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NEWSLEAK

December Minutes



December
2018



Thirty-six members and helpers attended the Christmas party and meeting on Saturday, De-



cember 8, 2018 at the South Hills

Civic Center in Fort Wright, KY. Vice-President John Wallace thanked Mary Ann Grabow for organizing the event, and her daughter, Megan for decorating and for hosting. We also thanked Cindy from *Biehl Street by Sheli* for bringing the food. Hazel Klein volunteered to host the Christmas party of 2019. (applause) Presidents Jeff and John, Treasurer Cindy, and Business Manager Jake Jacobs were away. Vice President John Wallace held up the printed Newsleak and proclaimed the value of the printed words, as he used them to run the meeting. Publisher Bob Merten was thanked for his long time, continuing, and tremendous efforts to get them printed and mailed out. Minutes were approved. Vice President Lauren Wallace, and Editor Mary Ann Grabow had no report.

Treasurer Cindy emailed her report in and former treasurer Pat Duffey was kind enough to read it for her. Since the 11-10-2018 meeting at Dick Sippel and Nancy Jones, the account activity was credits of 25 2019 member dues of \$1,525.00, 32 advance Christmas party reservations with 16 couples and 2 singles was \$340.00 totaling \$1,865.00. Debits were for the November meeting hosts: Dick Sippel/ Nancy Jones \$50.00 and AHCA 2019 dues for 35 members was \$1,650.00 (33 @ \$50 each to AHCA, 2 @ \$15 each to OVAHC), and our donation to the David Kreuter Memorial Fund of \$500.00 and



Minutes Continued

AHCA delegates meeting expenses to Don Klein for \$204.65 totaling \$2,404.65. So, debts paid, dues deposited, and our balance is very good. (applause)

Membership Sandy said we have 47 members paid and 20 more yet to do so. The AHCA requires dues by January 15 for inclusion in the register. Secretary Dale thanked substitute OVAHC Secretary, Dick Sippel for filling in at the November meeting.

(applause) Dale went on to thank Don and Karen Buecker for obtaining this hall for us. Don also gave the tech team some new Moss parts for a big Healey. (applause)

Activity Activator Skip said he anticipates much fun next year. We are invited to drive to a polo match next summer and have a grand time. Kurt Niemeyer has a bus trip to Michigan set up for anyone wishing to go to a special museum: the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights, on Friday, March 22, 2019. Fee is \$90/person, reservation and payment due by February 25, 2019. Online ticketing at <https://cincy.live/events/gm-heritage-center-tour>. Any activity questions, contact Skip.

Delegate Don mentioned that AHCA wants all dues paid before the end of January this time so the register can be sent out in a timely manner. Don is posting the minutes from the delegates' meeting on the OVAHC web site, www.ohiovalleyahc.com for your viewing pleasure. On the home page, scroll down under the officers list. A leadership planning meeting will be in March. President John Jacobs made a presentation at the November delegates' meeting concerning the plans to hold the 2020 Conclave in Lawrenceburg, IN. It was such an interesting idea and that ignited more Conclave discussion among the delegates. The Southeast Classic will be around the same time in Crystal River, Florida. Their delegate said they will make a proposal within their club to host 2020 Conclave there in Florida. The Kansas City Club is considering one near Branson, MO. The newest idea is to pick a destination for a Conclave, and then ask area clubs to step up. So far, 197 people are going to Deadwood to include New Zealand and Australia. Don relayed that Tom and Nancy Hall said "hello" to everyone in the OVAHC.

Tech Director Tim reported we had a recent session for Nate's garage lift installation. One more session is tomorrow to finish it. Last Sunday John Parrott used Richard Pratt's basement to disassemble his old crusty big Healey transmission. The outside was terrible, the inside was great! Call or email Tim at hugcrv@fuse.net because we want these Healeys back on the road!

Historian John Parrott has put our history on hold until his big Healey is running. (giggles) Old business: none. New business: Mary Ann said Sheli provided containers for the leftover food. Mary Ann also asked the ladies at each table to pick who gets to keep the nine scarves which were part of the beautiful table decorations. (it all went home with various folks)

Vice-President John Wallace thanked Mary Ann Grabow and her daughter Megan for decorating and for hosting. (applause) He then adjourned the meeting. Gift exchanges, stealing, and presents comparing then took place. Followed by more snacking, merriment, and conversation. We were all done, cleaned up, and gone by 9:30 PM.

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

Meetings 2019

January—No meeting
February—Jacksons
March—Wallace
April—King * (changed from Klein)
May—Grabow

June—Bacon/Porada
July—Cox
August—Wolfer
September—Loos
October—Parrots (bonfire)
November—Jacobs
December—TBD - Hazel setting us up

Calendar for 2019

No meeting in January

January 15.....deadline for dues payment to be included in the registry

March.....Leprechaun Run

March 22....GM Heritage center in Sterling Heights. RESERVATIONS DUE 2/25

<https://cincy.live/events/gm-heritage-center-tour>

June 6-9.....Southeast Classic

June 9.....Concours d'Elegance@ Ault Park

July 13.....Healey drive for ice cream

July 14.....British Car Day

August 23-25.....Bellefontaine Hill climb revival

September 7-11.....Conclave at Deadwood SD

Thinking
of remod-
eling this
year?



Tech Sessions



The “team” bit off a lift at Nate’s garage this time.

On Saturday morning, 11/24/18, 1720 pounds of Nationwide steel was moved from Wittrock Woodworking (Nate’s workplace) in Blue Ash to the Nate Fuson home / shop in Latonia, on Tim’s trailer. The OVAHC tech team consisted of Nate, Richard, Gayle, Bernie and Tim. First though, Nate gave us a tour of the huge woodworking shop and all the stacks of lumber and large power tools. We can imagine the roar of the equipment and loads of dust during the week. He also showed us a large stack of old, dry veneer wood that will be thrown out – some of us put our bids in on the scraps. But Nate fired up the fork truck and we rigged straps to lift the 14-foot bundle of steel members and load it on Tim’s trailer. Luckily the wet weather gave us a break, so the caravan drive to Kentucky on I-75 was uneventful. Once in front of Nate’s house, we used dollies, pry bar leverage, and an engine lift to get the individual (heavy) lift members off the trailer, up the driveway, and into the shop. Old guy smarts (and leverage) triumphed over young buck muscle (which we didn’t have). Disdaining the instruction manual, we started assembling the lift per Richards’ directions and recollections. Nate had previously cleaned and epoxy coated the floor, so the 4-post lift with all the major parts assembled went well. By early afternoon, we called it a day and went to lunch, leaving Nate to complete the cable and hydraulic hose connections on Sunday. We recently learned the if we had followed the directions, the cable routing would have been much, much easier for Nate. A neat thing about this lift is the addition of casters with allow the entire assembled lift to be moved around in the shop (without a car) for best operation. Now we need to get Nate’s (new / old) MGB to the shop for first use of the lift.





On Sunday 12/9, after the OVAHC Christmas party, the tech team members Bernie, Chris, Richard and Tim, met at the Nate Fuson garage for the final adjustments to his new lift. We first moved a few of his large shop tools and cabinets around to have access to a better final lift placement. Then, moving the lift was easy, thanks to his purchase of the optional casters – engaged when the lift is all the way down. So with a full charge of hydraulic fluid, the lift became alive and raised. The first adjustment was the preliminary leveling based on cable length. Then we adjusted the lift stop/lock plate positions to have all four of the post locks engaging at the same time and maintaining the lift bed level. Then the final adjustment was the lock linkage to have all the locks engage and release together. None of this was real easy. Next

time we will run all the jam nuts “down” all the way before assembly and put a little lube on all the threads. However, when complete, the lift was “Hell-for-stout” and is now ready for Nate to retrieve his new/old MGB. Chris Wolfer will now add a lift to his Christmas list.

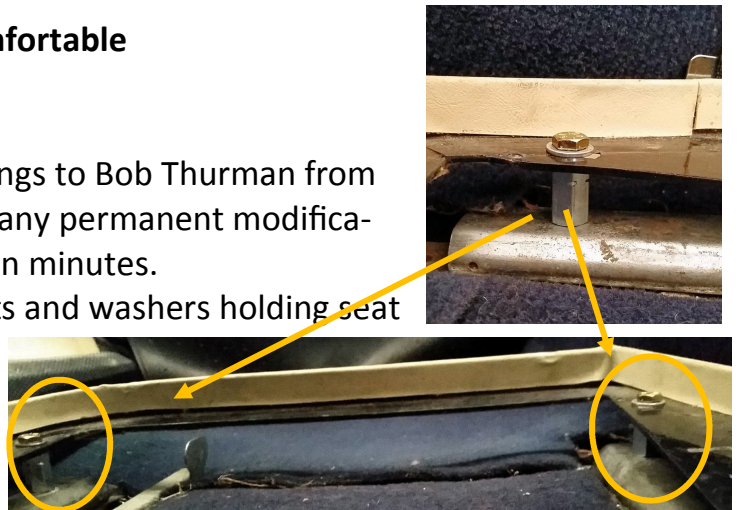
Easy way to tilt Healey seats for more comfortable driving position

Credit for this easy to do modification belongs to Bob Thurman from Middle Tennessee AHC - it doesn't require any permanent modifications and can be returned to factory stock in minutes.

Remove seat bottom and remove the 6 nuts and washers holding seat base to seat slides.

2) Screw a 1/4-28 x 7/8" steel coupling on to both front slide studs. I got mine from McMaster Carr (p/n 90977A140) as there weren't any local sources for fine thread.

3) Re-install seat base using a 1/4-28 x 1/2" hex head bolt and washers in each coupling and using the nuts and washers removed on the rear studs only as the middle slide studs will not be long enough to get the nuts back on.



The seats are very stable and secure without the middle studs being attached to the seat base. I really liked the 1" seat tilt back and did not have any back pain during the trip to Southeast Classic in Charleston. I also did the passenger seat after Eileen said it was more comfortable for her as well.

Scott Brown



A small group of OVAHC tech team workers met at the home of Nate's son-in-law in Villa Hills to move Nate's new to him partially-completed MGB to his shop and new lift in Latonia. Helping Nate and Tim were Nate's son-in-law Jeff, Bernie, and special guest Bobbi Ross ("nagigator", photographer and pusher). Loading the rolling MGB on Tim's trailer went easy, as was the drive to Latonia. We managed to find a decent spot on the street near Nate's shop and

unloaded the "B". Then we had the uphill (slight) slope of the driveway to the shop – we had 4 pushers, and that was barely enough. Once on the lift, we gave the "B" the honor of being the first car to go up, which went nice. Nate has mostly bodywork to do next, maybe with some rust spots. Jeff had purchased all the new body panels needed and all the interior. So the Tech Team has at least one car for 2019 work – who else ??? John Parrott, John Wallace, Lauren Davidson, Skip Jackson ??



Caught in the Act

Caught at least 2 people at the Christmas party this year. 35 members attended the event at the South Hills Community Center in Ft. Wright. Appetizers and friendship started the event, followed by a great dinner provided by Biehl Street. A short meeting and then gift exchange. Merry Christmas to all the OVAHC members! Unfortunately my phone was used for music and Scott Brown was sick and missed the party so you will have to imagine how much fun we had!



Newest member of the OVAHC Healey Club. John and Lauren Wallace have a new grandson, Boden Wallace.

