

Newsleak



November minutes

December 2015

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11/9/15 – Meeting called to order by Scott Brown

Thank you to John and Pam for hosting the meeting. Introduction of guest, Mike Evans from Hyde Park who just purchased a BJ8 from the Portland area.

Secretary – no changes to the minutes - a sign-up sheet for Christmas party was passed – see details in this Newsleak. Jack Summers from the N. Indiana club passed away 10/24. Mary Ann subbed as secretary for the meeting. Membership will be handled by Sandy Ballinger in 2016, new membership form in this Newsleak. Send your membership forms to Sandy, and national will be paid in a group. It was discussed to add new member information to the Newsleak so member directories can be kept updated and new members can be introduced.

Vice President - John Jacobs went to the delegates meeting (more later). A Facebook page has been created for our club – check it out! “Like the page” and keep up with the group!

Treasurer’s report – 57 members, Bob Minton rejoined. Payments made to delegate and Parrots for expenses. Rebate due for Bob Minton as he signed up with the National club. Balance \$5,354.28.

Tech – Skip had 7 people to work on his transmission and it turned out to be throw-out bearings. They will take the transmission to Richard’s to take it apart – no date set. Also a meeting was held at Bernie’s garage to work on Ben’s final panel fit for the rear fenders. Friday Ben’s car will go for metal cleaning (no additional help needed at this time). Painter in Hammersville is lined up for the paint job. Ben is looking at plating his chrome and asked about Tennessee Tri City Plating for chroming. D&G chroming was recommended by the club.

Website – Don remarked that the site is up to date. If you have current pictures to share send them to Don Klein

Delegates meeting – John and Jake Jacobs accompanied Don and Hazel to the meeting to present the Conclave information for 2016. There was discussion on autocrosses by other groups. They are trying to get other clubs to do the events for events farther from our area. They are discussing a conclave consortium in the future and checking skill sets of surrounding clubs so small clubs can host big events without all the pressure to perform. 2017 has no formal bids at this time. Monterey California is hosting an event on 9/11-16, 2016 – a regional event celebrating the production of the last big Healey. Also, Texas Spring Roundup – 4/1-2-3, 2016 was mentioned. Contact Don Klein if you are interested in the California or Texas event.

National is digitizing the records. *Change to the bylaws* – president of the chapter must be an AHC member. An award for women’s participation at Conclave (to be awarded this



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year) was proposed by our group. **Ann Wisdom Riley/Pat Moss award** will be presented for the first time at the 2016 Conclave.

Business Managers Report – Jake had nothing to report

Activities – Christmas party (details this Newsleak)

Conclave – A report was given at the Delegates Meeting. A Facebook page was set up with ongoing information about the club and this event. A valve cover race at the 2016 Conclave was discussed. Jake wishes to have a tech session in his basement to work on valve covers for the event. An update was handed out to the group.

New Business – Tom Hall reported that next year is Indiana's Bicentennial and there will be lots of activities planned that we may want to attend as a group.

Old Business – The David Kreuter memorial fund was brought up as we usually make a donation early in the year. Since some proceeds from Conclave will be donated the discussion was tabled until after Conclave. OVAHC badges were again for sale at the meeting for \$20. Again, thanks to John and Pam for hosting. Next meeting December 19 at Ballinger's. Mary Ann Grabow, acting secretary.

Group of OVAHC members preparing for Conclave tea event. Yummy treats in store for attendees!...and surprises too!



Pat Moss, A Big Healey, And Navigator Ann Wisdom Display Their Trophies After Finishing 2nd Overall in the 1960 Alpine Rally

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

December meeting/party-Ballingers

71-75 South to Mt. Zion 536 exit. Turn West (right) off the exit and left again on Russwill. Dale and Sandy live at the end of the street on the right. (there is a house back there...back in or turn around for easier exiting.



Christmas party at the Ballinger home on Saturday, December 19 in Union, Ky. Schedule is 5:00 PM for arrival and appetizers. 6:00 PM for dinner, 7:00 PM for the meeting followed by gift exchanges. Everyone wishing to participate, bring a gender correct wrapped gift marked, **lady or man**. \$15 price range. Take I-75 south into Kentucky past I-275. Use exit # 178 for Mount Zion Road / Route 536 and turn right. Go 1.3 miles and turn left onto Russwill Lane. House is the last on the right, a blacktop driveway, which you should back up into when you arrive, before dark. 10179 Russwill Lane Union, KY 41091-9572 [\(859\) 384-1345](tel:8593841345).



TECH TEAM REPORT



A full group of OVAHC tech minions met at the shop of Skip Jackson on Monday, 10/26 to remove his engine and transmission. We had last worked on his Sprite over 12 thousand miles ago, so the tech team warranty had expired. Since there were six helpers for Skip, the work went quickly. The clutch throw-out bearing had disintegrated, and the parts were pulverized by the spinning pressure plate. Richard thinks the trans has other problems – so it will be disassembled next week at the Pratt shop. The engine looked good, Gayle and Bob checked the oil pump. Thanks to all who helped (Richard, Bob, Gayle, Dale, Bernie, Skip & Tim), there was plenty of grease to get us all covered (except Bernie). Regards - Tim

Tim Ross, Scott Brown, Richard Pratt, Dale Ballinger, and Skip Jackson joined Ben and Bernie Grabow on Thursday, Oct 29th for the continuing saga of panel fitting on Ben's 1960 BT7 restoration project. Scott provided some additional donor upholstery and seats from his recently (and enviably) reupholstered BT7 and Dale delivered seats and seat frames from Jake Jacobs to aid in replacing an interior lost to time and rust. It is truly amazing what a previous owner can do with bondo and particle board. Over the course of the morning and early afternoon, and much fitting and re-fitting, panel problem areas were identified and marked for further cutting, welding, and careful adjustment (i.e. percussive manipulation). Many thanks to the tech team and parts donors for getting us closer to a complete and rust-free Austin Healey! Ben



Calendar

December 19.....Christmas party at Dale and Sandy Ballinger's

Skip Jackson is coordinating activities for 2016 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!

Meetings 2015

December (Christmas Party) - Ballinger—December 19

Meetings 2016

January—Kleins
February—Jacksons
March—Wallaces
April—Davidsons
May—Jacobs
June—No meeting/Conclave

July—Coxs
August—Picnic @ Wolfers
September—Loos
October—Parrots-bonfire
November—Sippels
December—Grabows

Caught in the Act

If the fantastic tech team and Bernie ever get this car done—we should see a lot more of Ben and Jenny!





CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____
Last First Spouse

ADDRESS _____ AHCA MEMBER # _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____ + _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

E-MAIL _____

CAR INFO _____
(New member or any changes) Year Type Serial #

The Ohio Valley Austin - Healey Club chapter of the Austin - Healey Club of America dues are \$65 per calendar year. Members receive via mail the printed **Healey Marque** award-winning AHCA magazine. In addition, members receive via e-mail *The OVAHC Newsleak* with local information about the Ohio Valley Austin- Healey Club activities.

Everyone is encouraged to attend our Greater Cincinnati area monthly meetings and join us for other activities. These include drives, tech sessions, a picnic, the Christmas party, and more. Our goals are to promote friendship and to preserve and enjoy the Healey cars. Ownership is not required. Deadline for annual renewal is January 15 of each year. Please make your check payable to OVAHC and mail with a completed application to the membership officer:

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Membership application can be completed with a credit card on the Austin-Healey Club of America web site www.healeyclub.org/join-membership and choose our club OVAHC.

If you desire to have the printed edition of *The OVAHC Newsleak* mailed to you, please contact: Jake Jacobs: Business Manager at 513-858-3071.

Thank you.

Tech Tip—check your tires!

Tires Manufactured Before 2000

The Tire Identification Number for tires produced prior to 2000 was based on the assumption that tires would not be in service for ten years. While they were required to provide the same information as today's tires, the week and year the tire was produced was contained in the **last three digits**. The **2 digits** used to identify the week a tire was manufactured immediately preceded a **single digit** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured before 2000 with the earlier Tire Identification Number format:



In the example above:

DOT EJ8JDFM408

40

Manufactured during the **40th** week of the year

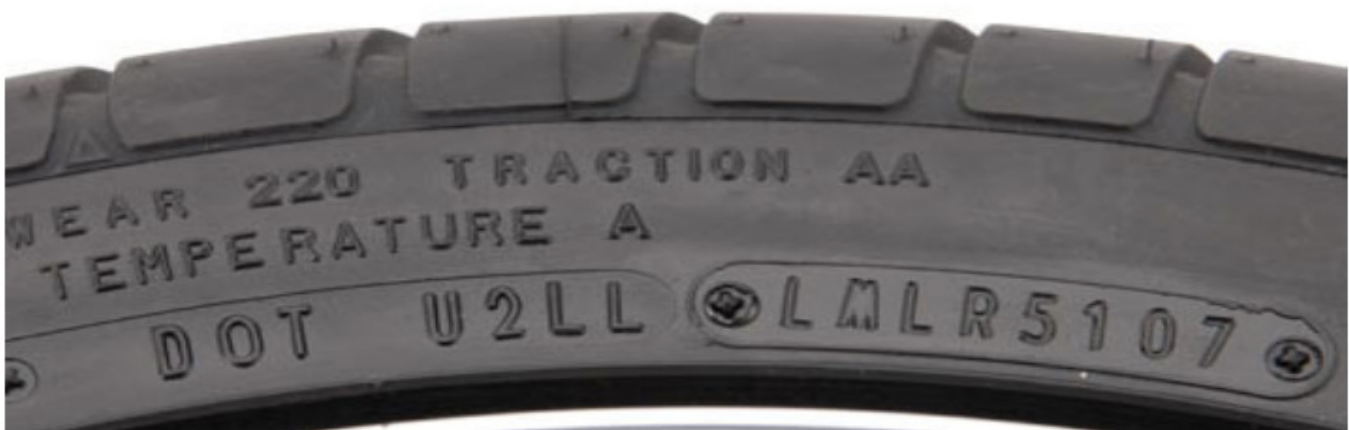
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Manufactured during the **8th** year of the decade

Tires Manufactured Since 2000

Since 2000, the week and year the tire was produced has been provided by the **last four digits** of the Tire Identification Number with the **2 digits** being used to identify the week immediately preceding the **2 digits** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured since 2000 with the current Tire Identification Number format:



In the example above:

DOT U2LL LMLR5107

51

Manufactured during the **51st** week of the year

07

Manufactured during **2007**