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OWNING A HEALEY IS FUN !!!

The Newsletter of the Northern Indiana Chapter, Austin Healey Club of America

July 2011

COMING EVENT!!

SUMMERS BEACH PARTY

Where: The home of Jack and Nancy Summers
119 Maplewood Trail Michigan City, IN 46360

When: Saturday, July 30, 2011. Plan to arrive around noon or after. (Central Time) The fun will last until the group departs for dinner.

What: Beach Party! For those who don't care for the beach or the sun, please feel free to hang around the Summer's and enjoy the day and the fellowship.

What to bring: Any liquid refreshment of your choice, snacks, etc. The group will be going out to eat afterward, time TBD, so no need to bring food.

IMPORTANT: Please ---RSVP---- to Nancy
at 219-872-9296
By Monday July 25

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President's Corner,

I am so excited! I decided to attend one of the weekend events at Round Barn Winery and was pleasantly surprised! This winery has stepped up the pace for summer events and it shows. They have bands playing every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer so I know we will be there more than once.

They have constructed a wood band shell on the hill next to the beer barn and terraced the grounds. This, along with the umbrella tables scattered on the different levels, is so inviting you just want to sit down, relax with a glass of wine and enjoy the music and the breezes. They have a new catering venue and the wonderful smells were so inviting, we wished we were hungry enough to sample. They gave me a menu from the caterer and we will be publishing this on our website.

This event is at the end of the summer so let's talk about the rest of the summer. We have several members who have offered different events in their areas and we hope you do take advantage of these offerings and drive those Healeys to them for added pleasure. We need to cram as much pleasure into our summer and fall as we can because our winters can be long and trying on all of us. You will find these events posted in the calendar in this issue.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank Jeff Freers for his effort to bring the newsletter back to life! He is right, it is an important part of relaying information to all our members as we are scattered about. Not only that, it goes to other clubs as well and they are kept abreast of our events, comings and goings and that keeps everyone involved. I also want to thank all of you who assist me and make this job fun for me. We are in the midst of planning the Christmas Party and that will require a vote from each of you. Look forward to an upcoming meeting and it will be someplace fun for all of us to drive to, have dinner and enjoy each other's company.

In the meantime, if you have an event in your area that you think we will enjoy, let John know and he will send a Flash Note out to all so we can meet up and play a little.

Happy Healying,

Rita

NEWS

Michaiana Brits: – As the featured marque, nine NIACHA cars (along with their drivers) made a splash at the Michiana Brits annual show at St. Mary's college on Sunday June 26. In contrast with the previous year, this year's attendees were greeted by weather that can best be described as "Severe Clear". The sun shone particularly bright on Jack and Nancy Summers who took second place with their BN-6 in the big Austin Healey popularity show and new and former member Stan Mason (welcome back) who took first with his Sprite race car in the Sprite/MG Midget division. Congratulations to the winners and "thank you" to all attended. The NIACHA was well represented!

A Special Note of Condolences –Go out to Kurt and Vella Anderson on the passing of Kurt's father. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Editor's Comment

Thanks, but...while I want to acknowledge Rita's thanks regarding the newsletter, I think it only fair to note that my return to the newsletter post was precipitated by a conversation with Jim Richmond of the Texas club at the Delegates meeting last November. In the course of the conversation, Jim mentioned that he had stepped down as President of his club in order to assume the newsletter editor position. His explanation was simple: "It was easier to find a President than it was to find a newsletter editor." Obviously that short sentence said a lot and after a

great deal of thinking about it, I came to the conclusion that if he felt strongly enough about the need for a newsletter editor that he resigned the Presidency of his club, then maybe I should reconsider... and I did.

Does this mean that the newsletter editor is more important to the club than the President? Certainly not, and that wasn't Jim's point either. The point is that we need to do what we can. The newsletter is something I can do, so I am doing it, just as the Presidency is something Rita can do, and she is doing it. The same applies to Lou, Al, Jon and Bob. The club needs officers and they are all doing what they can. If everyone does that, then no one has to do everything. If there are thanks to be passed around, all the officers deserve our thanks. The next time you see one, a simple "thank you for what you do for our club" is always acceptable. – Jeff

CALENDAR

July 3-8 – Conclave – Colorado Springs, CO. The National Meet, sponsored this year by the National AHCA. This promises to be a dynamite event in a venue with incredible scenery. More information is available in the MARQUE and online at www.healeyclub.org. Make plans to attend now!

July 9 & 10 – Mad Dogs and Englishmen – Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. Saturday Rally and Dinner, Sunday Popularity Show. Times-TBA One of the largest all British shows in our area. NIAHCA normally has a large representation. 2011 Featured Marque – Jaguar

July 16 - The 8th Annual Blues Festival – Marshall Michigan

July 24 – Tea at The Vicarage – The Howe School, Howe, Indiana. Rally and Picnic Drivers meeting at 11:000; Rally immediately following. Registration \$10.00. Hosted by Mich. Brits - FMI – 574-288-3923

July 30 – Summer's Beach Party – The home of Jack and Nancy Summers. Times and details TBD. RSVP to Nancy at 219-872-9296. Shopping available to those not wanting sun and fun?!?!?!?!?

August 20 –Vintage Race and Historic Aircraft Grattan Raceway, Grand Rapids, MI. meet and watch racing and tour to Stan and Bev Tooleys Hangar to see vintage planes and photo ops. Race times TBA – RSVP to the Tooleys at 269-965-4484.

September 10 –Open British Car Field Day – Round Barn Winery 10983 Hills Rd. Baroda, MI 49101. Formerly the Lemon Creek All British Car Field Day. Field opens at 10:00, Show starts at 1:00. Music by the Bel-Airs. \$25.00 pre-registration, \$30.00 at the door. Bottle of wine included. Food and wine tasting available. This is our big event of the year! Plan on attending and volunteering to help!!!

September 16-18 – September Round-up – Comfort Inn and Suites, Miami Valley Centre - Piqua, Ohio Pre-Reg \$55.00; At door-\$65.00 Hotel Reservations by August 16.

October 1 – Fall Out – Sponsored by the Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club held in the town of Winona Lake. 10AM, Awards @ 3PM. Reg. Forms at www.nilbmc.org \$15.00 pre reg, \$20.00 day of show. Info, pre-reg, to Treasurer NILBMC P.O. BOX 665 Warsaw, IN 46581. or nilbmc@gmail.com.

December – Annual Christmas Party – The Trolley Bar Restaurant, Ft. Wayne. Date, time and details TBD.

