



Overdrive

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President's Message May 2024

What a great turnout April 20th for the drive/shop tour/museum visit/meeting in Columbus. Special thanks to Skip and Kris Taylor for orchestrating this event. Nineteen CIAHC members were in attendance. That is probably over 20% of our entire membership. This was the first big drive of the season and we had no rain but a morning chill.

Steve and Brandon Halleck did a fine job of pacing the drive down US 31 from our meeting rendezvous in Franklin. I think we were only delayed once at a stoplight. Ed and LeeAnn Barnett, Dick Storrs, Debbie Bruce and Tom Kramer met us at Donut Central, approximately 2 blocks from Acme Sports and Classics. If we had a mechanical failure, the assembled masses could have pushed the offending car to Ben Zwisser's shop. Luckily, no such thing occurred.

Ben, a retired Cummins employee, has had his shop open for the last 6 years. He specializes in British cars but there was a nice Datsun 240Z in the second bay. Ben said the recent uptick in 240Z prices has resulted in many being pulled from storage to be made roadworthy again, or should I say ready for market. There is a 6 week waiting list to have Ben work on your car. He has seen just about every

imaginable problem, and he has the tools and expertise to address those problems.

From ACME we headed north to the Bakalar Air Museum. They have too much material on display to be enjoyed in the short time allotted. From there, it was on to the WWII barracks converted to a chapel for our meeting and carry out lunch. The big news to come out of the meeting is we now have a bank account at Old National Bank. We can conduct our banking in the Indy metro area at any of the numerous locations. Many thanks to Jan Freers for getting this completed.

After lunch we assembled at the C-119 transport airplane on display for a photo opportunity.

Our next get together is a Carmel roundabout rally on May 11th. Bev and I will miss this, and the June 8th outing to Jerry Baker's shop on 86th Street. Hope you can make these and other events your club members are putting together.

Support Your Local Sheriff. Club.

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
- . Generator pulley
- . Taillights for a Mk2 Sprite or Mk 1 Midget

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.

I have a good Bug-eye front bumper, and the latch handle, lock rod, and stays for the bug-eye bonnet if anyone needs them.

Next Business Meeting:

No meeting in May. Stay tuned for more info.

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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

April 20th, 1:45 PM, Jeanne Lowellen Norbeck Memorial Chapel following lunch.

Attendees: Leanne and Ed Barnett, Jo and Jim Switzer, Bev and Jim Bush, Kris and Skip Taylor, Melanie and Bob Haskell, Bonnie Stahlecker, Brandon and Steve Halleck, Tom Kramer, Debbie and Pat Bruce, Jan and Jeff Freers, Dick Storrs.

Jim Bush thanked Skip and Kris for putting the day's events together.

Jan has set up a new bank for the club. We have an account at Old National Bank. Jan said it's not complete yet, she hopes to close the old account next week. Jan, Jo, and Jim have access to the account.

Jim and Dick talked about our next event, the Carmel Roundabout drive on May 11. Dick will send directions for the start. Meet by 10:00, driving instructions start at 10:10. The drive starts at 10:30. RSVP to Dick with your phone number in case of last-minute changes. The IBCU clubs will also be invited to this event.

Springthing is May 16-19. Jim has had a hard time getting information from the Bluegrass club. We were asked to help with some of the events, but at this point, only Dave Verrell and the Haskels are going.

The tour of Jerry Baker's shop will be on 6/8. Jerry has an interesting shop on the west side of town.

Bev and Jim will be travelling and will miss these 3 events.

On 7/22 we will be going to Lafayette for a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright home. Bonnie is putting together the trip. She said there is a \$300 fee for 15 people, and it might be better if we signed up individually. She will check on Monday and send something out to the club. The tour is 1 and a half hours long. We will take back roads from Zionsville for the drive up.

Jo brought up the Christmas party date. We'd planned on having it on the first Sunday in December, but that won't work. The decision was to try for Saturday, Dec 7th, 3:00 at Greenstreet. Jo will check to see if that will work.

Jim mentioned that this is his final year as club president and asked if someone wanted to step up – or think about if we really need a president.

Skip gave a brief history of the Chapel and WASPs that Jeanne Lowellen Norbeck served with before the group adjourned to get pictures.

Miscellaneous Meanderings

By Steve Halleck

Skip and Kris put together a great day in Columbus for the club this month, attended by 19 club members. After some earlier monsoon rains, Saturday was clear, sunny, windy, and COOL. Several folks came without their side curtains and one idiot (Me) didn't bother to put the top up. Most of us met up in Franklin and drove down together – without getting separated by stop lights!

Most of us met up in Franklin and drove down together. We arrived at Donut Central, where we joined the rest of the group for coffee, pastries, and conversation before travelling the 3 blocks to Acme Sports and Classics.

At his shop, Ben Zwissler showed us around, spoke about the different work he does there, and gave a demonstration of his ignition analyzer (not used on modern cars, but it works very well on our cars!).

After the tour/demo, we took a short drive to the north end of town to the Columbus Municipal Airport where the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum is located. Skip is one of the docents at the museum and one of a group who brought the C-119 to the museum (in pieces during Covid), then put it together. Skip arranged a special parking space near the C-119 for our cars while we were in the museum. The cars provided an additional attraction for some of the other visitors while we were there.

In the museum, Skip showed us a couple of films about the history of the Atterbury Army Airfield and the museum, and the moving and preservation of the C-119. The museum is a hidden treasure most people don't know about, and well worth the visit when in Columbus! An advantage of having Skip as a club member – he has keys to the C-119. He showed us around inside the plane, explaining its features.

Our next stop was the Jeanne Lewellen Norbeck Memorial Chapel, where we had our lunch and meeting. The Chapel was a former barracks for the airfield, which was named in honor of an Indiana WASP pilot who died in service.

We then drove back to the museum, parking our cars alongside the C-119 for pictures before heading back home.

FYI, that idiot who didn't put his top up now has tire tracks on his hat which blew off on the way home.

Bob Haskell pictures except where noted.



Arriving at Donut Central



Jim Bush photo

Ben pointing out some of the things his shop does and showing how the scope works on his Spitfire



Skip's baby, the C-119 .



Skip gives us a history lesson.



A Willys and A Ford Jeep



The cockpit for a CG-4A. Pilots trained to fly these at Atterbury.
(A very scary assignment!)



Leanne, Brandon, and Bev check out the inside of the C119.

This one is no longer flying, but it has a modern convenience the didn't have when it flew – that's an air conditioner on the left!

Jim Bush photo



The Ladies' Tea was apparently a very enjoyable time. Debbie Bruce, Jan Freers, Bev Bush, Jo Switzer, Ruth Buis, Melanie Haskell, Bonnie Stahlecker, and Kathy Halleck attended. I wasn't given an update on what was discussed, but I'm sure they lamented the men spending all the time on the cars and solved the world's problems.



Kathy Halleck photo

Brandon is becoming a master at removing and installing his distributor after repeating the procedure 71 times (according to his exasperated count). After replacing the points and condenser, it started and ran for a while then wouldn't restart. The points had slipped vertically so they were no longer in line to make contact. We then found that the terminal connector in the distributor was bad and sometimes shorting out. The new connector and points solved the problem for a short time, then the points were no longer contacting the distributor's cam as the spring in the points was bad. The third set of points went in and after some adjustments and a change of plugs, it fired right up – for about 20 seconds then shut off.

Still researching the latest issue. We think the new condenser may be bad but ran out of time that day to check. We'll test that this week.

We have two events coming up that need RSVPs! Dick Storrs is putting on the Roundabout Rally May 11 and Bonnie Stahlecker is leading the visit to the Frank Lloyd Wright Samara house in West Lafayette June 22nd. Emails have been sent out on both with details. If you haven't gotten the email, check your spam folder or let me know.

Indianapolis Cars and Coffee is a big gathering of all types of cars, but usually it's been short on LBCs. For the June 15 event, members of the IBCU are having all the Indy British car clubs meet near the event and drive the cars in together! Stay tuned for details.

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

May

- 11th – Roundabout Rally, Carmel, IN
- 16th-19th – Springthing, Lexington, KY
- 18th-19th, British Car Day, Columbus, OH
- 25th-June 2nd – British Car Awareness Week, everywhere

June

- 1st – British Bash 2024, Louisville, KY
- 2nd – British Return to Fort Meigs British Car & Bike Show, Perrysburg, OH
- 2nd – Champagne British Car Festival Car Show -featuring Healeys & Aston Martin, Bloomington, IL
- 8th – Shop tour with Jerry Baker, 86th & Moore Rd, Indianapolis
- 15th – Cars & Coffee at Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum and lunch at antique garage with Northern Indiana club, Auburn, IN
- 15th – Indianapolis Cars and Coffee British Car Drive In, Brownsburg, 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 Hollow 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