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Newsleak

July Meeting

August 2019

Thirty members attended the meeting on Saturday, July 6 at Charlene and Jerry Cox's home in Batavia. President Jeff thanked Charlene and Jerry for hosting. (applause) Treasurer Cindy, and Historian John Parrott were away. Presidents Jeff and John, Vice-Presidents John and Lauren, Secretary Dale, Editor Mary Ann, Business Manager Jake, and Membership Sandy had no report.

Treasurer Cindy sent her report to Jake. One deposit of \$175 for 6/15 drivers training and \$300 collected for 6/29 session. Debits for Christmas party deposit and July meeting hosts of \$50.00. Our balance is very good.

Tech Director Tim reported there is a tech planned for next Tuesday in Richard's basement to repair John Wallace's transmission lay gear. Chris Wolfer hosted a big group of tech team members on 6/30. Tim mentioned that a session can be member driven if he is out of town via e-mail for work like what Chris had done. Team members, Dale and Bernie replaced Dale's J-H u-joints and motor mounts to get it back on the road. Greg Garnett donated two BJ8 gas tanks left over from when the tech team helped him fix up his car to sell. Call or email Tim if you need one, or to schedule a session.

Delegate Don reminded us that the remaining three OVAHC drivers' training dates are Saturdays of 7/13, 7/20, and 8/3. The July 20 date is "Ladies Day" where there is no fee for women to drive the course for all six runs. Men can follow for the normal price if there is time. The AHCA's national secretary, Ann Jones has health issues. She requested that her position be filled by a new person.

Activity Activator Skip asked Kurt Niemeyer to speak about the Bellefontaine Hill Climb weekend in August. It starts Friday 8/23. He ran down the complete schedule. Our club will host the Gymkhana on Sunday morning, 8/25. Activities other than rallies are available, such as shopping, sightseeing, wineries, and dining. Skip reported 14 members went to Little Switzerland, NC. Joe Yanonne won three awards. Skip and Dale won the Rally. Jake won for best Sprite. (applause) Skip and the attendees for the Deadwood Conclave will hold a planning discussion following this meeting. August 10 is the Dayton, OH British car show. Look for the caravan info and for any activity questions, contact Skip.

New business: Hazel made a pillow for Marion Merten from one of his OVAHC Healey shirts. (applause) Tim will present it to Marion. Tim made a motion that we buy the tech team a set of Healey wire wheel balance adaptors. It is listed on sale in Moss flyer at \$375, but Jeff P should be able to get it for less. Jerry Cox said the tech team should be allowed to buy more tools from our treasury funds. President John took over at this part of the meeting. Motion to buy it passed. For the August picnic, we have a signup sheet for food.

Old business: President John requested that OVAHC members submit suggestions how to spend our funds by phone or emails to either of the Presidents. Speak up and please contact them if you have an interest **before** the August 11 meeting. They will compile the requests. Voting will occur at the next two meetings. We hope to decide everything by the bonfire this October.

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Minutes continued

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President John thanked Jerry and Charlene for hosting. (applause) The next meeting is the OVAHC picnic on Sunday, August 11 at the Wolfer home in Alexandria, KY. Details will be published in the News-leak. August is when we plan the 2020 OVAHC meeting sites and start nominating officers, too. If you have any interest, contact any officer. He then adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary

Dale Ballinger "at your service".



British Car Show, Cinti



Sunday, July 14 at Harbin Park in Fairfield on a beautiful, warm summer day twenty OVAHC members attended the British Car Day Cincinnati show. Over 150 shiny cars and many spectators covered the park. The big winner was Nate Fuson for his 69 square body Sprite. Not only did he win his class, but the Mayor of Fairfield picked his AH as his favorite British car in the entire show! Jerry and Peggy Spurlock won second place in the Premier Class. Bernie Grabow won for best Healey 3000, followed by son Ben, and Tim Ross in third. Chad Donner won for best AH-100. Kurt Niemeyer and Laura showed a Alfa-Romeo, Jake, John, Ella, and Ashley Jacobs showed the AH-100 V-8 Superman nasty boy, John and Nancy Cusick and Dale Ballinger showed their British made Mini Coopers. Tim Silver's twin brother Don showed his Lotus Super-7. Jerry Cox, Tom Swager, and Ken and Rosalee Campbell attended. Skip Jackson was in charge of the BCCGC registration table. Jeff Porada and Nancy Bacon sold parts for their Winner's Circle business. Good show, good day.



Calendar for 2019

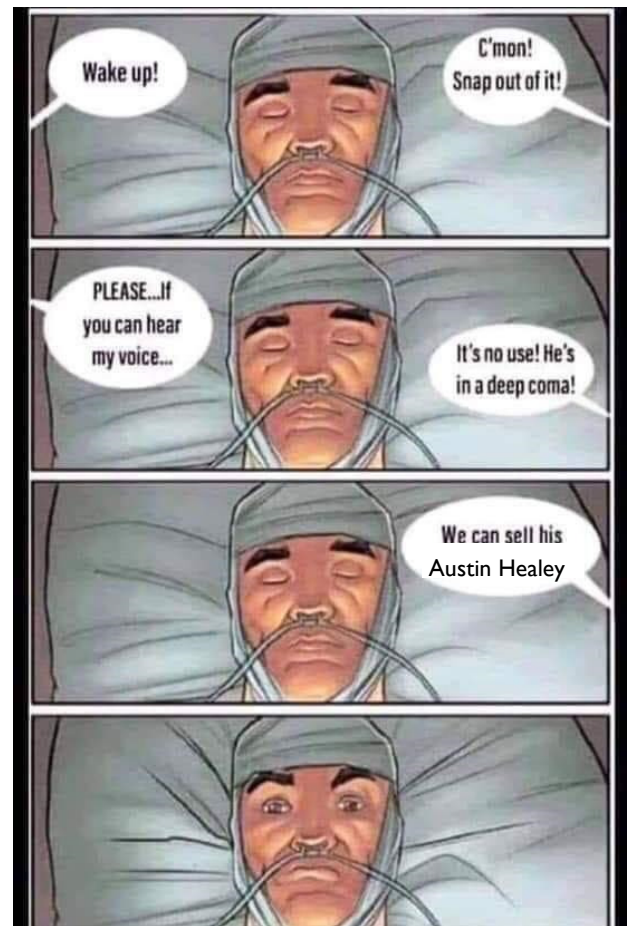
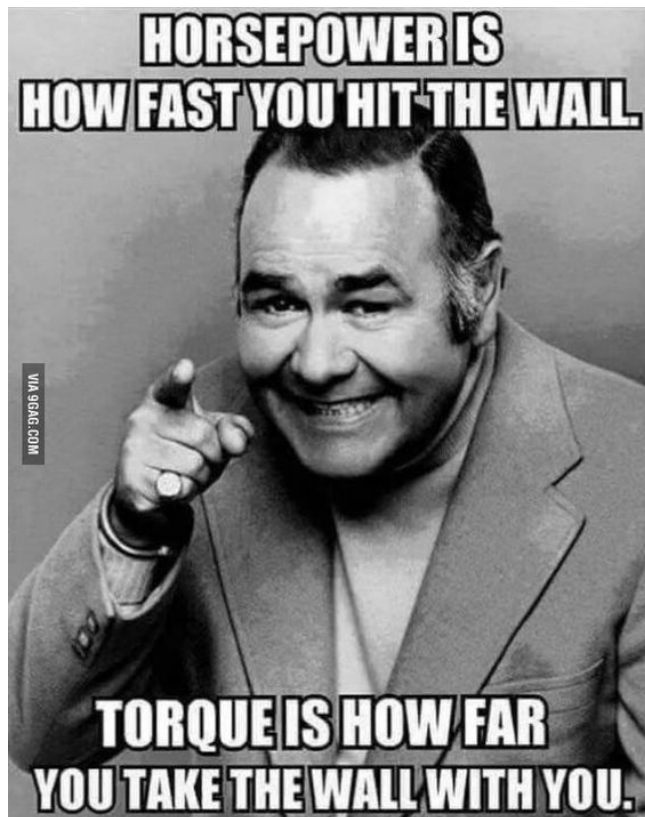
August 3.....Drivers Training

August 10 Dayton British Car Show

August 11.....OVAHC picnic at Wolfer's (details this Newsleak)

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

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



Meetings 2019

August—Wolfer (picnic)

September—Loos

October—Parrots (bonfire)

November—Jacobs

December—TBD - Hazel setting
us up

August Picnic @ The Wolfer's IN Alexandria, Kentucky Sunday, August 11th

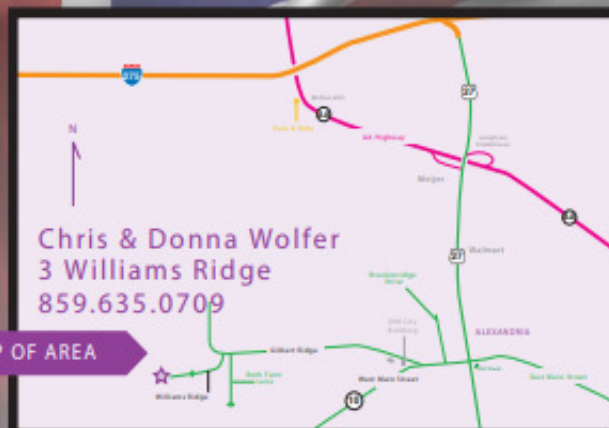
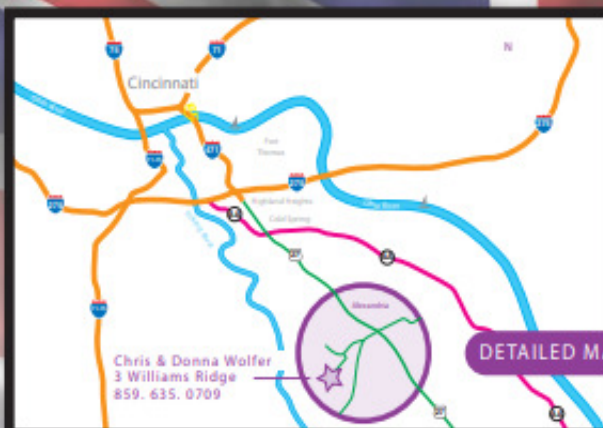


Tire kick'n starts at noon
Meeting starts around 1:30

Meat and drinks are provided by the club.

Everyone is expected to bring a dish to share...if you haven't already signed up to bring a dish, let the Wolfer's know what you plan to bring so they can keep track of the dishes being provided.

Directions to the Wolfer's



NOTE: At this meeting we will pick OVAHC meeting locations for 2020. If you want to host and can't make the meeting, please let someone know before the picnic what date you want.

We will also be nominating new officers for 2020. Nominations will remain open, until the September meeting where they will be closed.

TECH REPORT



Tech team met at the Wolfer Garage on Sunday, June 30th to upgrade some parts on my 69' Mark IV Sprite.



We started by working on replacing the brakes and immediately discovered that the rear oil seals were leaking. While the hubs and shafts were being removed, new seals were located at KOI in Florence and after a little bit of a wait, were brought in and pressed into the hubs. Once the rear brakes were cleaned up it was determined that they still had a lot of life left in them so no further rear brake work was required. Hubs will be re-installed at next tech session.

While the work on the back half of the car was in full swing, the other half of the team worked around the nose of the car removing the brake calipers. Once the calipers were removed the group split up to focus on removing the Pedal Box while another group attacked replacement of the stubborn rack boots. The rest is a bit of a blur, but in the end, new Rack Boots were installed and the pedal box was extracted. New Master Brake and Master Clutch Cylinders will be installed in a future tech session.



New front calipers were set up and installed along with new flexible brake hoses. Then all of the hard lines were cleaned and thoroughly blown out with compressed air.

Finally, the old gear oil was drained from the differential and the drain/filler plugs were cleaned up. Then the gas tank was dropped and emptied.

The tank will be restored and reinstalled at a future tech session.

That's it in a nutshell. Let me know if any further info is needed.

Thanks,
Chris



Dale's private tech session, working in Bernie's garage.
Getter Done Dale!



7/9/19- members of the Ohio Valley Austin Healey club Tech Team completed the rebuild of John and Lauren LeClaire Wallace Austin Healey BN4 transmission and overdrive. Soon to be mated to his rebuilt engine.

The OVAHC tech team of John Wallace, Bernie Grabow, Scott Brown and Tim Ross met at the Richard Pratt (transmission) shop on Tuesday morning, 7/9/19. We previously had rebuilt the overdrive unit, so this would be an “easy” day of disassembly and reassembly to install a new/rebuilt lay (cluster) gear and new first gear assembly. We previously had rebuilt or checked the other gears and bear-

ings. Most of the morning went straightforward and soon the old gears were removed and we all admired the new, shiny, non-pitted gears. Then it was the counting of layshaft needle bearings, cursing that they didn’t fit the space they came from an hour ago, recognizing that the input shaft needle bearings are slightly larger in diameter than the layshaft bearings, more cursing as we segregated the bearings, greased them and installed them properly in the correct spot. We had some more difficulty with the selector shaft that has a small pin that shifts to keep from selecting two gears at once. It was stiff from a burr, which Scott polished off, and Richard then exercised with wrench and screwdriver (these tools being closer at hand than a small drift and hammer). Then we got relatively lucky (+ Richards experience) with the installation of the overdrive, and only one hiccup on the bellhousing installation, leaving Tim and his tools covered in a nasty Permatex gasket sealer. We filled the transmission with oil, then Richard could hardly wait to try his pressure gauge assembly on the overdrive pump to ensure it works. With much adapting (the tech team could use some specialized tools), he got the trans spinning in fourth gear, while Scott worked the OD in and out (avoiding the spinning output flange). Bernie and Tim waited patiently for the gauge to register something, while John Wallace kept trying to contain his general concern, but the gearbox was super quiet. Finally after 5 – 10 minutes we got pressure, which meant another OVAHC transmission ready for the road! See John Wallace for the sources and costs for his new gears. Much thanks to Richard for his shop, tools and experience!



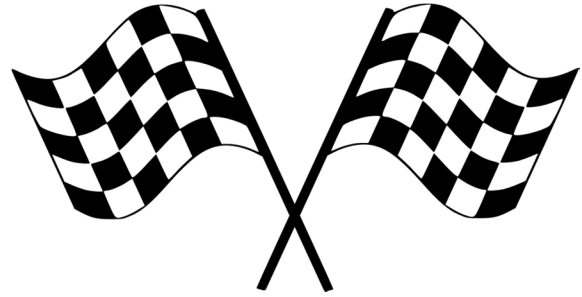
Drivers Training 2019

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

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 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.

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Going to Deadwood? Here is the planned route

2019 Conclave Caravan to/from Deadwood, SD

9/3 - Harrison, OH thence I-74 to **Peoria IL** - 308 miles;
9/4 - thence I-74 to I-80 to US 63 to US 20 to **Webster City IA** - 319 miles
9/5 - thence US 20 to I-29 to SD 50 to US 81 to I-90 to **Mitchell SD** - 291 miles
9/6 - thence I-90 to **Deadwood SD** - 313 miles.

9/11 - Deadwood to **Mitchell SD** - 313 miles
9/12 - Mitchell to **Webster City IA** - 291 miles
9/13 - Webster City IA to **Peoria IL** - 319 miles
9/14 - Peoria IL to **HOME** - 308 to Harrison, OH

Using the same hotels going both directions:

9/3 and 9/13 - Comfort Suites Peoria I-74
1812 West War Memorial Drive, Peoria, IL
309-668-3800
2 Queens, Non-smoking, AARP/Senior: \$86 for Tuesday, 9/3; \$99 for Friday, 9/13

9/4 and 9/12 - AmericInn by Wyndham Webster City
411 Closz Drive, Webster City, IA
515-337-2611
2 Queens, Non-smoking, AARP/Senior: \$90 either night

9/5 and 9/11 - AmericInn by Wyndham Mitchell
1421 South Burr Street, Mitchell, SD
605-996-9700
2 Queens, Non-smoking, AARP/Senior: \$81 either night

Both AmericInns are pet friendly for Don and Hazel.

I have not made any calls to these three hotels to have any rooms held.



Hazel did a great job of making a pillow for Marion out of Bob Merten's OVAHC shift as a memory

Spurllocks took three days to get there, two days on the interstates and the backroads on the last. Had a great time, met a lot of new Austin Healey drivers and won First Place in Convertible Class and Best in Show at the Funspot, largest arcade in the World. Took the same route to get back home - the car performed perfectly and looked a lot better than we did on arrival. Total mileage was 1761. We took three days to get there, two days on the interstates and the backroads on the last. Had a great time, met a lot of new Austin Healey drivers and won First Place in Convertible Class and Best in Show at the Funspot, largest arcade in the World. Took the same route to get back home - the car performed perfectly and looked a lot better than we did on arrival. Total mileage was 1761.



Ladies Day at Gymkhana



3 Ladies drove at the Ladies Day Gymkhana event on Saturday, July 13



Drive to British Car Day in Dayton 8/10

Start at Bob Evans with no breakfast and then Young's Farm for lunch. Then to Honda plant for museum and to register / tech inspect for the event. Then to the motel to check in. How does this sound? Backroads! Use Route 33 divided from Honda to Bellefontaine.

Dale

OVAHC Caravan to Bellefontaine weekend on Friday, August 23, 2019:
Meet at 10 AM in the Home Depot parking lot behind the Bob Evans on Tylersville Road 7781 Dudley Rd, West Chester, OH 45069. Take exit # 22 from I-75 and go east just off the exit, towards Mason. Turn left at the light by Bob Evans and line up in the Home Depot lot right by the B.E. restaurant. The caravan will depart about 10:15 AM. Lunch at Young's Farm 6880 Springfield-Xenia Rd Yellow Springs, OH 45387 and end up at the Honda Visitor Center. 24025 Honda Pkwy, Marysville, OH 43040

90 mile total trip first half is (46.2 mi)

1. Depart Dudley Dr toward Tylersville Rd 151 ft

2. Turn left onto Tylersville Rd 2.5 mi

3. Bear left onto US-42 and follow through Mason and Lebanon and into Xenia.

4. Turn left onto US-68 / N Detroit St Pass McDonald's in 1.6 mi 10.8 mi

8. Arrive at US-68 / Springfield Xenia Rd on the right, arrive Young's Jersey Dairy Lunch break! (43.7 mi) depart Young's Jersey Dairy on US-68 3.5 mi

2. Keep right onto S Yellow Springs Street US 68 through Urbana

3. Turn right onto OH-296

4. Keep straight onto OH-245 / E State RT 245 & then W Maple St

5. left onto W Darby Rd / CR-167 1.3 mi

6. Turn right onto Darby-Pottersburg Rd 1.8 mi

7. Road name changes to Honda Pkwy 1.0 mi

8. Left into Honda 0.2 mi The last intersection is Gate B for Honda Heritage Center

11 am. – 3 pm. Honda Heritage Center Tours and Event Registration & Tech Inspection, Honda Heritage Center, Marysville Ohio

Turn right toward Honda Pkwy

Take ramp right for US-33 West toward Bellefontaine 16.5 miles

Take ramp right for US-68 toward Bellefontaine Turn left onto US-68

Check into our hotel: Super 8 by Wyndham Bellefontaine, 1117 N Main St, Bellefontaine, OH 43311