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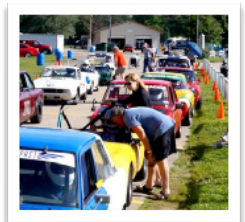


A Blast from the Past!

P-51 Mustang and NIAHC

Gingerman Vintage Sports Car Racing May 6-7

By Stan Mason



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A Newsletter for the Northern Indiana Austin Healey Club

Issue 6

President's Message

Greetings!

I think everyone loves spring. A time to get back outside, do some yard work, plant some

flowers and enjoy the warm air and sunshine. Best of all though, time to get back behind the wheel and enjoy some driving.

Our first club get together will be in early May, details will be sent out in the very near future.

I hope everyone is doing well and I look forward to seeing you!

Pete



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NOVEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY IN REVIEW



The Holiday party last (DECEMBER, NO IT WAS NOVEMBER) was a huge success. We changed it up and had a Thanksgiving and Christmas Party all rolled-up in one Great event. As we are spending alot of our winter time in the sun, it was a welcome change to have a party in November. I added a game of Trivia to the mix with prizes for a different twist!

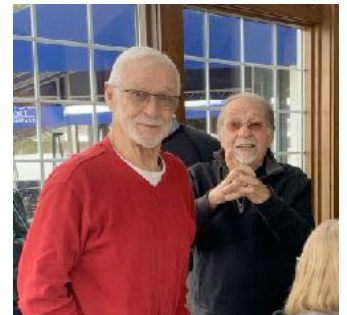
Lookin forward to the next one?
Me too!

Winners for Trivia
Ed Needler
Rose Meldrum
And maybe a few others?

(CRS) Didn't write it down!

John

Thank to Anna Firnhaber for the Super Stills. For more go to our niahc.org



2023 NIAHC EVENTS CALENDAR



MAY

- May 6** Spring Drive-Lunch, Huntington In.
Meet at Nick's Kitchen at 11:30 for Nick's World Famous Pork Tenderloin then 45 Min. Cruise to the 2-EE's for wine tasting when off to the Copper Still Co. in Roanoke RSVP: Pete or John
- May 6-7** Vintage Sports Car Racing, Gingerman Raceway, South Haven Mi. <https://vscda.org> See Page 7

JUNE

- June 1-4** SpringThing, Louisville Kentucky
This year the Healey Club will join the Louisville British Car Club for a car show on Saturday. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/154945568527/>
- June 4** Fort Meigs British Car Show
Sponsored by the Lake Erie British Car Club <https://www.lebcc.org>
- June 20-23** Gathering of the Faithful. Sponsored by the Central GOF Club, Notre Dame Indiana. This is a large regional gathering of MG's. This year 's event is being held at Notre Dame (nearby for some of us) As this is a multi-day event we will have will to determine the best day to attend. I have been told that there many older MG's at this event. <https://www.gof2023.com>
- June 25** Michiana Brits British Car Show, St Mary's College, Notre Dame In. This year's featured marque is Jaguar E-Types. http://www.michianabrits.com/annual_show.htm

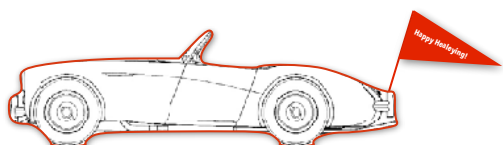
JULY

- July 8-9** Mad Dogs and Englishman British Car Show, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi. This year's featured marque is MG Midgets and AH Sprites. <https://maddogsandenglishmen.org/mde/registration.cfm>
- July 22** Rolling into Roanoke Car Show, HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ROANOKE + PARK
This show is well attended by NIAHC members. 10AM-3PM
Online registration is open. <https://www.rollingintoroanoke.com/rolling-into-roanoke->

AUGUST

- Aug 5** 4 A's Car Show, Washington Park, Michigan City IN. This car show is part of a weekend of activities revolving around the Great Lakes Boat Race which is held the next day,

**Healey Happenings
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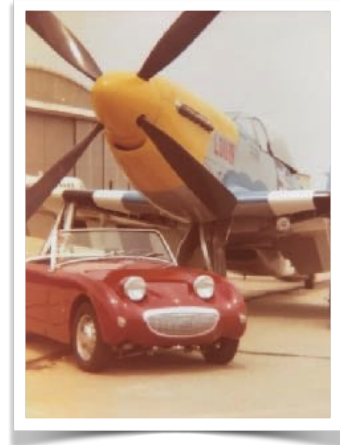


A BLAST FROM THE PAST!

By Club Historian, Jon Needler

Hi, Everyone,

Happy Spring to All! It will soon be time to crawl back under the car to look things over, change the oil, check the tires, etc. I for one can't wait to see how long it takes me this year to stand up again after being under the car. Oh, well...



I've got a couple of pictures from Tim and Renee, taken at the Fort Wayne International Airport in, as I recall, June of

1981. Our club had a meeting there and we had a pretty good turnout, probably because Tom Kelly was there with his P-51 Mustang "Lou IV" and graciously allowed the club access to his plane for picture-taking. The two shots shown here are of the Mahnensmith's 1960 Bugeye Sprite, now owned by Ralph and Tricia Stagg. It's still a very nice car, even after all these years.

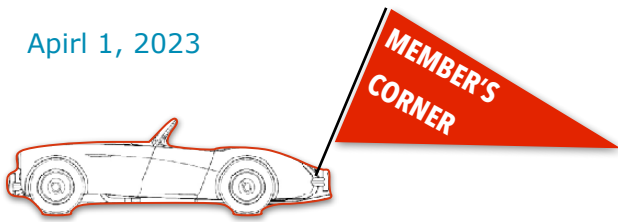


It's kind of a short one this month, but we hope of some entertainment value. As mentioned before, we are always interested in receiving pictures and/or stories from anyone who might like to send something in, either to John Eslinger (jnreslinger@gmail.com) or to Jon Needler (jonan5492@gmail.com). Please, and thank you!

Best regards,

Jon





MEMBERS SINCE 2015
Mark and Anna Firnhaber
1957 AUSTIN HEALEY 100-6 ENGINE REBUILD
CONTINUED

Mark got his engine back from the builder after 5 months and now he's back at it. He decided (what the hell) might as well do the tranny while I'm at it. Very ambitious guy I must say! Great Job Mark, Should be on the road in June!

John



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Roxann and Greg Nowak

My husband and I recently purchased a 1964 Austin Healey replica. Would very much like to meet when weather improves to ask questions. Have joined as members and very much looking forward to meeting other AH members. Would like more information and clarification regarding events and meetings. We live in Mishawaka and look forward to meeting everyone!



Regards,
Roxann and Greg Nowak



Few Pics from the Past by Photographer Albert Malin



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Gingerman Vintage Sports Car Race

There is a great opportunity coming up for any Michiana Brits that want to experience a Local Vintage Sports Car Race.

To me Sports Cars and Sports Car Racing have always been synonymous. My first Bugeye Street Sprite I purchased in 1967 went to Mid-Ohio & Blackhawk Farm Road race tracks to observe other Sprites racing. We now have an opportunity to do the same in 2023 as if it were the 1960s with the local Gingerman Vintage Sports Car Races in South Haven, Michigan coming up on **May 6 -7, 2023**.

This is a great opportunity for Michiana Brits to join in the fun at the closest Vintage Race in the area.

VINTAGE SPORTS CAR RACING:

There are 30 or so Vintage Sports Car Groups through out the US that hold events. Locally VSCDA (Vintage Sports Car Driver Association <http://www.vscda.org/>) is the dominant club that organizes Vintage Racing in Michigan, Illinois & Wisconsin with 5 races per year. Their opening annual spring race and driver school happens at Gingerman each spring. They have several classes of race cars that will be racing that weekend.

- Production Vintage (typically 1950 through 1960 British Race Cars similar to what you would see at a Brit Car Show including Lotuses and other rarer Brit Cars)
- Historic (Camaros, Mustangs Porsche 911s from the 1970s)
- Formula Cars (Lotus, Cooper, Elva and Formula Vees)

GINGERMAN RACE TRACK:

It has always been my dream to live close to a Road Race Track that I could observe or race at, since most of my life I would drive 200 miles to attend one. Gingerman Raceway (<http://www.gingermanraceway.com/>) 61414 Phoenix Rd South Haven, MI 49090 was created about 20 years ago and is located in the beautiful South Haven Area near Lake Michigan. This Spring event is particularly beautiful this time of year with the fruit blossoms in the air and the top down. It is an approximately 1 hour away from South Bend

I will be there Saturday and Sunday Racing my #4 Bug Eye in Group 2.

It usually is \$20 per day to attend (sign in at front gate). If you are wanting to drive your Brit Car Spiritly during the 1 hour lunch break please let them know at the front gate (usually it is \$50 and requires a technical inspection of your car and removal of any loose items in your car). My agenda for racing is:

Saturday:

- If you would like to lunch time laps with your LBC you need to be there no later than 9:30 so you can register and have your car inspected.
- If you want to observe the races you should expect to be there between 1-6PM
- - Banquet is open to public and is usually \$20 for a great barbeque and refreshments

Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Warm up
- AM Sprite Midget Race
- Lunch
- Afternoon Feature Races with new race classes each 1/2 hour
- 4PM party is over

Please call me if interested when you arrive at the track and I will try to link up with you (269-228-0096) Stan Mason #4 BRG Bug-Eye Sprite

Healey Happenings Continued

AUGUST

Aug 12 Cars and Coffee at the Studebaker Museum, South Bend In. The Michiana Brits Car Club will be this year’s featured car club.

<https://www.studebakermuseum.org/about/cars-coffee/>

Aug 12 Indy British Motor Day, Zionsville In. Mini is the featured marque this year. Online registration is now open.

<http://www.ibcu.org/indy-british-motor-day.html>

Aug 24 Essenhaus Car Show, Middlebury, In. The Michiana Brits Car Club will be the featured car club at this event.

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 7-10 Franklin, Indiana will be our host city. A small college town south of Indy, it boasts a nice downtown, a restored Art Deco theatre, great neighborhoods and is a gateway to rally roads south. The Hampton Inn & Suites will be our hotel. Hosted by Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club.

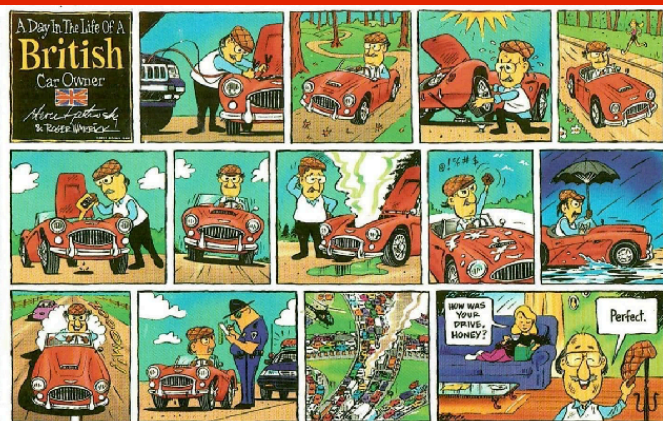
SEP 10 British Car Festival, Harper College, Palantine Il.. This show is sponsored by the Chicago British Car Union.

<https://britishcarunion.com/wp/british-car-festival/>

SEP - OCT TBD NIAHC Fall Cruise. Trip/cruise details are tbd. Will most likely involve overnight stays.
TBD Drive to Auburn Indiana Visit a gas station restoration project by Club members Jon and Peg Bill.

NOVEMBER

TBA Holiday Party



**“A Day in the Life
Of a British Car
Owner”**

CONCLAVE 2023



Sunday, May 21, 2023,-
Friday, May 26, 2023
Plantation on Crystal River
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Crystal River, FL 34429

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