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Newsleak

June Meeting

July 2019



Over twenty-five members attended the meeting on Sunday, June 2 at Jeff and Nancy's home in Mason. President Jeff thanked himself and Nancy for hosting. (applause) Activity Activator Skip, Membership Sandy, Delegate Don, and Vice President Lauren were away. Vice-President John Wallace, and Historian John Parrott had no report.

Secretary Dale introduced Steve Street back into the OVAHC fold. (applause) He is a member from the late '80s, and has moved to Cincinnati for his summers. He previously joined the Atlanta AHC, but now his Healey is here. He ran the auto-cross for us at the OVAHC Conclave in 1986. Steve also published the Newsleak way back when.

President John is selling his Nasty Boy. The Jacobs family is expanding soon, and a 4 door Jag looms in their future, so room must be made in the garage. Contact him if you know of a good Jaguar Mark 2 for sale and / or need a new, exciting Healey 100 V-8.

Secretary Dale presented President John Jacobs with the # 001 magnetic sticker from the OVAHC 2016 Conclave. He said it was in honor of John's successful Conclave chairmanship and for all the far reaching and future thinking ideas and actions John put forth recently to save the AHCA Conclave for the next thirty years, until we host again. (applause)

Activity Activator Skip was away so Dale stepped in for him. The S.E. Classic caravan to Little Switzerland, NC in June is planned and those going should have their rooms by now. Skip's email said, "If Kurt is not there announce that I am

Minutes continued

booked at the Super 8 for the Bellefontaine Hill Climb weekend in August". It starts Friday 8/23. Our club will host the Gymkhana on Sunday, 8/25. If you are not going to SE Classic, please join the OVAHC at Concours in Ault Park. Our club usually gets \$10 off discounted tickets, but not this year. But we will still meet for breakfast and have preferred corral parking near the gate. The OVAHC drivers' training dates are Saturdays of 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/20, and 8/3. We need workers for June and beyond. All events and dates will be in the Newsleak. Any activity questions, contact Skip.

Treasurer Cindy reported no deposits. Debits for June meeting hosts of \$50.00. Our balance is very good. See Cindy if you want to see any of these receipts. Mary Ann posted Cindy's Springthing report online, and Cindy recommends that all members put this event on their "to do" list. Editor Mary Ann said the July Newsleak may be late, since she will be off swimming in the Atlantic Ocean. Business Manager Jake said there are some rooms open for the Deadwood Conclave for the next few days. Tech Director Tim reported there was one visit to Greg Garnett's garage to look at his BJ8. Chris Wolfer is hosting the tech team later this month. Call or email Tim to schedule a session because we want these Healeys back on the road!

President Jeff has a friend near Batavia with a goat farm with kids being born. Nineteen baby goats, that is..... If we want to visit, we need only to pick a date in July and make final plans.

New business: Bernie gave an update on the sale of Bob Merten's Austin - Healey. Marion Merten allowed some of OVAHC members to help sell it and post it on the Bring A Trailer web site. It is a good car. The auction closes at Wednesday, 6/5 at 3:35 PM. The next vehicle for sale will be the Jaguar E-type convertible. It is listed now for \$75,000 but it may sell for more once it is posted on BAT next month. If you want it, act now.

Old business: Janet Parrott was not at the May meeting and had questions about the reduction of the OVAHC treasury balance. Much discussion and questions followed. President John explained everything again. We are asking that OVAHC members submit written or email requests to the Presidents for suggestions on how to spend our funds to reduce them by about 4000 dollars by the end of 2019. We can begin deciding 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 contact them if you have an interest, please. They will compile the requests. We hope to decide by the bonfire this October.

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President John thanked Jeff and Nancy for hosting. (applause) The next meeting is Saturday, July 6 at 1:00 PM to greet, and 2:00 to start the meeting at the Cox home in Batavia, Oh. Details will be published in the Newsleak. He then adjourned the meeting.

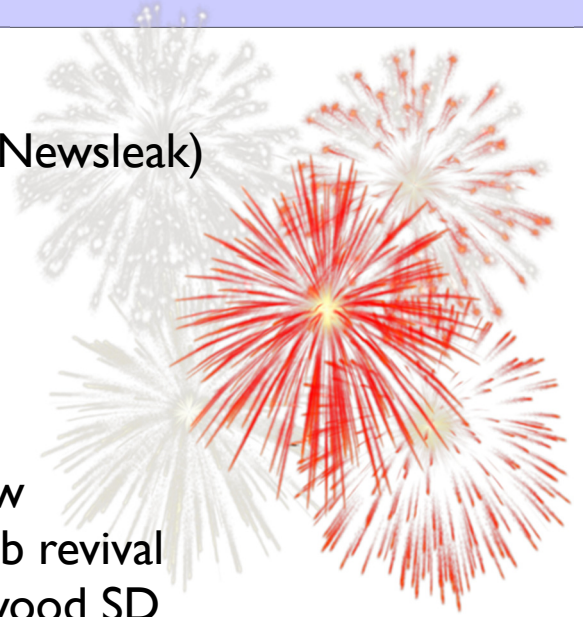
Submitted by OVAHC Secretary,

Dale Ballinger "at your service".



Calendar for 2019

June 29.....Drivers Training
July 6.....Meeting at Cox's (details this Newsleak)
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

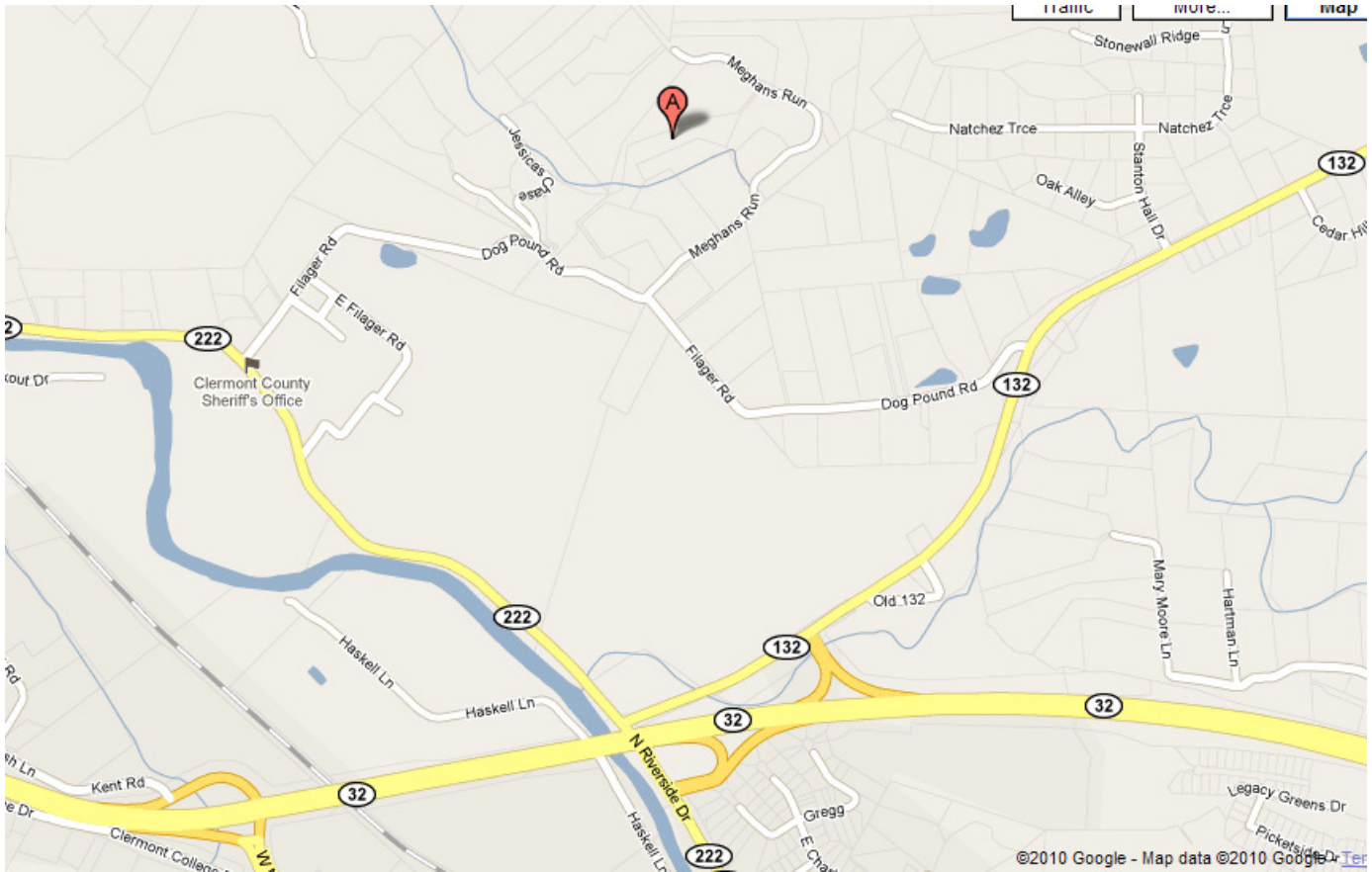


Meetings 2019

July—Cox
August—Wolfer (picnic)
September—Loos

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

JULY MEETING



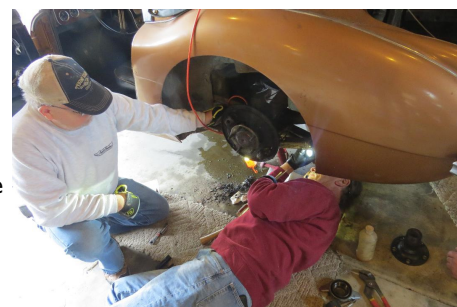
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Saturday, July 6
at the Cox es-
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Kick tires at
1:00 and meet-
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2:00

TECH REPORT



On Tuesday, 5/21/19, the OVAHC Tech Team of Richard, Bernie, Tim, and new member Stephen Street, met at the garage of Greg Garnett north of Oxford to try to get his '66 BJ8 started. We had hoped to install the carbs with new floats, and install a new fuel tank and proceed from there. However the new steel fuel tank arrived with significant dents on the seams from shipping that had us questioning the gas-tight integrity. Then the rear carb, when set in place, with the choke linkage attached, would not fully operate. Back on the bench for more disassembly, where we discovered that the bottom diaphragm had turned to Bakelite. More disassembly showed plenty of discoloration/residue, so a full cleaning is required. We probably should have done this as a matter of course for 20 year idle carbs. More on the parts list for Greg to order for next time. And we haven't even started on the ignition system. Greg got some



DOT 3 brake fluid and he had installed new master cylinders, so with a full brake/clutch reservoir we expected to bleed the brakes. Tim went around and loosened the bleed nipples, and broke off the one on the RR, and rounded the flats on the LR. Probably should have sprayed it all with PB Blaster last session. This led the full team to remove the rear brakes to get to and remove the two rear slave cylinders – plenty of tough nuts and greasy drum brake parts. More parts for Greg's order list – he just wanted to get it running to sell it – not restore it! So about that time UPS came with the second replacement fuel tank. When removed from the shipping box, it too, had a series of dents around the corner seams. So Greg will partially fill each of the new tanks and select the one that, hopefully, doesn't leak. All for next time, stay tuned. Another great pizza and homemade wine lunch followed.



On Tuesday, June 18, Richard, Gayle, Skip and Tim met at the Merten garage to try again to get the #6 intake valve to operate. Richard intended to try a lubricant, but the valve tappet covers prevent oil from penetrating. Video borescope of the top of the pistons showed no damage. Richard then tried a "compressed rope" trick to force the intake valve to close – hoping that getting some movement will loosen the valve stem in the guide. We fed 36 feet of parachute cord into the #6 cyl. and tried to move the bundle under the intake valve. Then, by rocking the car in gear, we got the piston to rise and push the intake valve closed somewhat (as measured by feeler gauges). We repeated the process a number of times, but the intake valve would not return to the closed position by just its spring. The next step is to have the head removed and re-conditioned (\$\$).



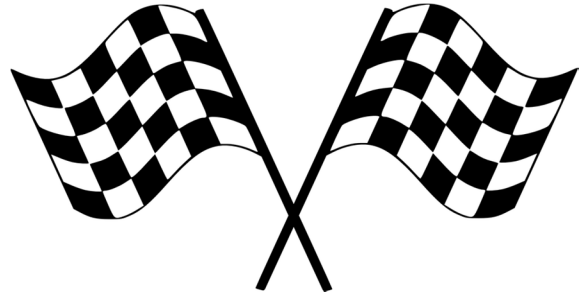
Drivers Training 2019

Ohio Valley Austin – Healey Club
Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2019

June 15 (Saturday)
June 29 (Saturday)
July 13 (Saturday)
July 20 (Saturday)
August 3 (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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Concours d'Elegance

Members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club enjoyed a somewhat wet beginning to the annual Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance in Ault Park in Cincinnati Ohio today but still an enjoyable day with some great classic cars.

