

# OVAHC

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# Newsleak

Merry  
Christmas

## November Minutes

December 2017



Call to order at about 3:15 PM on Saturday, November 11, 2017. About thirty members attended at Tom and Nancy Hall's new home in Hamilton, Ohio. President Dick Sippel thanked them and our extra special hosts: Juli (daughter of Tom and Nancy) and hubby, Rob King. (Applause) President Dick, Vice President Jerry, Secretary Dale, all had no report. Business Manager Jake was away with Delegate Don at the delegates meeting in Indianapolis. Historian Judy could not make it.

Treasurer Cindy gave her report. Debits were for \$150 Parrott bonfire, \$15 Ballinger 2018 SRUP printing, and \$218.75 Chris Wolfer Mainstrasse t-shirts costs reimbursement. She deposited \$130 from the Spurlock 2018 SRUP registration. Our balance is good.

Tech Director Tim reported we are working on Nate Fuson's square body A-H Sprite in Latonia on Sunday 11/19. Bob Duffey reported the noise from his engine is still a bit of a mystery, but not from the bottom. He will remove the head soon to look at the pistons. Jim Weckenbrock wants to find out where all the oil pouring out of his Healey engine is coming from. Jake met some new friends in Japan that want Bugeye rib case transmissions, and Chris has one too that needs a rebuild. Lauren Davidson wants to get her Bugeye on the road again. Tim is wondering if we can set up a regular day of the week for the Tech Team to go out and provide service to a club member's Healey. Remember that we work not only for pizza and beer, but for the joy of seeing an old Healey drive out of the garage and down the road. Call Tim Ross to request Healey car help via phone or email him.

Editor Mary Ann passed around a food signup sheet for Jenny and Ben Grabow's Christmas party on 12/9/2017. Membership Sandy mentioned she would accept \$65 checks to OVAHC at the Christmas party. No form needed if nothing has changed. Please fill out one if anything is new.

Activities Activator Skip showed off the prize for running the OVAHC managed Southeast



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## November Minutes Continued

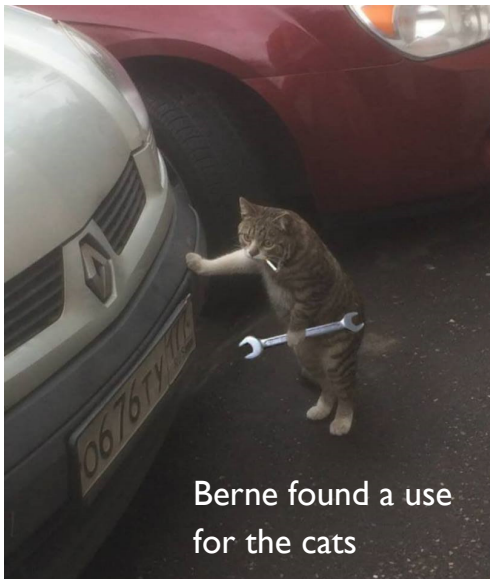
Classic gymkhana in Alabama. The beautiful clear bottle with a logo that Dale won had a Bourbon flavor and tint to it. Ha ha. Skip is already planning for the next one in Charleston, South Carolina.

New business: Lauren Wallace: thanked the veterans present because it was their day 11/11. (Applause) She was modeling a fashion shirt to be offered for sale to OVAHC women for September Roundup 2018. It has no collar, V-neck, long sleeves, and is comfortable. (Applause) They may go on sale in January and February with a probable deadline of 3/15/2018. Any preordered green polo shirts may be exchanged for the new offerings. Stay tuned for a special order form. It will include bowling shirts for men. The price will be as close to cost as possible.

Old business: Tim Ross has three OVAHC car badges left for \$20 each.

The next meeting is the Christmas party on Saturday, December 9 at Jenny and Ben Grabow's home near Eastgate. The complete details will be in the Newsleak. Dick thanked the Halls and the Kings again for hosting (applause). Tom thanked everyone for cheering him and Nancy up tremendously by attending. Dick adjourned the meeting about 4:00 PM. Then we had more snacks, libations, and fun talking.

## Caught in the Act



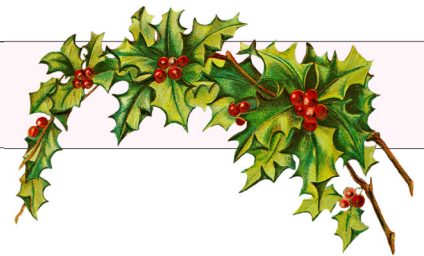




Joyce and Jake Jacobs in Japan visiting AH group.



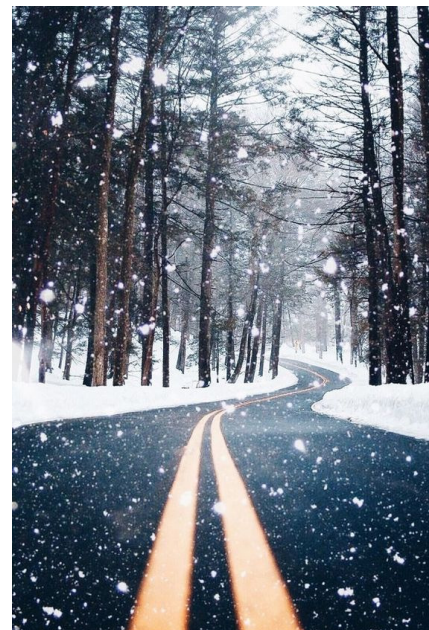
## Meetings 2017



December—Ben Grabow & Jenny—Christmas party

## Meetings 2018

January.....Fischer  
 February.....Jackson  
 March.....Wallace  
 April.....John and Ashley Jacobs  
 May.....Grabow  
 June.....Porada /Bacon  
 July.....Cox  
 August.....Volfer (picnic)  
 September.....Loos  
 October.....Parrott (bonfire)  
 November.....Sippel  
 December.....TBD





# Tech Sessions



We got some more items completed on the Nate Fuson sprite on Sunday, 10/22. Richard and Gayle worked more on the alternator and regulator to get the power out to the battery. Skip came by in his church clothes but quickly changed to

help. Chris Wolfer brought his Sprite to help us check some interior details and the alternator wiring and worked on the turn flasher and cigarette lighter wiring. Tim worked to install the foot well panels. Gayle and Dale also bled the brakes, but are still concerned about the clutch cylinder bleeding and operation – maybe a new slave cylinder for next time. The engine still runs rather rough and will not rev up – Tim (as

always) suspects the condenser. We checked the output of the fuel pump again and will probably just get a new Facet and in-line filter. The seats were also installed by Gayle and Nate. In all a good day's effort, great weather, Skyline cones and beer.



Tech Team members met October 30th at the home of Bob and Pat Duffey to provide diagnostic work on Bob's BJ7 engine which had issues going to SE Classic at Guntersville, AL. By the time Richard Pratt, Bernie Grabow, and Scott Brown arrived, Bob had the car on the lift, done a compression check, and had already drained and dropped the pan. The valve cover was also removed.

Donuts and coffee were first on the agenda followed by removing the connecting rod cap of #1piston and inspecting the bearings which showed no appreciable wear and were +.020 indicating a recent (in miles) engine rebuild. The crankshaft looked great as well. Next on the list was looking at the piston top with a borescope with a Bluetooth connection to a smart phone. After lowering the camera in and looking around, we weren't sure what we were seeing but Richard figured out it was a D-top racing piston for higher compression. There were a suspicious area that we saw that should warrant pulling the head to see why that piston had low compression relative to the others. Using the borescope camera again from the underside, a view of the connecting rod was obtained to confirm it was a stock rod and not a custom one.

After lunch, there was discussion of next step and Richards recommendation was to simply replace pistons and rings based on everything else looking very good. It was also suggested that Bob find out more about the engine rebuild from Chad Donner. At this point, we decided to button the engine back up, add the old oil, and fire it up so we might hear any strange noises. Engine started right up and no loud noises were heard furthering the need for removal of the head and visual inspection. Now we look forward to pulling the head and hearing more about the previous engine rebuild.

Scott



## List of covered dishes signed up for Christmas Dinner

*Trying to have an assortment of appetizers, vegetables and desserts for dinner—call Mary Ann 513-608-3421 and let her know what you are bringing so we can try to have a variety! Thanks!*



Broccoli Rice casserole  
String beans  
Cherry cobbler  
Brownies  
Pecan tassies & salad  
Shrimp  
Meatballs  
Banana mousse pudding  
Cheesy green bean casserole  
“starch” dish of some kind  
& Sweet potato casserole

## 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



## 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](http://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.

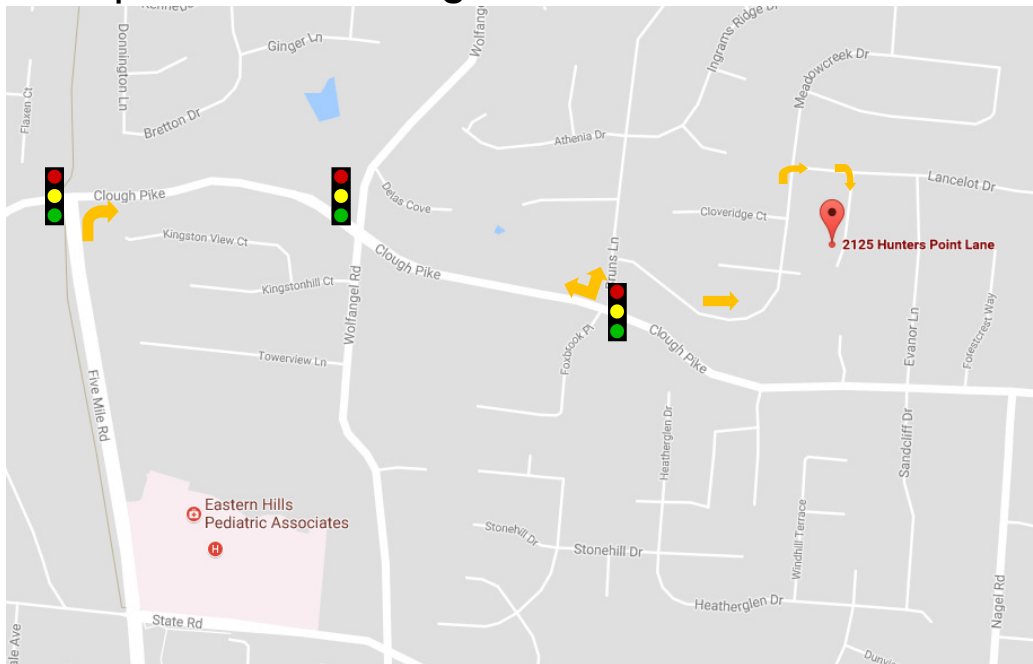
Thank you.



# Calendar for 2017

## December 9....Christmas Party & meeting, Ben Grabow's

Christmas party—  
Dinner at 6:30...come  
any time after 5:30.  
Bring a gift (gender ap-  
propriate) in the \$15  
range if you want to  
exchange. Covered  
dish to share (see list of dishes so far). Meat and drinks  
will be provided. Meeting after dinner.



I 275 to East side of Cincinnati. 5 Mile exit and north to dead end on Clough Pike. Right on Clough to Left on Bruns Lane (2nd light), Right on Meadow Creek to Right on Lancelot to Right on Hunters Point Lane.

# 2017 OVAHC flow of funds report

<b>BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE: November 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$7,730.29</b>
<b>INFLOW OF FUNDS:</b>	
AHCA/OVAHC Dues	\$3,270.00
DKMSF Donations:Corsa Clermont Drive	90.00
Events:	
Mainstrasse Car Show	1, 448.60
Drivers' Training (5)	1,055.00
2018 Sept. RoundUp Registration(2)	260.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOW OF</b>	<b>\$6,123.60</b>
<b>OUTFLOW OF FUNDS:</b>	
Dues to National	\$2,320.00
Newsletter: Printing/	192.64
Treasurer: Postage	7.84
2018 September RoundUp Flyers	15.00
Drivers' Training Sup-	20.00
OVAHC Member	83.46
AHCA Dues Refund:Free1st- Year Mbrshp 50.00	50.00
David Kreuter Memorial	90.00
2016-17 Delegate/ Conclave Reporters	199.55
2018 Sept. RoundUp:Hilton Hotel Deposit	250.00
Events:	
8 Monthly Meetings	400.00
December Christmas	200.00
August Picnic	150.00
October Bonfire	150.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$4,128.49</b>
<b>NET INFLOW/ OUTFLOW</b>	<b>\$1,995.11</b>
<b>ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE: October 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$9,725.40</b>