

**WHAT'S INSIDE**



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

25 members attended  
This beautiful day at  
Lake Wawasee



**MEMBER'S CORNER**

New trunk floor  
Installation, ready for  
paint.

**THE *Outspoken***

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the 1st issue of the revived NIAHC newsletter, the *Outspoken*. I'm sure many of you will remember this name from "back in the day". We plan to publish this about four times a year. Please share any ideas, pictures, or news items you would like to see in upcoming issues . Send to John at [jnreslinger@gmail.com](mailto:jnreslinger@gmail.com)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Pete**



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## Christmas at the Oakwood! December 4, 2021



**This year's party was a big success and was enjoyed by all. We had a great turnout and weather that was sunny and mild.**



**Santa did his usual great job of handling our gift exchange, with all the usual gift stealing fun. The Pier and Back Porch provided excellent service and food. Our location in the "nook" area was perfect. Lastly, many thanks to Anna for taking all these great photos!**



**Anna Firnhaber**

**To view more Christmas Party pictures go to [niahc.org](http://niahc.org)**





Our first club gathering of 2022 will be in early February some where in sunny Southwest Florida. We have many club members in Florida for some or all of the winter months. The exact date and activity will be determined in January. Club members will be notified by email with the details.

Looking ahead to Spring - Instead of the usual "spring tune-up" we are considering a car cruise & sight seeing trip. A trip to Holland Mi. during tulip time has been discussed. This would take place around May 5th-15th and would involve one night at a hotel. Other ideas/ suggestions are welcomed!



**Feb. 1-13th:** SW Florida Pontoon Boat Ride or Sunset Cruise, or? (We have many club members in FL this time)

**March 6th:** Cape Coral Fl, B.I.G. European Car Show (British, Italian, German) (this is a nice little show on the Caloosahatchee River)

**May 1-15th:** Indiana ? Spring Get-Together (formerly Tune-Up) (Location and activity is TBD)

**June 5th:** Perrysburg OH, British Return to Fort Meigs Car Show

**June 26th:** South Bend IN: Michiana Brits British Car Show - St. Marys College

**July 10th:** Hickory Corners MI Mad Dogs & Englishmen British Car Show Gilmore Car Museum

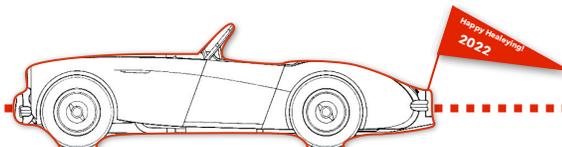
**August 6th:** Michigan City IN, Four A's Vintage Car Show - Washington Park, (Cook out at Pete's house afterwards)

**August 13th:** Zionsville In, Indy British Motor Day

**Sept. 18-23:** Pocono Mtns, PA, Enclave 2022 (several

members have already expressed interest in attending. (Hopefully a group of us can travel together)

**Dec 3rd:** Syracuse, Indiana, Christmas at the Oakwood Resort.



# MEMBER'S CORNER



**Jon and Peg Bill's gas station restoration project is moving along nicely. The outside is looking great! Brings**

**back fond memories of filling up at a real gas station! Looking forward to a club gathering there sometime**

**next summer!**



Mark & Anna  
Firnhaber

**Mark and Anna have been busy with their '57 BN4. The radiator has been painted, and a new gas tank will be installed. The underside of the hood and**



**trunk lid have been cleaned up and repainted. A new trunk floor has been riveted in and soon to be painted.**



*Great job Mark.*



## Annual Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership in the Healey club - let's get this done by December 31st!

**National Membership** - please renew on the National club website. If you are a member in 2021 you should have received an email from the national club with a link, a log-on I.D. and a temporary password.

**Local membership** - please send a check to Bob Yager for \$20.

**Bob Yager, 11133 Eagle River Run, Ft. Wayne, In. 46845**





Jon Needler  
Club Historian

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Hi, Everyone,

Welcome to our new, improved, resurrected newsletter, The Outspoken! We don't really remember when the last issue of the old Outspoken was sent out, but it's been awhile. We thought it was time to get it going again.

One of the new features this time around is somewhat historical. Our plan is to review some old pictures, probably three or four per issue, and try to put them in the context of the times. We all have boxes of pictures in the closet/secretary/basement/garage, and it is our hope that everyone will pull out some interesting ones and send them to me, Jon Needler, newly-designated Club Historian ([jonan5402@gmail.com](mailto:jonan5402@gmail.com)) for inclusion in the Outspoken as time and space allow. That's the plan, anyhow.

So here we go. This first picture is of a gentleman by the name of Ray Bartel, taken around 1984. Ray is a charter member of the club and for years was the main mechanic we all relied on to keep our Healeys running. He had a very large stock of used Healey parts and a larger stock of knowledge, and he was always willing to share both. He was a calming presence in a time of low oil pressure, overheating engines and wiring issues. His mantra always was, "Don't worry, it'll be all right!". And it generally was.



The second picture is of Pat Needler driving my brother Chris's 1965 3000 in a gymkana at Pokagon State Park,



sometime around 1980 at Spring Round-up. Following her are Nancy White in their '64 3000 and Andy Needler in



her '60 BT7. Spring Round-up was a biggish event put on by NIAHC annually from 1977 to, I think, sometime in the mid-90's. The event was

held on the third weekend of May and we'd usually have a pretty good multi-state turnout. There was occasionally some damage, as I recall, to the field where the cars were displayed and driven due to over-exuberance.

Pictures number three and four are of Ray Bartel again driving his own Healey, a 1960 3000 2-seater.

Even at the time, Ray's car was of a noteworthy



condition, but it pretty nearly always ran. Ray still has this car but it has gone downhill since this picture was taken sometime around 1980. Ray spent more time helping others than he did on his own car.

That's all for this issue, race fans. More of the same next time, with any luck.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!

Jon



*During the Holiday, let's us remember  
our old Healey freinds...*



Jack and Nancy Summers, Malcolm and Lottie Terry, Pat Needler,  
Jodi Fribley, Ann Yager, Gene Gran, Dan De Forrest, Denny  
Thompson, Denny Moon, Joe Humphry, John Seuryneck,  
Jerry Dawson, Jack Wolf, Jean Wiencek  
Tom Busch



**Celebs loved their Austin Healey's**



**William Holden**



**Kirk Douglas  
and sons**



**Ann Margaret and Tony  
Franciosa**



**Paul and George**



**Grace Kelly**



**Joanne Woodward**



**Clint Eastwood**



**Brigitte Bardot**



**Harrison Ford**

