



# Overdrive

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## *President's Message Sept 2022*

Let me tell you about two great Healey events in September attended by several CIAHC members.

The first was September Roundup hosted by the Ohio Valley club in northwest Cincinnati metro area. Dick and Sherry, Steve and Brandon, Randy and Janet, Bob and Melanie, Ruth, David V. and Bev and I attended. The Cincy club did a great job. The hotel was nice, free breakfast, great car show. The hospitality room could have been bigger. Janet and Randy Belden won the rally with a perfect score. I knew they had their game face on when I saw them first in line for the start of the rally.

The second event was Enclave in the Poconos in eastern Pennsylvania. Bob and Melanie drove their Mini, Bev and I drove our BJ7, David Morrison drove his BJ8 and Bonnie Stahlacker drove a Subaru loaded to the gills with art work, valve cover racer, extra suitcases and other support gear. Steve and Kathy Halleck trailered their Bugeye on a separate path as they visited relatives enroute to Mount Pocono. Roy Bowman was to have attended but withdrew due to medical issues. Our 4 car caravan took 2 nights, 3 days to arrive at Enclave. The only issue was my BJ7 losing brake pressure. A roadside brake bleed fixed the issue and we soldiered on.

Kalahari Resort is huge. If you thought you did a lot of walking at French Lick, then you need to buy a new pair of sneakers for this venue. But you need a big hotel to host 310 registrations and approximately 250 cars. I was disappointed not to see a Nash-Healey but there was a

beautiful contingent of cars. Nine vehicles were presented for Concours judging. Bugeye Guy brought the first production Sprite, number 501 and it realized Gold status. The 100S previously owned by Bill Osterle took Best of Show. Wednesday's car show in nearby Stroudsburg featured a English bobbie giving tickets to show participants. Valve cover races were so hotly contested that each race was filmed in slow motion video to determine each heat winner. David Morrison lost early. Bonnie Stahlacker won several of her heats and proceeded to the finals of the Hot Wheels competition. But alas she failed to make the podium. There is no joy in Plainfield. The Hot Wheels track was a 72 foot undulating 6 lane masterpiece built by Steve Bell of the New England chapter.

All 8 CIAHC members left early Friday morning and we took I-80 west for the first day. Steve and Kathy peeled off to visit more relatives. Our remaining contingent spent days 2 and 3 on back roads to complete a safe and wonderful journey.

The next event is our Halloween Party in Bush's Barn on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Plan to be there 6ish to elect 2023 officers and discuss September Roundup 2023 which Central Indiana will host.

Hope to see you in the barn!!

### ***PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY***

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

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### ***Next Business Meeting:***

**The October meeting will be held at the Halloween Party at the  
Bush's Barn 6:00- ???**

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### *Mr. Healey's Neighborhood*

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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: September 6, 2022**

**Place: Coachman Restaurant, 6112 Cambridge Way, Plainfield**

Attendees: Randy & Janet Beldon, Steve Bluestein, Roy Bowman, Ruth Buis, Jim & Sandy Burck, Jim & Bev Bush, Steve Halleck, Bob & Melanie Haskell, David Morrison & Bonnie Stahlecker, Craig Rice, Dick Storrs, Jim Switzer

At 7:10 pm Chapter President Jim Bush called our meeting to order.

Jim Switzer reported that Jo is recovering from her recent surgery.

Jim Bush stated the Healey Marque covered our Burlington Drive with a photo.

Craig Rice reported our membership at 42.

Jim next discussed some notable events on our calendar.

- Sep 8-11 Sept Roundup
- Sep 18-22 Enclave, Poconos. Caravan plans over a couple of days will be finalized and communicated to those attending.
- Oct 29 6:00 PM Halloween party and meeting at Bushes
- Nov 12-13 Fall Delegates Meeting here
- Dec 2 Christmas Party We will discontinue our gift exchange

Jim and Bev are considering Madison area, possibly Vevay, as the site for Sept Roundup 2023

We adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Next Meeting will be during Oct 29 Halloween party hosted by the Bushes**

## *Miscellaneous Meanderings*

*By Steve Halleck*

At our September meeting, David Broyles made the drive down from Fairmount. A friend of his in the antique business came across an Austin Healey banner from 1959(?). David picked it up and had a printing shop make an edited digital copy. He presented the banner at the meeting. We learned that the Healey Museum doesn't have any actual banners, so Jim Bush is sending it to the museum from the club.



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The drive to September Roundup included a caravan for Dick and Sherry Storrs, Randy and Janet Belden, Ruth Buis, Bob and Melanie Haskell, Brandon Halleck and me. Amazingly enough for our club, we made it without losing a single car and only one missed turn! We took a route I pulled from Google Maps that was quite simple until we got near Cincinnati. After going all but the last 15 miles of the drive, we still had half of the two pages of turn instructions remaining.

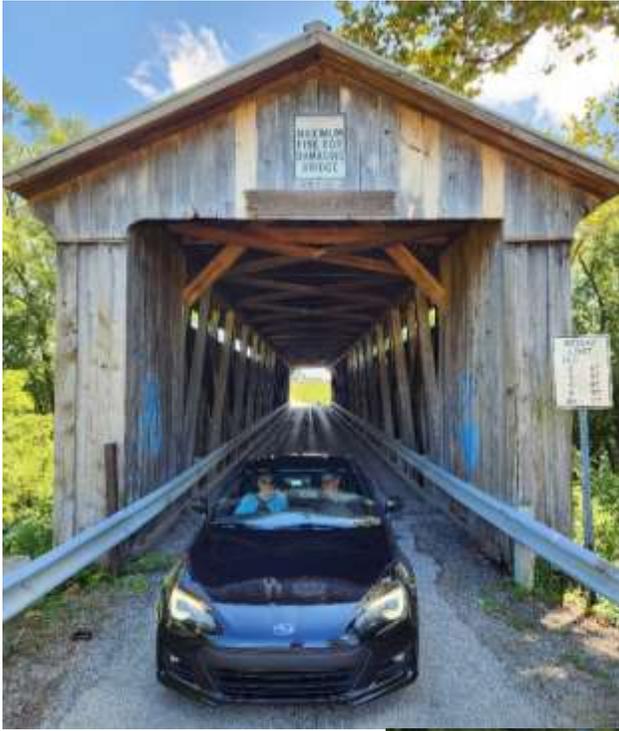
Jim and Bev Bush and David Verrill met us at the event hotel in Loveland OH.

The Loveland/Milford area just east of Cincy is a great destination, with lots of fun roads around the neat towns. The threat of bad weather held off, with only a light shower late on the final night. The Ohio Valley club deserves a lot of praise for putting the event together. The drives, locations, hospitality, and final dinner were outstanding. They had 44 cars entered this year, a very good turnout. Their club set a high bar for us to reach in next year's Sept Roundup!

During the car show, a walking quiz rally was an option. Janet and Randy took first place, with Bob and Melanie in second.

Brandon's first September Roundup has him hooked. In addition to thoroughly enjoying the event, he also scored two wins in the raffles, including a car wash kit and \$100 gas money! Hit Verrill up to buy drinks, he won the 50/50 raffle.





Photos provided by Scott Brown from Sept Roundup presentation

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With the threat of heavy rain, most people left early Sunday to try to beat the downpours. Brandon and I had already registered for the Cincinnati British Car Show on Sunday, which was only 27 miles from the event hotel. The forecast said the rain wouldn't start to get serious until later in the afternoon, so we decided to go ahead and at least check it out. After a brief shower there, the skies lightened and became sunny for the last hour of the show. The forecast kept the number of cars WAY down though. There was space at the show for about 80 Healeys, but in attendance were two 3000s and our Sprite – it's easy to get first in class when it's a participation award.



If you look closely, you can see the Sprite at the end of the space that was supposed to be full of Healeys.

In the raffle at the event, I won our second car wash kit in 24 hours. Fortunately, some friends were there to carry it home for us, as the Sprite was completely loaded.

By staying to the end of the show, we knew we were courting danger with the coming storms. As soon as the awards ended, we jumped in the car and headed out. Brandon put 'home' in the Garmin and we headed back towards Liberty, IN to get back on the route we had taken coming over. Highway 44 is closed at Liberty, and the route guidance took us through town to the north. After a couple of turns, we realized that the Garmin must have decided 'home' should be in Ft. Wayne instead of Indy, as it kept turning us north instead of west and south on small country roads. We had the additional delay of being stuck behind an old truck that apparently couldn't do 30 MPH, so our detour took a lot of time. As we got to highway 1 and headed back south, a wall of rain hit us. I wanted to pull over, but it was raining so hard I couldn't see if there was a spot to pull over without going in a ditch. Finally, we came to a filling station and pulled into one of the self-service car wash bays to wait out the downpour.

After a half hour wait, the skies cleared and we headed for home. Our initial plan was to get home some sometime around 5, but we pulled into the garage at 7 to unload the gear and put the fans blowing through the car to dry it out.

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With the Conclave happening early next year, Springthing is moving to June 1-3. Stay tuned for more info.

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Jim and Bev get the mileage award for the month, driving their Healey to both September Roundup and Enclave. I don't know how many miles they drove this month, but I'm guessing it was over 2000!



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Enclave was a huge event – everything about it was huge. Kalahari Resort in the Poconos – 900 rooms, the biggest indoor water park in the country, and a ¼ mile walk from our room to the Enclave hospitality center. With 600 people and 250+ cars, a big facility was needed for the event!

The Haskells led the drive to Enclave avoiding interstates, followed by David Morrison, Jim and Bev in Healeys, and Bonnie Stahlacker driving follow-up in her car. Kathy and I trailed the Sprite using interstates, so we were able to leave a day later for the trip. My view in the rearview mirror for 1500 miles was a blue bug-eye right on my bumper.



Bev Bush photo.

The free activities at Enclave consisted of several drives (the Martin Guitar factory being one destination). Kathy and I opted to go to Big Pocono State Park, with great views and high winds – encountering other Healeys there.

Wednesday was a busy day, as many people opted to take hot laps in a Nascar racer around the Pocono Raceway. As that activity ended, well over 100 of us took a couple of parade laps around the track. I've heard about the 'bump' in turn 2 at Pocono. I could feel it at 60 MPH and can only imagine what it would feel like at 150+!

Leaving the racetrack, the next event was the car show in historic Stroudsburg. The city shut down Main Street and 7<sup>th</sup> streets in town for the cars. The cars staged at a parking lot a few blocks off of downtown then paraded in with a police escort for the show. There were lots of local people checking out the Healeys, including a guy from town who showed up in his Sprite and snuck the show. At the show, Constable Louis DiGeronimo showed up at several of the cars to sternly give us citations for having finishes on our cars that exceeded factory standards. I was advised that I should smear mud on the paint to avoid further citations.

Thursday was auction night. Included in the auction was a Sprite Mk IV! I was ready to bid on it, but the bidding took off so fast that I never got a chance to pick up my paddle before it was out of my range!

Thursday night was the end of Summer – and the weather took that to heart! Wednesday was beautiful top-down weather. Thursday was still nice, but windy. Thursday night, the skies opened up and the wind was ferocious, blowing several covers off of cars in the lot. Friday morning, as we were preparing to leave, the wind chill was 34 degrees. David Morrison was bundled up for the drive across PA on I-80 with his top down.

One of the great things about the Conclaves and Enclaves is a chance to meet a lot of new folks. This year's event included people from across the US and Canada, plus the UK, Iceland, and Hong Kong. At the awards banquet, we sat with Sally Scardifield and Nicholas Freeman from Lymington, Hampshire. A delightful couple, Nick manufactures hardtops for big Healeys.

It was also nice to see the Healey 100 S that Bill Oesterle restored and recently sold being admired and driven (carefully, as the engine is not fully broken in).



  
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 official action.

TAG # AUG75 W 497

**246.11-32 Exceeding the speed limit:** This vehicle appears  
 to be exceeding the speed limit while parked.

**642.12-46 Endanger to the public:** Carrying a potential  
 (pebble in the tire tread) projectile within the confines of  
 the vehicle that could cause potential harm during travel.

**446.16-43 Creating a handicap:** this vehicle is creating a  
 handicap to other drivers by having a finish paint surface  
 that exceeds factory standards.

**643.14-12 Attractive nuisance:** this vehicle's outstanding  
 appearance is creating a distraction to others on the open road.

**523.29-11 Parking in the wrong direction:** Vehicles of this vintage  
 are required by manufacturer's standards and the law to face  
 WEST while parked, this vehicle is facing the wrong direction.

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 the peace and enforcing these laws, any quarrel you may have with  
 this summons of violation, you may wish to take up with the  
 magistrate, located at:

24 Kings Road,  
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 Police Constable: Loish DiGeronimo #2215

Date: SEP 20, 2022

## ***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.

### **2022 Events**

#### **October**

**14-15 Sleepy Hallow Cruis-In and Car show, Vevay, In**  
**29 Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn**

#### **November**

**3-6 Southeastern Classic XXXV, Hilton Head Island**  
**?? Business Meeting, TBD**  
**12,13 AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN**

#### **December**

**2 CIAHC Christmas Party, Tavern on the South**