



# *Overdrive*

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## ***President's Message April 2023***

It's nice to have new members, or any member, step up and plan activities that we all can enjoy. Let me highlight what we have on the calendar for the next 5 months.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> the Ladies Tea returns to the Rustic Root Tea Room in Beech Grove. Although listed as a distaff activity this event is for the gents too. Let Bev Bush know if you are attending by phone (317) 835-7827 or email buffie@indy.net.

The April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at Columbus has been orchestrated by Skip Taylor. This is a fun filled day. We have a short pit stop at Donut Central ( yeast, coffee, and restrooms), tour of ACME Sports and Classics, then lunch and visit to Bakalar Air Museum. Maybe lunch in the cargo hold of a C-119 transport plane. Bring your Healey and a camera.

Dick Storrs has us going in circles on May 11<sup>th</sup> with his Carmel Roundabout Reverie. Don't worry, we are not doing all 100+ roundabouts

- no need to pack the Dramamine. RSVP to Dick at rastorrs4533@sbcglobal.net.

June 8<sup>th</sup> has us at our newest member Jerry Baker's shop at 86<sup>th</sup> Street. He has a well travelled Bugeye on a rotisserie that he is rehabbing. Jerry is a fabricator with years of experience. Steve Halleck says his shop is very nice.

Classic cars and classic architecture blend with the June 22<sup>th</sup> drive to Lafayette to visit the Frank Lloyd Wright house Samara. This incredible residence was designed for a Purdue professor. If you have not seen this house, or need some ideas for your planned upgrade, please put this on your agenda. Thanks to Bonnie Stahlecker for putting this together.

July's calendar is empty. Got an idea? Bring it to our attention.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> Ed Barnett is taking us to the realm of cats, big cats at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in south central Indiana. Think jaguars, but of the four footed variety.

Thanks to all who have planned these events. Show your gratitude by attending and please RSVP where required.

Be safe

## ***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
- . Generator pulley

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Mike Pittman has this hardtop and a convertible top available. The hardtop's Vinyl, rubber, and plexiglass are in good shape. May need a headliner.

The soft top has never been installed, so the fasteners can be placed to fit. There is one slight imperfection on the flap behind the passenger window (can be seen in the last picture).

He also has a Bug-eye grill with VERY minor defects available.

Contact Mike Pittman if interested. [mpitman1976@gmail.com](mailto:mpitman1976@gmail.com) 765-242-2709

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Skip Taylor's Sprite came with a LOT of copies of Healey Marque magazines. If anyone is interested, Skip will give them away.

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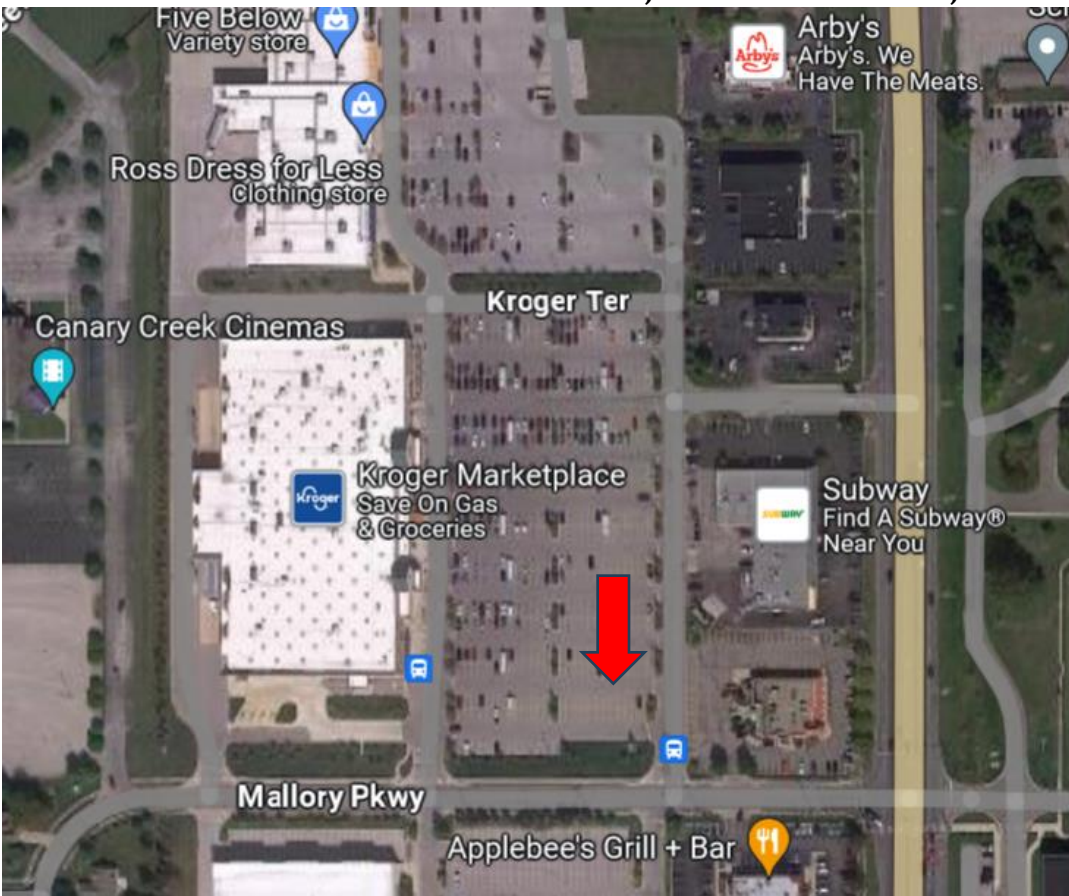
If anyone needs front drum brake parts for a Sprite, let me know. We have 2 cars converted to disk brakes so there are lots of parts available.

***Next Business Meeting:***

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum as part of the drive to Columbus, IN.**



If you are coming down from Indy, we'll meet in the SE corner of the Franklin Kroger at 8:30 to drive down together. If you are meeting us in Columbus, we'll meet at Donut Central, 1504 N. Morton, Columbus at 9:30.



Kroger is just west of US 31 in Franklin. Turn on Mallory Parkway.

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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***

### **March 12<sup>th</sup>, Green Street Café, Brownsburg, IN**

Attendees: Dick Storrs, Jim Switzer, Jim Bush, Bev Bush, Jan Freers, Jim Freers, Jerry Baker, Pat Bruce, David Morrison, Bonnie Stahlecker, Ruth Buis, Steve Halleck, Bob Haskell

The Meeting began at 7:15 after dinner.

Jim introduced Jerry Baker, who told us a little about himself and the Sprite he's restoring. He purchased it originally in the '60s for \$75 and turned it into a race car that he ran in SCCA races to 1969. 40 years later he bought the badly beat up Sprite back and is turning it into a street car. He has worked for several car builders and racers and has been self employed since 1978. The club will be going to his garage June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Jan Freers noted that our current bank's nearest branch is in Lafayette. We will be changing to Huntington or Old National which have local branches. Jan, Jim Bush, and Jo Switzer will have access to the account.

Jim noted we have the bylaws from the current bank, but not the articles of incorporation. We do have the EIN.

Calendar of events:

Bev is having The Ladies' Tea. She tried to have it at the Ayers Tea Room, but it's only open at Christmas. Someone mentioned Cheeky Bastards as an alternative site, but they only have tea on Sundays. It will be back at Rusted Root in Beech Grove April 12<sup>th</sup>. RSVP Bev if you are attending.

April 20<sup>th</sup> will be the tours of ACME Sports and Classics and the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum in Columbus. This is arranged by Skip Taylor. Jim and Steve will go down ahead of time and figure out the meeting place and route to get there.

May 11<sup>th</sup>, Dick Storrs will lead us on the Carmel Roundabout Revely. Carmel currently has about 150 roundabouts and Dick has found a nice path through many (but definitely not all) of them. The drive will start at 10:30 at the visitor's side of the Carmel Football Field. There will be several places to eat at the end of the drive (at 126<sup>th</sup> and Rangeline Rd). Let Dick know if you are going to join us for the drive.

Springthing is scheduled for May 16-19, but no info is available on the event. The Cincinnati club indicated it will be in Lexington.

June 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll take a tour of Jerry Baker's shop at 8561 Moore Rd.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Samara house in Lafayette.

July 15 the Northern IN club is meeting at Cars and Coffee at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg.

August 10<sup>th</sup> is the IBCU car show in Zionsville. We need a better Healey turnout.

August 17<sup>th</sup> we will travel down to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point for a tour arranged by Ed Barnett.

September 8-12<sup>th</sup> the Vintage Triumph National Register Convention will be in Brown County.

September 13-19<sup>th</sup> is Conclave at Sheboygan Wisconsin. We will be helping to put on the Funkahna at Road America on Tuesday.

October 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Halloween Party and Elections for next year. We need to come up with a replacement for Jim, who will be retiring as our Prez.

Oct 31-Nov 3 will be Southeastern Classic. It was moved to later to accommodate Conclave. The event was supposed to be in New Switzerland, but the location has been bought out and prices climbed dramatically. The event will be in Dobson, NC this year.

November 9<sup>th</sup>, Jim and Bev will lead a drive to Edinburg to visit a Revolutionary War grave for Veteran's Day.

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Delegate's meeting, hosted by Jo and Jim Switzer.

December will be our Christmas party.

Jim Switzer noted that most clubs are trying to maintain smaller balances in their accounts and we should consider making some donations this year. We need to balance that with the declining membership and fundraising to figure out where to keep our account.

Dick Storrs has pulled all the tech bulletins from the Marque magazines and has them if anyone needs them.

The Cincy club noted that the 2025 Conclave will be in Branson, MO, the 2026 in Lexington, KY, and the 2027 in Lake Tahoe, NY. The last two are new since the delegate's meeting.

Our next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, IN during our tours there.

## ***Miscellaneous Meanderings***

***By Steve Halleck***

I hope we get good weather, and several members show up in their Healeys for our drive down to Columbus for the tour of ACME Sports and Classic and the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum. Skip has put together an interesting day for us.

For folks coming from the north, we'll meet at the Franklin Kroger at 8:30 and drive down together to Donut Central in Columbus. People from the south can meet us there at 9:30. ACME is only a couple blocks away after getting our coffee and sugar rush. Ben Zwissler, the owner of ACME is going to do some demonstrations for us.

After finishing at the shop, we'll take a short drive-up Central Avenue to the airport and our tour of the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum where we'll also have a delivered lunch and meeting.

**Bring cash for lunch.** We'll take it up and order ahead of time.

We want to get club Healey pictures at the Museum for our club business cards.

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Registration for Southeastern Classic is now open. October 31-Nov 3. There are only a small number of rooms available, so if you're going, register soon at [triadhealey.org](http://triadhealey.org).

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Did anyone read the Healey Quarterly online magazine? I didn't know the 3000s had a factory optional 'Coolaire' air conditioning available. Has anyone ever seen one that has it?

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Registration forms for Springthing just came out. It's in Lexington this year and the host hotel is the Quality Inn.

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I got to meet our newest club member recently. Jerry Baker is restoring a bugeye that he raced in SCCA in the late '60s to put it back on the street. He's got a lot of bodywork needed between racing accidents and modifications, but he's got the talent, background, and the shop to do it. He's made a couple trips to my garage for measurements to see where he needs to 'tweak' his car.

Jerry has an extensive background in building cars, including working for Shelby, a Can-Am racing team, and building and restoring open wheel racecars. I enjoyed spending time with him – he has a lot of good stories!

The club is planning on a trip to his shop in June so others can check it out.





Jerry said it's a good thing he likes doing puzzles!

The #36 door in the background was taken off the Sprite when he was racing it in the '60s.

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Brandon's Sprite continues to be a work in progress (sometimes the progress is in reverse). While waiting for Jo Curto to rebuild the carbs, we swapped distributors with a Pertronix unit I had left from my original motor. We got the carbs back and installed and found the accelerator and choke cables were too frayed to re-install. We ordered a new choke cable and found that a bicycle brake cable will work for the accelerator for a LOT less money. It even came with enough cable to possibly make two accelerator cables. Thanks Bob, for loaning us a cable cutter that doesn't cause fraying.

With the new cables installed, we decided to fire it up – and found that we had no spark. We pulled the Pertronix and went back to the original distributor. After getting a VERY weak spark, a new coil, points, condenser, and rotor were installed. Cranking it over with a little help from shots of carb cleaner, it fired up and ran smooth. It was idling a little high, but we couldn't tell how high since the tach doesn't work. He decided to take the car out to see how it ran. He drove it around the block – a new record distance since owning the car! No bonnet, no windshield, no license, no worries!

We swapped garages so I could get started on working on my car. He pulled his car into the driveway and let it idle while I did a quick cleanup of the garage floor. When he tried to drive the car up to the front garage, it died and refused to restart. The adjustment screw wasn't tightened enough, and the distributor decided to adjust itself while it idled!

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I'm still trying to get disk brakes on my car. I picked up a set of front suspension/brakes from the Frakes auction hoping I could use most of those parts. It turns out, the only pieces I've been able to use are the brake hose brackets, hubs, and the steering arms. Every other piece has had to be replaced. The A-arms looked usable, and I had them blasted and powder coated. There was more pitting on them than I liked, but I tried to use them. When putting in the kingpins, I found one of the A-arms pinched the kingpin/gaskets, making it unusable. Putting the kingpin on the other A-arm, I found the threads were messed up so the fulcrum pin's plug wouldn't go in.

I tried putting the suspension together on the bench and found that the spindles wouldn't go onto the kingpins! I called Jeff Porada at Winner's Circle where I got the spindles and asked him what I was doing wrong. He didn't see anything obvious, but said he had his car's suspension apart and I could come down so we could figure it out.

At Jeff's shop, he tried fitting my spindle/kingpin together, then tried several times using some of the pieces from his car before coming up with the solution. After setting the endplay on the hub bearings, you must loosen the bearings to mount the spindle on the kingpin. It's something he'd never run into the problem because he'd never tried to mount the spindles with the hub bearings torqued down. (Something that isn't mentioned in the manuals or any of the YouTube videos I watched.)

Mounting the A-arms on the Sprite was a learning experience. The driver's side took me over 4 hours, not including several breaks as I needed to walk away for a while. The passenger side only took 20 minutes.

If I had a better mechanic, the brakes would probably be finished.

## ***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 of keeping it up to date.

### **2024 Events**

#### **April**

4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>, Healey Roundup 43, Mineral Wells, TX

12<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Ladies Tea at L.S. Ayres Tea Room, Indy Fairground

20<sup>th</sup> – Tour of ACME Sports & Classics and Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum, Columbus, IN

#### **May**

11<sup>th</sup> – Roundabout Rally, Carmel, IN

16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Springthing, Lexington, KY

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, British Car Day, Columbus, OH

25<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>th</sup> – British Car Awareness Week, everywhere

#### **June**

1<sup>st</sup> – British Bash 2024, Louisville, KY

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

2<sup>nd</sup> – Champagne British Car Festival Car Show -featuring Healeys & Aston Martin, Bloomington, IL

8<sup>th</sup> – Shop tour with Jerry Baker, 86<sup>th</sup> & Moore Rd, Indianapolis

15<sup>th</sup> – Cars & Coffee at Auburn-Cord-Dusenber Museum and lunch at antique garage with Northern Indian club, Auburn, IN

22<sup>nd</sup> – Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright house, Samara, W. Lafayette, IN

23<sup>rd</sup> – Michiana British Car Show, South Bend, IN

#### **July**

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Auto Fair & Rally, Glimore Car Museum, Wolfville, MI

27<sup>th</sup> – Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

#### **August**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 39<sup>th</sup> British Car Day, Dayton, OH

10<sup>th</sup>, IBCU British Car Day, Zionsville, IN

17<sup>th</sup> – Exotic Feline Rescue Center Tour, Center Point, IN

#### **September**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Red Bridge Park Car Sho, Cicero, IN

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Scottish Festival – European Car Show, Columbus

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – The Healey World Challenge vintage races, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Conclave, Elkhart Lake Racecourse & Blue Harbor Resort, Sheboygan, WI

### **October**

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

12<sup>th</sup> – Sleepy Hallow Car Show, Vevay, IN

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

### **November**

15<sup>th</sup> – AHCA Delegate's Tour, TBD

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Fall Delegate's Meeting, Plainfield, IN

### **December**

TBD – Healey club Christmas Party