

# OVAHC

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# Newsleak



## October Meeting

November 2019

### October OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Thirty-seven members and three guests attended the meeting on Saturday, October 12 at the Parrott homestead near Bethel, Ohio. President John thanked John and Janet for hosting. (applause) President Jeff, Membership Sandy, and Tech Director Tim was away. President John, Vice-Presidents John and Lauren, Historian John Parrott, and Business Manager Jake had no report.

John asked our newest members to introduce themselves. Paul and Judy Schondelmayer have a totally disassembled 1959 BN4 and live in Mason, Ohio. They also have 2 MGs. Welcome aboard and thanks for joining. (applause) President John mentioned that our tech team works for coffee and doughnuts, along with pizza and beer. Secretary Dale stated the 2020 elections were officially over. Jake will be the new delegate, and the VPs will move up to be presidents and the current presidents will drop down to be VPs for the next 2 years again.

Treasurer Cindy reported debits for this meeting were \$150 paid to hosts Parrotts and \$151.46 to reimburse Hazel Klein for the Diabetes donation and flowers for the Nancy Hall funeral. She announced the new meeting allowances will go into effect in 2020. They will be \$75 for monthly meetings and \$200 for the picnic and bonfire. (Per the vote, the 2020 Christmas party and beyond will be at a restaurant. We will discuss this next month in order to get reservations set early.) Cindy is preparing the annual report for the November delegates meeting. She passed out the printed 2019 annual flow of funds report. Our balance is still very good.

Delegate Don said the delegates meeting is coming up in November. He will let Jake handle it and Jeff Porada is coming along for consideration as AHCA safety VP. The national club is healthy. He reported all had a good time at the Deadwood, SD Conclave. Many photos from there are on our web site for your viewing. The Bellefontaine Hill Climb weekend photos are also posted. [www.ohiovalleyahc.com](http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com) (This was his last report. He received a big round of applause for all his efforts.)

Editor Mary Ann said the Deadwood Conclave report will be a separate issue, and not in the October or November Newsleak.

Activity Activator Skip reported some members are going to the Spring Grove Cemetery car show tomorrow. Next weekend on 10/19 is the Chatfield College show. It starts near Milford and takes US 50 east. You may tag along for a fall color drive and not show your car if you wish. For activity questions, contact Skip.

Tech Director Tim was not here but Bernie reported on the status of the Merten 1969 E-type Jaguar. It is running very well and goes on the auction site "bring a trailer" soon. Skip,



## Minutes Continued

Richard Pratt, Tim Ross, and John Wallace went to the tech session at the garage of Ken Campbell to work on his AH square body. The tach and speedo were way off calibration. Call or email Tim if you need to schedule a session.

New business: Bob Duffey offered his collection of Healey Chatter magazines from 1987 to 1990, and Scott Brown snapped them up. Bernie Grabow is looking for the OVAHC engine analyzer. Where is it? Call 859-359-5488 extension 8.

Hazel announced the OVAHC Christmas party is Saturday, December 7 from 6 – 10 PM in Forest Park. Located at 1050 West Kemper Road Cincy, OH 45240 at Saint Matthias Apostle Church. She has a sign-up sheet for a dish to share. To sign-up by phone and to RSVP, call 513-240-3602. Gift exchange again, casual dress, and other complete details will be published. Some adult beverages provided, but

BYOB if you have specific tastes.

Ken Kreuter invited the club to support the David Kreuter Memorial fundraiser. It is a pancake breakfast / silent auction at Shiloh Methodist Church at 580 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincy OH 45238 on Sunday, November 3 starting in the morning from 9:00 until 12:30.

Old business: John discussed the disbursement of OVAHC funds to bring our year-end balance to \$5,000. A motion was made by Lauren Wallace, second by Jake Jacobs to follow the results of the OVAHC members' votes from the picnic. They were to distribute the excess above \$5000 in the following proportions; 1/3

(\$1,492.00) to charities and 2/3 (\$3,025.00) for club tools. Motion passed. Voting results for the charity split was 2/3 (\$1,000.00) for the Kreuter Fund and 1/3 (\$492.00) for the DMH

fund. Motion passed.

President John thanked John and Janet Parrott for hosting. (applause) Janet had special small "worry dolls" sitting in





the miniature cars on the buffet table for all the ladies to take and put in their purses. Or stash them in the glove box. They would certainly ward off the fears and trepidations from riding or driving during any Healey outing! (ha ha) John Parrott thanked all for attending, especially John Wallace and Scott Brown for helping stack the bonfire wood. Janet thanked Jennifer and Jennifer, and Brian and Josh for working around the homestead getting it ready for us all! (applause) The next meeting is at the Jacobs Saturday, Nov 16 in Fairfield. Meeting details will be published in the Newsleak. President John then adjourned the meeting.

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

## Caught in the Act

*Wouldn't be a bonfire day without Dale catching this fish...yes...the fish is getting bigger. He throws it back so he can catch it again. This year he is kissing it good-bye. October meeting is at Duffey's next year.*



Dale Ballinger being helpful. Putting away a 1,000 pound chair that Dennis Lendauer carved from his own Ash tree!



## Calendar for 2019

November 4—Kreuter pancake breakfast

November 16—Meeting at Jacobs (1:00 kick tires) 2:00 meeting

December 7—Christmas party 5-10 St. Matthias Apostle Church, Forest Park

## Meetings 2019

November—Jacobs

December 7 Christmas Party

## Tech Report



On Thursday 9/26 the OVAHC tech team of Richard Pratt, John Wallace, Skip Jackson and Tim Ross met at the garage of Ken and Rosalee Campbell to address concerns about their Sprite. Three of Ken's concerns were of the oil leak type: we looked all over the engine compartment and the underside of the car, pulled some spark plugs and to us – all the oil films seemed normal and minor. We did see that the front main seal was leaking, but so far, not more than the old British car metric of "Not more than a quart per thousand miles". We reminded Ken that the underside oil film prevents rust, and encouraged him to check all the fluids frequently (and carry extras). Skip fought with the damned locking dipstick, a former racecar holdover, and Ken said it would be replaced with a normal stick. We will put "a

watch" on the front seal, but hopefully for another tach session in the far future. Ken will invest in more cardboard for under the car.

The main event for the mornings' tech session was the high rpm of the engine when driving normal speeds on the road. Ken reported 5000 rpm at 50 mph. Our first thought was that the car was for previous competition autocrosses by the DPO. But a manual check of the differential gear ratio indicated a normal 4.22:1 ring and pinion gear set. We then checked the cars' electronic tachometer against Tim's engine analyzer tach and found the car tach wildly high. After much discussion of alternatives, etc., we took the car out for a set of drives. The first with Tim as passenger and recording the speedo mph versus the GPS mph, and the Sprite tach reading versus the Engine analyzer tach; showed that the speedo was a nearly-constant 8 mph high, while the tach was reading very high (such that the actual engine rpm was only about 70% of cars' tach). Then Skip went along as passenger for the second drive, and agreed upon returning that the engine was strong and that the sound and real rpm's were typical and correct for a Sprite. Summary for the morning: NO PROBLEM. Everyone was happy. Rosalee brought us some good pizzas and refreshments for lunch, and we discussed Ken's options for adjusting the electronic tachometer.

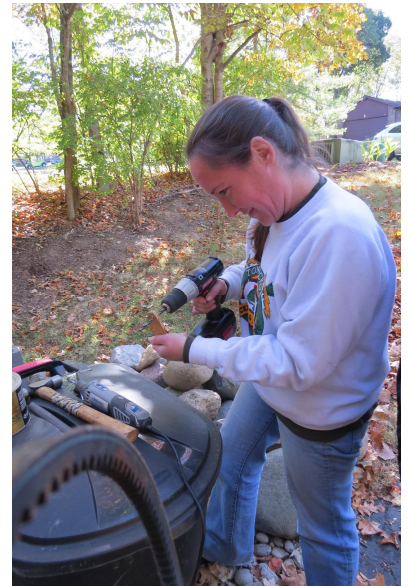


The OVAHC tech team of Pratt, Ross, Grabow, Lindauer, Campbell, and Jackson met in the Lauren and Troy Davidson garage on Friday, 10/18/19, to try again to get the white Bugeye "Winston" started. Lauren had a long list of other body and wiring items, so the team split into groups to attack the





issues. Tim and Dennis installed the passenger seat base. Lauren checked wiring under the dash. Troy and others verified water and oil was filled. Bernie made a new thermostat housing gasket. Others made a new battery hold-down bracket and installed a new (longer, and slightly too long) fan belt. We then turned the engine over (plugs removed) to check on a buildup of oil pressure. As was typical of a new engine, it took a while. Once we had oil pressure and it was time to try starting, Richard had concerns over the timing and distributor settings. We then spent the next couple of hours removing ignition items, trying to verify setting and orientation. Finding TDC took a while, as did the distributor gear orientation. We managed to drop the distributor gear into the oil pan, so had an additional hour removing the pan to fish out the gear. Finally all the ignition items were sorted – we think. The fuel pump pushed a strong flow to the carbs and we tried a start. No fire, except for some barking when given starter fluid. No fuel to the carb venturi. The problem was the float chamber Gross Jet valves stuck closed. Richard tried to clean them, but as the end-of-the-day approached, still no fuel in the float chambers. The next step will be for a new set of carb rebuild kits to be installed in Richards' shop, then to try again.





# Activity Report

Spring Grove Cemetery Car Show event—October 13. Representing from OVAHC was Skip Jackson, Bernie and Ben Grabow.



Bob Merten's Jag on it's way to the auction block. That is as close as Bernie will ever get to owning one...driving it back to Marion's garage.



Saturday, 10/19 OVAHC went to the Chatfield College show. We started near Milford and took US 50 east. A cool and crisp sunny day. Jerry and Charleen Cox showed their white MGB, Dale Ballinger his red Jensen – Healey, Tim and Bobbi Ross their big Healey, Pat and Bob Duffey brought their blue Bugeye, and Mary Ann and Bernie Grabow displayed their blue over beige BJ8. Hazel and Don Klein drove a SUV and brought their two doggies. Activity Activator Skip and Joan Jackson lead the group in his new BJ9 Subaru. The ladies enjoyed the quilts and crafts and the guys enjoyed inspecting the cars and watching many little costumed trick-or-

treaters grabbing candy from Bernie's trunk. We all won door prizes. Bob Duffey won best "orphan car" because the judges liked his car and maybe did not see many AH Sprites out there near Fayetteville, Ohio. Bernie won a top 25 award from the 88-vehicle field. Not to be out-done, Tim won best foreign car! You missed a fun and relaxing event!

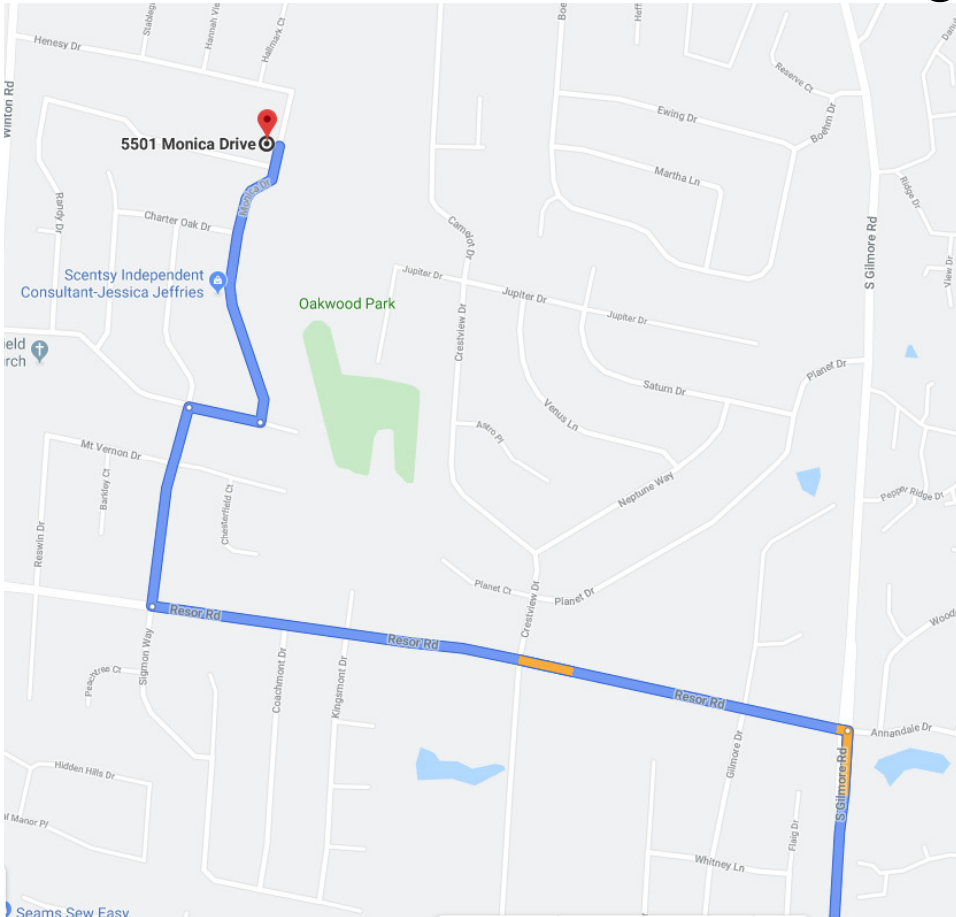




# November meeting—Jacobs 11/16

5501 Monica Dr. Fairfield, OH 45014

## Kick tires at 1...meeting at 2



Take I-275 W to Winton Rd in Forest Park. Take exit 39 from I-275 W

Jake cell 513-509-6038  
Joyce cell 513.310.0540

Take exit # 39 from I-275 for the Winton Road exit  
Drive north about a mile on S. Gilmore Road  
Turn left on Resor Road and go about a mile  
Turn right onto Sigmon Way

Take the second right onto Oaktree Drive  
Take the first left onto Monica Drive  
Look for the Healeys



NOTE: 2020 OVAHC dues will be accepted at this meeting.

# OVAHC Flow of Funds 2018-9

<b>BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE: November 1, 2018</b>		<b>\$10,486.16</b>
<b><u>INFLOW OF FUNDS</u></b>		
AHCA/OVAHC Dues	\$3,585.00	
AHCA Rebate: Online Dues	150.00	
<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>		
Drivers' Training (5)	1,176.00	
December Christmas Party	340.00	
<b>TOTAL INFLOW OF FUNDS</b>		<b>\$5,251.00</b>
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Dues to National (AHCA)	\$2,700.00	
Newsletter: Printing/Mailing	94.66	
Treasurer: Postage	11.00	
Member Badges (13)	90.42	
AHCA Delegates' Meeting: Hotel/Meals	204.65	
Flowers/Donation: St. Joseph Church	150.00	
Flowers/Donation: Amer. Diabetes Assoc.	151.46	
David Kreuter Memorial Fund 11-10-18	500.00	
David Kreuter Memorial Fund 10-16-19	1,000.00	
DMH Memorial Fund	492.00	
RESERVE: Tech Team Equipment	3,025.00	
<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>		
Monthly Meetings (8)	400.00	
December Christmas Party	1,617.14	
August Picnic	150.00	
October Bonfire	150.00	
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOW OF FUNDS</b>		<b>\$10,736.33</b>
<b>NET INFLOW/OUTFLOW</b>		<b>(\$5,485.33)</b>
<b>ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE: as of October 31, 2019</b>		<b>\$5,000.83</b>





## CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Spouse

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ AHCA # \_\_\_\_\_

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. AHCA standard 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:

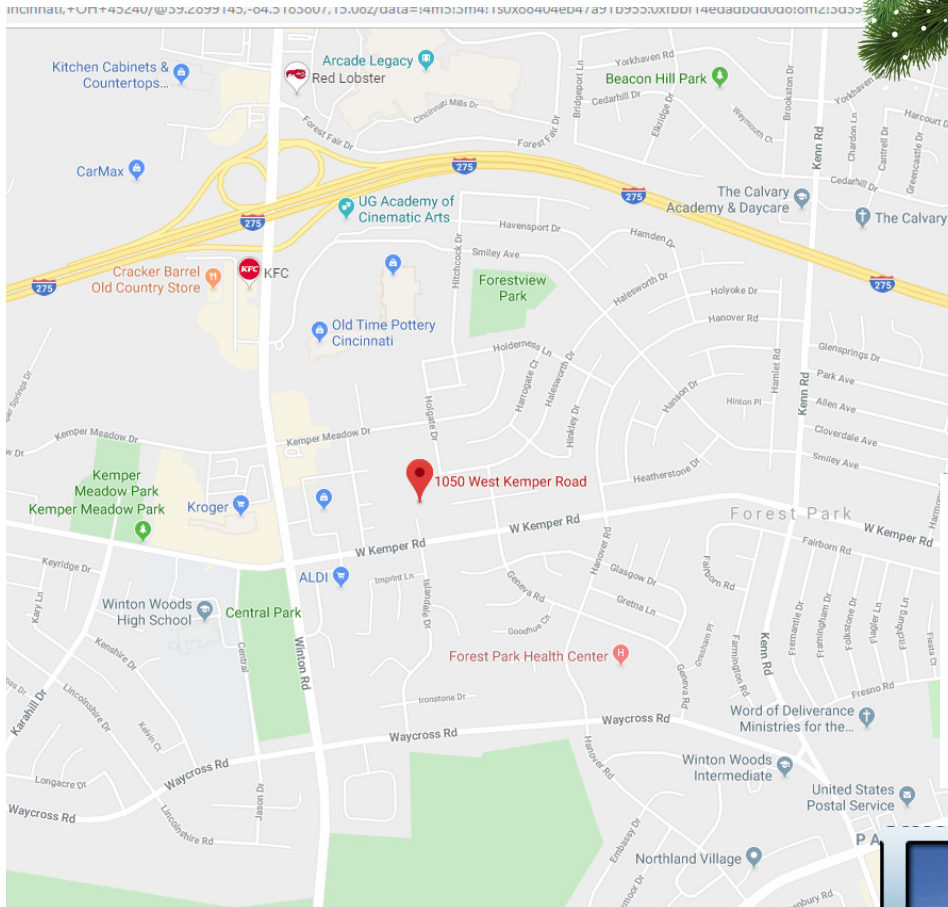
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Membership can be completed with a credit card or PayPal on the Austin-Healey Club of America web site [www.healeyclub.org/join-membership](http://www.healeyclub.org/join-membership) and choose our club OVAHC.

**NEW FOR 2020:** If you pay AHCA online, please forward your confirmation from them to [SLB96RIVA@yahoo.com](mailto:SLB96RIVA@yahoo.com) to notify me of your dues payment. OR, consider mailing a \$15 check for OVAHC dues and only pay AHCA \$50 online.

If you desire to receive the printed edition of *The OVAHC Newsleak* mailed to you, please contact Jake Jacobs: Business Manager at 513-509-6038.

# DECEMBER MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY



Follow I-75 N, I-74/US-52 W and I-275 N to Winton Rd in Forest Park. Take exit 39 from I-275 N

- Turn right onto Winton Rd
- Pass by Frisch's Big Boy (on the right)
- 0.6 mi
- Turn left onto W Kemper Rd
- 0.3 mi
- Turn left at Islandale Dr
- 285 ft



OVAHC club Christmas party will be December 7 from 6-10 at St. Matthias church in Forest Park. Meat and drinks will be provided by the club and covered dishes are to be supplied by members.

Members signed up to bring dishes at the November meeting. If you didn't attend and want to, contact Hazel Klein ([hdklein@fuse.net](mailto:hdklein@fuse.net) 513-895-2624) for information and let her know what you plan to bring. A gift exchange (\$20) will take place. Take gender consistent gift to exchange. If you bring one, you take one...if you don't want to participate in gift exchange you can skip it. This is not a joint gift—bring one if you take one.