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# Newsleak



## February minutes

March 2017



### OVAHC February Meeting Minutes

Call to order about 2 p.m. at the Joan and Skip Jackson home in Westwood on Saturday, February 11, 2017 by President Dick Sippel. He thanked Joan and Skip for hosting. (applause) About thirty members were attending. Special guest was Jerry Pratt from Florida. He is the older and "smarter" brother of Richard. Richard celebrates another yearly milestone tomorrow. We approved the January minutes with no corrections and Dick called for reports from the officers.

President Dick and Secretary Dale had no report. Treasurer Cindy, historian Judy, and vice-president Jerry were away. Cindy sent a report via Jake Jacobs. Cindy has paid the bills, collected and forwarded AHCA dues, and our balance is good. Editor Mary Ann has an opening for the November OVAHC meeting to fill. Call or e-mail her if you are willing to host. Usually the second Monday at 7 PM to gather.

Tech director Tim Ross reported there were some sessions to report. On 1/15 at Chris Wolfer's house for work on his BRG square body Sprite, on 2/4 at Bernie's for final catchups, and 2/12 (tomorrow) at Nate Fuson's wood / Healey shop for installation of his suspension. Bernie is looking for the factory Healey light bracket and for the rear license plate to keep it from dragging on Ben's steep driveway. It should be from a BJ8. Call Mary Ann or email her if you have an extra one. Call Tim Ross to request Healey car help via phone at 513-528-3232, or email him.

Delegate Don Klein reported Chuck Anderson sold his Healey boat to someone in Croatia. Don has SEMA magazines to give away. There is a leadership meeting for the AHCA in Louisville the first weekend of March. Conclave 2018 is tentatively scheduled for French Lick, 2019 in the Black Hills as of now. He has flyers for the 2017 Texas Conclave. Membership Sandy was not in the main room, so Dale gave her report. AHCA gives away a free membership to a "New" Healey owner and we found the perfect person. Julie King, daughter of Tom and Nancy Hall just bought a red Bugeye acquired through the Duffeys. And she walked in the door at that time and gave a brief report on the car and her parents health concerns and future plans. Welcome aboard. (applause)

Business manager Jake has six drivers' training dates. He planned a meeting Monday 2/13 with Dale and Skip at Hueston Woods to investigate a site and negotiate costs for September Roundup in 2018. Jake wants us to help Ken Kreuter look for sponsors for the August 20, 2017 Mainstrasse 15th anniversary muscle car type show we host. We will have more meetings on this show this summer. We will invite the news stations and the general public to attend the show. Contact Ken [kkreuter@fuse.net](mailto:kkreuter@fuse.net) and or Jake if you have any sponsor leads.

# Meeting for March

**March OVAHC meeting Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon home:**

Saturday march the 11th at 1:00 PM to kick tires and 2:00 to start the meeting. We live in northern mason. 8759 meadow drive mason Ohio 45040-9568. Lost? call 513-315-8958

If you're coming north on 71, go north of I-275 and get off I-71 at exit # 19 onto the mason Montgomery exit. Stay in the left lane of the exit and it will loop around to take you north on mason Montgomery. Stay on mason Montgomery just over a mile. You will go through several lights. You are looking for Irwin Simpson to turn right onto. A good landmark is the red robin on the left at that light. After you have turned right onto Irwin Simpson you will go straight through a light and come to a stop sign. The road at the stop sign is meadow drive, that's the street, turn right. We are under 1/4 to mile on the right, 8759. Just past Simpson Court. Look for a OVAHC sign, British flag, unicorn, or something outstanding.

As most of you probably know, Nancy and I don't drink... Well... alcohol. We plan to have some beer here, but most of you may have specific things you like in a world of alcohol we know nothing about. (Note: OVAHC official policy is BYOB) We will have tons of snacks though... That is a world we know quite well. There will also be pop, water, and coffee. Hope everyone can make it and enjoys themselves.

## Conclave 2017—Waco Texas

We can't wait to see you in Waco, Texas, July 9-14, 2017. Be sure to check out the Special Guests and their Special Cars that will be featured in the January 2017 issue of Healey Marque.

To register and pay by check, fill in the registration form (in Newsleak). To register and pay on line with a credit card, use [healeyclub.org/conclave](http://healeyclub.org/conclave) and select Conclave 2017.

A lot of thought and analysis goes into planning a Conclave. We've been working to make the 2017 AHCA Conclave a unique and special event by combining exciting and new with tried and true.

Bonnie Ayer  
2017 AHCA Conclave Chair  
210.213.4177

**NEW MEMBERS!** Name badges for new members, or for any club member who does not have one, or got too much grease on theirs, are going to be ordered at the end of the month. Don't wait, or you may forget!!! Send your name the way you want it spelled, to Ken Kreuter. Email is [kkreuter@fuse.net](mailto:kkreuter@fuse.net), or call or text 513-560-1397. Do it now so you have it for the driving season!

# Calendar for 2017

March 11 (sat)..... Meeting at Porada/Bacons—I:00  
 March 19.....Leprechaun Run  
 April 8 (Saturday)..... Drivers Training—Gymkhana  
 April 22.....Kurt Neimeyer's Think Spring Drive  
 April 29.....Chatfield College, St. Martin, OH—quilt/craft/car show  
 May 13 (sat).....Meeting at Grabows—I:00  
 May 18,-20.....Bluegrass Club Springthing—Bourbon Trail (this newsleak)  
 May 20.....British Car Museum—Dayton, Ohio—Car show  
 May 21.....Coney Island—Amusement Park—CCSM Car Show  
 June 11.....Concours d'Elegance—Ault Park  
 June 17 (Saturday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana  
 July 1 (Saturday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana LADIES DAY  
 July 18.....Glendale, OH, Shop/eat & car show  
 July 2.....Rising Sun, IN, Shop/eat & Car Show  
 July 8.....Ice Cream Social & Drive (Natl Car Collector Day)  
 July 8.....British Car Day, Cincinnati  
 July 9.....Conclave—Waco, TX (Registration in January newsletter)  
 July 15.....Keeneland Concours d'Elegance [www.keenelandconcours.com](http://www.keenelandconcours.com)  
 July 23 (Sunday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana  
 July 23.....Rollin on the Rive—Car Show, Fernbank Park  
 August 5.....Dayton, Ohio car show  
 August 12.....Indianapolis, IN, Car show/shipping/eating & drinks  
 August 19.....Miami town, OH Car show & historic tour  
 August 20..... Covington, KY—Mainstrasse car s how  
 August 27.....Put-In-Bay, OH Vintage Races  
 September 2 (Saturday).....Drivers Training—Gymkhana  
 September 3.....Coney Island—Amusement park rides/swim car show  
 September 14—17.....Mohican State Park Perrysville,  
 OH [www.mohicanstateparklodge.com](http://www.mohicanstateparklodge.com)  
 1.800.282.7275 Ask for Healey rates  
 October 8.....Spring Grove Cemetery—car show and tour  
 October 11&15.....Dale Hollow State Resort Park two overnight stops for back  
 roads route  
 October 12-15.....S.E. Classic Atlanta AHC Show at Lake Gun-  
 tersville, [www.atlantahealeys.org](http://www.atlantahealeys.org)  
 October 28 (Saturday)..... Drivers Training—Gymkhana

# Ovahc drivers training



**April 8 (Saturday)**

**June 17 (Saturday)**

**July 1 (Saturday) Ladies Day**

**July 23 (Sunday)**

**Sept. 2 (Saturday)**

**October 28 (Saturday)**

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 B- Rain or Shine

Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go north-east on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@Circle K gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store.

**Time: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. Registration is the first 20 cars with up to 25 drivers. The maximum is usually reached BEFORE 10:00 AM. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean up about 3:30. The more help picking up cones and cleaning the earlier we leave.**

**Cost: \$25.00** per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free! - Rain or Shine

Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring chairs and a cooler; there is shade available. No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, the cooler the better; Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. There are usually loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event only (no tire changing is allowed); No trailered cars unless they are vintage European or Japanese. We may give out awards for improvement over the day i.e., training.

This event is designed to be a safe, fun way to enjoy your automobile. No dangerous driving or recklessness will be tolerated. We operate near a residential section and ask that the exhaust system be street legal for noise. **Regardless; we reserve the right to determine if it tooooo loud.** We want to come back next year.

.... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car!

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624; Skip Jackson (Equipment Master) -513-720-7547 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

[jake.jacobs@fuse.net](mailto:jake.jacobs@fuse.net) or check our web site: [www.OhioValleyAHC.com](http://www.OhioValleyAHC.com)

## DO NOT BE THE LAST MOHICAN!!

The 2017 September Roundup will be held at the Mohican State Park, Perrysville, Ohio. There is a limited number of rooms, so get your reservation by calling 419-938-5411, ask for the Austin-Healey block of rooms. Save over \$200 total. Arrive Thursday 9/14, check out Sunday 9/17. Registration forms and caravan info for the event will be out later.

Skip Jackson is coordinating activities for 2017 and he is looking for ideas. Contact him if you want to plan a trip, or have a great activity in mind for the club!



Our club is planning a drive to this event in October. We are stopping for the night—both coming and going—at Dale Hallow State Park in KY. Reservations can be made at Lake Guntherville AL (ask for special Atlanta AHC price and also at Dale Hallow, but the registration form for the event is not available yet. Several of us have already signed up to go...join us for the 2 day drive!

## Tech sessions

It's great to work in a toasty warm garage when it's 20 outside! Bernie and Ben Grabow, Bob Merten, Richard Pratt, and Scott Brown made good headway on the job list (and plenty of sparks as well). Steering wheel straightened, turn signal cancellation fixed, and a new stock muffler replaced the leaking cherry bombs. Ben and Richard took the speedometer COMPLETELY apart, cleaned all the pieces, and remembered how they went back - it even worked! High point of the day was taking turns driving the Healey down the street listening to the sweet sound of the new muffler. Also enjoyed watching Bernie get vacuumed with the shop vac by Bob. Scott  
Ps - hope you feel better Tim



# Tech sessions (cont)



On 2/12/17, the tech team members of Richard, Dale, Bernie, Scott, Tim and new member John, met at the recently-painted burgundy Sprite of Nates. We started to assemble and mount the suspension, front and rear. Scott Brown tried all the different permutations of rear brake shoes and springs, until he finally got the right arrangement – while Richard and Tim held flashlights and offered encouragement (?). It helped to remove the axle. Meanwhile John, Bernie and Nate worked on mounting new front hub bearings. Dale and John also sanded a number of parts for paint priming. Tim, Scott and Richard then prepped the rear axle assembly, complete with leaf springs (one of which we mounted backwards as an observation test for Dale later). We started to mount the rear axle, but had beer and pizza instead. After lunch, feeling drowsy, we all laid down under a corner of the Sprite and pretended to install parts – some of which required “adjustments” to fit properly. A fun day was had by all. There will be numerous more tech sessions at Nate, all are invited to the fun. Reported by Tim.



## Meetings 2017

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN APRIL, JUNE, JULY AND NOVEMBER**

March Jeff Porada & Nancy Bacon  
April—Scott & Eileen Brown  
May—Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow  
June—Ashley & John Jacobs  
July—Jerry & Charlene Cox

August—Wolfer (picnic)  
September Loos  
October—Parrotts (bonfire)  
November—Julie King  
December—Ben Grabow & Jenny—  
Christmas party



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Car 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Car 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first SpringThing?    YES    NO

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration - \$65 (includes two adults)

\_\_\_\_\_ Maker's Mark Tour/Experience and Dinner - \$50 (per person)

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club

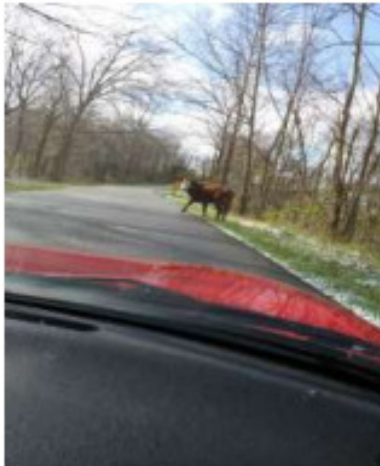
Mail registration and payment to:

Mike Schneider  
3416 Barbour Lane  
Louisville, KY 40241

**HOST HOTEL - Room rate \$100+ (request Austin-Healey Club rooms)**

Hampton Inn - Lebanon, Kentucky  
1125 Loretto Road  
Lebanon, KY 40033  
(270) 699-2000

*For more information visit,  
[www.BluegrassClub.com](http://www.BluegrassClub.com) or  
email [Ben.Moore@mac.com](mailto:Ben.Moore@mac.com) or call  
(502) 797-5652.*



## **APRIL 22, 2017** ***CORSA CLERMONT***

### ***Spring Classic Driving Tour***

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual scenic driving tour will explore Clermont County's ridges and valleys on roads that will remind you why you bought an Austin Healey. Challenging and scenic roads will take you to the banks of the mighty Ohio River, past historic sites, to charming villages for "Walk About" time. Starting with a Coffee & Cars type morning, a Grand Departure, Driving Tour, and finishing with a Cruise In and Reception. This year your entry supports the David Kreuter Memorial Fund. Gas it and Go with your Austin Healey Club friends for fun with cars on Saturday April 22, 2017.

Get the inside line on this and all events Austin Healey at [www.ohiovalleyahc.com](http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com).

**Register now on  
with Skip**

**Jackson.skip@yahoo.  
com**

**Event site opens at  
7:30 am**

**First Car Out 9 am**

**American Modern  
Insurance Group  
7000 Midland Blvd,  
Amelia Ohio.**

**Finish with a Cruise  
In and Reception**

**2-5 pm.**

**Jungle Jim's Paradise  
Pavilion, 4450 Eastgate  
South Drive.**



**Minimum \$5 donation per person to be collected at the drive by Skip**