



# *Overdrive*

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## ***President's Message Feb 2023***

I hope the first meeting of 2023 is not indicative of how the rest of the year will play out. I had scheduled the Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting for Squealers in late December. Upon arriving a sign detailed their new hours and they did not include us. Our club members then deftly showed their flexibility by regrouping to Monical's Pizza 2 miles away. The meeting was scheduled for that Monday because Bev and I were taking our antique gas stove to Chicago for repairs.

The big news to emerge from this January meeting is our host city for September Roundup in 2023 is Franklin, IN. A small college town south of Indy, it boasts a nice downtown, a restored Art Deco theatre, great neighborhoods and is a gateway to rally roads south. The Hampton Inn & Suites will be our hotel at competitive rates. This is our fundraiser for the next 3 years so come out and help make this a success.

Check Reid Trummel's Healey Marque e-mag for February 2023. Nice picture of Pat Bruce's Bugeye at Sleepy Hollow Car show in Vevay. Remember there will be reduced printed versions of the Marque this year. So if you're a Healey junkie and need a fix, check this out.

Next month's meeting will be at our house on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a variation of the traditional Daytona 500/Chili Cook-off held on Sunday of the race. There will be a driver drawing for Sunday's race, and we will get the meeting in as we discuss Franklin and September RoundUp. Bring your chili in a crock pot as we have no stove to cook your chili or entrée. See paragraph one for why we have no stove.

In the past, due to weather delays, wrecks and cautions the race could drag on for hours. People would linger forever to get their \$1 prize for first out. This meeting will be a 2 hour timed event in the house, not the barn. Bev will set the 60 minute kitchen timer, it expires, we have a short time-out, and do the last 60 minutes. You will have to collect your race winnings at the March meeting in Franklin at the Hampton Inn.

Later,

Jim

### ***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))

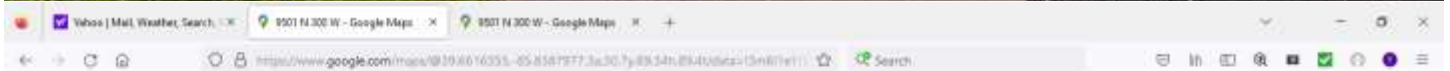
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Jim Wampler pulled the roll bar out of his Mk IV Sprite. It's available if anyone is interested.

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***Next Business Meeting:***

**February Meeting will be a pre-Daytona party and Chili Cookoff at the Bush's house 2 PM to 4 PM, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. 2583 W PR950 North, Fountaintown, IN**



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<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: Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Place: Monical's Pizza**

Attendees: Pat Bruce, Melanie and Bob Haskell, Jo and Jim Switzer, Ruth Buis, Dave Verrell, Brandon Halleck, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison, Jim Bush, Craig Rice, Steve Halleck

Jim Bush called the meeting to order at 7:50.

Jim received a note from Byrl Bowman saying he'd made it home with Roy's car which some of us helped get started and loaded on the trailer. Byrl said the Celebration of Life for Roy will be held April 15<sup>th</sup> at Feeney Hornack Funeral Home at 1307 Shadeland Avenue.

Jim introduced Brandon Halleck, our newest member.

## **September Roundup Roundup**

Our plans for the Plainfield location for September Roundup will not work. The hotel has changed hands. Jo looked at some of the other Plainfield sites but wasn't able to find an affordable spot.

Jim and Bev were in Franklin recently, and found the Hampton Inn & Suites. The room rates are very good, the hotel has 3 floors and 92 rooms, with a large room to use for hospitality.

Looking at events, possibilities include a healthy Healey checkup (including checking weight at a nearby Co-Op), awards dinner at the Dietz Dining Center at Franklin College, and a car show at a downtown park.

By moving out of Plainfield, we aren't forced into a late date for the Roundup. Our date will be Sept 7 through 10<sup>th</sup>.

The group approved the location and date.

The club meetings have been historically held on a Tuesday evening (at least during the winter months). Jim asked the attendees if we should continue with that.

Jo recommended having our winter meetings on a Saturday, at breakfast or lunch.

## **Calendar Ideas**

The group reviewed the club website calendar which Bob has updated.

Jo contacted Kokomo Art Glass about a possible tour. They limit their tours to only 20 people per day. We may look into it later.

2/18 – a ‘pre’ Daytona gathering, TBD. (Recent Daytona events have ended up taking an entire day, so we’ll try one before the race.)

3/4 - Meeting in Franklin to visit possible sites for Sept Roundup. Possibly meeting at Dietz Dining Center to sample menu for awards banquet. (see update below – Ed.)

Jo asked about moving the Christmas party to a Saturday or Sunday lunch, possibly at a clubhouse as a carry in. The idea was well received.

7/8-7/9 – Mad Dogs and Englishmen, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. The British Car show is on Sunday, starting early. Steve Halleck will put together a drive up for the club on Saturday, returning Sunday afternoon. Byrl indicated he plans to have Roy’s 3000 there.

Craig indicated we have several members who have not renewed their membership this year, taking us down to 33 members.

## ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

***By Steve Halleck***

The news that we’d lost Roy Bowman really hit me hard. He’d had ongoing issues with his foot in recent years, but he still got out as much as possible and loved showing off his Healey. He was always up for a drive. Two years ago, we did The Tire Squeal in one day in 90+ degree weather. That was about 180 miles on the drive plus 140 getting down there and back. A long, hot drive, but Roy was a trooper!

Roy could get lost on a straight road. Pulling out from getting gas in Bloomington, we headed south on 45. I looked back, and Roy wasn’t behind me. After doing a u-turn, I saw Roy was heading the right direction – so I turned around again. Roy was nowhere to be found. After looking around for a while, I finally was able to reach him on his phone. He’d taken the I-69 entrance ramp and gone to the next exit before realizing he must have been off course and stopped to look for his phone.

Our club doesn’t have a secretary. When I took over handling the newsletter, Roy came to me and said he would handle getting the meeting minutes but didn’t want any credit for it. Toward the end of each month, I’d get an email with the ‘draft’ minutes – which never needed editing.

Roy was our unofficial club historian. He had historical information about almost any place we travelled to or discussed traveling to. His knowledge of historical cars was amazing. Back

around the turn of the century, Roy was the Overdrive editor. His issues included fascinating historical articles.

I'm glad Byrl is going to keep the Healey in the family.

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The Christmas dinner at Tavern On the South was enjoyable again this year. Attending were Bev and Jim Bush, Jo and Jim Switzer, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison, Sherry and Dick Storrs, David Broyles, Ruth Buis, Kathy and Steve Halleck, Melanie and Bob Haskell, Martha and Steve Berinyi, Debbie and Pat Bruce, Craig Rice, Polly and Tom Kramer, Bill Coan and his friend Sandy. Steve Bluestein stopped by before the meal to say hi.

It was a relaxed evening of good food and friends. It was nice to see Martha and Steve Berinyi there.

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If you attend the Chili Cook Off & Meeting Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, Jim has some interesting info about the possible site for the 2024 Conclave.

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At year end, I saw a post on one of the forums about a sale on new carpet at Prestige Autotrim in the UK. I passed it along to the club Sprite owners. Jim Bush and I took advantage of the sale.

When the carpet arrived from England (in just a few weeks), I pulled out the seats, interior panels, and carpet. Noting some slight surface rust on the floorboards from wet shoes, I decided to sand those down and seal with POR 15. That necessitated removing what was left of the 60+ year old tar sound deadener along the bottom and up the sides of the interior. Fun times with a heat gun and a scraper contorting at weird angles. Progress has been slowed by the weather and a new puppy who doesn't want Dad in the garage without her.



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The January meeting had to be moved. Contrary to the sign, NO THEY 'ARF' NOT OPEN!

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Want to see some interesting adds? Take a look at Healeys on Facebook Marketplace. Austin Healey isn't in their dropdown list of cars, and some people don't know Healeys so it's fascinating what you find there. According to the title on one ad, there's a GMC Alston Healy automatic with only 9000 miles on it for sale in Muncie, IN. There's also a 1979 MG Midget in parts listed for \$158,793!

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I recently read an article by Norman Garrett, who was one of the engineers designing the Miata. He was talking about falling in love with and restoring a classic British Car. I loved his quote: *'There's something endearing about a ridiculous car and the fool who loves her, as if we were made for each other.'*



## ***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**

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

### **2023 Events**

#### **February**

18th – Pre Daytona Chili Cookoff and meeting, Bush house 1 PM to 3 PM

#### **March**

4<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting, 1:00 at Hampton Inn & Suites, 361 Paris Drive, Franklin to view facilities for Sept Roundup, followed by sampling food at Deitz Dining Center

24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Texas Healey Roundup, Blanco TX

26<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Weaton, IL

#### **April**

TBD – Business Meeting Franklin(?)

15<sup>th</sup> – Roy Bowman Memorial, Feeney Hornak Funeral Home, 1307 N. Shadeland (Time TBD)

#### **May**

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

12<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> – Carslile Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Conclave 2023, Crystal River, Florida

27<sup>th</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup> – British Car Awareness Week, everywhere

#### **June**

1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – SpringThing, TBD

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> – Champagne British Car Festival 2023, Bloomington, IL

4<sup>th</sup> – British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

18<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day Car Show, Forest Park, Noblesville, IN

24<sup>th</sup>-July 9<sup>th</sup> – Tire Squeal 2023, Southern IN

25<sup>th</sup> – 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Michiana British Car Show, Saint Mary's College, South Bend, IN

#### **July**

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> – Club drive to Michigan; Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair, Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI

TBD – Business Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> – Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

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

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

27<sup>th</sup> – Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

September

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

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

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

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

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

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

30<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 Hallow 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