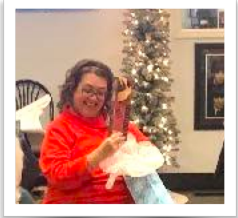


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A Newsletter for the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club

Issue 6

Season's Greetings!

I really enjoyed our Christmas party this year - a good time was had by all! I'm thankful that we can meet and enjoy time together.



The Market Street Grill provided great food and service in a beautiful setting. Many thanks again to Rose for all her efforts in making the arrangements.

Looking back over the past year I think we had many nice activities. After the holidays it's time to start thinking about 2024. Please share any ideas you may have for any type of gatherings, activities, etc. We try to balance out the locations of activities since club members are spread out across northern Indiana and into Michigan.

I wish everyone a happy Holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year!

Pete

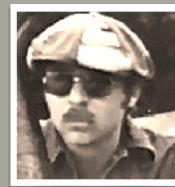
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CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec 2, 2023

This year's Christmas Party was a HUGE Success, thanks to Rose Meldrum and Pete Van Blaricum for getting Market Street Grill in Wabash, Indiana on-board for the party. The dinner was OUTSTANDING! After ordering dinner, we enjoyed a few games of Trivia.



GUYS



GALS

Winners of the Trivia games

Game #1. DIANA HEATHCOTE

Game #2 DICK MELDRUM













Answer Sheet

PLEASE IDENTIFY THE TREE BY THEIR BLOSSOMS AND OIFOLE THE ANSWER.

		
A. CHERRY R. APPL F C. PLUM D. REDDLD	A. FIG R. PLUM C. POMEGRANATE D. ORANGE	A. PEACH R. ORANGE C. PERSIMMON D. LEMON
		
A. PEAR B. ORANGE C. PERSIMMON D. LEMON	A. PEAR B. PERSIMMON C. CHERRY D. PLUM	A. CHERRY B. PEACH C. PLUM D. APPLE
		
A. POMEGRANATE R. DOGWOOD C. PERSIMMON D. PEACH	A. APPLE B. PERSIMMON C. CHERRY D. PLUM	A. ORANGE B. LEMON C. PLUM D. DOGWOOD

Answer Sheet

Name the MOVIE or TV show these cars were featured in from the last 80 years.

		
1. Home Improvement	2. Christine	3. Columbo
		
4. My 3 Sons	5. Miami Vice	6. James Bond Movie
		
7. Knight Rider	8. Perry Mason	9. The Italian Job
		
10. Starsky & Hutch	11. Back to the Future	12. Get Smart

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2024 NIAHC EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY TBA Date/Location NIAHC Lunch Cruise-in

JUNE

June 2nd (Sun) Fort Meigs British Car Show, Perrysburg, Ohio

June 15th (Sat) Cars & Coffee Cord Museum

Lunch at Jon and Peg's Garage

Museum tour/downtown shopping, Auburn, Indiana

June 23rd (Sun) Michiana Brits British Car Show, Notre Dame, In

JULY

July 13th (Sat) Concours D'Elegance Copshaholm, South Bend, In.

July 14th (Sun) Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Show
Hickory Corners, Mi.

July 27th (Sat) Rolling into Roanoke, Roanoke, In.
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AUGUST

Aug 10th (Sat) Indy British Motor Day, Zionsville, In.

Aug TBD Date/Location NIAHC Lunch Cruise-in

SEPTEMBER

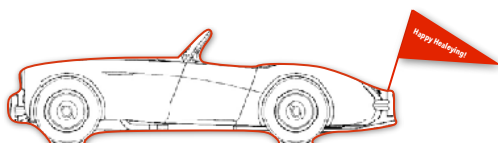
Sept 15-19th AHCA Conclave, Sheboygan, Wi. 2024conclave.com

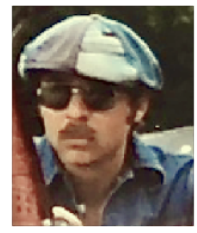
OCTOBER TBA Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER TBA

DECEMBER (Sat) 7th South Bend TBA

HEALEY HAPPENINGS!





A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

By Club Historian, Jon Needler

Good afternoon, Everyone! We hope you enjoy this installment of our newsletter, and this little historical segment which is focused on the Conclave held in 2001 in Grand Rapids, MN. A number of NIAHC members attended that event, either driving through Chicago or going up through the UP and along the southern shore of Lake Superior. Either way it was a haul to get there.



Pictures #1 and 2 show Kurt and Vella Anderson's 1957 100-6 which had just been restored.

Unfortunately, a problem developed with the newly rebuilt engine, causing an immediate need for a trailer. Kurt says that this happened in the wilds of Northern Michigan, the middle of nowhere. While they were trying to decide what to do, a guy on his way to Conclave hauling a racing Healey on a trailer,



stopped to see if he could help. When the problem was explained to him, he said he would just back his car off the trailer and drive it to Conclave, and Kurt could put his car on the trailer. This was done (picture #3) and

everyone got to Grand Rapids safely. What a nice guy!



The only wrinkle developed when Kurt had to get the car back to Valparaiso. The only way was to rent a U-Haul trailer and a very large truck to pull it. Unfortunately, Kurt had no experience driving one of these monster trucks and he had to go right through Chicago to get home. He says it was an absolute nightmare, but that he made it with no problems. I don't think he would want to do that again, however.





Pictures #4 and 5 show Kurt and Vella taking time out from the fun times they were having for a little relaxation on the water, as is Jack Overly. There were some absolutely



beautiful lakes all around the Grand Rapids area and a lot of the folks made use of them. The weather was great the whole time.

Picture #6 shows three nice BT-7 Healey's in front of Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids. I'm not sure who owns the one on the left, but Schmidt's and Needler's still own the other two.

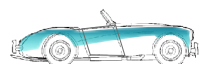


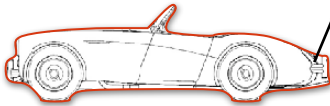
When the Conclave was over a group of us motored over to the Lake Michigan shore just south of Milwaukee and caught the SS Badger for a ferry ride across the lake to the Michigan side somewhere around Muskegon, about seventy

miles as I recall; from there we drove home uneventfully. Picture #7 shows yours truly getting ready to disembark and #8 shows the cars leaving. The 2001 Conclave faded into history.

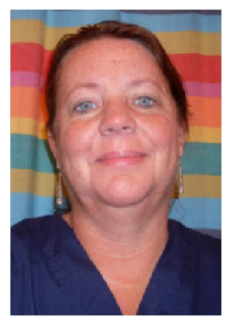


That's it for now, except to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Terry and Marsha Kinney of South Bend, IN Their 1962 AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE MKII purchased and restored 2012. It recently had some upgrades with more to come!



Jennifer Weismatel Davis
Jenn is looking for her Grandfather Malcolm Terry's 66 BJ8 and 65 BJ8 (Not pictured Old English White with Red interior.) It was actually her Grandmother's Healey (Lottie Terry.) Both cars were sold many years ago, but if anyone knows who bought them or where they are, please contact Jennifer.

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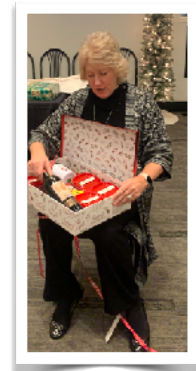
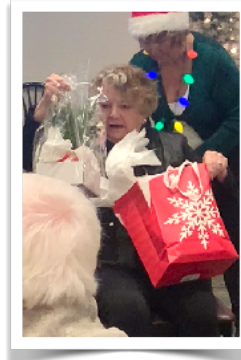
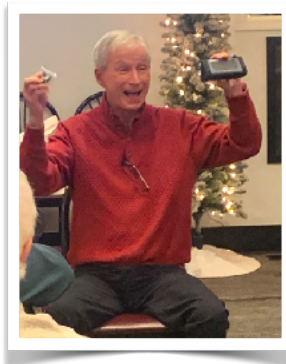


SUNDAY 9/15/24	MONDAY 9/16/24	TUESDAY 9/17/24	WEDNESDAY 9/18/24	THURSDAY 9/19/24
REGISTRATION DAY 12 pm - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	CONCOURS & RALLY DAY 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	ROAD AMERICA DAY 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	CAR SHOW DAY 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors	SELF-DRIVING TOURS 9:30 am - 6 pm HOSPITALITY ROOM beverage / snacks 3-5 pm Regalia and Vendors
12 pm - 6 pm REGISTRATION #1	10 am - 6 pm <i>SET-UP</i> ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION	9:30 am - 6 pm ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION	9:30 am - 6 pm ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION	9:30 am - 4 pm <i>PICKUP</i> ARTS AND CRAFTS DISPLAYS + SILENT AUCTION
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm CONCOURS Pre-Judging	7:30 am - 9:30 am REGISTRATION #2	9:00 am - 11:00 am FUNKHANA Road America	9:00 am - 10:30 am CAR SHOW STAGING at Elkhart Lake	SCENIC TOUR #1 Green Bay and Door County WI
	7:30 am - 5:00 pm CONCOURS Judging	9:00 am - 11:30 am GYMKHANA Road America Motorplex	11:00 am - 2:00 pm POPULAR CAR SHOW downtown Elkhart Lake	SCENIC TOUR #2 Kettle Moraine Area
All Day - Explore the local area on your own	8:30 am - 9:30 am RALLY SCHOOL	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm RACE TRACK TOURING Road America - Healeys Only (Ticket Required)	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm SPECIAL GUEST	SCENIC TOUR #3 Experimental Aircraft Association Museum - Oshkosh WI
	9:30 am - 1:30 pm RALLY	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Bring your own box lunch or snacks	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Excellent Restaurants in Elkhart Lake	GUIDED TOUR Foxtown Brewery - Mequon WI
LUNCH & DINNER ON YOUR OWN	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Plymouth	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm All-Healey Photo Op Group Photo after Touring and Individual Car Photo at Winners Circle at R/A	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm TECH SESSION #3	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Suggestion: Kohler / Sheb. Falls
	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ELKHART LAKE HISTORIC RACE CIRCUITS presentation at Blue Harbor	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm HISTORIC RACE CIRCUITS - Elkhart Lake street circuit driving tour (Ticket Required) (leaves from Road America - ends in Elkhart Lake)	4:15 pm - 5:15 pm TECH SESSION #4	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm INDIVIDUAL CAR PHOTO OP at Blue Harbor Resort (optional)
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm OPENING NIGHT SOCIAL	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm TECH SESSION #1 Healey Silverstone - Elkhart Lake Racing History	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm DELEGATES MEETING	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Arts and Crafts Classroom (Ticket Required)	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm TECH SESSION #5
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9 pm - 10 pm BONFIRE	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	6 pm - 8 pm BBQ BUFFET Blue Harbor Resort	EVENING Suggestion: Blue Harbor Waterpark	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm AWARDS BANQUET
	7:30 pm - 10:00 pm VALVE COVER RACING	8 pm - 10 pm LIVE AUCTION	7 pm - 9 pm MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT at Blue Harbor	

11/12/2023

Christmas Party Gift Exchange

Anna and I took a few pictures of the group during the Christmas gift exchange. Anna Firnhaber, aka, Ms Santa Claus did a great job stepping in for Santa Bob Yager this year. 30 MEMBERS enjoyed Christmas Gift exchange with some (**Spirited Stealing**). SORRY that we didn't get everyone's picture!





Fall Color Drive Oct 24th

What a beautiful day for a drive! Mid seventies temps with some sunshine. Turned out to be the last day of the year that top down driving was possible. We cruised along Lake Michigan toward South Haven where we had lunch and on the way home stopped at a hilltop winery with fantastic views of the surrounding countryside. Old car cruises are often not without issues and this trip was no exception. Richar's Jaguar developed a deflated tire. Fortunately he had a spare. A helpful resident of the house we were stopped in front of provided a floor jack making the job much easier than it would have been using the original jack supplied with the car. We were quickly back on the road!

**Cheers,
Pete**



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