



Overdrive

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President's Message Feb 2022

Prior to COVID rearing its ugly head, Bev and I would schedule a Valentine Day getaway to Chicago. This just happened to coincide with the Chicago Auto Show. A quick bus ride from our hotel to McCormick Place and we were in heaven, for 6 -8 hours. Even though we haven't attended the last 3 years I have kept track of the latest automotive developments the old fashioned way....through newspaper articles. Here are some tidbits I found of interest.

The first is the new headlamp systems called ADB or Adaptive Driving Beam. These lights are essentially always on high beam while computers and sensors instruct the light to reshape itself to avoid blinding oncoming drivers. First available only in Europe and Asia, the recently passed infrastructure bill allows their use in America. The number of beam patterns varies from manufacturer to manufacturer. Audi throws a bright white carpet in front of the car. It widens when you change lanes then narrows back to original size once the lane change is completed.

The next issue is the electrification of the auto industry. In Europe, in December 2021, more electric cars were sold than diesel cars. Diesel powered cars have long been popular in Europe because of tax policies. Diesel is generally more fuel efficient but creates more pollution. Diesel sales decline began in 2015 when VW falsified emission figures. Tesla had a great 4th quarter in sales. And every major manufacturer has a news release touting their latest offering.

And now from Ford and GM. Buy your own electric motor and install it in any vehicle you desire. Ford calls their product Eliminator Ecrate motor, it sells for \$3900 for motor alone. GM sells their version as a complete package, motor, batteries and computer management system. No price yet.

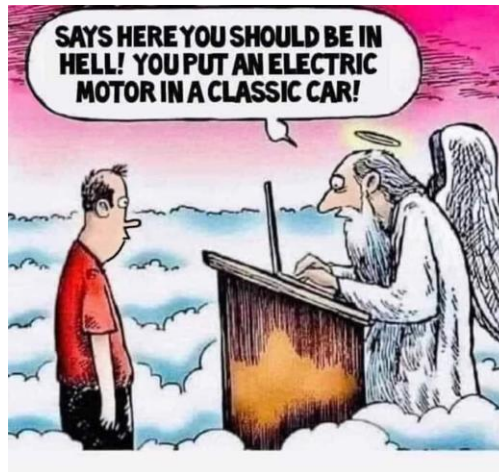
Several companies have popped up that do electrical conversions on old vehicles. London Electric Car price is \$34,000 for a conversion. Meanwhile in the States a Pennsylvania firm ,RevAmp, offers the same type service.

And we all thought Bugeye Guy was crazy with his E-bug. No doubt a big Healey will be converted soon.

Stay safe.

Jim

In fairness, here's an opposing opinion:



CARS/PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

(Please send me any news of cars/parts that are for sale.- evetshalleck@yahoo.com)

Next Business Meeting:

The March gathering will be 11:00, March 19th at Sully's Grill, inside Sullivan's Hardware, 71st and Keystone (6955 N. Keystone).

Sully's BAR & GRILL



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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

Jim Bush has been busy finding activities for the coming driving season. First up is a tour of Tour of Singh Performance Autowerks near Bloomington. Ajmir Singh re-opened Tucker Madawick's shop and is again working on British cars! Tom Kramer has a Healey over there now. In July, we'll travel down to take a tour and have lunch at Oliver's Winery.

In October, we'll travel to Auburn IN. One of the members of the Northern Indiana Healey club is restoring a 1959 filling station. We'll travel up to take a look at it!

Schweinefiletring 2022 is on! The 2022 Tire Squeal is June 25 to July 10. Roy and I ran this last year (on a 93-degree day). The drive covers many of the finest roads in Southern Indiana, and you can drive it any time during the period. See <https://schweinefiletring.com/home> for details or Google 'The Tire Squeal' for details. Let me know if you're interested.

While working on putting LED lights in the Sprite, I decided it was prudent to have more than 2 fuses for the car. After installing the fuses, I checked that everything was still working. The bonnet was up, so the headlights were pointed towards the floor. When I turned on the running lights, I thought the headlights had come on, but it was just the brightness of the LED running lights!



With the quarter elliptic springs, it's hard to put a strap on the Bugeye for towing. Normally, straps go through the wheels or around the axle (which can cause issues with the brake lines). I came across these simple hooks that install on the spring shackle bolts. It just takes a little grinding to install. Easy addition if you're towing a Sprite. If you're interested, I have the info.

The IBCU will have it's London To Brighton Rally this spring on June 11. These are always fun drives.

I really enjoy the articles in the Marque about the early classic cars, especially the factory race models. I came across the Falcon Sprite on the internet recently. It was built by Roger Menadue using a kit car body on a Sprite chassis and raced at Nassau, Sebring, and Le Mans in '59 and '60. One of the unofficial drivers was Stirling Moss, who took the car out for a few practice laps and gave some pointers to official driver John Spritzel (of Spritzel Sprite fame).



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 great job on keeping it up to date.

2022 Events

March

19 CIAHC Business meeting, 11:00 AM, Sully's Bar and Grill, 6955 N. Keystone (inside Sullivan Hardware)

27 25th All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble (Tentative), Wheaton, IL

April

8-10 41th Anniversary Texas Healey Roundup, Brenham, Texas

12 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)

16 BaT Cars and Coffee, IMS

May

10 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)

13,14 Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

19,20 SpringThing, (Details coming soon)

June

4,5 Champaign British Car Festival, Champaign, IL
5 British Return to Fort Meigs British Car and Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH
11 IBCU London to Brighton rally, start point TBD
13 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)
26 Michiana British Car Show, St. Mary's College, South Bend, IN
26-July 10 Tire Squeal (Schweinfiletring), Southern Indiana

July

9,10 Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Hickory Corners, MI
13 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)
23 Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

August

6 37th Annual Dayton British Car Day, Eastwood Metro Park, Dayton, OH
9 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)
13 34th Indy British Motor Days, Zionsville, IN
27 Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

September

10,11 Columbus Scottish Festival, Bartholomew County Fair Grounds, Columbus, IN
8-11 September Roundup, Southern Ohio
13 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)
18-22 Enclave 2022, Kalahari Resorts Poconos, Pocono Manor, PA

October

8 Driver to Auburn
11 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)

November

8 CIAHC Business meeting (Tentative)
12,13 AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN

December

?? CIAHC Christmas Party,