



# Overdrive

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## *President's Message Aug 2023*

Here is some automotive news both near and far. I stumbled upon this information while reading some magazine or lazing about watching educational TV, smut TV.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced a \$89 million renovation of the IMS Museum. It will close this November and re-open early 2025. Improvements and changes include a race simulator, rotating displays to include more cars in their extensive collection, and a hands-on pit crew experience. I see a club visit in our future.

Motor Week on PBS last Saturday did a teaser about the new all electric Rolls-Royce Spectre. This model was an eyepopping combination of an eggplant color with crème accents. No price was mentioned but if you have to ask then it is out of your league.

Another TV show Bev and I watch is on DABL channel (13.2) called "Escape to the Country" It features Brits wanting to get away from the hustle and bustle of London or some other major city. The host presents 3 options, all of them charming in that quaint British way, in small villages. The host also shows off some local craft shop or cultural icon. In this particular episode they were near the Morgan manufacturing facility. A tour of the shop showed a 40 year veteran of the Morgan plant bending wood and completing the wooden chassis that the car is known for. Then a test drive. Who cares what house they bought.

Bob Haskell says we have about 24 registrations for September Round Up. We still have time to get over 30. Steve Halleck sent out an email blast with the registration form attached. So if

you haven't registered yet and want to support the club, sign that check and send it in today. Hopefully we will make some money, give some to Riley Children's Hospital and have some left over to feed the assembled masses at our Christmas Party.

Oh, don't forget the Zionsville Indiana British Car Union show on August 12th. Mini is the featured marque.

Hope to see you there.

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

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

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Brandon Halleck is looking for some parts for a Mk2 Sprite. Since many of the parts are interchangeable with the bug-eye, we're hoping some of these might be around in someone's piles.

- . Heater blower
- . Sprite Mk2 or Midget Mk1 passenger front fender
- . Water pump pulley and generator pulley

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Don Gindelberger, from Mishawaka is restoring a VERY early BN1 and is in desperate need for a type 1 gearbox cover. If you have any leads, contact Don at 574-300-6526.

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Mike Clark has a 948 short block, a 3000 engine, 2 ribcase transmissions, and boxes of other parts. \$1000  
317 987-3587

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Mike Pittman has a hardtop that he used to have on his Bug-eye for sale. Contact Mike for details.



***Next Business Meeting:***

**Our Aug meeting will be at Jo/Jim Switzers home 6720 Fieldstream Dr.,  
Avon, IN**

**Meeting is 2PM, Sunday August 6th, snacks & drinks, eat lunch before you  
arrive.**

**Topic for the meeting will be prep for September Roundup**



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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>

# ***CIAHCA Business Meeting Minutes***

**Date: July 11th**

**Place: Squealer's BBQ, Indianapolis, In**

**Attendees:** David Broyles, Karl Henman (a past BJ8 owner and a friend of David), Jo & Jim Switzer, Kathy & Steve Halleck, Bonnie Stahlacker & David Morrison, Janet & Randy Belden, Pat Bruce, Craig Rice, Sherri & Dick Storrs, David Verrill, Ruth Buis, Bev & Jim Bush

Jim began the meeting asking for an update on Mad Dogs and Englishmen show in Michigan the weekend before. Melanie and Bob took their MGB, Pat Bruce and Steve/Brandon took Sprites. Pat went up Saturday in the bad weather to a run the rally, making his Saturday a LONG day. The show was very good. Gilmore's museum is a great place for the show. There were around 400 cars entered. Steve took third in the marquee Spridget class.

Jim got a call from someone looking for a radiator shop in Indy. They are getting hard to find. Jim recommended Paul's Radiator, but they are no longer in business. He asked about other shops. Fender Benders Body Shop was brought up (on 106th St).

The group agreed to make a \$200 donation to ACD Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Roy's honor.

Jerry Butler (Jim Frake's nephew, who worked with Jim at the garage), called Jim Bush recently to let him know that the building where Frake's garage was has been sold, and there are some other items that he thought belonged to the club which needed to be taken out of the building. Jim went to pick up the items and met with Jerry. Jerry was seriously injured in an explosion/fire, but Jim said he looks to be on the mend. Jerry asked to be included in CIAHC emails so he knows what's going on with the club.

September Roundup Activities:

1. The Healey Marque finally has a listing of the event.
2. The auction bid sheets are done. We have lots of books from Roy/Jim Frakes. There are some valuable ones to auction. Some of the others will be grouped in bags for either the auction or a give-away (asking for donations).
3. We have official approval for the car show location at the courthouse. In a display of government efficiency, Jim Switzer had to re-draw where the info table will be located because the sidewalks belong to the county and we have only city approval for the street. He still needs to get the portable toilets rented. If we can have them delivered Friday and picked up Monday it will save us \$300.
4. We have approval for the larger Brannigan room for the banquet. Jo is going to contact them next week to see if we can get a contract to assure there will be no issues. Beer

and wine will be available. The decision was made to also pay for a bartender for a cash bar for hard liquor.

5. We need about 2 weeks for the trophy plaques to be ordered, delivered. We'll order them as soon as we get more entries so we know what all the classes will be.
6. We received a donation from Hendrix Wire Wheel and note pads for the event. Rick Smith from Korner garage agreed to donate. David Morrison will stop by to pick up the donation since he lives nearby. Brian Henry has Hagerty bags for us. They are in the Cars and Coffee trailer. Steve will get those picked up.
7. The Franklin Daily Journal will do an article on the event. The group decided that Tuesday after Labor Day would be the best time for it to be published.
8. Jim B has 150 lanyards for the name tags.
9. The 'Health Certificates' for the weigh in are ready. Ruth (in her nursing gear) will assist Dr Jim (in scrubs) with the physicals as part of the rally.
10. Bonnie showed the 'I drove mine' pins. The group decided that the pins would be for those that drove their cars to the event.
11. Jim Switzer sent Steve a list of about 600 Austin Healey club members around the Midwest. The decision was made to go ahead and send emails to the entire list (except for people already registered). Jim B has reached out to some others about attending. Fred Southworth (a past member) will try to make it. Ed Barnett said he will try to make it as well.
12. Jim B stopped by the store to check on the regalia items. They have sufficient quantities in stock so there should be no problem. August 1st is the deadline.
13. Jim will double check at the hotel about the car wash. He asked if Brandon still had his car wash prize from last years Roundup that we could use (he does).
14. Schedule of events was discussed:
  - Thurs:
    - Auction items will need to be laid out ahead of time (around 3:00)
    - Registration - 4:00 to 8:00.
    - Hospitality – 5:00 to 10:00 with opening remarks around 6:30.
    - Funkhana around 7:00?
  - Fri:
    - Rally – 10:30 and 11:30 starts. Rally will include the health check at the Co-op scales – Pat is hammering out the rally directions
    - Hospitality – 3:00 to 5:30 and 7:30 to 10:00
  - Sat:
    - Car show 9:00 to 12:00, Judging 10:00 to 12:00. Cars must be moved to regular parking spots by 1 if people choose to stay downtown.
    - Hospitality: 3:30 – 5:00?

Dinner at Brannigan Room – cocktails/dinner at 6:00

Awards, auction, at hospitality

Jim will work on schedule of events and run it by some of the members.

## ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

***By Steve Halleck***

There are a LOT of club members who still haven't registered for September Roundup! Get your entries sent in quickly! August 1<sup>st</sup> the fee goes up.

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Get registered for the IBCU British Motor Day in Zionsville on the 12<sup>th</sup>! We need the Healeys out there!

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Brandon and I want to thank Bob Haskell and Pat Bruce for their help getting his Sprite put together! Pat dropped off a heater box to use (which he de-rusted using black magic). Bob has bailed us out twice (so far) with machine work and fixes.

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I wish more of you could have made our drive to Michigan for the Mad Dogs and Englishmen car show. Bob and Melanie in their MGB followed Brandon and I in the Sprite up to Kalamazoo Saturday for an overnight stay before heading to the show Sunday morning. Our iron man Pat Bruce got up EARLY on Saturday to also drive in the Saturday afternoon rally. We had planned on leaving around 9:30 for the drive but after looking at the heavy rains headed our way decided to wait until after 11 to depart. It was a good move for us, as we just encountered a few brief showers on the drive with comfortable temperatures and nice roads. Only one missed turn on the way up. Our directions showed us turning on WXY road, and we passed XY road, not knowing that was XY West road.

Pat, on the other hand drove through the storms, arrived just in time for the rally to start, and didn't get to his hotel until around 6 that evening. It was a great show (but could have used some more big Healeys). There were two amazing MK2 Sprites that Brandon examined closely.

The Haskells opted to spend Sunday in Michigan and come back Monday. Pat followed us on the return drive home. We took an alternate route home which was supposedly quicker, but the roads weren't as smooth. We encountered one detour, which slowed us getting out of Michigan. I'm used to having a 5<sup>th</sup> gear and was cruising at a comfortable pace. That pace had Pat pushing his 4-speed, and sucking more fuel. We both arrived home before 9:30 after a nice trip.

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Trying to get Brandon's Sprite Ready for Zionsville. How hard can a clutch installation be on a 948? I've done at least a dozen clutch changes over the years, and just did one with the trans



change in the Bugeye recently. This was a chance to show Brandon how it's done. 6 bolts on the pressure plate, lining up the clutch plate, piece of cake.

After pulling the engine, we found the old clutch was destroyed – pressure plate spring broke, throw out bearing worn at an angle, clutch plate down to the rivets, slave cylinder shot. Ordered a new clutch kit and slave, took the flywheel to be turned - eta on the flywheel 2 days. After almost a week, I called the machine shop. It had been ready for several days, but their computer and phone system had crashed, so they couldn't get in contact with anyone.

Clutch kit arrived. The pressure plate looked like something was wrong, as one of the fingers holding the contact surface for the throw out bearing was tilted. Called the parts supplier. The tech was familiar with the old 948 clutches. He said these were a bad design, and they were frequently like that - but they work. We could either bounce on the springs a few times to settle them, or just put it in and the first few times pressing the clutch pedal would align the springs.

After some work getting some of the 60+ years of gunk off and repainting the engine from a terrible blue color, we were ready to put the flywheel back on. 4 bolts and two locktabs, piece of cake. Torqued the first bolt, and the locktab twisted up – shouldn't have tried to re-use them. Order new locktabs. When they come in, we got the same result! Got on the forums and ask what's going on. Find out the engine builders aren't using them, just grade 8 washers and locktite. Flywheel finally was back on!



Put clutch disk and pressure plate back in position. The pressure plate was a little snug on the alignment pins – but thought it should pull down fine. WRONG. Set the torque wrench to 16 ft lbs and begin bolting on the pressure plate. First bolt tightened just fine, and the pressure plate pulled down easily over the alignment pin. Second bolt turned for a moment, then the bolt snapped in 2. After a session of bad language, took the pressure plate back off. Not enough of the bolt extended out of the flywheel to remove it, and the other alignment pin is now stuck in the pressure plate instead of the flywheel.

First call to Bob for help! Pulled the flywheel and took it over to his shop, where he was able to machine down the broken bolt so he could center drill it and get an easy-out to remove the broken bolt. He also opened up the pin holes in the pressure plate so they properly fit over the pins, and provided new bolts. Clutch and pressure plate were finally in place!

Work was then delayed 4 days due to loosing power at the house following a storm.

Power back on, ready to proceed. The plan was to take off the old slave cylinder and quickly put the new one on so we lose very little fluid. Wrong – the old slave cylinder fitting had been over tightened so the fitting couldn't be re-used. All of the fluid drained out of the master line and the master cylinder. At one time years ago, I had a cheap flaring tool to replace fittings, but it's long disappeared, and I couldn't find a new fitting. Second call to Bob. He has a flaring tool, but it's one that can be easily borrowed. So, we had to remove the pipe from the master cylinder to the slave cylinder. It snakes around wires, hoses, cables that had to be disconnected to get it out, then we headed back to Bob's garage. Bob got a new fitting on the line and we headed home again.

After lots of other issues, the engine and trans were back in, ready to add fluid so we can test if this whole endeavor was successful. I thought I'd show Brandon how fun it is to fill the transmission when the fill plug is somewhat inaccessible. He reported that he couldn't get the fill plug out. After two of us working on it, loosing one socket into the transmission tunnel (got to remember to get that out), and not breaking it loose with over 100 pounds of torque, it was back to the forum for help. Looks like we're going to refill the trans via the shifter. Just have to carefully measure the fluid going in so we don't overfill.

It's been two months now. Two weeks to go for Zionsville. Wish us luck.

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Bring a Trailer has a Sprite Mk IV that's been converted to electric. Not a practical conversion, as it doesn't get many miles on a charge. Doesn't seem to be very well received, as the bid is less than \$700 with two days left. The remaining original pieces are worth more than that.

## ***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.

### **Recurring Events**

**Friday Night Cruise-In – Danville Courthouse Square 5-9PM. May to October**

**Saturday Night Cruise-In – Noblesville Courthouse Square. Mid May to Mid Nov (weather permitting).**

### **2023 Events**

#### **August**

6<sup>th</sup> – 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dayton British Car Day, Dayton, OH

12<sup>th</sup> – 35<sup>th</sup> Indy British Motor Days, Lion's Park, Zionsville, IN

19<sup>th</sup> – Cars and Gravy, The National, 215 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St, Indy

26<sup>th</sup>- Blues and BBQ on 38<sup>th</sup>, The National, 215 E 38<sup>th</sup> St, Indy – **honoring Bill Oesterle**

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

#### **September**

2<sup>nd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> The Tire Squeal, 175-mile drive through Southern IN

4<sup>th</sup> – Red Bridge Park Car Show Cicero, IN

9<sup>th</sup> - Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

TBD – Business Meeting

7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> – **September Roundup**, Hampton Inn & Suites, Franklin, IN

10<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Scottish Festival European Car Show, Columbus, IN 10:00

17<sup>th</sup> – SIRBrit Motor Car Show, Newburg, IN

21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – Southeastern Classic XXXVI, Ashville, NC

29<sup>th</sup>-Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

#### **October**

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Sleepy Hollow Cruise In & Car Show, Vevay, IN

28<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn

#### **November**

11<sup>th</sup> – Delegates Tour, TBD

12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

#### **December**

TBD – Christmas Get Together, TBD