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Newsleak



December minutes

January 2016

The meeting started about 7 PM on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at the home of Dale and Sandy Ballinger in Union, Kentucky. The call to order was by President Scott Brown. There were 45 members attending. *(Secretary note: Since the weather outside was frightening at 29 degrees, we had to bring in patio furniture. It was a bit crowded, and we had to call out folks by table numbers to pass through the kitchen. Thanks to all for the gifts and good food. Sorry to table number "6 geese a laying" for the long delay.)* Scott thanked our hosts. *Applause.* He asked for any corrections to the previously published minutes from the Newsleak, none mentioned, and they were approved. Scott reminded us that the dues are to be paid by January 15. Scott thanked everyone for "Putting up with" him as your president this year." He received a round of applause for a job done well. Vice President John Jacobs will be the person in charge and he is leading us into Conclave. VP John Jacobs reported he is getting married, building a house, and starting a new job. Secretary Dale Ballinger thanked the Grabow and Loos couples for lending their 17 chairs and 2 heaters for tonight. Cindy Loos gave the treasurer's report. She stated our balance and noted we had a deposit from the grill badges and dues. The Andorns were paid \$50 for the November meeting and the Ballingers \$200 for this party. New membership chair Sandy Ballinger reported about 30 members had renewed. She thanked all who brought their forms and the checks will be handed over to Cindy for deposit. Cindy wrote her a check for 20 stamps for future use. Newsleak editor Mary Ann Grabow commented that we are collecting teacups and matching saucers for the Conclave tea. These will be given to the ladies attending, so you will not get them back. Email or call Mary Ann with a number that you plan to donate. She will keep track over these next six months and then gather them together as Conclave nears. Look at Goodwill or yard sales if you wish to purchase and then donate them, as we need about 150 sets. She thanked James and Sherry Weckenbrock for the many lovely ones they handed over to Bernie at a tech session recently. Tech director Tim Ross reported the tech team has been busy. They went to the Weckenbrock airplane hangar in Fairfield to look over his BRG BJ8, and his lift, TR-6, and very nice Triumph Spitfire. His hangar neighbor had other nice sport cars including a AH Sprite and a Ferrari. They also worked on Skip's transmission. Bens big Healey is coming back from the prep shop. The goal is to get OVAHC cars on the road for our Conclave. Call him if you want to schedule a team effort. Historian Judy Chamberlain reported that she is looking for archive material including photos from the 1986 Cincinnati Conclave. Delegate Don Klein reported the web site is up to date. He wants photos in JPEG format. Reid Trummel announced the Healey Marque costs went down and they will start using poly bags for mailing them. Business Manager Jake Jacobs had no report. Activities Activator Skip Jackson has about fifteen activities in mind for 2016. For developments, see the Newsleak and its calendar. The February meeting at his house will be on the third Saturday since **the wedding** will be the second Friday. In March we will attend a steak dinner. A May trip to drive a Healey around Texas with Jake is planned. *(Added notes from Jake: Skip and Jake are attending the Texas Round Up #36 hosted by the*

December minutes cont.

South Texas AHC in Boerne TX. March 31 – April 3, 2016 for fun and a PR opportunity. Skip and Jake are flying into Dallas and getting rides to Boerne (south TX) and back with the North Texas AHC (Hillary & Brett's club) caravan. Don & Hazel will be attending in conjunction to visiting with Hazel's daughter in the Dallas area. If you are interested in going; give Jake a call.)

Jake was called on again. He gave a short update on the Cincinnati Conclave 2016 status. Main points are: Marketing is beginning to go out stronger. Test drive of the high-speed printer happened tonight. He showed off aluminum wings prototype for awards. He had Don hold up the poster-sized photos of the ladies tech team he envisions for the Moss article. He wants to know if we can sell these of your own cars, or your car with pinup girls, at Conclave. Bob Frey suggested they should sell for about \$30 for each 18" X 24" color poster. Valve cover racing will be encouraged. Must be BMC covers and Jake wants to have a tech session for building some in March or April. He wants more Jensen – Healeys and Sprites at our show. Cindy wants all our members who paid \$135 to enter the Marriott room drawing to revisit your registration forms. Then sign up and pay the full and final rates for all the non-driving events which you expect to participate in. Deadline is May 1 for early registrations. Loos are handling this job, and you can check with them for all the details. Dale has a suggestion for the entire club. Even if for some reason you do not have plans to pay, register, and participate in the official Conclave events, we really do ask everyone in this club to come forward and work at Conclave. Come to the Marriott, come to the car show, and come to the gymkhana and work. We need your help, so please volunteer early and often.

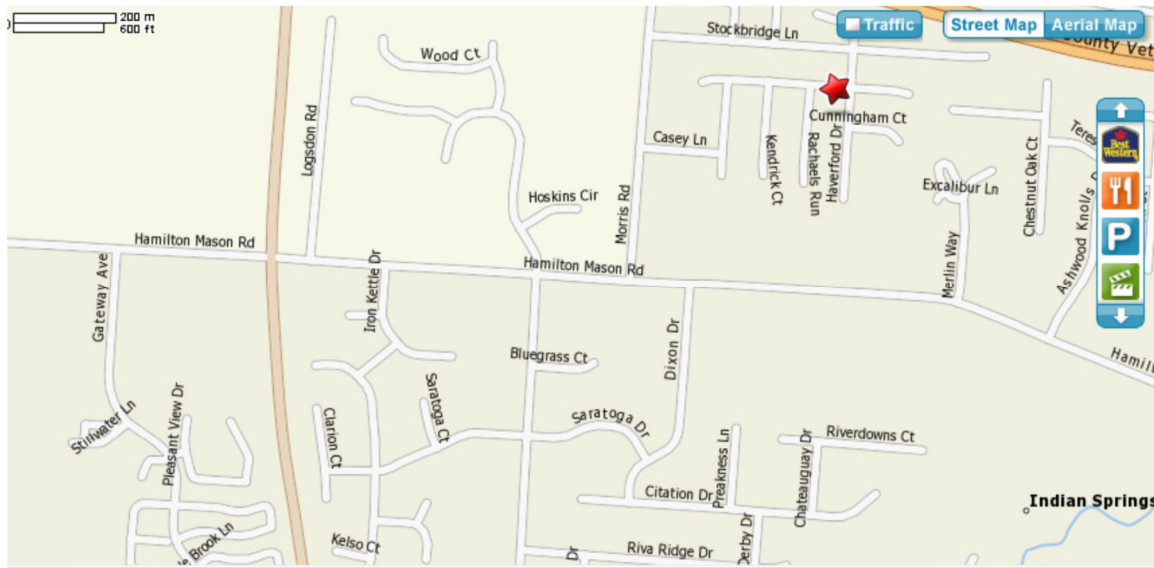
Old business: Tim has OVAHC car badges for sale, only \$20 each. A motion was made and passed to send two badges to Healey museums in Holland and England. New business: Tom Hall suggested we give out "kids goodie bags" at Conclave to all the small ones at registration. Richard Pratt asked if we would create and sell Cincinnati Conclave badges. Scott then thanked our hosts Dale and Sandy. *Applause.* Next meeting is at the Kleins home in Fairfield Township on Saturday, January 16 at 2:00 PM. Bernie thanked Scott for his leadership this year. *Applause.* Scott adjourned the meeting. (The gift exchanges and partying followed)
Submitted by OVAHC secretary,
Dale Ballinger at your service!



Such a serious looking bunch...really was a great time! Thanks Dale and Sandy for hosting!



January meeting—Kleins



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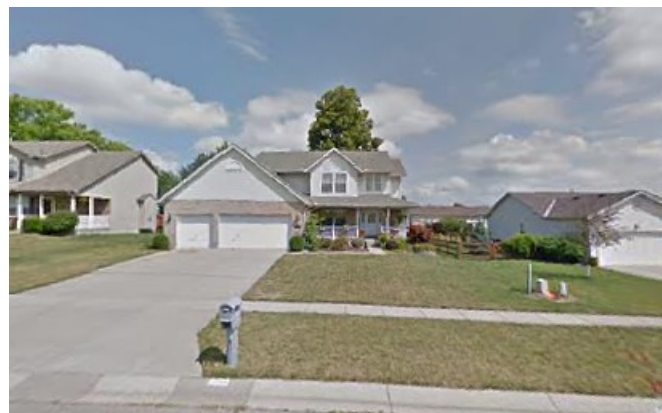
Saturday, January 16 at 2:00 PM.

Husband : I lost my wife, she went shopping & hasn't come back yet.
Inspector : What is her height?
Husband : I never checked.
Inspector : Slim or healthy?
Husband : Not slim, can be healthy.
Inspector : Colour of eyes?
Husband : Never noticed.
Inspector : Colour of hair?
Husband : Changes according to season.
Inspector : What was she wearing?
Husband : Not sure whether it was a dress or a suit.
Inspector : Was she driving?
Husband : yes.
Inspector : colour of the car?
Husband : black Audi A8 with supercharged 3.0 litre V6 engine generating 333 horse power teamed with an eight-speed tiptronic automatic transmission with manual mode. And it has full LED headlights, which use light emitting diodes for all light functions and has a very thin scratch on the front left door.....and then the husband started crying....

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On I-75 exit 24 onto 129 west (just past Tylersville Rd exit 22)
Exit 18 off of 129 onto ByPass 4
Right on ByPass 4 to Princeton Rd (1st light)
Right on Princeton rd to Morris Rd (3rd light)
Right on Morris Rd to Stockbridge Ln (on Left)
Left on Stockbridge Ln to Haverford Dr
Right on Haverford Dr
Right on Treadway Trail (2nd House on Right)

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TECH TEAM REPORT

The OVAHC tech team was invited to the Butler Co. airport hanger of Jim Weckenbrock on Wednesday morning, Nov. 18. The following team members stopped in: Richard, Bernie, John Parrott, Bob Duffy, Jake and Tim. Jim purchased a nice '67 BJ8 in BRG a few years ago and wanted the team to advise on any sorting needed. We got it down from his lift and Richard went for a test drive with Jim, fortunately before the rain. The verdict was a nice looking and running BJ8. During the test drive the rest of the tech team went with Jim's friend Milt Schmidt to his nearby hangar to see his personal original '69 Sprite (and his XKE, MGB and Golf GTI), which were all in very nice condition (as was his Mooney plane). The tech team decided that Jim's and Milt's hangars should be the new model for our ideal Healey Man Cave (heat, light, lift, lounge furniture, power, compressor, bathroom, beer in the refrigerator – all check). When we pulled Richard away from oogling Milt's Jag, he and Jim worked on the adjustment of the Healeys' new fuel level float unit to make the gas gauge useful. We then helped Jim reduce his beer inventory and admired his TR-6 and concours-quality Spitfire, before adjourning (with Jim and Milt) to the Back Porch Saloon for lunch with the rest of the OVAHC gentlemen.

On Monday, 11/23/15, a large contingent of OVAHC tech team members converged on Richards's shop in anticipation of some transmission disassembly action (raw meat for the wolves). Attending were Richard, Gayle, Dick Sipple, Scott Brown, Bernie, Skip, Dale, Bob Merten, and Tim. Skip brought his Bugeye transmission which we removed a few weeks ago with a bad throwout bearing and gear/shifting questions. It faced the surgeons (Gayle and Bob) first and succumbed to its' injuries (first gears trashed). Skip then produced a transmission, generously gifted from Bob Duffy, that proved to be in excellent condition inside. So Skip is ordering the usual set of bearing, seals and gaskets and we will meet again at Richards sometime soon to reassemble the Duffy transmission. Then it will be reattached to Skips engine and reinstalled in the Bugeye in time for Spring.



Photos from the Fri. rebuild of Skip's Trans. at Richard's. For such a small Trans. with no overdrive is sure took all day and several bottles of refreshment to get it together. It still may need more work as in following the notes that came with some of the shims it still seems tight and may need to be fitted with fewer shims.



Calendar

January 16.....Meeting at Kleins (details this Newsleak)

February 20.....Meeting at Jacobs—details to follow (note date is later in the month due to wedding plans)

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 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

CONCLAVE NOTES: We are collecting tea cups and saucers to use at the ladies tea. If you have any to contribute (you won't get them back) please let me know—I am keeping a data base so we can coordinate the cups when we get closer to the event. Let me know how many you have to contribute and I will put you on the list. You can pick up more cups at Goodwill or garage sales in the spring—keep an eye out for really neat ones! Thanks!!!



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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.

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Thank you.