



Overdrive

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President's Message June 2023

Fifteen hundred and sixty pounds. 1560. That's what Steve Halleck's Bugeye weighs and that is what my Bugeye weighs. At least according to the scales at the Farm Bureau Co-Op in Shelby County. This is surprising and yet not so surprising. First of all the scales weigh in 20 pounds increments so identical weights might be a 19 pound difference. What is surprising is Steve's car and my car are not identical. I have the Datsun B210 5 Speed and he has the Ford 5 Speed that Bugeye guy sells. He has different wheels than mine. We both had tool kits and other on the road savior supplies.

The purpose of this weigh-in was to practice for September Round Up and give the other club members an introduction to the site. The weighing of the cars is part of the "Back to School" theme for SRU. The Co-Op has modernized their scales with a digital readout on the side of the building. That is nice and allows drivers to get instant info on the weight of their car.

At just Peachy Café in Shelbyville we discussed other September Round Up topics. We're still waiting on insurance info from national to proceed with car show paper work. And we are still waiting on Franklin College to approve Branigan Dining Hall use for banquet. I feel confident that both items will come through for the fall classic. We have backups in mind.

For the auction Craig Rice is still wanting to get a Square processing device to authorize payment for auction items. He referenced how easy it was to take payments at French Lick. Yes it was but that was for a registration count of approximately 200 people and Bluegrass Club had the device and manned the payment station. We do not have a Square processing device and I anticipate maybe 40 registrants for SRU. And if you haven't noticed our club is getting smaller and who knows if we will be able to host another September Round Up with the same type of format; car show, rally, auction. Anyhow I tasked Craig with job of contacting our bank and getting cost of Square, rental or purchase, and what is the per transaction processing fee and any other costs we are not aware of.

Something I do agree with is the "I Drove It" pins that Bonnie Stahlecker and David Morrison proposed for those members who drive their car to a Healey event instead of trailering it. Hopefully we can get them in time to hand out at September Round Up.

Congratulations to the Wisconsin Austin-Healey Club for being awarded the host for 2024 Conclave. The host city is Sheboygan and the host hotel is the Blue Harbor Resort on Lake Michigan. Should be a nice event and a nice location. Our club has volunteered to help in any way we can. At Just Peachy Café our club members suggested we could help in greeting attendees, handing out goodie bags, parking cars. This has been passed along to the organizing committee in Wisconsin. I believe Bob and Melanie Haskell are attending this year's Conclave and can report back on Wisconsin's presentation for next year's event.

Bev and I returned back in early May from our trip to Colorado, Utah and all points in between visiting Family. June 11th through the 17th we are back in Michigan with other family members for the annual fish camp extravangza.

See you later.

PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

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

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

- . Hood frame (same dimensions as the bugeye but two piece)
- . Heater
- . Sprite Mk2 or Midget Mk1 passenger front fender
- . Water pump pulley or generator pulley

Next Business Meeting:

Our June meeting is still being planned. I'll send out an email when plans are finalized.

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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>

CIAHCA Business Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13th

Place: Just Peachy Cafe, Shelbyville IN

Attendees: Bev and Jim Bush, Jo and Jim Switzer, Melanie and Bob Haskell, Ruth Buis, Craig Rice, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison, Brandon and Steve Halleck.

Meeting began around 11:30 and took place before and after the meal.

Jim Bush received a thank you card from Byrl Bowman for coming to Roy's memorial.

Jim also got a call from former member Bruce Gilliam. They are doing well in Florida and plan on making it over to Conclave for the car show.

Jim talked about the tech session on Mike Pittman's car and their nice property. During Covid isolation, Debbie and Mike built a brick pizza oven in their yard. Jim indicated that we need to do a club drive out there in the future, taking fixings for pizza and do a club meeting there.

Dick Storrs told Jim that he will not be able to make Springthing, but Jim has the route that Dick laid out.

The 2024 Conclave will be at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin and our club has been asked to help out. The Wisconsin club is asking what we'd like to do. Discussed areas included working registration, parking for the car show, and helping in hospitality. David and Bonnie said we could help with Arts and Crafts. Jim will be the primary contact for the Wisconsin club, with Jim and Jo Switzer as his backup. The date hasn't been set yet, but we believe it will be in September.

Jo brought up the Kokomo Glass tour on June 13 at 11:00 AM, so we need to be there by 10:45. It's \$6 per person (Jo has already paid to secure our tour – so we pay her). Wear closed toe shoes. Let Jo know if you are attending soon. Details on getting there and where we'll meet afterwards will be available soon.

Craig announced we have 42 members and are still waiting on some of our 2022 dues from the national club.

A discussion of the items for the September Roundup auction occurred. Kathy Halleck wants to make a Healey t-shirt quilt for the auction. Let her know of any Healey t-shirts you are willing to give up so she can get it made in time! Debbie Pittman is going to make a Healey painting for the auction. We have so many Healey parts and books that we will be going through them to decide how to group them. Jim Switzer said that if we have too many, we could also donate some to them to the delegate's meeting auction.

We asked Franklin College for the use of their larger room for the Roundup awards banquet. They are dragging their feet on the decision, but will let us know by 5/31.

Jim showed the badge holder and lanyards he has for Sept Roundup. The lanyard has 2 spring clips, but that holds the badge holder in place where the normal ones tend to flip around.

Jim said there will be a quarter page notice in the Marque for September Roundup, and he's contacted the Franklin Daily Journal about doing an article on the event shortly before it happens to draw local interest.

Bonnie showed some designs for 'I drove it' pins for those who don't trailer their cars to the event. The group liked the idea. Bonnie will see if she can get a couple of samples to choose from. We'll need to decide quickly, as the company will need about a 2 month lead time to get the pins ready and delivered.

Jim brought a sample of what we're using for our show awards for the group to see.

Bev indicated there is another Lady's Tea planned for October.

Bonnie asked about the club going to the Frank Loyd Wright house in W. Lafayette later this year for a tour. The tours are \$20 (plus the \$2.50 booking fee). We need a month's advance to get the tour booked. Each tour can take 15 people. If we have more than that interested, they will bring in a second docent.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Our club lost another member in May with the death of Bill Oesterle. Bill wasn't active in the club, but was very active in promoting the state of Indiana and Indianapolis. He was one of the co-owners of The National, the former bank on 38th street that was turned into a community center where cars and gravy events are held. Bill had an incredible, eclectic car collection and restored the beautiful 100S that was featured at last year's Enclave in the Poconos.

On May 6th, Jim Bush, Bob Haskell, Pat Bruce, Brandon Halleck and I arrived at Mike and Debbie Pittman's house for a tech session to help on re-assembling his Sprite. After hooking up the drive shaft, aligning the front end, bleeding the brakes and clutch, we all went through the joys of replacing the ignition/light switch. To remove the clip for the switch, you just need a small screwdriver, tiny hands with extra joints, and ability to twist your neck 180 degrees to see under the dash. I think I had the smallest hands, but didn't take my glasses, so I couldn't see up close to reach the clip that holds in the switch. Pat was finally successful in getting the new clamp installed on the new switch by feel.

After consuming some pizza, we combed through Mike's old Sprite parts, coming up with items for the Sept Roundup Auction, and a few needed parts for Brandon's Sprite.

The May drive / meeting started at New Palestine with a small contingent of folks and only two Sprites to represent the marque. We drove through the countryside on some nice roads to the Coop scales which we'll use for the September Roundup Healey Health Checkup. The digital scales display in 20-pound increments. Jim went first, with his Sprite showing a whopping 2000 pounds – then some folks stepped off of the scales and the car's weight dropped to 1560 pounds. Jim had said earlier that his car was loaded so it would be heavier. Mine was loaded too, and came in at 1560 also!

After the weigh in, we travelled to Shelbyville for brunch at the Just Peachy Café where we were joined by Bev, Craig, and Bonnie / David. Jim Switzer won the trivia contest for what make of car door was on the wall outside, guessing correctly a 46 Chevy (his family had one).



The small group prepare to head to the weigh-in.

Bob Haskell photos



The digital scale readout doesn't photograph well, but we both show 1560 pounds. Note the oil spot in front of my car – directly over where Jim stopped. Not to worry, it wasn't his oil.



Jim Switzer knew this was from a '46 Chevy
– down to the single chrome strip.

Final discussions before heading home.

Kudos to British Parts Northwest. The oil drain plug on Brandon's Sprite was pretty chewed up, so he included that and a new copper washer in one of his parts orders. The order arrived a few days later but the washer wasn't in the box. Brandon let them know the 7-cent part was missing from the order (not that it was a big deal – I had several). The rep was very apologetic about the mix-up. A few days later, it arrived in a 5 X 4 X 2-inch box. That size box was surprising for the tiny washer, until Brandon opened it and found that along with the washer, there were two pieces of candy included as a further apology.

Jim and Bev have two t-shirts to donate for the quilt Kathy is going to make for the Sept Roundup auction. Take a look and let us know if you have any Healey t-shirts that can be part of the quilt. We need to get these in time for her to design, cut, sew, pad, and get it ready in time.

Tearing apart Brandon's Sprite Mk2 to find out why the trans wasn't working brought back the joys of digging into an old car with 62 years of grease and grime in some areas. Lots of degreaser and a pressure washer have been heavily used, and a combination of vinegar, laundry detergent, and baking soda actually got most of the smell out of the clothes we were wearing.

Among the issues found was the original engine mounts had deteriorated to the point that the carburetor heat shield was laying on the steering shaft. The 4 speeds of neutral were caused by a broken pressure plate, a worn-out clutch plate, a throw out bearing worn at an angle, and a stuck slave cylinder. The slave cylinder issue may have been caused when the prior owner changed to disk brakes with the 3/4 inch master cylinder, but left the longer pushrods from the stock cylinder in place (and upside down with no return springs).



Once upon a time this engine mount



looked like this.



The return springs are missing, and the spring mounting points on the pushrods were pointed down instead of up!



For the 3/4 master cylinder, the pushrods need to be shorter. Those aren't available and most parts suppliers don't tell you the 7/8 master cyl pushrods need to be cut down.

Brandon and I want to Thank Pat Bruce. When we found the clutch fork was 'iffy' and new ones are N/A, I sent a message to Pat and Mike Pittman to see if they had one in their stash. Both did and offered them to us. Pat said we could have it but had to take the transmission as well. The next day he dropped it off at the house! We took out the fork. The trans will be put aside for a later learning session on how they work.

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.

Recurring Events

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

2023 Events

May

27th-June 4th – British Car Awareness Week, everywhere

June

3rd – Pat Bruce '60' birthday open house, 1-4 PM at their house, 4501 North 400 West, Rushville. If you have any questions, call Debbie at 765 561-3804.

1st-4th – SpringThing, Louisville, KY

3rd-4th – Champagne British Car Festival 2023, Bloomington, IL

4th – British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH

13th – Kokomo Glass Tour, Kokomo, IN. 11:00. Let Jo know if you are going. \$6 and closed toed shoes.

TBD – Business Meeting

17th – Cars and Gravy, The National, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

18th – Father's Day Car Show, Forest Park, Noblesville, IN

25th – Annual Michiana British Car Show, Saint Mary's College, South Bend, IN

July

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

TBD – Business Meeting

15th – Cars and Gravy, The National, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

22nd – Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

August

6th – 37th Annual Dayton British Car Day, Dayton, OH

12th – 35th Indy British Motor Days, Lion's Park, Zionsville, IN

19th – Cars and Gravy, The National, 215 E. 38th St, Indy

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

September

4th – Red Bridge Park Car Show Cicero, IN

9th - Artomobilia, Carmel, IN

TBD – Business Meeting

7th-10th – **September Roundup**, Hampton Inn & Suites, Franklin, IN

10th – Columbus Scottish Festival European Car Show, Columbus, IN 10:00

17th – SIRBrit Motor Car Show, Newburg, IN

21st-24th – Southeastern Classic XXXVI, Ashville, NC

30th-Oct 1st – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

October

13th-14th – Sleepy Hollow Cruise In & Car Show, Vevay, IN

28th – Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn

November

11th – Delegates Tour, TBD

12th-13th – AHCA Fall Delegates Meeting, Plainfield, IN

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

December

TBD – Christmas Get Together, TBD