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# **SEPTEMBER MINUTES** October 2013

The OVAHC September 2013 meeting was held at the lovely home of Gayle and Cindy Loos in Fort Thomas, Kentucky on Monday 9/9. We had many members and six big Healeys present. At eight o'clock everyone was called to the deck overlooking the Ohio River. The meeting was opened by V.P. Dale because President Jon Andorn was needed at home to care for Patrick whom had fallen ill. Dale thanked our hosts. (applause, clap clap) His report was that we need new workers to answer the call for the last OVAHC gymkhana on 9/29. He asked everyone to check their calendars and be willing to volunteer later in the meeting. We remem-



bered our former OVAHC member, Tom Puehl whom passed away on July the fourth this year. He is survived by his widow, Betty.

Treasurer/Membership: Pat Duffey gave a balance report. We have two new members in Doug King and Don Buecker. She issued checks for the Loos meeting for \$50, the web site to Don Klein for around \$85, and postage for Bob Merten for mailing our Newsleaks. (applause given to Bob) She was asked about providing a club financial report for the members to see. Don stated he was requesting one for the delegates' meeting, and Jake said he would need the same for the OVAHC presentation relative to Conclave 2016. Mary Ann said she was happy to know how much is paid out to whom by the club. Skip asked that members use their cell phone numbers in the 2014 AHCA membership book. The new membership form for 2014 will reflect the fact we voted to eliminate the "local only" option, so dues will be the same (\$65 subject to AHCA change) for everyone.

Secretary report, Nancy and Tom Hall are enjoying motorcycle touring in Tennessee. Sandy Ballinger was volunteered to replace her since Cindy was hosting this meeting.

Club Editor: Mary Ann Grabow said the possible overnight trip to Bardstown was canceled due to lack of interest.

Delegate: Don Klein reported that the web site was down a few days while they waited for his payment to clear. He obtained www.OhioValleyAHC.net for future use, possible Conclave 2016. Don reminded us that we voted to host the Conclave 2014 gymkhana in Hot Springs, Virginia.

Activities Coordinator: Dale Ballinger announced the next activity is September Roundup. A caravan was discussed. Details were in the August Newsleak. Skip Jackson wants to lead some of us to Fall Windup in Tawas and Oscoda, Michigan at the end on the month. Skip gave a report on the Coney Island car show. He said they had extras included that made it very interesting. He made send us all there next year about this same time. We will go as a group to the Spring Grove Cemetery car show on 10/13 at 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be a Hearst display, free tram tours of the historic grounds, food, drink, and a live band. Herbst tour is 10/20 in Camp Springs, Ky. Info to follow in the Newsleak. Skip Jackson is designing a two day drive to the Conclave 2014 in Hot Springs, Virginia. Skip wants to start a Saturday morning coffee meet and drive starting at Panera Bread in the Crestview Hills shopping center in Kentucky in the future. Chuck Law reported that we saw former OVAHC founder Tim Sisson and also members Sally and Gene Anderson at a music venue last month. OCTOBER MEETING Saturday 10/19



The Annual Fall Bonfire Picnic at Janet and John Parrott's

3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Rd. Bethel, OH 45106 October 19, 2013 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Potluck dinner at about 4:00. Meeting at about 5:00 p.m.

Fish in the pond, shoot the potato gun or your real gun, hike to the creek, or put your feet up and relax.

Meat, beer, wine and soft drinks provided by the club.

Please call Janet or John if you have not already signed up to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert.

If you wish to stay on the east side of town, the Parrotts have three extra bedrooms, a futon, sofas, or plenty of space outdoors for tents with sleeping bags. Free showers. Leftover beer. You are welcome to stay!

Call our cell phone 513-368-2496 or home 513-876-3085 for directions, if needed.

**Directions:** *If you use a GPS it may direct you to turn on Braun Road, ignore it and continue on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road across the bridge.* 

#### Coming from north via 1-275:

• Take the SR 32 Batavia Exit #63B (about 8 miles to Batavia)



• Take the first Batavia exit and proceed to turn right on SR222 (second traffic light)

• Follow SR222 to SR125 junction and turn left. Proceed on SR125 (about 2 miles) to SR 222 and turn right

• Follow SR222 and carefully watch route signs, there is a hard left at Pt. Isabel, after making that turn go straight for about 1/4 mile and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right) Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive / Pt. Isabel Road.

• Go about <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about 1 mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after a bridge.

#### Coming from south via 1-275:

Take the SR125 Exit #65 east toward Bethel (about 8 miles to Bethel) proceed on SR125 for about 5 miles to SR 222 and turn right.

• Follow SR222 and carefully watch route signs, there is a hard left at Pt. Isabel, after making that turn go straight for about 1/4 mile and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right) Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive / Pt. Isabel Road.

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#### Alternate route coming from south or west via 1-275:

After crossing the Ohio River take the second SR52 East exit to New Richmond and continue on SR52 past New Richmond. After it becomes two lanes, go about four miles to Pt. Pleasant (35 MPH zone).

• Turn left on SR232 at Grant's birthplace, and continue about 2 miles to right on SR756.

• Continue on SR756 for about three miles to the first stop sign and turn left on SR743 and continue for 3 miles to Pt. Isabel. At the stop sign turn left and go about one block, then turn right on SR222. After making that turn go straight and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right).

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Bonfire at Parrott's 2012

# MINUTES, CONTINUED

Technical Support: Bernie Grabow informed anyone to contact him if you want to schedule any work. Lauren Davidson then gave a report on her Bugeye named "Winston" and hopes to have it at the 9/29 gymkhana. She drove it after we fixed a bunch of stuff and "laid rubber" in the driveway. Troy Davidson mentioned that he is car stereo expert (looking for work) and can help fellow club members with their projects. troyjdavidson@yahoo.com or call 513-460-2832

Historian Judy asked that all members donate any old photos for future compilation to her with captions or notes made on the back.

Old Business: Jake Jacobs said the OVAHC is prepared to offer a bid at the delegates' meeting to host the 2016 Conclave. He gave a summary of the events planned. He mentioned that Turfway was looking to work with us for the gymkhana and fun-khana. At the October meeting the club will vote on which logo we like the best. He then gave an update on the OVAHC September Roundup for 2014. He stated that we may end up at Doubletree Hotel in Blue Ash, but that negotiations were still underway. Dale talked about the OVAHC gymkhana held on 9/1 and how much fun he had working, paying and driving, and then tearing down the course. He mentioned that the Duffeys were so busy that they did not even get to drive. Hazel, Tom and Nancy Hall also worked without driving. Dale then asked for a show of hands of new workers to replace those whom are going to be out of town on 9/29. (You know who you are and THANK you to all 7 for stepping up) Report at 9:00 AM to set up and this is a fund raiser for our club. We took in \$240 at the 9/1 gymkhana.

New Business: Janet Parrott passed around a sign-up sheet for the 10/19 OVAHC bonfire. She is planning on starting at 2:00 PM with tire kicking, followed by dinner at 4 and a meeting after that about 5:00 PM. Guns, and fishing poles welcome. She also said she has three extra bedrooms for weary travelers to use if they ask her. Tim and Bobbi Ross donated two back rests, had a DVD trailer for the new Ron Howard movie "Rush" available, and invited everyone to a screening of the movie about a Grand Prix driver's career on Saturday, September 28 at Rave Cinema in Milford, Ohio. Then we are invited to a late lunch / early dinner nearby. Contact Tim so he can update you, or a club e-mail will be blasted by Dale. The floor was given to Gayle and Cindy for the Loos annual door prize drawing of about ten boxes of car goodies. The lucky winners were glad they came for sure! Vice President Dale adjourned the meeting and again thanked Gayle and Cindy. (more rousing applause)

Respectfully submitted by acting secretary Sandy & Dale Ballinger, for Stand-in Secretary Cindy Loos, for the real deal Nancy Hall.





October—Parrott November—Andorn December 14—Christmas Party @ Grabow

### CALENDAR

September 27-29	Fall Windup (Michigan) fallwindup@semahc.com
September 29	Gymkhana
October 13	Spring Grove car show
October 19	Bonfire at Parrots (October meeting)
October 20	. Herbst tour and OVAHC drive, Camp Springs, KY



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### **Ohio Valley Austin – Healey**

### Club

### Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2013 Sunday: 29

#### - Rain or Shine

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go northeast on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@ Dairy Mart gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store Time: Gates will remain closed until 10:00am for setup. Registration closes at 11:00am or 20 cars, whichever happens first. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean-up/ awards 3:30 ish. Cost: \$20.00 per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free! Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course who

Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when they are not running. Bring lawn 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 passen-gers. 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 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 resi-dential section and ask that the exhaust system be street legal for noise. We want to come back next year.

We would like to see more vintage iron in 2013 .... 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; Bob Duffey (Equipment Master) 1-513-424-0328 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list. jake.jacobs@fuse.net Or check our web site:



# CONCLAVE 2016!!!!

A meeting was held on August 17 at the Marriott (proposed site for visitors of Conclave 2016). We had a short tour of the beautiful facility and then gathered to discuss plans and ideas for the event. Several members of the group provided information on venues for the show, venues for the car show, ideas for official names, plans for activities and various other aspects of the event. We are 99% sure we will be awarded the opportunity to present the Ohio Valley Conclave of 2016. More information and a report will be given at the September meeting. Please e-mail Jake Jacobs with any ideas (nothing too small) that you may wish to convey. Jake.jacobs@fuse.net



# SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP REPORT:

2013 September Round Up, Mid-Ohio Ausitn Healey Club

#### 9/20/13

Seven Healeys and 15 OVAHC members met at 10:15 am at Home Depot, West Chester OH. Dale (Tour Director Extraordinaire who headed and led us with his pre-planned itinerary – THANKS DALE!) & Sandy Ballinger, Bob & Pat Duffey, Tom & Nancy Hall (in their Porsche Boxter), Jake & Joyce Jacobs, Gayle & Cindy Loos, Richard Pratt, Skip and Joan Jackson, and Tim & Bobbi Ross caravanned to the Round Up site at the Holiday Inn, Worthington OH via North Route 42. This was a very special occasion for Tim & Bobbi Ross: an inaugural trip in their blue / white BJ7 after 26 years in storage & restoration. We all enjoyed their joy!



It was a postcard perfect morning with comfortable temperatures lending a so-good-to-be-in-a-Healey mood. There were lots of



through Xenia on Cincinnati Avenue past a Harley Davidson dealership, Moose Lodge, Victoria's Bed & Breakfast (a gorgeous old 3-story brick building surinteresting rural and town views with historic, architectural extras. We passed through Lebanon, home of The Golden Lamb Inn & Restaurant and through the outskirts of Waynesville (known for shops, antiques and dining). Along this good stretch of 4-lane grass median divided highway with (a rarity) only a few vehicles seen on either side for miles, we passed through River's Edge on the Little Miami where kayaks and canoes could be seen,



rounded by ornate iron fence / gate) with a detour around the Xenia Community Festival (in progress with lots of tents including sugar waffles). We continued on through Wilberforce (Wilberforce and Central State Universities), past Indian Mound Reserve, Preston Park & Cedar Cliff Falls and stopped in London for a post-noon lunch at Rothwell's Neighborhood Restaurant. This was a nice road pause with good food, good company and no one partaking of their dessert specials - Glazed Donut Bread Pudding (chunks of glazed donuts covered with custard and baked to perfection) or our beloved Aunt Mary's Gingersnap ice cream sand-wich (with caramel crunch ice cream). Mmmm & Hmmm... maybe next time!

On the road again, we passed though Plant City near the Olentangy Indian Caverns, historic tours and a rural roundabout - a full 360° ride for a few in the group - without dizziness. The only "incident" reported was a turtle with (as observed by Richard) yellow line fever. Dale thought he had clipped the turtle but upon further review by others at the end of the caravan, he (the turtle) managed to reach the other side of the road safely. (So why did that turtle cross the road?!) Maybe to get a better look at those "funny cars"?

Taking Route 23 South we arrived in Columbus in Friday early rush hour traffic reaching our hotel at 2:45 pm where we met our Mid-Ohio hosts and John & Janet Parrott. We enjoyed a few hours greeting other AH Club arrivals in the hospitality room then went out to a enjoy a delicious choice of creative cuisine and wine at the nearby Wine Bistro. It was a nice time with all sharing a few choice self-selected wine varieties from, literally, walls of bottles surrounding us.

#### 9/21/13

Evening into morning rain delayed the car show but our Mid-Ohio hosts "pulled strings" to clear the skies and dry things out allow-

ing all to view, discuss, observe and display all things Healey. Cooling temperatures were appropriate for the first day of the Fall season. Later, with directions from Ralleye Masterette Susan Logan, a number of OVAHC members received a 35-question / instruction sheet for the 75 mile 2 ½ hour rally through Muirfield Village, beautiful landscapes & homes and rural scenic byways.

We all enjoyed a really delicious banquet (great choice Mid-Ohio!) and an entertaining evening with door prizes and awards led by September Round Up Chairperson and Mid-Ohio President Jerry Spurlock. Four first place awards went to OVAHC members: Gayle & Cindy Loos for BJ8s (3000 double light) as well as overall Best in Show; Bob & Pat Duffey for Bugeye Sprites and Dale & Sandy Ballinger for the SOB award.

Our hosts presented an excellent and appealing selection of items for the Silent Auction, much of which went home with our members! Two rare books were purchased, one by John Parrott about Big Healeys; the other by Skip Jackson about Sprites. Skip's book includes a photo of a Works Sprite that finished at Lemans. This car (in process of restoration) just happens to be owned by a Mid-Ohio member. The car (and it's owner) may attend Conclave 2016.

9/22/13

Departing at 10:00 am under crisp porcelain-blue skies, we queued up ready for pleasant light jacket touring.

Now we've added to our collection of Healey family encounters a September Round Up event with much applause and praise for the time, efforts and attention given to us by our Mid-Ohio hosts. Well Done Mid-Ohio!

# JAKE'S STORY:



Factory Works Sprite – Lemans finisher..... Roger Sieling of the Mid Ohio Club invited any interested OVAHC members to his house to look at his historic Sprite that he is restoring. It is included in the book that Skip bought in the silent auction. It was built by Roger Menadue at the Healey Works department in 1959. Skip offered the EMT services to help in his task.

On Sunday morning Skip, Richard and Jake went to his house in Worthington (about 5 miles from the hotel). His garage had multiple



projects (Lotus Elan, Bugeye motorcycle, and a lot of other parts type stuff), his restored vintage Lotus racer and the practically restored Factory Works Sprite.

He has the frame complete and a newly formed Fiberglass nose ready for fitting. It is probably 40 to 50% done. He is a retired engineer who has been vintage racing for 30 years. He worked for Eric Jones in Columbus while in college in the early 1970's and caught the racing bug from Eric. He rescued the works Sprite from a local farm field while in college in the 1970's. Since he has had

it so long, he started out restoring it to race but has backed off on that and is restoring to preserve and to keep it for posterity. We exchanged numbers and when he gets to a place where extra hands would be of help he is going to contact Skip for a short/ long distance EMT outing or two.

Jake talked to him about featuring it at Conclave 2016. He said he hopes to have it



done by then, but was told even if he did not do anything we would be honored to feature and display it. It would make for some very interesting conversations and display of significant Healey history.



## ACTIVITIES:



Spring Grove Cemetery 8th Annual 'Cruise In' Car Show Sunday, October 13, 2013 RAIN DATE: 10/20/13 3:00pm - 7:00pm Registration open at 2:00pm Held at Spring Grove's Funeral Home The Gwen Mooney Funeral Home located on the grounds of Historic Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum 4389 Spring Grove Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45223 Models 1985 and older NO Entry Fees Please bring Non-Perishable Food Item Dash Plaques to first 200 entries Hourly Door Prizes awarded throughout the day Vintage Hearse Exhibit Live Music provided by The Brownstones 'Hot off the Grill' Concessions Split the Pot ~ Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Plan on joining the guided 'Cemetery Cruise' at 6:00 pm Mini Tram Tours of Historic Spring Grove Cemetery throughout the day



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#### 7th Annual Herbst Tour Set for October 20

The 7th Annual Herbst Tour will occur Sunday October 20, Noon – 6 p.m. Three of this year's 19 stops are new from last year. They are the Uebel stonehouse, the Vogel house and the St. Anne Woodlands Preserve.

In addition to the stonehouse at the Uebel stop, there is a completely renovated barn on the property. The Vogel family grows watermelons, pumpkins and flowers. Chickens, ducks, flowers and pick your own pumpkins (weather conditions permitting) will be available on tour day. An original 1800's covered wagon will be on site along with bee-keeping demonstrations and beeswax candle dipping. Homemade jams and jellies made from honey will be for sale.

The 50 acres of the St. Anne Woodlands is the last old growth forest in Campbell County. It contains beech, poplar and pin oaks among other species. A view of the St. Anne Convent alone is well worth the stop.

The features of the other 16 stops continue to evolve from year to year. Regardless, if you have visited a stop before, you will always see something new and exciting.

StoneBrook Winery is located in Camp Springs, KY which was once commonly known as the "Rhine of America." The Camp Springs region was once the premier area for grape growing and wine making before the onset of Prohibition. Vineyards like StoneBrook are Renewing the *Rhine of America* in Historic Camp Springs. We will spend much quality time here!!!

For a complete descriptive map with information and directions for each stop visit the firehouse in Camp Springs, 6844 Four Mile Road. Admission to the tour is free, and food and restrooms are available at multiple stops. For information visit <u>www.campsprings.com</u> or on the day of the tour call 859-635-2228 or the Camp Springs firehouse at 859-635-9255.

The plan for the OVAHC tour is to meet at the Route 9 Speedway (formerly Shell) gas station off I-275 at 11:30 AM on Sunday, October 20. This is the exit just one exit to the west of I-471. Go south from exit # 77 off I-275 about a half mile and Speedway is on the right. We will depart at 11:45 to start our tour. It is an informal route with suggestions from the peanut gallery helping choose our path. We always stop a a winery for lunch. Last year we found some delicious free chili in a church basement. If you have a particular interest you may feel free to roam on your own. (if we can't work it into the tour) Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 20. Drive your Healey if you want some nice photos of it with beautiful



# ACTIVITIES

So, Dale says he is retiring from Activities Director and giving his job over to Skip Jackson. How long do you think it will be before he is back at it...telling Skip where we should be going and how to get there? So...thanks Dale-until next time!

> Happily guiding you over the years, always fun shifting Healey gears, Thanks for letting me carry the load, Hope to see y'all, "down the road"!

#### New Club Member (not human!)



Attached are the Pics that Bernie took of Gene Bailey and me when I bought his 1966 BJ8 on September 11, 2013. It is a driver with 87,000 miles that is a good candidate for a complete restoration. Gene has been in the club since the early 80's. He and Steve Street headed up the Funkahannah for Conclave 86. Gene bought the BJ8 in 1984 from a flipper type guy on the west side of Cincinnati.

Gene had most of the work done under his watch at Nick's Foreign Auto in downtown Cincinnati. They did some safety work and tuning in 1986. Gene drove it off and on as life permitted. In 1998 after about 3000 miles, he did a major refresh; New shocks/ springs all around; Tires, Wheels and hubs; Top, Tonneau, Boot; Interior panels; Water pump, carb work and some other odds and ends. Drove it about 3,500 miles off and on.

In 2007 while driving it the engine slowly ran out of go and it slowly came to a halt, causes unknown. He had it towed back home to the garage did some diagnostics with no real conclusions. Again life went on. In early September (2013) Gene decided that the Healey needed a new home, he wanted it to stay in the club and he wanted the garage space. Gene emailed me asking for help in setting a value.

I offered the EHT's services to get him on the road vs. selling. He said it was time, getting in and out of it was work and it was time to move on. I marshaled the OVAHC's BJ8 experts (Bernie, Gayle and Richard) to give him a honest evaluation and coordinated an onsite evaluation for September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Not being of sound mind; I have been looking for a Big Healey project for after I get the MGC and John's 100-4 where we want them; I counted all the nickels and dimes in my piggy bank; I delicately broached the subject/negotiated with the CEO/CFO of the Jacobs' household (Joyce). After surviving, I was prepared to make an offer if it was a worthy candidate and my relevant range. Turns out it was (I think?) and on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> it came to its new home in Fairfield. On Saturday I came back north with the title and a truck load of assorted accumulated good stuff. I have sworn to God and the Almighty Joyce that I will NOT take it apart until I have the "C" on the road. I am following the 12 step program this time. I think I can get it running and it will be a reserve Healey for John & me until its time comes.

That is my story and I am sticking to it.

Jake Jacobs - Mentally Unstable Healey, LBC enthusiast & other assorted stuff with wheels!

# TECH TEAM ON THE JOB AGAIN!....

The core group of Austin Healey tinkers worked on the overdrive wiring and switches and the distributor on Tim Ross's BJ7 this past Monday, 9/16/13. All their efforts were rewarded by my '63 Healey 3000 finally running the way we all knew it should. We cleaned the heavily

gunked-up distributor, and replaced the suspect electronic pulse module with good old points. The centrifugal advance now works! The engine pulls smoothly, without any hint of misfire, all the way to the redline. The overdrive now has new wiring (again), and a new relay (the old one had the contacts burnt open). The overdrive throttle switch was opened, cleaned and greased. The overdrive dash switch (suspect) was replaced, and we now pull power from the fused-side of the 35 amp fuseblock. With adjustment, the overdrive works correctly. Much thanks, again, to Richard Pratt, Gayle Loos, and Bob Merten. They and others from the club have spent at least 5 days working on my Healey over the past year. Bobbi and I are looking forward to the drive this weekend to Columbus with the group for the Roundup. Attached is a photo of the group after the work was completed – the nice weather was a blessing, since the garage space is "constrained". I think everyone enjoyed the Yuengling Chesterfield Ale I brought back from Pennsylvania for this occasion. - Tim Ross

