitality Room but some Healey owners I expected to see were not in attendance.

Friday's rally had the cars staggered at 5-minute interval starting times. Within the first 5 – 10 minutes we were behind 2 Ohio cars who seemed uncertain of where they were going. Both pulled into a barnyard to ask directions. Bev and I were damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead. If we missed a clue we just guessed. What color was the Amish schoolhouse? Mauve. What letter of the alphabet is on Happy Valley Farm's barn? We had a one in 26 chance of getting that correct. Bev and I pulled into the city park in Millersburg and handed in our sheet. Shortly thereafter Dick and Sherry arrived. I was surprised as they had an earlier starting time than us. They admitted they backtracked to get answers to clues they missed. This was effective for them as they finished third in the rally.

Soon Jim/Sue, Bob/Mel, David/Bonnie arrived. David Verrill rode shotgun with an Ohio club member. They were stopping to photograph church steeples the driver found interesting. We all ended up in downtown Millersburg at a restaurant in an old hotel called The Grover. Supposedly Grover Cleveland stopped and ate lunch here. I believe George Washington slept upstairs and Elvis was in the kitchen making banana and peanut butter sandwiches. Now they can say the CIAHC congregated in historic Millersburg.

Bev and I left one day early due to rain concerns and family issues. I want to thank Chris Clark and the Mid-Ohio club for staging a nice event at a great venue.



Bob Haskell photos



Dick helps clean up Jim's Healey as David and Sue supervise. Jim Bush photo

## ***CIAHCA Business Meeting Minutes***

No meeting in October

## ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

***By Steve Halleck***

I'd like to echo Jim's statement of condolences to Bob Fisher's family. Although only with the club a short time, he was a proud Healey owner. I hope his grandchildren Owen and Max can continue to attend some of our events.

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I hate that the end of the driving season is on us. This past weekend (24<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>) was the first time I haven't had the car out for some reason and I'm having withdrawal symptoms. I'm trying to decide what I want to do the car over the winter. LED lights, front disk brakes, and a 5 speed are on the possible list – if I can find the parts!

While we didn't have any club events in October, there were several shows this month which my son (Brandon) and I attended.

Griot's Garage had their Caffiene and Gasoline show and sale at the Plainfield location. The forecast was for rain in the afternoon. Unfortunately, the rain showed up just as we arrived that morning, so it was a very short stay followed by a soggy drive back home. I blamed Brandon for the bad weather.

The following weekend, Cars and Coffee had it's final gathering at IMS for the season. It was a beautiful day with a LOT of nice cars. The IMS Museum brought out a Nascar racer and the Ferarri 250 LM that won Lemans in 1965. The Triumph marque was well represented, with the club using it for a starting point for a drive. Our club just had two Sprites in attendance as Curtis Boyd and I were side by side.



On the way to IMS the following week to see the qualifying for the 8-hour race, I stopped at the final Cars and Gravy of the season where Curtis and Roy had their cars on display. On Sunday, Brandon and I drove to Cammack Station for their final car show of the season. The building has more than doubled in size since our last club drive over and is still a great place to stop for ice cream and food.

We had the only LBC at the event until a very nice MGTC showed up.



## ***Event Calendar***

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

### **2021 Events**

#### **November:**

5 – Tour of Dan Hinel's HO train layout, lunch, tour of Gene Perkins Classic Cars, Plainfield, IN

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

20 – Tour of Pete's Restoration and lunch meeting, 2525 E 56<sup>th</sup> St, Indy

#### **December**

3 – CIAHC Holiday party