



Overdrive

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President's Message May 2023

Who knew there was 8000 grit sandpaper? I didn't but Dave Criswell of D & C Customs does, and he uses it as a final prep on the cars he paints. That, and other tricks of the trade were juicy tidbits he passed along at the April 8th tour of his shop in Lebanon. Although he is heavy on street rods - 33 Willys, 35 Ford 5 window coupe, mid 50s Chevy half ton pickup, he has done British cars. Mike Pittman's gorgeous Bugeye is what drove me to seek out a tour of his facility. Thanks to Mike and Debbie Pittman for shepherding my request to Dave.

The tribe then departed Lebanon to regather at McAlister's Deli in Whitestown. There we added Pat Bruce, Melanie Haskell and Steve Blustein to the mix.

Progress is being made on September Round Up despite the best efforts of national organization to derail us. A January request to be listed in the Healey Marque Calendar went unanswered with no designated replacement for that vacant position. Who knew? The car show venue request is lingering as we await the new updated insurance information from National.

Still we trudge on. The registration form is done and posted to website. Special thanks to David Morrison, Bonnie Stahlacker, and Bob Haskell for their efforts in creating and posting this form. As we go to press I believe we have our first registrant...the Spurlocks from Columbus, Ohio. Peggy and Jerry numero uno.

Saturday April 15th saw a core group of Healey members gather for Roy Bowman's memorial service. His brother Byrl donated Austin-Healey parts, books, drawings to our club for inclusion in the September Round Up auction. That kind gesture will go a long way to help make our event a success.

Mike Pittman is requesting a tech session to re-connect his transmission and drive shaft in his Bugeye. He recently had stents inserted to deal with a heart issue. Tentative date is May 6th. Let's help Mike to prevent his wife Debbie from recreating this scene below. More info as we get closer to that date. Those planning on helping may want to car pool as Mike's residence is right on the Boone/Clinton County line north of Lebanon.



(Debbie would appreciate some help with Mike's bugeye!)

Our next meeting will be May 13th. It starts with a gathering in New Palestine around 9AM, goes south 7 or 8 miles to Farm Bureau Coop to weigh cars, and will end up in Shelbyville at Just Peachy Café for brunch and a meeting. Hope to see you there.

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
- . valve cover

Next Business Meeting:

The May Meeting will be May 13 meeting at the corner of Mt Comfort Rd and US 52 in New Palestine (GetGo next to Hancock Health Hospital and fitness center) starting around 9:00. We'll travel to the Farm Bureau Coop to weigh the cars, then on to Shelbyville for brunch and a meeting at Just Peachy Café, 52 E Washington St.



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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: Apr 8th

Place: McAllisters Deli, Whitestown, IN

April 8 Meeting Minutes, McAllister Deli, Whitestown, IN

Attendees: Bev & Jim Bush, Debby & Mike Pittman, Jo & Jim Switzer, Dick Storrs, Melanie & Bob Haskell, Craig Rice, Ruth Buis, David Broyles, Pat Bruce, Steve Bilstene, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison, David Verrill, Brandon Halleck, Steve Halleck

Meeting called to order at 12:05.

Jim thanked Mike Pittman for setting up our tour of D&C that morning. Mike has a variety of Sprite parts that he is going to donate for the September Roundup auction. Mike is going to have a small tech session to finish putting his car together.

Bev reminded the attendees about the Ladie's Tea coming up on the 14th.

Jim reminded the group about Roy Bowman's memorial on the 15th. Byrl Bowman is going to donate some of Roy's items for the auction.

Jim got an email from Joel Shouse in Noblesville asking about shops to work on the 65 BJ8 that he has. Joel may be a possible new member.

Artomobilia is having a fund-raising rally on May 6th. It's a 90 minute rally, with groups starting at 3:00, 3:30, and 4:00, with cars ending up on one of the roundabouts over Keystone in Carmel with food trucks and music. The cost to participate in the rally is \$30.

September Roundup items:

1. Bev said the trophy company she's been working with needs a two-week lead time for trophies. The group discussed alternatives to the normal plaques. Pat Bruce had an idea and will investigate (actual idea is being redacted to keep an element of surprise).
2. Bob passed around the registration form for review and approval. It was approved by the group. Bob will have it on the website later in the day. Jim thanked Melanie and Bob for the photoshop job on the form.
3. Jim Switzer said the paperwork and procedures for the car show are nearly completed. He is going to ask for overflow parking just in case. He hopes to make the presentation to the city on the 17th or the 1st of May.
4. The group discussed some of the auction items. Among them are a wine basket, a Kokomo Art Glass Bowl, Healey Books, a new Sprite Pertronics distributor and speedo.
5. Jim Bush said he's trying to get a bigger room for the awards dinner than the Dietz dining hall. Craig asked if we have a contract yet with the college. Jim said they would have one once they get everything finalized.
6. Jim has been contacting people about sponsoring the event, talking to some of our prior event sponsors. Country Mark, a major sponsor for Conclave, declined. Tom Kramer is taking his car to Muncie Imports and will ask them. A.J. Singh will consider sponsoring or supplying items.
7. Jim has acquired the lanyards and badge holders for the event. He's still looking for goodie bags. Hagerty is expected at the Cars & Coffee on the 22nd. Steve will talk to the representative there.
8. Jim contacted the Franklin Daily Journal about doing an article on our event.
9. Ruth is looking at food for the _____ and is looking at 6 foot subs. She's checking with Jimmy John's and Subway. Jo recommended checking at Cosco.
10. David Broyles has some vintage banner posters to the auction.

Jo talked about the club doing a tour of the Kokomo Opulence Glass Factory. They only do tours Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursdays. She will schedule something in June.

For anyone going to Springthing, Dick Storrs has a route set up which takes about 3 hours. Contact him or Jim Bush for details.

The meeting broke into 20 or so conversations and was abandoned at 1:20.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

The crowd showed up in Lebanon at D&C Customs for a tour of their shop. This is the shop that put the amazing paint job on Mike Pittman's bug-eye. Dave Criswell began his painting at Michael Andretti's shop. He's a stickler for making sure the paint job is mirror smooth – going down to 8000 grit sanding! His wife is the panel beater. I think some of the people in attendance may be future customers.



In this month's meeting, Jim mentioned the Artomobilia rally on the 6th of May. That event is the Keystone 10,000 Road Rally. It will start and end in Carmel, with the ending location on the roundabout over Keystone on 126 Street (which will be closed for the event). There will be food trucks and music for the participants. The \$30 entry fee goes 100% to the American Lung Association.

Jo Switzer has set up the Kokomo Opulence Glass Tour for June 13th at 10:30. Maximum of 20 people can do the tour. Closed toed shoes required. The cost is \$6.00 per person. More details to come, but mark your calendars. Let Jo know if you're attending so we can make sure we have enough spaces.

The attendees enjoyed the Lady's Tea on the 14th. The attendees included Ruth Buis, Kathy Halleck, Sherry Storrs and her friend Genny, Melanie Haskell, Bev Bush, and Sue Frakes. Jim

Bush and I were the token men in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the flavored teas, sandwiches, scones, and deserts. The unique honey dispenser was a hit with everyone. It was great to see Sue again.

Our newest member has a Healey. Brandon Halleck found a Sprite Mk2 and brought it to the house this week. It's in good shape, but currently has 4 speeds of neutral, no hood, and no heater. If the trans needs replaced, we're hoping to use the ribcage transmission that I replaced in the bugeye last year.



Looking at parts needed, Brandon is learning about classic cars:



Quotes from Murph, My Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite, by Greg Tuck:

Speaking of accidents, the older the car is, the less capacity it seems to retain bodily fluids. If the engine doesn't leak a little bit of oil, the answer is obvious – you have run out of oil.

On why he named his other car Wanda:

- Wanda, why I am doing this?
- Wanda what I was thinking.
- Wanda if it will ever get finished.
- Wanda what it will cost.
- Wanda where I left my marbles

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

13th – Car weigh in, brunch and meeting, start at US 52 and Mt Comfort Rd, 9:00

12th- 13th – Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

21st-26th – Conclave 2023, Crystal River, Florida

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

June

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

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

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, TBD

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

10th – 11th – Columbus Scottish Festival, Columbus, IN

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 Hallow Cruise In & Car Show, Vevay, IN

TBD – Business Meeting, TBD

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