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Newsleak

May 2018

April meeting

April Meeting Minutes

We had thirty-four members attend the Saturday, April 21 meeting at the new home of John and Ashley Jacobs near Loveland, OH. President John called the meeting to order just after noon and thanked our hosts, wife Ashley, and Jake and Joyce Jacobs for assisting. (applause)

Editor Mary Ann, Activities Activator Skip, and Membership Sandy were away. Co-President Jeff Porada, Vice Presidents John and Lauren Wallace, Secretary Dale, and Historian John Parrott all had no report.

Treasurer Cindy gave her report. Three membership dues, 15 rebates from AHCA for online dues paid, and September Roundup shirt payments were deposited. September Roundup shirts invoice paid, meeting allotment for March, AHCA dues forwarded, and membership plus secretary stamps were the expenditures. Our balance is good. We made a \$50 donation to the American Heart Association in honor of our friend, Terry Kesserling.

Delegate Don asked how we like the OVAHC web site. He reported the AHCA web site is undergoing updates. Don posted a question for the May meeting. Who is featured on the AHCA- Conclave Regalia web page? (www. healeyclub.org/conclave). A cold beer for the correct answer. A new trophy plate sponsored by Jeff Porada and his Winners Circle business, will be awarded to the best lady driver at Conclave. The two events that get points are the road rallye and the gymkhana. Steve Bell is running the new regalia department for the AHCA. Fresh items include Healey logo rings for men and for women. Don and Jake visited Salem Speedway to plan the OVAHC gymkhana portion of the Conclave. We will have a parade lap on the banked oval. See Don if you want to see speedway photos or have questions.

Business Manager Jake secured a 6 lane Hot Wheel track and new cars to run a fund raiser / friendly competition at Conclave and / or September Roundup. This will replace valve cover racing. Cindy suggested we use a closed-circuit video race observation system. Since President Jeff can't attend the Springthing weekend, he can take orders for parts from the Carlisle, PA mega-parts swap meet. It is on the same weekend. Contact him if you need parts. Phone # is (513) 315-8958. Jake and Cindy reported that we have a 501(c -7) organization number and you may obtain it to avoid paying sales tax for club related purchases. A letter will be available on the web site to give to your vendor. See Jake or Cindy.

Tech Director Tim reported we had several sessions. John Parrott's son Josh "new" 1969 Square body Sprite needed some attention. John also had the tech team install an aluminum radiator in his Jensen - Healey. Tomorrow will be session #3. The team also returned to Eric Fischer's home to wrap up the differential seal, steering wheel trafficator, and window regulator work. Sunday May 6 Chris Wolfer has invited the team over for more work. Call Tim to schedule the team for your Healey problems.

Dale stepped in for Activities Activator Skip (who was busy being Merriweather Lewis at Sharon Woods Pioneer days) and tried to fill his shoes. With a floppy hat and an attempt at a low-gravel voice, it was NOT quite the same. April 28 the Louisville club is going to Kentucky Speedway followed by a drive to Elk Creek Winery. Saturday, May 5 we are invited to go with the BCCGC on an Ohio covered bridge drive. We are planning a caravan to Springthing for Thursday, May 17. Leave from the Murphy USA gas station on Rt 42 in Florence, KY about noon. Late lunch 2 ½ hours later in LaGrange, still on 42. On June 24, there is a Joe Nuxhall charity fundraiser at the car show in Hamilton, OH. If you have any questions, contact Skip.

Minutes, continued

Dale reminded all present that the OVAHC drivers' training sessions are May 26, June 16, June 30, August 5, and October 27. The 6/30 date is exclusively for our members. You drive for free as long as you work to help set up, etc. Drive whatever you bring. We need more members to participate this year and not only rely on the same small group. This is, after all, a way to improve our OVAHC bottom line.

The Porsche Club invited us to their autocrosses at Kentucky Speedway on June 11, July 28, and August 11. Go to www.ovrpa.org for more info.

New business: Janet Parrott asks that we think about the 2018 Christmas party plans. We have the site, but we need to discuss and decide if we want it catered or if we want the men, or the women to provide the food, drinks, and everything else. It will be a topic of discussion at the May meeting.

Old business: Lauren said the September Roundup shirts are being distributed. Chris Wolfer has new 60th anniversary Sprite tee shirts for sale. He also is selling magnetic Sprite stickers for only \$4. Email him at cwlfr@fuse.net or call 859-635-0709 if you are interested.

The Lake Waynoka Car Show is June 2. Joe & Judy Yannone invited us to their lakeside home for BBQ food, fun, and free boat rides during the day. There will be a sign-up sheet for food at the May meeting for the cookout they are planning for the club.

The next meeting is a Saturday in May at the Mary Ann and Bernie Grabow home in southern Covington. The complete details will be in the Newsleak. A big round of applause for the Jacobs fine hosting efforts was sounded. John adjourned the meeting about 1 PM.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary, Dale Ballinger "at your service"

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NOTE: Ben Grabow's Healey will be featured at the Concours d'Elegance this year—be sure to attend and enjoy!

Meetings 2018

May 12Grabow	SeptemberLoos	
June Porada /Bacon	OctoberParrott (bonfire)	
ulyCox	NovemberSippel	
AugustWolfer (picnic)	DecemberFt.Wright Civic Center	

Calendar 2018

May 15Road trip to Champaign Air Museum, Urbana, OH (below)
May 17 Bluegrass Club-Springthing—Louisville (see Reg. form)
May 26 (Sat)Gymkhana
June 10
Rookwood
June 11Richmond Virginia NAMGAR (MGA Get Together)
June 16 (Sat)Gymkhana
June 30 (Sat)Gymkhana for OVAHC Only—test and tune for Conclave at you
own pace
July 1 Hot Springs AK—60 years of Spridgets
July 7Ice Cream Social and Drive—Natl Car Collector Day
July 8 Cincinnati British Car Day
July 15 Conclave—French Lick IN
July 22Rollin' on the River—Car Show—Fernbank Park
August 4 Dayton Ohio Car Show
August 5 (Su)Gymkhana
September 2 Coney Island—Amusement Park Rides &Swim Car Show
September 14Chatfield College car show and quilt display
September 20September Roundup, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
September 24Put-In-Bay OH Vintage Races
October 2 SE Classic—Charleston SC
October 8 Spring Grove Cemetery—Car Show & Tour of Grounds
October 27 (Sat)Gymkhana
December 8Christmas party at Ft.Wright Civic Center

ACTIVITY:

Road trip to Champaign Air Museum, Grimes Field, Urbana, OH

Join us on Tuesday, May 15th for road trip to Champaign Air Museum located at Grimes Field in Urbana, OH. In preparation for the exhibit opening of the Memphis Belle B17 at the Air Force Museum on Thursday, May 17th, there will be a "fly-in" of one of the operating B-17s at Grimes Field where rides (\$ charged) will be given that day before it heads for the Air Force Museum. The event size has been scaled back so there may only be the one flying B17 there.

The Champaign Air Museum houses a working B25 and a B17 flying restoration in progress using an all volunteer workforce. They will be working that day, so you can ask questions and get up close to the plane. The museum also houses a tribute to the WAC (Women's Air Corps) and several other aircraft from WWII. If there is not a huge crowd of people that day, we will have a personal guide who is the museum curator.

The plan is to leave the Lowe's parking lot on Tylersville Rd and I-75 at 9:00 am and take Tylersville to Rt42 to Rt48 to Rt68. There is a great home cooking restaurant at the airport for lunch if not crowded - otherwise plenty of other food options in town. Bring a lawn chair if you want to watch planes. Ice cream stop at Young's Dairy on Rt68 south of Springfield on the way back.

Scott Brown

Caught in the Act

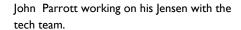




Seems like everyone has their head under the hood getting ready for SPRING! Dale found the vacuum leak. Tim giving it his all.



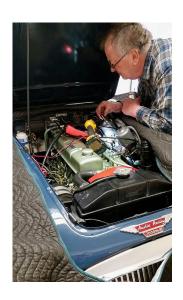






Scott Brown tecking with the group

Some tech sessions are small, but necessary, Thanks Richard!



Mark your calendar – The driving season is near!

Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club

Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2018

May 26 (Saturday)

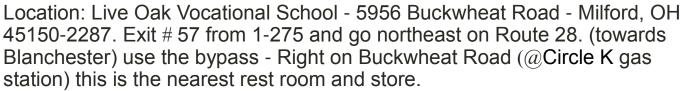
June 16 (Saturday)

June 30 (Saturday) OVAHC only – Test and Tune for Conclave at your own pace.....

August 5 (Sunday)

October 27 (Saturday)

- Rain or Shine



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 toooo 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. jake.jacobs@fuse.net or check our web site: www.OhioValleyAHC.com



May meeting at Grabows

May meeting on May 12 (Saturday). Kick tires at 1:00 and meeting starts at 2:00.

3575 Tamber Ridge Drive, Covington, KY 41015 513-608-3421

Rt. 16 South from 275 in NKY. Continue on 16 (becomes Pride Parkway). This is a 4 lane highway most of the way. When it turns into a 2 lane highway look for Klette Road on your left—2047 E. Turn left on Klette and go I mile to Saylor Court (Saylor Woods Subdivision). At the top of that hill take a left and go to the end of the street (Tamber Ridge) to 3575.



There is a strict 20MPH speed limit on Tamber Ridge. Please keep the neighbors happy!

Tech Team

On Wednesday, March 28, we had a large group of OVAHC tech team workers at the Parrott garage - somewhere in the wetlands east of Cincinnati. But we had plenty of light, heat and space around three Healeys in the garage: Johns 3000, which is needing a few more parts welded on the frame/ chassis before powder coating; his lensen Healey needing a few items; and the red Sprite just purchased for his son Josh. We had a list to go by, so the team split into two man groups and attacked the cars. We first found an extremely high pressure in the compression test of the Sprite: 220 psi +/- 5 pounds. So more investigation to do on that - carbon buildup? Race motor? Bad gauge? Gayle, Skip and Jerry worked on getting the distributor disassembled and working smoothly. Among other tasks, Richard attempted to troubleshoot/rebuild the Jensen's windshield washer pump and motor - no luck. Tim tried to find hoses and fittings to give the Jensen more vacuum to the brake booster. Dale and Bernie checked the Sprite rear brakes and seals. John Haines generally helped all. Plus numerous other tasks were completed. After lunch a few of us enjoyed watching Dale and John working to get the pneumatic grease gun in operation - cameras were in the ready anticipating a grease explosion – but no drama this time.



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Tech Team session April third 2018 at Eric Fishers garage to replace pinion seal on his Austin -Healey BJ 7.

points – maybe Eric can sell the old tabs to some Concours-crazy owner). We then had time to look into door window channel rattles, fresh air valve cable, and Trafficator issues – some of which will require parts and a follow-up tech session. After a nice pizza and beer lunch we headed home before the afternoon's bad weather. Photos are attached. Regards - Tim



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Tech Session at John Parrott's 4/11

Tech team worked on two cars and completed both to do lists which did not include the bass caught by Dale. Gayle, Bernie, and Dale installed a shiny new aluminum radiator in the Jensen-Healey that looked too nice to hide behind the grill and Bernie made an aluminum bracket to hold the coolant overflow bottle. New coolant was poured in, engine started, and John noted that the temperature gauge rose more slowly than with the old radiator - success!

Richard and Skip worked on the rebuilt distributor the Sprite that Richard had repaired and Scott used a borescope to look at the pistons to see why the compression was so high across all cylinders. Discovered flat top pistons were contributing to high compression and that cylinder bores still had cross hatching from recent engine rebuild. There was also oil on top of pistons which might be a concern. The distributor was installed, engine timed and started, and carbs were given fine tuning by Richard. It looked like there was also a problem with the battery charging circuit as ajunky start was needed to go out on a trial run with Dale at the wheel - car returned safely. John's excellent chili was enjoyed by all for lunch.



More work at John Parrotts on 4/23.









Situated just down the road from Honda's U.K. factory, BMW's Mini Plant Swindon is where 90 percent of the Mini's body-in-white components and 80 percent of its subassemblies (hoods, tailgates, and doors) are made. It's also a poignant reminder Britain once had its own auto industry.

Built in 1955, Mini Plant Swindon was owned by British Leyland in the late 1960s, when BL was Britain's domestic auto industry. BL made millions of vehicles wearing an Austin, Morris, Jaguar, Rover, Land Rover, Triumph, or MG badge, as well as others lost to the rust of time. Some of these vehicles were interesting, even groundbreaking, in terms of concept and design, yet all were shoddily built in ancient, inefficient factories.

Hobbled by incompetent management and intransigent unions, BL was on life support by the late '70s, dependent on government subsidies for survival. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ruthless remaking of the British economy in the '80s changed everything, however. Glamorous Jaguar was spun off and listed on the London Stock Exchange in 1984, with Ford buying it six years later for \$2.3 billion. The rest of BL was renamed Rover Group and sold to aircraft and defense systems manufacturer British Aerospace in 1988, which flipped it to BMW in 1994.

REPURPOSED Honda's Swindon plant is on the site of the Vickers Supermarine factory that built Spitfire fighter planes during World War II.

BMW boss Bernd Pischetsrieder, an Angiophile car enthusiast, dreamed of rehabilitating Rover, Mini, and MG, pushing Range Rover further upmarket (he had BMW V-12-powered Range Rover prototypes tooling around Munich), and even bringing back the Riley and Austin-Healey brands. But by 2000 Pischetsrieder had been booted from the top job in Munich. The BMW board, panicked by the massive investments in new products and factory upgrades Rover Group needed to be profitable, wanted out.

Successful Mini became a BMW division. Valuable Land Rover and Range Rover were sold to Ford for \$2.9 billion. The rest was offloaded to a consortium of four British businessmen for less than 20 bucks, which spoke volumes about the perceived health of the business. As part of the deal, BMW also loaned the consortium, Phoenix Venture Holdings, about \$640 million—interest free—to help keep the newly branded MG Rover Group afloat. It was Munich's least bad option: If MG Rover went under, BMW wouldn't be on the hook for any more money.

MG Rover collapsed in 2005 with debts of about \$2.4 billion, throwing 5,300 employees out of work. But not before the so-called Phoenix Four executives reportedly pocketed an estimated \$73 million between them. It was a scandalously sad end to Britain's domestic auto industry.

Of the old British Leyland brands, Jaguar, Land Rover, and Rover are now owned by India's Tata; BMW owns Mini, Riley, and Triumph; Austin, Morris, MG, and Austin-Healey are owned by Chinese automaker SAIC; and China's Nanjing Automobile Corporation owns BMC, Princess, Vanden Plas, and Wolseley.

Angus MacKenzie

ACTIVITIES REPORT:

SPRING CLASSIC DRIVING TOUR VI







OVAHC Members Driven To Fun

Saturday April 14 dawned cool, dry and windy with a chance of showers threatening; despite the conditions over 100 cars arrived at the American Modern Insurance Group's campus in Amelia for the Spring Classic Driving Tour VI presented by Diehl Insurance. The Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club had a strong turnout with President Jeff Porada and First Lady Nancy Bacon, John & Janet Parrott, Gayle and Cindy Loos, Don & Hazel Klein, Jake & Joyce Jacobs, Joe Yannone, Scott Brown, Bernie Grabow, Ken Kreuter, Skip Jackson, Ben Grabow, Dale Ballinger and organizer Kurt Niemeyer participating. The showing of Big Healeys was encouraging with Bernie, Scott, Joe, Skip and the Klein's sporting their British Iron, the rest of us brought back up "Foul Weather" Healeys just for comfort.

After the Live & Play Cincinnati Coffee & Queue up, featuring hot beverages and goodies from Branch Hill Coffee Company The Prez and First Lady lead the group on the European Auto Specialists LTD. Driving Tour to Adams County and back to New Richmond, along the way visits to the Keim's Amish market in Seaman Ohio and the Rooster's Nest in Winchester Ohio. While at Keim's I personally observed the consumption of PIE along with some other delicacies that none of us will share with your cardiologists or medical advisors.....

Originally a stop had been scheduled at the JZN Goat Farm that we enjoyed so much in 2015, however Gayla Fritzhand, owner and Goat Expert had some recent neck surgery and did not breed any goats for our enjoyment, NO Kidding! Gayla asked to have us visit again next year for another Goat Adventure, milking, feeding and a bit of cheese will be in order for the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club in Cherry Fork Ohio.

The roads were the highlight of the day, Janet Parrott commented on their scenic nature, several drivers used them as a test session for the next Driver Training Autocross, someone mentioned that Don Klein was spotted reaching under his big Healey and adjusting the Armstrong lever shocks because Hazel did not think the rebound was correct and was not allowing proper weight transfer leading to corner entry understeer.....some pretty amazing stuff for the parking lot of and Amish Market! Don had the Big Healey handling like it was on rails as the group traveled from northern Adams County south towards the Ohio River on some the best roads in all of America for sports cars. A special tip of the hat to Tom Cross of the Adams County Tourism and Visitors Bureau for the route and destination suggestions.

New this year was a ride down the Germany Hill to the Ohio River and a long leg along RT 52, one of the recognized "Most scenic routes in America" back to New Richmond Ohio and a party on Front St. The recent flooding has provided some very unique scenes along the road, the driftwood showing the recent "High Water" marks especially where the many creeks and runs meet the mighty Ohio. A variety of historical sights dot the landscape along RT 52; Underground Railroad Stations especially in Ripley, President Ulysses S. Grant's birthplace in Point Pleasant, Riverboat History in Chilo and New Richmond, scenes from when Tobacco was King, and a trip through Manchester the first settlement in the "Virginia Military District"-the land given to America's Revolutionary War Soldiers that secured our freedom from the oppressive British Monarchy in the 1780s. Some say the British have exacted their revenge by hoisting Lucas Electrics on our favorite automobiles, while others claim to be modern Freedom Fighters vanquishing the Lucas Electrics and making their Healeys run in the rain.....The Club members enjoyed beverages and nosh at the Front Street Café at the end of the drive, enjoying the comradery and enthusiasm of the Healey Marque.

The Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club used this day of fun and adventure on southern Ohio's finest roads to raise money for the David Kreuter Fund, an envelope full of donations sits ready to go to Ken Kreuter in honor of his son David to help educate young people.

Overall the Spring Classic Driving Tour VI drew over 120 cars from 27 different clubs and benefitted 24 different causes generating \$4560 in cash donations or approximately \$38/car involved in the drive. Sponsors Jake Sweeney Alfa Romeo Fiat Kia, European Auto Specialists LTD, Performance Auto Network, Diehl Insurance, HH Motorcars, Alfa Romeo of Cincinnati, Sports Car Preservation LTD, Ferraris Little Italy Bakery and Restaurant, Agency Technologies Inc. augmented the overall donations to all the charities to almost \$12,000.

For Spring 2019, we plan to give another couple of weeks to get the heck out of town with Spring Classic Driving Tour VII scheduled for Saturday April 27, mark your calendar, invite your friends and let's do some more good for the community while we enjoy our fabulous Austin Healey automobiles.



The 34th anniversary of the Midwest's best British car & motorcycle show!









Saturday, August 4, 2018 9am - 4pm Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton, Oh.



REGISTRATION FORM

Join us for this fun weekend by simply sending in the completed registration form with payment; then make your hotel reservation at: The DOUBLETREE HILTON HOTEL LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA — Call (812) 539-8888 and ask for the Healey Club rate.

The room price is \$99.00 (plus applicable taxes, etc.) per night.

Make your reservations early to assure a good choice. Reservations received Sept. 1, 2018 and later will be at standard rates and choices will be limited.

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