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Newsleak

May Meeting

June 2019

May OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Over twenty-five members attended the meeting on Saturday, May 11 at the home of Bernie and Mary Ann Grabow in southern Covington. President Jeff thanked them for hosting. (applause) Historian John Parrott and Vice President Lauren were away

Secretary Dale thanked Marion Merten for donating Bob's car shirts and hats to the club. Gayle and Cindy delivered them and presented for members selection. Dale also turned over the club printer from Marion to Hazel Klein so she can continue to send out cards (or flowers) to members for get-well wishes or condolences when appropriate. (applause)

Business Manager Jake is going to Carlisle, PA and beyond with Jeff and Bob Duffey and they have an open seat in the extended cab truck. (May 17-19) Treasurer Cindy reported a deposit of \$150 for AHCA 2019 dues rebates. Debits of \$90.42 to Ken Kreuter for member badges and for May meeting hosts of \$50.00. Our balance is very good. See Cindy if you want to see any of these receipts.

Membership Sandy reported we have a brand new member in Greg Garnett from Oxford, Ohio. (applause) He has a 1966 BJ8 Mark 3. It has been sitting for many years and he invited the tech team up for a look-see, to be followed by a work session.

Delegate Don has postcards from AHCA to promote new memberships. We now have over 3000 members. We have over 290 Deadwood Conclave registrants so far. Plans are looking good. Don announced that this is his final year as our OVAHC delegate. He has been grooming Jake to replace him. He will nominate Jake at the August picnic. Elections will be at the September meeting. Don is VP for safety for AHCA thru 2020. If anyone has an interest in that position for 2021, see Don.

Tech Director Tim reported on two sessions for May. Skip had a session this past Wednesday for more work on his two LBC's. The Bugeye was here and running well, but the MGA still needs a slave clutch hose. Richard also fixed John Wallace's speedometer. Yesterday Richard and Tim went to Greg Garnett's garage and checked it out. Richard repaired the old fuel pump. However, the carb floats were stuck, so it would not start. Greg will buy some parts and we hope to get it running next time. Chris Wolfer needs tech help, as does Tim with the assistance of Scott Brown's lift. Tim pointed out our OVAHC tech team was featured on the Healey Marque cover for May. Call or email Tim because we want these Healeys back on the road!

Activity Activator Skip mentioned that we are a driving club. However, if your LBC is sick, and you just want to ride along or drive a BJ-9, come on out anyway. SpringThing caravan is planned for May. The S.E. Classic caravan to Little Switzerland, NC in June is planned as one long day each way. If you are not going, please join the OVAHC at Concours in Ault Park. Our club gets discounted tickets



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and preferred corral parking near the gate. Since Skip will be in North Carolina, he asked Gayle Loos to distribute the tickets. Call Skip if you want to preorder them for \$15 versus \$25 at the gate. You can pick them up at the June meeting and you need to pay for them. The OVAHC drivers' training dates. Saturdays of 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/20, and 8/3. All events and dates will be in the Newsleak. Any activity questions, contact Skip.

Vice President Lauren, President John, President Jeff, and Editor Mary Ann all had no report. Old business: None

New business: President John mentioned that every year we go through the same dance concerning our bank account balance. Do we keep it, or spend it, and why, and where? He proposed that we vote to establish a five thousand dollar limit, and find places to spend the rest. The club will decide where it goes. The President and Treasurer will monitor the funds and every year in October decide if the five thousand dollar limit is what we need to keep for that year. We can decide at the 2019 August picnic which charities and other places will get the current excess funds over the 2019 five thousand dollar limit. (Speak up and attend if you have an interest, please. We have fewer than nine thousand dollars now.) Much discussion followed. It passed the vote.

President Jeff thanked Bernie and Mary Ann for hosting. (applause) The next meeting is Sunday, June 2 at Jeff and Nancy's home in Mason. Details will be published in the Newsleak. He then adjourned the meeting.

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



Additional information from our Business Manager regarding finances:

Passed motion to set a limit on the amount the OVAHC treasury would hold year to year as working capital.

At the May meeting, John Jacobs proposed a motion which was seconded, accepted and passed to set a limit on the amount our treasury would hold year to year as working capital. After discussion, it was agreed this amount would be set yearly at the October meeting (Bon Fire) by the President in consultation with the Business Manager and Treasurer.

What does this mean and why was it proposed?

John noticed that we as a group get along very well except when it comes to spending our treasury on non-operating items. Some are spenders, some are savers and a lot are in between. He reasoned that if we establish a set amount the treasury will not exceed, it would eliminate these potential conflicts in the future.

At October's meeting the President, after consultation with the Business Manager and Treasurer, will propose an amount that the club will end the year with in the bank. After that number is established if there is any excess, the club will decide how to spend it. We will need a decision by the end of the meeting so the treasurer can note it on the closing statement going to National (in November).

For the past several years we take in approximately \$1,800 per year (1/2 Dues - 1/2 Driver's Training) and spend about \$1,800 to run the club yearly. The amount to run the club is the routine items, mostly meeting 'Thank You' stipends, general administration items as well as factoring in a yearly amount for those items that we pay on a two+ year basis (i.e., web service).

We currently start out each year with \$8,000 to \$10,000.

At this time John is proposing to set the amount to \$5,000. This means that we will have \$3,000 to \$5,000 to spend this year. Collectively we need to agree to spend, give or some combination of the two. Please bring realistic ideas to the October meeting (bonfire) so that we as a club can determine the best way to spend it.

We should think of this as an opportunity to access how we want to approach retirement. We can take all the kids on an grand early retirement trip around the world, return and get a job at Walmart to supplement our SS (think of our dues as SS) to live or maybe spend a little more each year on things that makes us happy without needing to keep working. There are multiple ways to bleed off the excess. I want all of us to keep in mind that only 1/2 of our income is guaranteed (dues) without working.



Calendar for 2019

June 2 **Sunday**.....Meeting at Jeff/Nancy's place
June 6-9.....Southeast Classic, Little Switzerland, NC
June 9.....Concours d'Elegance@ Ault Park (see below)
June 15.....Drivers Training
June 29.....Drivers Training
July 13.....Healey drive for ice cream
July 13.....Drivers Training
July 14.....British Car Day Cincinnati
July 20.....Drivers Training
August 3.....Drivers Training
August 10 Dayton British Car Show
August 23-25.....Bellefontaine Hill climb revival
September 7-11.....Conclave at Deadwood SD

Concours D'Elegance: The club has access to discounted tickets again for 2019. Either come to the June OVAHC meeting and pay Skip \$15 each, or RSVP and then you will have to pay at First Watch or at the corral. Gate fee for the public is \$25 each.

We are planning on meeting at the First Watch in Rookwood Commons on Madison Road near Edwards Road around 8:30 AM that Sunday morning. We will eat breakfast and at 9:30 caravan to Ault Park. We will be parking together close to the main entrance in the OVAHC corral (doesn't have to be all Healeys) when we arrive together as a club.

I-71 SOUTHBOUND Take I-71 south the Smith/Edwards Road exit (Exit #6). At the first light, go right on Williams Ave.

Get in the left lane turn left at the light this is Smith Road. (There is a Shell gas station.) Once you turn get in the right lane. (You will go back over 71.) At the second light go right into Rookwood Commons. First Watch is located at the far end of the complex on the inside of the whole place.

I-71 NORTHBOUND Take I-71 north to the Smith/Edwards Road exit. (Exit #6.) At the stop sign make a right. Stay in the right lane at the first light (this has a continuous right turn arrow), and turn right into Rookwood Commons. First Watch is located at the far end of the complex on the inside of the whole place. Address is 2692 Madison Road Cincinnati, OH 45208. Skip's phone is (513) 720-7547 if you need more info.

Meetings 2019

June—Bacon/Porada
July—Cox
August—Wolfer (picnic)
September—Loos

October—Parrots (bonfire)
November—Jacobs
December—TBD - Hazel setting
us up

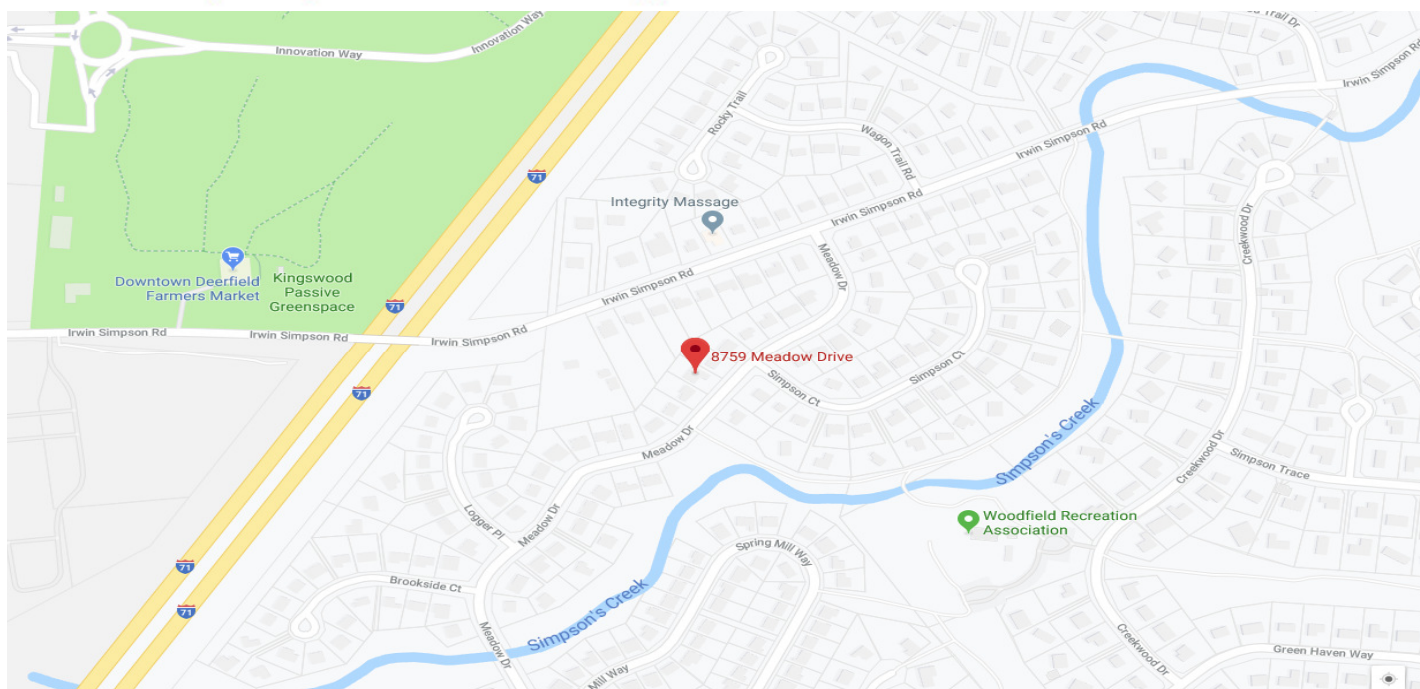
JUNE MEETING

8759 meadow drive mason Ohio 45040-9568



June meeting on
6/2 , kick tires at
1:00 and meeting
starts at 2:00!

Lost? call 513-315-8958 If you're coming north on 71, go north of I-275 and get off I-71 at exit # 19 onto the mason Montgomery exit. Stay in the left lane of the exit and it will loop around to take you north on mason Montgomery. Stay on mason Montgomery just over a mile. You will go through several lights. You are looking for Irwin Simpson to turn right onto. A good landmark is the red robin on the left at that light. After you have turned right onto Irwin Simpson you will go straight through a light and come to a stop sign. The road at the stop sign is meadow drive, that's the street, turn right. We are under 1/4 to mile on the right, 8759. Just past Simpson Court. Look for a OVAHC sign, British flag, unicorn, or something outstanding. As most of you probably know, Nancy and I don't drink... Well... alcohol. (Note: OVAHC official policy is BYOB) We will have tons of snacks though... That is a world we know quite well. There will also be pop, water, and coffee. Hope everyone can make it and enjoys themselves.



TECH SESSION



Members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club Tech Team met at Zakiras garage to view the disassembled Healey engine belonging to members John and Lauren LeClaire Wallace. Bent lifter was one obvious problem but further inspections are needed.



Richard Pratt and Tim Ross travelled north of Oxford Friday, 5/10/19, to evaluate Greg Garnett's 1966 Healey 3000, model BJ8. He has had the car for quite a while but had not driven it in the past 20 years. Since it was kept inside a nice garage, there was minimal deterioration of the body and interior, just normal wear and tear. The bodywork is nice and straight, not showing any accidents, but the Healey blue original paint was covered in a rather poor gold respray. In order to get the car running again, Greg installed a new battery. All the lights functioned well, the horn didn't. The differential fluid was up to the proper level and the oil looked new, same with the engine oil. The fuel tank drain plug was removed, but nothing came out. The SU fuel pump did not tick over, so electrical trouble shooting began with LR wheel removal for access and Richard applying the normal "taps" to the housing – no response. There was power to the pump. After removing the pump, and disassembly / cleaning on the bench, the pump worked. The small amount of 20 year old gas that came out reminded us of how good 20 year old real gas smelled. The inside of the gas tank looked very clean and shiny so fresh gas was added, then power to the fuel pump – it pumped great, then filled and overflowed the carb float bowls. After pulling off the float chamber tops, we saw that both floats didn't. But before Richard could heat up his soldering iron to seal the expected holes in the floats, Greg and Tim surmised that the floats were "glued" to the bottom of the chambers with 20 year old gasoline additive residue. We got the rear float out and the bottom was covered in black tar. The front float did not yield its attraction to the chamber bottom to trials by screwdriver, solvents and wire hooks. Since it was damaged a bit, this is one item for Greg to order from Moss. We then removed both carbs, which seemed in great shape. So the next tech session will look to reinstall the carbs and then proceed through the electrical ignition part of the startup procedure. Greg will also order new brake and clutch master cylinders since both pedals were hard or ineffective. Then with new fluid the brakes and clutch lines will be bled. We also want to get the wheels back (splines look good) on for some rolling checks. Even 'though the 20 year new tires look great, they will only be used for driveway runs.

We enjoyed seeing the home and garage and wine making operation of Greg and Cindy and look forward to the next tech sessions. Greg and Cindy are our newest OVAHC members.



The tech team of Richard, Gayle, Tim and John Wallace met on 5/8/19 at Skip Jackson's shop to work on his Bugeye and MGA. Richard and John had the carbs off and on and working well in the morning. There still may be an air leak, keeping the idle higher than desired. Richard then proceeded to disassemble the speedometer off of John Wallace's 3000. Some small broken parts may be replaced by Gayle (the clockmaker) and then reassembled at Richards shop. Gayle and Tim worked to replace all of the MGA's brake hoses, master cylinders, and clutch hoses, except we didn't have the clutch hose – next time.