



Overdrive

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President's Message Feb 2023

2024 looks like it will be a banner year for the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club.

We started the January meeting by honoring Craig Rice for his 30+ years as Treasurer/Membership officer. Most of us have never known anyone else in that role. I never worried about the club's fiscal health with Craig at the helm. We now are on a different path with separate officers for Membership and Treasurer. I have faith that Jan Freers and Steve Halleck will serve us well.

Another difference this year is the new events our members have proposed. Skip Taylor has a Columbus auto shop/air museum tour for April. Bonnie Stahlacker is spearheading a Frank Lloyd Wright tour in West Lafayette in June. Ed and LeeAnn Barnett are hosting an August event in their southwest Indiana home, culminating with a visit to Exotic Feline Rescue Center, home to over 100 big cats. Think original jaguars. Yet to be determined is Dick Storrs desire to see Big Boy, the largest steam locomotive built, when it stops in Chicago area.

And we have our old favorites on the menu. Bev Bush will have a Ladies Tea in April at the Ayres Tea Room at Indiana State Museum. Dick Storrs has us going in

circles on Carmel's roundabouts in May. The big drive of the year will be Conclave in Wisconsin.

While we were waiting for our food at Monicals two newcomers walked into the meeting. Phil Poirier and his son are interested in getting a Sprite. They joined the club. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Did anyone notice or wonder why Brandon Halleck's hair is getting longer. Is this a tribute to 1980s big hair bands, lack of funds or just a young hipster in search of a style. None of the above. Brandon is growing his hair to be cut, made into a wig and donated for cancer patients. Excellent job, dude.

2024 is an election year on the national level as well as the club level. After 5 years as Prez I will not be a candidate for 2025. We have plenty of members who are well qualified to step in.

PARTS FOR SALE or WANTED TO BUY

(Please send me any news of cars/parts that are needed or 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 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

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).

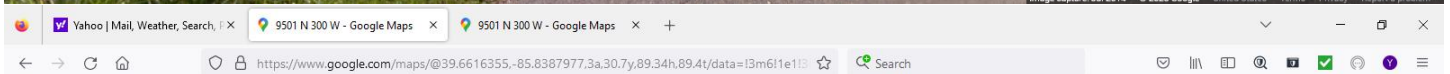
He also has a Bug-eye grill with VERY minor defects available.

Contact Mike Pittman if interested. mpitman1976@gmail.com 765-242-2709

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

Next Business Meeting:

**February 17th, 2:00 to 4:00 PM, Bush ranch, 2583 W PR950 North,
Fountaintown, IN
Business Meeting, Chili Cookoff, Drawing for Daytona 500.**



Greenery not applicable in February – substitute white for green

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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

Jan 9th, at Modical's Pizza

Attendees: Melanie and Bob Haskell, Jo and Jim Switzer, Leanne and Ed Barnett, Jan and Jim Freers, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison, Bev and Jim Bush, Ruth Buis, Steve Halleck, Craig Rice, Brandon Halleck, Pat Bruce, guests Phil and Phillip Poirier.

Meeting began at 6:56 PM

Jim Bush asked Phil Poirier to introduce his son and himself. Phillip is very interested in getting a Sprite, so they wanted to attend the meeting to meet similarly minded people, and to get more information. They were able to pick up some ideas about possible cars available and how to check out members' vehicles.

Jim then presented Craig with a framed David Morrison print and a gift certificate in thanks for his many years as the club's Membership Chair and Treasurer. Craig wasn't positive how long he'd held the positions, but he was only the second person to do so since the club formed.

The idea of club business cards was discussed. Jim Switzer passed out some of the cards from the national club. These are larger cards. We want business card sized cards that can be carried in wallets and passed out at events. Discussion continued about what to put on the cards – Club name, contact person, web site, facebook page, Instagram page (if we add Instagram). Our resident artists David and Bonnie will work on some ideas for the card. We also want to update the facebook page, providing David Verrill with help. Steve will reach out to Dave to see about getting update access and to see if he is on Instagram.

The club directories used to include information about what cars the members have, but it has not carried that information for several years. The info could be useful to club members to know who might have or need information or parts. Craig provided information that he had on many of the members. Steve will send out a questions to the members and put together a spreadsheet of the information. He can then send it to members who wish to have the info.

Jim asked what people wanted to do with the club meetings – continue to hold the Tuesday evening meetings, move them to other locations, have them accompany drives. The group preferred having the shorter meetings as part of the drives when weather allows. We are also looking for other locations. Steve provided a list of restaurants used by the MINI club which could possibly be used. Steve will also send a note to the club asking for ideas.

The meeting then turned to the plans for the year:

February: The Chili Cookoff and Daytona pre-race pool will happen again at the Bush's house on the 17th. It will be a 2-hour gathering to test folks' chili recipes and draw drivers for the race the following day. Winners of the cookoff will be awarded there. Winners of the pool will be awarded at the March business meeting.

March: still open

April: Bev will hold a Ladie's Tea at the Ayres Tea Room.

Skip Taylor is putting together a tour of ACME Sports and Classics (this shop has been used by Allen Galloway – president of IBCU on several of his cars). The day will begin at Donut Central near ACME. The group will then go to ACME for a tour of the shop. Following the tour, we'll head to the Air Museum (where Skip is a docent) for a tour and a photo op by their C-119 before lunch. The plan is for that to happen on the 13th, with the 20th as a backup if the weather is bad.

May: On the 11th, Dick Storrs will put together a new version of the Carmel Roundabout drive that we did a few years back in the roundabout capital of the world.

June: Jim is working on a tour of Jerry Baker's shop, where he builds bugeye engines – among other things.

On the 15th, the Northern Indiana club is going to a Cars and Coffee at the Auburn/Cord/Duesenberg Museum followed by lunch at Jon & Peg's Bill's restored antique garage we'd planned to go to last year.

On the 22nd, Bonnie is putting together trip to the Frank Lloyd Wright house in West Lafayette. Tours of the home are \$22.50. Normally, there are only 15 people allowed to tour at time, but if we have more than 15, they will bring in a second docent for the tour. Jim and Bev have known a girl since she was very young who is now at Veterinary school at Purdue. She mentioned that one of her professors is a Healey owner. We will try to get her to attend the tour as well and see if she wants to join the club.

August: The IBCU British Car Day is August 10th.

On the 17th, the Barnetts will lead us to a tour of the Exotic Feline Rescue Center, where they have over 100 exotic cats. See <https://efrc.org/> for details about the center. This was originally planned for the 10th, but the Barnetts moved it to accommodate the IBCU show.

September: Conclave 15th-19th. Combined with the Healey historical races the weekend before, this could be one of the biggest gatherings of Healeys ever.

October: The Bush's will have the Halloween party on the 26th.

November: The Delegate's meetings will be the 16th,17th. The Delegate's tour will be the day before the meetings.

December: Christmas party. No plans yet, Jo will see if Janet Belden wants to coordinate again.

Jim Switzer gave some updates from the last Delegate's meeting:

The club VP of Conclave reported that the probable location for the 2025 Conclave will be at the Chateau on the Lake Resort& Spa in Branson, MO. Considered dates May 18-23.

Lands End Business now has the national image available to add to any of their items.

The Bluewater Swiss in Ontario club has shut down. The remaining members are now in the national club only. There is a new club formed in south Florida – the Paradise Coast club.

A new Sprite registry is being formed.

The cost of assembling, printing, and mailing the club directory is \$15,000 to \$20,000 so there won't be a new printed version. The club will put together a PDF version that will be available on the website.

Meeting then adjourned.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

How well do you know the members of the club? Know who got their private pilot's license at age 45? Who played an Ocarina at a talent show? Who was detained by U.S. Customs because of a false name? Who ran in the Chicago Marathon? Whose father was Bob Ross's cameraman? If you attended the Christmas Party, you know the answers.

Jan and Jeff Freers, Bev and Jim Bush, Janet and Randy Belden, Ruth Buis, David Broyles, Kathy and Steve Halleck, Melanie, Tim, and Bob Haskell, Sandy and Bill Coan, Sue and Craig Rice, Jim Switzer, Bonnie Stahlacker and David Morrison, Sherry and Dick Storrs, David Veril, and Leanne and Ed Barnett were there for the fun. Along with the food and drinks at the Woodstock Country Club, Bonnie came up with the fun game guessing which attendee at the party matched the tidbit of their history.

I'd like to echo the appreciation Jim expressed at the meeting for Craig's commitment as the club Membership Chair and Treasurer. He took over from the original treasurer not too long after the club was formed. Since we formed in 1976, that's a LONG stretch. Before and after the meeting, Craig helped Jan and I with our new roles.



In my new role as Membership chair(?) I'm working on a few things I'd like to put together for the club. In the past, the national club's membership directories contained what type of Healeys each member had. I really liked that feature, but it's gone now.

In the information Craig gave me in my new role, he had spreadsheet that told not only what type of car each member had, but also the VIN (he said it was part of plan at one time to help prevent thefts). There have possibly been some changes in the cars on the list, and many of the newer members don't have their vehicles listed.

I'd like to get that information updated and make it available to our club. If you come across a deal on Lucas smoke that's only applicable to the 100-4, you'd have all our club members names that could be interested in the bargain.

Is there any other info you'd like the club to have? I'd like to get info you think would be useful.

Send me an email (evetshalleck@yahoo.com) with your car's information. Title the email Healey Cars so I can grab them amid all the spam I get every day. Thanks!

If you are as bad as I am at remembering names, putting a face with the name helps a lot. On the national club's website, you can add your picture. I think we currently have about 4 pictures for the entire club. Sign on to the club website www.healeyclub.org then move the cursor over your name and select profile. Then on the member summary, there's a profile in a circle. If you click on that you can put your picture in.

Get your mugs out there, so we know who you are!

One of Jim's topics at the January meeting was concerning meeting locations. If getting to the NW corner of Indy for a meeting doesn't work for you, what would work? Do you know a good restaurant that has a room we could use (that could hold 15 to 20 people)? Several of the places we used to go to are now asking for a LOT of money to use the room for our meeting, so we need some new locations around town (or outside of town).

If you are out to dinner somewhere and you think the restaurant might be a good place for us to meet, ask your server if they allow group gatherings and let us know!

In the January meeting, Jim Switzer noted that the national logo can be added to items purchased from Lands End Business, as can our own CIAHC logo. Someone asked about how to order items. The info for our club is on our website:

- Land's End Business Outfitters
- phone:(800) 338-2000
- website: landsend.com/business
- logo reference number: 1247986 (Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club)
- fee: \$8.95/shirt for the embroidery
- with standard shipping, delivery is 10-12 business days

The national club's ordering info is on their website under Regalia.

On Brandon's Sprite we continue to slowly get rid of the 62-year-old rotted rubber. This is what the rubber bushings for the windshield motor mounts should look like and how his old ones looked.



The windshield rubber which he removed looked similar. It had to be more chipped out than cut out. While taking it out, he got a very small chip in the edge of the glass. A glass repair specialist looked at it and said if the windshield didn't crack while going in, it would be fine – but it adds another risk to cracking it during installation.



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 of keeping it up to date.

2024 Events

February

17th – Chili Cookoff, business meeting, Daytona drawing, Bush Barn 2:00-4:00

March

12th (?) – Business meeting, TBD

24th – 27th All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble, Wheaton, IL

April

4th- 7th, Healey Roundup 43, Mineral Wells, TX

12th or 22nd (Friday) – Ladies Tea at L.S. Ayres Tea Room, Indy Fairground

13th – Tour of ACME Sports & Classics and Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum, Columbus, IN

May

11th – Roundabout Rally, Carmel, IN

16th-19th – Springthing, TBD

18th-19th, British Car Day, Columbus, OH

18th-June 4th – British Car Awareness Week, everywhere

31st-June 2nd – Champagne British Car Festival, Bloomington, IL

June

TBD – Shop tour with Jerry Baker, 86th & Moore Rd, Indianapolis

1st – British Bash 2024, Louisville, KY

2nd – British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH

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

22nd – Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright house, Samara, W. Lafayette, IN

23rd – Michiana British Car Show, South Bend, IN

July

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

27th – Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, IN

August

3rd – 39th British Car Day, Dayton, OH

10th, IBCU British Car Day, Zionsville, IN

17th – Exotic Feline Rescue Center Tour, Center Point, IN

September

2nd – Red Bridge Park Car Sho, Cicero, IN

14th-15th – Columbus Scottish Festival – European Car Show, Columbus

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

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

October

4th-6th – Newport Antique Auto Hill Climb, Newport, IN

12th – Sleepy Hallow Car Show, Vevay, IN

26th – Halloween Party and Business Meeting, Bush Barn, IN

November

15th – AHCA Delegate's Tour, TBD

16th-17th Fall Delegate's Meeting, Plainfield, IN

December

TBD – Healey club Christmas Party