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# NEWSLEAK



## September Meeting Minutes



President John made sure we all knew Matt Simson was in attendance. Matt drives a second owner 1967 Healey his mother had repaired by Jamie Coobatis in Michigan. Welcome again to the club and thanks for attending! (applause) Vice President Lauren Wallace and President Jeff were away. President John, Secretary Dale, Membership Sandy, Vice President John Wallace, and editor Mary Ann Grabow all had no report.

Treasurer Cindy gave her report. Four more September Roundup registrations came in. She paid the Wolfers for the wonderful August Picnic. So, debts paid, dues deposited, and our balance is very good. Historian John Parrott brought thumb drives to exchange if anyone besides Mary Ann has photos to donate. Business Manager Jake mentioned

the Dropbox is still alive with the help of Scott Brown.

Tech Director Tim reported we have sessions. They went to fix member Josh Parrott's tie rod ends. Now he needs brakes, too. Tomorrow the Simpson BJ8 will be worked on in Wyoming. Then Monday, back to Parrott's garage. Tim loved the fact the driveway out front was filled with so many beautiful, road worthy Healeys today, just in time for September Roundup. (applause) If you need parts, keep member Jeff Porada and Winners' Circle in mind, please. Call 1-216-889-4666 or go to [www.spridget.com](http://www.spridget.com) to order parts. He is a Moss discount parts dealer, too. Located near the Cincinnati Gardens site. To request Healey help via phone or email Tim at [hugcrv@fuse.net](mailto:hugcrv@fuse.net) because we want these Tim Healeys back on the road!

Tim stated that our club has done many, many repairs over the years. Our key guy is Richard Pratt. The Loos and Parrott couples gave him a framed appreciation presentation signed by many club members, along with a big bottle of Canadian whiskey. Richard spoke. He thanked us for allowing him to "stay young" by utilizing his talents to be productive after his retirement. He thanked us! (applause)

Delegate Don and Jake are going to the delegates meeting in November. A bidding process will take place for all AHCA members. If you want to drive your Healey at the Formula One race during drivers' introduction with a current F-1 driver in the back seat. Expect the price will be steep. The DMH Scholarship fund will benefit. The funds will stay in the USA to learn how to maintain older cars.

Activity Activator Skip reported on the quickie Rabbit Hash display. Five OVAHC Healeys managed to find their way down there and back on 9/1 for Old Timer's Day. The caravan of 8 members to Southeast Classic in Charleston is planned as a two day drive. Spurlocks will



# September Minutes Continued

attend also. Show folks should be in Lawrenceburg Thursday 9/20 around 3:30 PM. Spring Grove Cemetery car show is 10/14. Sunday, August 26 Kurt Niemeyer lead Don Klein, Bob Duffey, Dale Ballinger, Jake Jacobs, and Skip Jackson to the Bellfountaine, Ohio hill climb route. Check out YouTube to see us drive an exciting and historic route that was a hill climb race held from 1953 to 1974. If you have any event questions, contact Skip.

Old business: President John Jacobs updated us on the plans that he presented to the group of regional AHC clubs in an effort to hold the 2020 Conclave near us. The Bluegrass AHC is in. The other clubs will vote on it. Dale said the project of the Jacobs to "save Conclave" is very heroic and they deserve our appreciation. It is a worthwhile cause. Thank you Jacobs. (applause) John wants to volunteer to be the chairperson, so he can tell POPS, Jake, what to do. (ha ha)

New business: Mary Ann wonders if we should cater the Christmas party. Mary Ann and Janet Parrot are a little familiar with, Behle Street by Sheli. We may charge a nominal fee and BYOB. This will be discussed at the next meeting. President John thanked our hosts, Cindy and Gayle. (applause) The next meeting is the bonfire on Saturday, October 13 at the Parrott home near Bethel, Ohio. We passed around a food and RSVP sign up sheet. The meeting was adjourned. Then, after more socializing, we went to Pompilio's at 4:30 for a nice dinner.



Sometimes it isn't just the friendships and stimulating conversations (and cars) that drive us to attend an OVAHC meeting.  
Thanks Cindy



Thanks to Richard Pratt for being an excellent resource for our tech team and for all your help with our cars! →



Hand made clock—all of it!...even screws! by Gayle Loos and clock stand by Nate Fuson. Members of our club's tech team—talk about talented people!

# TECH SESSIONS

On Monday, Sept. 10, a small group of helpers were at the Parrott garage to change the tie rod ends on the Josh Parrott Sprite. However since Richard Pratt was one of the workers, there were other issues discovered. After both front steering arms and wheel bearings were disassembled, John made the usual call to Jeff Porada to order more new parts: tapered roller wheel bearings and brake caliper rebuild kits. Some of the 50+ year bolts were impossible to break loose, so a steering arm went back with Richard to his shop and press (and torch) for disassembly. Tim, Richard and John had a good time with no blood, sweat or tears on the disassembly (okay, maybe a little blood). We'll be back on Monday, Sept. 17 for the next session, everyone is invited. Those that missed the tech session, also



missed lunch at the famous Feed Mill restaurant in Felicity, with a tour of the nearby 13-car collection that included a loud original '57 Corvette and possibly the Marge Schott Crosley, among other neat cars.



On Sunday, Sept 16, Richard, Dale and Tim met at the garage of Matt Simpson for a session on his mother's red BJ8 and Matt's Jeep. The Healey part went quickly, with the speedometer being locked solid and the drive cable looking okay. Matt will take the speedo to a specialty shop (like Gene's Speedometer Service) for repairs. A short test drive with Richard showed the car running well with the driveline noise reported by Matt not being of concern to Richard. The left headlamp replacement turned out to be a lack of ground, and after cleaning multiple Lucas cable connectors, both headlights were getting full power. We changed the headlights to new units anyway with halogen H4 bulbs, and used multiple nylon ties to keep the front wiring harness up and away from the tires.

Then on to the Jeep; recently purchased by Matt and the start of his classic car collection (he has to lobby his Mom for the BJ8). It



seemed to have a fuel starvation issue. After some troubleshooting around the fuel tank and filter, and the questionable mechanical fuel pump, it was running okay so we went to lunch, taking the Jeep (with Dale's pickup as backup). Good thing, as coming back, the Jeep engine died. Adding 3 gallons of fresh gas did not get the engine to run, so we put Matt's tow strap to use and got the Jeep back

to his garage. Then, after disassembling and inspecting the fuel pump, and replacing a suspect section of fuel hose, our hopes for a strong running engine seemed encouraged. But a nice idle under no load is not the same as strong running, and after the tech team left, another test drive by Matt resulted in a shutdown again. Matt will do some more Jeep internet forum research, and possibly get a new or cleaned fuel tank and try again.



On Monday, Sept 17, the Tech Team met again at the John Parrott garage to install wheel bearing and front brake items that were ordered after last weeks' disassembly session on Josh Parrotts' Sprite. Joining John this week were Scott Brown, Jerry

Cox, Bernie Grabow and Tim Ross, along with our guru Richard Pratt. We were changing both front ball bearing over to tapered roller bearings, so Tim and Bernie proceeded to remove the old bearings and seals with hammer and drift. Scott and Jerry worked on getting the brake pistons out of the calipers. Of course some of the pistons were "difficult" and at some time there seemed to be three people and six hands holding clamps and air hoses to try to pop the pistons out. The new wheel bearing were in John's freezer and Richard expected the races to just "drop in" the hubs, but we really needed them to be submerged in liquid nitrogen to do that. So without a press and the right-size mandrels we were back to carefully tapping the bearing races in place with hammer and drift. Then we found that we were still missing some bearing seals and caliper parts, and after John made a call to Jeff Porada, we (Tim and John) set out in the fast turbo Miata for a run to Jeff's shop. The rest of the tech team had chili and beer. With no direct way between John's garage near Bethel and Jeff's shop in Price Hill, each way took nearly an hour. Upon returning, we quickly set about in reassembling the bearing and mounting the hubs and brakes. A quick brake bleeding and Josh's Sprite is ready for his first OVAHC get-together at this week's September Round-Up in Lawrenceburg.



# Activities Report

## September Roundup 2018 Lawrenceburg, IN



Car Show in Lawrenceburg

Funkhana  
2nd Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon  
First Jim and Sandy Burck

Road Rallye  
3 honorable mention  
Bob and Melanie Haskell CIAHC, Mike and Gretchen Foster Mid-Ohio  
AHC, Ken Kreuter and Pat Murray OVAHC  
Third place Jake and Joyce Jacobs  
Second Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon  
First Gayle and Cindy Loos



Drive to Rabbit Hash, KY for Road Rally



View from the Hotel



Gathering in the hospitality room  
at the hotel. Making new friends  
and enjoying the regulars.

# Caught in the Act



Wher' in Da' Hell is  
RABBIT HASH, KY?



**Seen around town:**  
Our very own Lewis Meri-  
wether, Skip Jackson and Cin-  
dy Loos.

## Calendar 2018

September 20.....September Roundup,

Lawrenceburg, Indiana

September 24 .....Put-In-Bay OH Vintage

Races

October 2..... SE Classic—

Charleston SC

October 8 .....Spring Grove Cemetery—

Car Show & Tour of Grounds

October 13.....BONFIRE PARTY &

MEETING @ Parrots

October 27 (Sat).....Drivers Training—Live

Oaks

December 8.....Christmas party at Ft.

Wright Civic Center

## Meetings 2018

September.....Loos

October.....Parrott (bonfire)

November.....Sippel

December.....Ft. Wright Civic Center

Mark your calendar – The driving season is near!

## Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

### Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2018

October 27 (Saturday)

- Rain or Shine

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287.

Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go northeast on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@Circle K gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store.



**Time: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. Registration is the first 20 cars with up to 25 drivers. The maximum is usually reached BEFORE 10:00 AM. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean up about 3:30. The more help picking up cones and cleaning the earlier we leave.**

**Cost: \$25.00** per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free! - Rain or Shine

Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring chairs and a cooler; there is shade available. No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, the cooler the better; Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. There are usually loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event only (no tire changing is allowed); No trailered cars unless they are vintage European or Japanese. We may give out awards for improvement over the day i.e., training.

This event is designed to be a safe, fun way to enjoy your automobile. No dangerous driving or recklessness will be tolerated. We operate near a residential section and ask that the exhaust system be street legal for noise. **Regardless; we reserve the right to determine if it tooooo loud.** We want to come back next year.

.... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car!

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624; Skip Jackson (Equipment Master) -513-720-7547 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

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# October Meeting & Bonfire @ Parrots

## The Annual Fall Bonfire Picnic at Janet and John Parrott's

3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Rd. Bethel, OH 45106

October 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner at 6:00.



Fish in the pond, shoot the potato gun or your real gun, hike to the creek, or put your feet up and relax. Meat, beer and soft drinks 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 513-876-1808 (long distance from some areas)

***We may be able to a tour a friends nearby 13-car collection that includes a loud all-original '57 Corvette and the Marge Schott Crosley, among other neat cars. Let John know if you would like to see this collection so I can set it up.***

Call our cell phone 513-368-2496 or home 513-876-1808 for directions, if needed.

### Directions:

#### Coming from north via I-275:

Take the SR 32 Batavia Exit #63B (about 8 miles to Batavia)

Take the first Batavia exit and proceed to turn right on SR132 (second traffic light)

Follow SR132 to SR125 junction and turn left

Proceed on SR125 (about 5 miles) to 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 for about ¼ mile and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right) Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road.

Go about ¼ mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about 1 mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after the bridge.

#### Coming from south via I-275:

Take the SR125 Exit #65 east toward Bethel (about 8 miles to Bethel) proceed on SR125

(About 5 miles) to 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). Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. Go about ¼ mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about one mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after the bridge.

#### Alternate route coming from south or west via I-275:

After crossing the Ohio River take the second SR52 East exit to New Richmond and continue on SR52 past New Richmond. After it becomes two lanes, go about 4 miles to Pt. Pleasant (35 mile zone).

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 name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. Go about ¼ mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road.

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## Breaking News!!!

# **New Conclave Dates are Sept. 6-11; Hotels Offering Same Rates B4 Conclave**

**To secure room nights before Conclave 2019 it now will begin Friday, Sept. 6 and end Wednesday morning, Sept. 11.**

The Minnesota Austin-Healey Club is excited and looking forward to hosting Conclave!

Conclave 2019 will begin one day sooner for two reasons:

- Misunderstanding between organizers and hotels;
- Early enthusiasm for Conclave 2019 has been tremendous so **all available rooms set aside after Conclave already have been booked!**

To meet anticipated demand for additional hotel room dates, the Minnesota Club has negotiated Conclave 2019 discounted rates that begin the night of September 4 and are effective through the night of September 10. As a result of those negotiations:

- Anyone who already has booked reservations after those dates and wants to keep them will have those reservations honored by the hotels; and you may add earlier nights – September 4, 5 or 6 – at the same daily rate.
- OR, if you already have hotel reservations for September 7-11 you may change your reservation block to September 6-10; and add September 4 and 5 to your stay at the same room rate.
- **YOU MUST REGISTER FIRST for Conclave 2019** to get the password and your individual five-digit code necessary to reserve rooms at the hotels.

**Because of reservation system limitations, the Holiday Inn Express cannot take reservations until October 2, 2018. The other two hotels are taking reservations now.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause

**We look forward to seeing you in Deadwood!**



# ACTIVITIES

## Bellefontaine Hill Climb Driving Tour August 26 and the OVAHC participants.



60th Anniversary of Sprites at Road America Race Track Wisconsin with 46 Spridgets Racing (believed to be largest gathering of Spridgets is US Vintage Sports Car Racing History) along with World Class Street Sprites, Speedwells, WSM etc!