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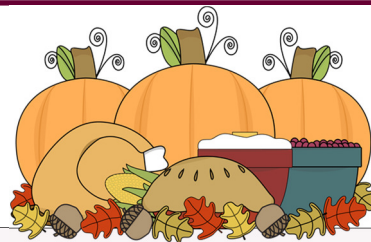
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# Newslak



## October Minutes

November 2017



## OVAHC October Meeting Minutes

Call to order at about 3:00 PM at the Parrott home near Bethel, OH on Saturday, October 9 by President Dick Sippel. Dick thanked our hosts John and Janet for hosting. (applause) Janet turned around and thanked Jerry and Peggy Spurlock for helping set up things all day since they had arrived the day before. (applause) Thirty - one members were attending and were enjoying the nice weather, even if the sprinkles tried to dampen the spirits a couple brief times. President Dick, Vice President Jerry, Secretary Dale, Editor Mary Ann, and Membership Sandy all had no report. Business Manager Jake was away with John blacksmithing in Logan, Ohio.

Treasurer Cindy gave her report. We had fourteen drivers on 9/2 for the drivers' training. She made deposits for that and the sale of one



# October Minutes Continued

Mainstrasse show shirt. One early registration from Skip was received for our 2018 September Roundup show. She paid for reimbursement of the publishing fees to Bob Merten and to the Loos members for the September meeting. Our balance is good. Cindy passed around new business cards for the OVAHC.

Tech Director Tim reported since we did not enough Healeys that needed fixing, they branched out and worked on Skip's MGA. Tomorrow we are working on Nate Fuson's square body A-H Sprite in Latonia. Bob Duffey mentioned that a crew moved a car lift from Indiana to his garage in Middletown, and had it working the same day. Call Tim Ross to request Healey car help via phone at 513-528-3232, or email him. Tim is bringing a trailer to Alabama so if you need room for suitcases, breakdowns, or purchases: he can accommodate you.

Historian Judy passed on the OVAHC memorabilia to John Parrott. Delegate / web Don said the delegates meeting is in November. One subject will be the 2018 French Lick Conclave. The 2019 show will be in the Black Hills of South Dakota, probably in September.

Activities activator Skip has caravan plans for Southeast Classic. He took names. Leave Wednesday 10:32 AM from Murphy Express gas in Florence. The Spring Grove Cemetery show was scheduled for tomorrow, but hurricane Nate's aftermath was expected to wash it out. Rain date is the next Sunday, 10/15. Skip recommends that we register for French Lick rooms now, and pay the \$735 for five nights later. Conclave registration is \$286 for a couple including almost everything. He gave a September Roundup show report. We did good! Skip knows of a jobber that makes distributor parts for \$39 for MGs and Sprites that will not fail. Contact him for more details.

New business: Skip mentioned that we have a drivers' training session scheduled for Saturday, October 28 and Skip, Jake, and Don can't make it. Jeff, Dale, John Parrott, Cindy & Gayle can make it. Others may have volunteered, but did not catch their identities. Nate volunteered to haul the cones. We need more OVAHC workers, please. Contact Skip with any questions and he will get the answers.

2018 September Roundup Chairman, Dale has the finished flyers and registration forms for our show. He thanked Chris Wolfer for all his great work. Skip took the floor once again and announced that he, Dale, and Jake had discussions and decided that for our OVAHC September Roundup in 2018, he should put the flyer in the BCCGC newsletter. Because we have a SOB (some other British) class, he thinks we could add about five cars to our show.

Old business: Ken Kreuter is taking orders for free OVAHC name tags. [kkreuter@fuse.net](mailto:kkreuter@fuse.net)  
Deadline is the November meeting.

The next meeting is Saturday, November 11 at Tom and Nancy Hall's new home. The complete details will be in the Newsleak. Dick thanked John and Janet Parrott for hosting (applause) and adjourned about 3:30 p.m. and then we had dinner, libations, shooting, and fun talking before the bonfire. Submitted by OVAHC Secretary, Dale Ballinger "at your service"



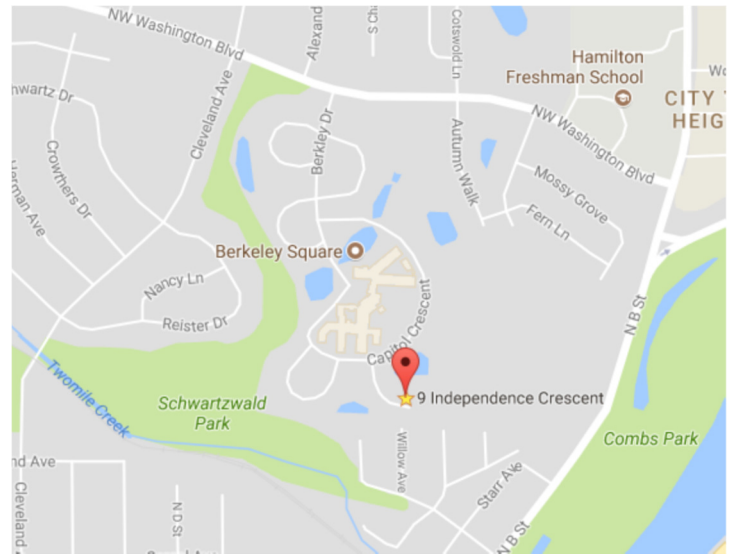
**Special  
thanks to  
Spurlocks for  
their help!**





# NOVEMBER MEETING 11/11 ... BYOB

Tom Hall's new place: 9  
Independence Crescent,  
Hamilton OH 45013 Kick  
tires at 2...meeting at 3.  
513-737-3576 or  
513-319-6134 if you get  
lost. GPS works well.



From 75 South, come north to exit 24, which is SR 129 and go West. Continue on 129 West and it eventually just ends at a light, this cross street is Hampshire Drive. Go through that light and continue on through several more lights. You will go down a small hill and under a railroad trestle and come to a stop light, this is Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (aka route 127) There is a McDonald's on the left and the Municipal bldg is catty corner, also on the left. You will take a right turn onto Martin Luther King Dr. Continue up to the 3rd traffic light, which is Black Street, you can only go left. As you turn onto Black street you will see a small drive thru Pony Keg on the right, continue over the bridge to the traffic light. This is "B" Street. Go right onto "B" street and continue on through the next light (the Miami River will be on your right). Keep going straight, you will see a sign for the Rt. 127 turnoff on the right but keep going straight. Immediately after that turn off you will come to a street on the left, this is Washington and you can only go left. As soon as you turn you will see the Hamilton Freshman High School on the right. As soon as you pass that start looking for the big brick entrance to Berkeley Square on your left. Turn left onto the grounds. The first stop sign is Capitol Crescent, you can only go left. Follow this all the way around to the back of the property. You will see a stone wall on your left that says Harrison's Landing, which is actually Independence Crescent. Their house is on the right about 5 (?) house up. There will be limited parking in the driveway, so then keep going around the circle and back out to where there is more parking.

From the EAST side, take 275 West to 75 North and then to SR 129 West and follow same instructions above.

From the WEST side, you can do 275 East to 75 N and to SR 129 if you want but you will be back tracking, OR you can take 275 East, get off on Hamilton Ave. (aka Rt. 127) and go all the way up. You will go through Fairfield, crossing over Nilles, through small town of Lindenwald. When you hit Hamilton you will come to the light where the McDonald's is on your right, and the Municipal Bldg is on your left. Keep going straight through and go through the next 3 lights till you also get to Black Street and take a left. Then follow same directions as above from Black Street.

# Caught in the Act



## Meetings 2017

November— Julie King  
December— Ben Grabow & Jenny—  
Christmas party



# Tech Sessions

10/8...Nates Sprite is now in the "home stretch" of completion. The tech team of Richard Pratt, Chris Wolfer, Bernie Grabow, Tim and Nate managed to install the windshield (needing the help of a dandelion spade to align a hole), get the lights and horns checked and functional, complete the dash switches and gauges, and most importantly run the engine in the car!! Yea!! There may be some follow-up issues on the clutch hydraulic system, the wiring of the alternator, carb linkage, and the interior installation for future tech sessions. It is all shaping-up to be a first-class, ground-up restoration



## October 3rd 2017 Tech session at skip Jackson's garage on his MGA



## Future projects at John Parrots







Couldn't resist—view from lodge at Dale Hollow—on our way to Guntersville →



## Officers 2018

Co-Presidents Jeff Porada and John Jacobs

Co-Vice Presidents John and Lauren Wallace

( FYI - We are doing two years terms for these top two offices starting 2018, then VPs become Prez in January 2020)

Historian John Parrott (note this is also a change)

The rest are the same as 2017:

Technical Director Tim Ross

Secretary Dale Ballinger

Membership Sandy Ballinger

Delegate Don Klein

Treasurer Cindy Loos

Activities activator Skip Jackson

Business Manager Jake Jacobs



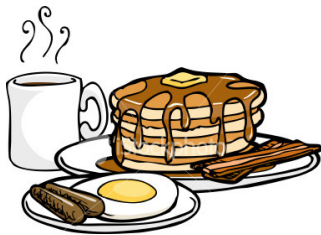
# Calendar for 2017

October 28 (Saturday)..... Drivers Training—Gymkhana

November 5.....Pancake Breakfast

November 11.....Meeting Tom Halls (Julie Hosting)

December 8....Christmas Party & meeting, Ben Grabow's



*Don't miss it!*  
*Sunday, November 5, 2017*

## Pancake Breakfast

In the Silent Auction we have 4 tickets to Concours Cincinnati (value \$100), a Big Green Egg (big one, value about \$750?), a lighted holiday reindeer, \$75 in Harley Bucks, a custom-made autographed Bengals cornhole set, and a whole bunch of other great stuff! Great food, great opportunities!

To benefit the  
**David Kreuter  
Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**



Sunday, November 5, 2017 at the  
**Shiloh United Methodist Church**  
**5261 Foley Rd. at Anderson Ferry Rd.**  
in Delhi  
**9:00 am – 12:30 pm -- John Wesley Hall**



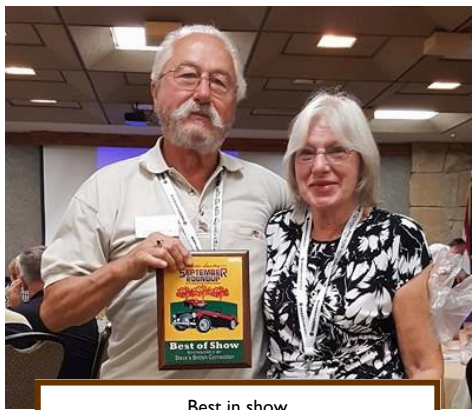
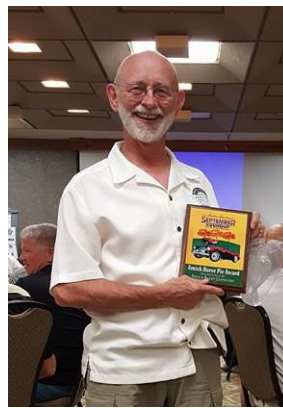
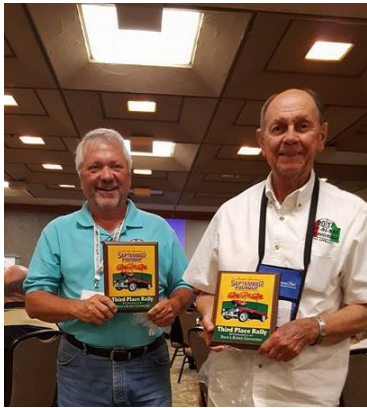
For Sale:  
1974 Jensen - Healey 75 k miles  
4 cyl 2000 cc DOHC Lotus engine  
4 speed manual trans  
Show and AutoX winner  
First \$ 9,999 takes it!  
Dale Ballinger  
859-384-1345







## SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP

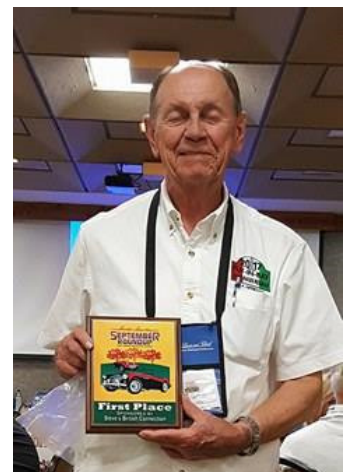
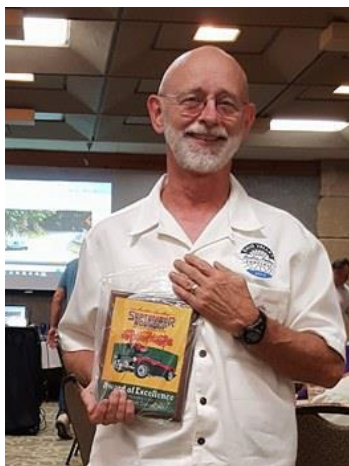
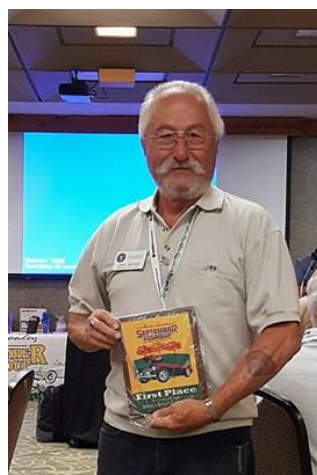


Best in show

So little space for so many awards. Skip and Dale won 3rd for the rally. Jake won the “apple



pie” award for the most poop after the car drive (Amish road apples). Spurlocks won Best in Show and the rest placed in their categories! Great show and good attendance by OVAHC club.



# SEPTEMBER ROUNDUP Continued

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

A caravan of seven assembled at the West Chester Home Depot : Our Activity Activator Skip Jackson, navigator/lead in his red/white Bugeye “Happy”, Dale and Sandy Ballinger in their red Jensen, Bob and Pat Duffey in their red/white BJ7, Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow in their blue/white BJ8, Jake and Joyce Jacobs in son John Jacob’s “Super” air-conditioned hardtop 100, Gayle and Cindy Loos in their blue BJ8 and Tim and Bobbi Ross in their blue/white BJ7. We departed at 10:30 am under heavy ash-grey skies and coolish 60s.

Skip’s route on US 42 North took us through scenic Ohio towns past charming and elegant homes, inns and kitschy yards of Lebanon, Xenia, Waynesville, Wilberforce, South Charleston and London. Fickle weather in light-to-heavy rain and bright-to-near sunny played with road and driving conditions. We had a brief pullover to allow the weather-optimistic Grabows convert top-down sensory delights to top-up dry up cover. The caravan continued under a grey-tinged marshmallow cloud canopy, finally giving way to clearing blue sky.

With 111 miles behind us, we reached our destination, Der Dutchman (since 1969) at 12:50 pm in Plain City, OH. At this mega-sized restaurant we met Jerry and Charleen Cox, John and Janet Parrott, and Jerry and Peggy Spurlock. Our large group enjoyed equally mega-sized lunch portions along with hearty conversations.

Departing about 3:00 pm, our caravan of seven continued north under dry, bright, top-down conditions. We had an extended tour of Mt. Gilead in search of the elusive SR 95 through a traffic-chaotic roundabout

wannabe. Turns out our intrepid Activator/Leader actually had fuel opportunity intent prior to SR 95 travel.

Now on SR 95, we passed through Fredericktown, a perfect future home for the Jacobs—the town motto-- A Community of Opportunities.

Reaching the back roads of Mohican State Park, there was promise of more Healey hilly, curve-hugging terrain ahead. Our Mid-Ohio hosts chose well to find this relatively remote getaway location. Serene lake and forested surroundings set the pace for a laid-back RoundUp.

That evening Mid-Ohio host, Jason Pigg, led a literally out-of-the-box Funkhana—Hot Wheel Racing with a Split-the-Pot winner. A wide assortment of HW vehicle choices at \$5.00 each—as many as the wallet



allowed—vied to win on a gravity-fed racetrack. The races were easily viewed on a large screen in the expansive Hospitality room. A clever Funkhana with HW souvenir takeaways.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Well after the crack of dawn, Rallye Master Mike Foster, wearing a distinctive Amish chapeaux, instructed

the many assembled rallyeists about his rules on the 67-mile route. His rallye was one of those rare, hoped-for pleasure drives with most fill-in-the-blanks predictably ordered per instruction. It was challenging, but not hyper-frustrating. His drive was a scenic throwback to simpler times and much hard labor. We saw a gorgeous sampler of rural Ohio and rolling hillsides with so many pristine farms, pastures, crops and livestock. All this on less traveled, roller coaster, hill hoppin' back roads. What a great rallye end point at Swissters! With beer and wine bars and delish assortment of eats, the road dust settled. Now refreshed, we were ready to spend the afternoon on self-guided tours in Holmes County.

Thanks to our Mid-Ohio hosts for providing directions, local maps, and pamphlets for a near infinite number of

choices chockfull of Amish country attractions, products, shops and dining. Lots to experience and see in the store-lined streets of Berlin, Winesburg, and Millersburg and charming smaller towns of Walnut Creek, Sugarcreek and Charm.

That evening at the lodge, with hillside trees and lake view, our OVAHCers and others gathered around a warming, flame-dancing fire pit that welcomed lively conversation, thirst quenching and relaxation in the crisp air. We replayed that day's experiences, thanking our Mid-Ohio hosts, Chris Clark and crew, for a great RoundUp venue and itinerary. We anticipated Saturday, beginning with the Car Show, and a drive to Mowery Cider Mill. Then to a very fascinating castle hotel, Landoll's Mohican Castle, and a gourmet lunch (i.e. roasted cauliflower sandwich) at the Castle restaurant, Copper Mug and Grille. The evening finale was the Banquet (delicious) followed by winner results of the Silent Auction, Rallye and Car Show.

**Jerry and Peggy Spurlock Best of Show and class winner**

**Bernie Grabow first place BJ8**

**Skip Jackson first place**

**Bugeye Sprites**

**Dale Ballinger first SOB**

**(some other British)**

**Bob Duffey second in his class**

**Rallye results:**





# SOUTHEAST CLASSIC, GUNTHERSVILLE, AL

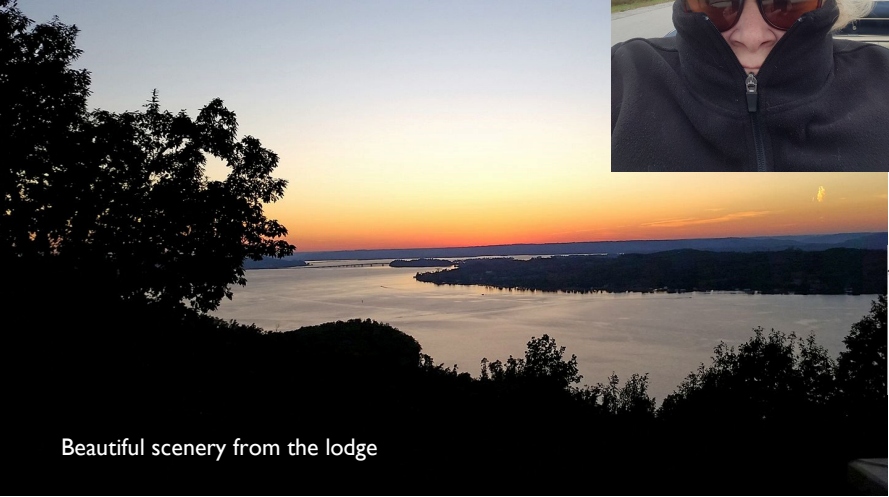
South East Classic 2017 car show



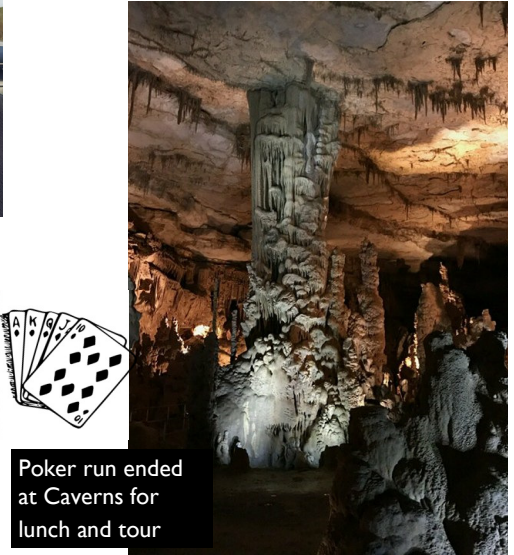
Members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club set up for a fun Gymkhana at the southeast Classic in Alabama.



Didn't hear banjos, but did get chased by a few dogs on our adventure down a country road with no end! Scott was leading...and we did see a bear



Beautiful scenery from the lodge



Poker run ended at Caverns for lunch and tour



# Southeast Classic Awards - Lake Guntersville, Alabama Saturday Car Show -

Bernie & Mary Ann Grabow - 1st place BJ8

Jerry & Peggy Spurlock - 1st place BJ7

## Saturday Gymkhana -

Jake Jacobs - Nasty Boy - 19.03 sec.

Dale Ballinger - Jensen - 18.52 sec.

Scott Brown - BT7 - 21.63 sec.

Skip Jackson - SOB MGA - 22.2 sec.

## Hard Luck Award -

Bob & Duffey

Bart T. Goof SE Classic traveling trophy -

Scott Brown - awarded by Bob Thurman (Middle Tennessee)



## AWARDS



Bob won the Hard Luck award, but we all had a bit of trouble on the drive. Bernie and Scott got the top up on Scott's car just in time for the rain. (we all got wet) Skip had a bit of trouble getting started on our second day. Bob had the worst time though—his car ended up on the

