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# NEWSLEAK

## SEPTEMBER MINUTES

October 2016



### OVAHC September Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Secretary Dale Ballinger. President John Jacobs and Vice President Dick Sippel were away. Over thirty members were attending at the Loos home in Fort Thomas on Monday, September 12. Dale thanked

Cindy and Gayle for hosting this meeting. (*applause*) We approved the August minutes with no corrections and called for reports from the officers. President, Vice President, secretary, historian, business manager, and membership officer all had none. Treasurer Cindy Loos paid the bills and deposited monies from the OVAHC gymkhana (*applause*) and Tim Ross sold more OVAHC grill badges. Newsleak editor Mary Ann Grabow noted that the October Newsleak would be a little late.

Tech director Tim Ross went over the recent sessions. Tomorrow Skip Jackson has invited workers over to his shop off North Bend Road for Sprite and MGA corrections. The Tech Team will soon reconvene at Bernie Grabow's garage to install more parts on son - Ben's freshly painted chassis. Call Tim Ross to request help via phone at 513-528-3232. Delegate Don Klein notified us the AHCA delegate meeting is the weekend of November 4 in Indianapolis.

Activities activator, Skip Jackson reported on the Put - In - Bay road races week.

Four cars and six members attended and had a great time. Next year we will invite more of our club to join in the fun and excitement. This weekend is the September Roundup in Richmond, Indiana. Caravan info was discussed. Janet Parrott had three menus from Richmond restaurants so we could choose our Friday dinner-on-your-own spot.

Skip asked for a report on the Cincinnati Classic British Motorcycle Club show. It was at the Boone County Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 11. Dale saw many beautiful bikes to include some from Concours d'Elegance, American Harleys, and Japanese Hondas. He also reported on the Spring Grove Cemetery Rose Garden "celebration of life" for our recently departed OVAHC member, Steve Hudson. His widow, Cathy, asked that we participate and we really came through with about ten Healeys and twenty members attending.

Friday 9/30 Skip is going to Clarksville in Indiana. That is just above Louisville, Ky. He is re-enacting the role of Meriwether Lewis for the Bicentennial Celebration of the State of Indiana. A sixty - five foot keelboat will be displayed along with more re-enactors. Skip will e-mail the club hotel and schedule information, too.

We then asked Don Klein and Jerry Spurlock to address the club and tell why they each wanted to be elected as OVAHC delegate for 2017. After they spoke, we had a paper ballot for each member attending the September meeting. The election was held. Cindy Loos and Ken Kreuter counted the ballots and the results were given. Don Klein won 16 to 15, so yes, every vote does count! While the counting was still being held, Jerry Spurlock graciously volunteered to serve as Vice President if he did not win the delegate post.

A discussion concerning the 2017 December Christmas party was held. Gayle suggested we hold it at a restaurant, rent or obtain a room, and order off the menu. It was proposed to look around this year and make plans early next year, unless someone in our club wants to host.

# SEPTEMBER MINUTES CONTINUED

Old business: Tim has grille badges still for sale for \$20. Plastic chains, twenty feet long from Conclave are free for the taking. Tim has interesting car books to borrow.

In new business, Janet Parrott passed around a food signup sheet for the October 15 OVAHC bonfire / meeting day. She is thinking 1:30 PM to arrive, approximately 3:00 for the meeting, and 5:00 for the dinner. Fireworks at 8 PM. Fishing all day. Call or e-mail with your food donations to 1-513-876-3085 or janetp12@frontier.com for e-mail.

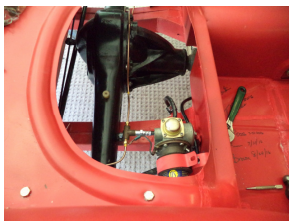
The next meeting is at John and Janet Parrott's home near Bethel, Ohio on Saturday, October 15. Directions and the times will be in the Newsleak. Dale thanked Gayle and Cindy for hosting this meeting (applause) and adjourned.



## TECH TEAM NOTES



The tech team (Richard, Bob Merten, Bernie, Skip and Tim), met **Tuesday** morning at Skip's shop. We had items on both of Skip's LBC's. Both the Sprite and the new MGA had carb issues, and the MGA top needed some slight rework to encase the first bow in a fabric tube and stop the top from "drumming" at high speeds. Tim "attacked" the top. Richard, Bob, and Bernie tried to tune the Sprite carbs, but they needed to be removed for a complete bench inspection and possible rebuilding. The tech team (Richard, Bob Merten, Bernie, Skip and Tim), met **Tuesday** morning at Skip's shop. We had items on both of Skip's LBC's. Both the Sprite and the new MGA had carb issues, and the MGA top needed some slight rework to encase the first bow in a fabric tube and stop the top from "drumming" at high speeds. Tim "attacked" the top. Richard, Bob, and Bernie tried to tune the Sprite carbs, but they needed to be removed for a complete bench inspection and possible rebuilding.



Pictures of Ben's car—looking better all the time

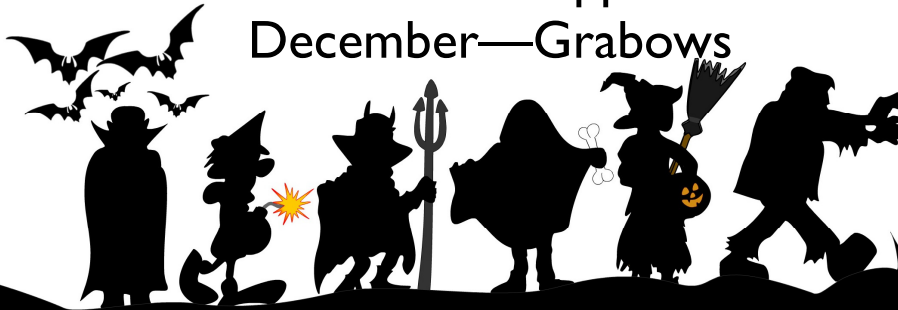


# MEETINGS

October—Parrotts-bonfire

November—Sippels

December—Grabows



# CALENDAR

September 30—Oct 2—AH history tour of So. Indiana

October 9....Spring Grove Cemetery car show and tour of grounds



*In Loving Memory*

Stephen "Steve" Hudson

May 13, 1955—  
July 18, 2016



## OVAHC 2016 Final Driver's Training



Ms. Go: Saturday, September 3, was our fifth and final 2016 Driver's Training at Live Oaks Vocational School in Milford, OH. We enjoyed a comfortably crisp and sunny Labor Day weekend morning that warmed to ideal temps for everyone.

Mr. Whoa: We welcomed a total of 12 drivers, eager to meet and exceed their personal best times on Don Klein's always innovative courses.

Ms. Go: Five frequent returnee Miatas competed and enjoyed the cone-mazed challenges. Ellery and C.J. Savage, sharing their 1997 white Miata, finished with a 79.95 and 85.51, respectively. C.J. had a personal best of third most improved by 7.11 seconds among all drivers.

Mr. Whoa: Michael and Kimberleigh Szaz, sharing their 2006 copper red Miata, confidently maneuvered the course with steadily improved times on each of their six runs. Kimberleigh placed second among most improved driver times at 7.58. Mike roared through the cones to rank fifth among all 12 drivers for a fastest personal best 67.58.

Ms. Go: Speaking of fastest, Mike Lohaus in his sharp silver Honda S2000 ranked number one fastest at 60.99. Gene Allison entertained in his blue/yellow 1963 MINI "18" moving assertively through the course. Although he took a cone for a brief ride, he earned second fastest driver of the day with a final 62.33. Dale Ballinger, another OVAHC MINI driver, in his newly-acquired 2011 green model, proved course mastery and MINI handling. He steadily reduced run times for a fifth run best 70.38.

Mr. Whoa: Back to the Miatas, Don Kelly, despite several rarely occurring DNFs, pressed his 1993 red model to the course shaving 2.80 seconds for a respectable 67.85 finish.

Ms. Go: Bobbi Ross in her 2004 blue Mazda 3 studied the course well, rating the top most improved driver by 7.75 seconds. She remained focused, staying the course, while a flock of low-flying geese skimmed uncomfortably close over her, and landed nearby!

Mr. Whoa: Other OVAHC regulars were Tim Silver and Jake Jacobs. Tim capably steered his 1963 green Spridget "89" with his usual pro-like ability, ranking third fastest of the twelve pack, for a final 63.53. Jake stretched his skills in his 1960 blue Bugeye for a mixed bag of run times earning fourth best most improved by 6.17 seconds.

Ms. Go: After the final sixth run, Don Klein declared a "Fun Run" for any workers. Testing the course were Gayle and Cindy Loos in their 1966 blue Austin Healey BJ8, Ellery Savage in his white/turquoise Nash Metropolitan and Tim Ross in the 2004 Mazda 3. All reported it really was fun!

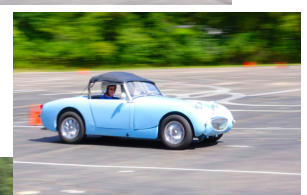
Mr. Whoa: Despite temporary halts to allow several cars and a truck enter and leave in front of the south lot, we hardly missed a beat keeping driver momentum throughout all six runs.

Ms. Go: A **LARGE THANK YOU** to all our OVAHC workers who've made this activity continue to happen with seamless, coordinated, tech-savvy precision for our drivers' education, excitement and fun. OVAHCers at this final session: Bob and Pat Duffey, Don Klein, Jake Jacobs, Dale Ballinger, Gayle and Cindy Loos, Tim and Bobbi Ross, Jerry Cox, Nancy Bacon and Gene Allison. Your collective efforts have made this event a success!

Mr. Whoa: Stay tuned for our schedule, announcing the 2017 OVAHC Driver's Training season on our website, [www.ohiovalleyahc.com](http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com). We look forward to seeing our regular returnees and everyone else, for a safety fast experience with their cars!



## Gymkahana September 3, 2016



# SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP 2016

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

by Cindy Loos

It was on an ideal, pleasantly cool day that the Ohio Valley group converged at high noon in the AmeriStop at Greendale, IN. Enjoying this perfect top-down weather were Dale and Sandy Ballinger in their red Jensen, Scott and Eileen Brown in their blue/white BT7, our Activity Activator and trip leader, Skip Jackson in his red/white Bugeye "Happy" and Gayle and Cindy Loos in their blue BJ8.

The caravan took the Rt. 52 East detour connecting to Rt. 1 North at Brookville and diverting to view the vast blue Brookville Lake via the causeway. Rt. 101 North took us to the town of Liberty and lunch at El Reparo for authentic Mexican fare and beverage. Onto Rt. 27 South, then, to IN Rt. 44 East, with Dale now leading, to share and satiate his covered bridge fetish. We did enjoy some great back roads passing varietal shades of green and seasonal gold flora with occasional whiffs of fresh cut grass and floral scents. We traveled under a pleasing canopy of veiled sunshine amidst clustery cloud wisps and brilliant blue sky.

Now we're on near single lane roads through corridors of tall, sentry-like dried cornstalks ready for Halloween harvesting. Silos, flat pastures as far as you can see... "Dale, where are we?" Crossing Rt. 227 to East Mitchell Rd. to Concord-uh oh-Road Closed Ahead - Bridge Out - (Local Traffic Only). The hopeful-but-now-wondering caravan follows Dale around the sign to Concord-Fairhaven Road. And then-no covered bridge or even remnants of one. Dale exclaims, "The tornado took it!" OK, Dale. Well, at least it was a scenic-nice back, back road experience. We returned to the planned route, Hwy 320, to Richmond, IN and the Holiday Inn host hotel.

Despite our 25ish-minute off-the-path pursuit, 76 (total) miles later we arrived about 3:00 pm with plenty of time to meet and greet our Central Indiana AH Club hosts and join our fellow OVAHCers Jake and Joyce Jacobs, Bob and Pat Duffey, John and Janet Parrott, Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon, and Jerry and Peggy Spurlock. We were soon entertained with a clever Healey-themed Spin the Wheel of fortunes and misfortunes, and related good and gag prizes.

Our hosts provided an abundance of ongoing snacks and libations at Hospitality. We enjoyed a dining variety of Subway selections, sides and desserts. That evening Funkhana challenged skills with balsawood planes, Lionel trains and slot cars. "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (recall that comedic movie with John Candy and Steve Martin) was an imaginative theme and setup for a fun-for-all activity.

Thanks to our Central Indiana hosts superb effort and planning, we enjoyed our Day 1 sampling of lots of social and good-time activities, and look forward to two more days of lots more of the same!

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY**

**by Dale Ballinger**

Friday morning after our complimentary breakfast buffet, we took off on a Poker Run rally. It featured the highest natural point in Indiana and crossed four historic covered bridges. Some of our group passed on this adventure and instead enjoyed one or two self-guided tours of the



Richmond area. Joan Jackson had arrived by then, and she and Sandy took off on their own adventure. Because we had "dinner on your own" that evening, we followed Janet's recommendation and casually dined at Little Sheba's Restaurant in the Depot District. Then that night, more Hoosier Hospitality ensued well into the harvest moon night.

Saturday morning after another complimentary breakfast buffet featuring biscuits and gravy this time, we were off the car show back at the Depot District. It was a very nice venue.....until the skies opened up on us big time. The CIAHC arranged a Mystery Mural Tour walking rally while the drops beat down. After Car Show, there were more self-guided tours of the Richmond area, such as the Model T Museum nearby. The Wayne County Historical Museum was a huge favorite of Jake.

At 2:00 we went on the Tour of Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church to view the fabulous stained glass windows. It featured many Tiffany Glass windows from New York. It seems that Mr. Reid was one of the richest men in America at the time it was built. The organist filled about fifteen minutes with roaring renditions of several hymns on the enormous pipe organ.

At 3:00 PM, there was a tour of the Richmond Art Museum led by a curator. Back at the Holiday Inn more Hoosier Hospitality. Then we had Cocktail hour before our dinner. It was so great to see our Healey friends from North Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Canada, Kentucky, Ohio, and of course Indiana. A huge regalia store opened for us, and the Central Indiana Club offered many silent auction items for bidding. So many goodies, so little will power. The Riley Children's Foundation was the beneficiary this year. We dined on salmon and prime rib. The awards ceremony followed. CIAHC President and Roundup Chairman, Bruce Watson emceed the evening and performed very well.

The first place rally winners were Skip Jackson and Dale Ballinger with a straight from their five drawn cards. Jon Monies really set up a fantastic trip. The Mystery Mural Tour first place winners were Nancy Bacon and Jeff Porada. That test was very tricky and required precise thinking. The Funkhana winners from OVAHC were Bob and Pat Duffey with an Honorable Mention award. Dick Stories laid out a most interesting challenge for us.

Jim Frakes arranged the car show. We had popular choice voting again this year. He presented the first place award for AH convertibles to Jerry and Peggy Spurlock. In the Bugeye Sprite class, Bob and Pat Duffey won an award of excellence. In the SOB class (some other British) Dale Ballinger won first with his Jensen- Healey. An award for "hard luck" went to Jeff Porada for his unfinished yellow Bugeye. For the "Peoples Choice" award for best car, the award went to Jerry and Peggy Spurlock. Congratulations!

Chris Clark from the Mid-Ohio AHC stepped forward and gave a nice presentation for 2017. September Roundup will be at Mohican State Park near Lexington, Ohio on September 14 - 17. He asks that you register and obtain rooms before July ends. Rooms are only \$110 per night and you should ask for the Austin -Healey Club rate directly by phone only. Thanks to the CIAHC for a great show and a won-

**Jeff Porada  
and Nancy  
Bacon**



Bob Haskell's pictures on  
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Rally winners Dale and Skip via 10 high straight



Jerry & Peggy Spurlock winner winner after dinner



# September Roundup

Christman 1896 Covered Bridge





# MEETING FOR OCTOBER

The Annual Fall Bonfire Picnic at Janet and John Parrott's Farm 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Rd. Bethel, OH 45106 October 20, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Potluck dinner at 5:00. Fish in the pond, shoot the potato gun or your real gun, hike to the creek, or put your feet up and relax. Meat, wine, beer, water and soft drinks will be provided by the club. Please call Janet or John if you have not already signed up to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Phone 513-876-3085 (long distance from some areas) If needed, call our cell phone 513-368-2496 or home 513-876-3085 for directions. Directions: Coming from the north via I-275: • Take the SR 32 Batavia Exit #63 to Batavia (about 3 miles to Batavia, exit on right) • Take the first Batavia exit and go into Batavia and proceed to turn right on SR222 (third traffic light) • Follow SR222 (about 6 miles) to SR125 junction and turn left. • Proceed on SR125/222 (about 1.5 miles) to follow SR 222 and turn right • Follow SR222 carefully watch route signs. There is a hard left at Pt. Isabel, after making that turn go straight and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right) and continue straight the road becomes Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. • Go about 1/4 mile and turn right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. • Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about 1 mile on the left with a black mailbox and a concrete drive just after the bridge. Route coming from the south or west Cincinnati via I-275: • After crossing the Ohio River on I 275 take the second SR52 East exit (exit 71) to New Richmond and continue on SR52 past New Richmond. After it becomes two lanes, go about 4 miles to Pt. Pleasant. • Turn left on SR232 past Grant's birthplace, and continue about 2 miles to right on SR756. • At the first stop sign turn left which is 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). Continue straight and the road becomes Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. • Go about 1/4 mile and turn right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about 1 mile on the left with a black mailbox with a concrete drive just after the bridge

