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Newsleak



September Meeting

October 2019

September OVAHC Meeting Minutes

Twenty-nine members attended the meeting on Sunday, September 22 at the Lindauer home in southern Union, Ky. President Jeff thanked Jo and Denny for hosting. (applause) Treasurer Cindy was away. President John, Vice-Presidents John and Lauren, Historian John Parrott, Business Manager Jake, and Membership Sandy had no report. President Jeff noted that his Bugeye was the only Healey from our group to make it to the Deadwood Conclave and back, with no troubles. He and Nancy won the rally! Scott

Brown took photos and got the OVAHC some credit. (applause) Secretary Dale used his time to thank Kurt Niemeyer and Laura for a great event at the Bellefontaine Hill Climb weekend in August. (applause) He expressed his confusion as to whether there were awards given for the rally. So, he unofficially handed out 4 awards that Kurt did not authorize or pay for. Dale spared no expense. In fact, they seemed to fall off the old pine tree in his front yard and magically appear. He made these initials from small pinecones, and wrote on the backs:

F.I. for the Jacksons for "Fudge It" darn those directions, I'm following Meriwether Lewis"
A.I. for the Grabows for "Am I still on the right road". *Not artificial intelligence, as in her smart phone.*

L.C. For John Parrott and Dale Ballinger for "Lost Cause, why? Because we're lost AGAIN!"

And the #1 Big Pine-Cone Award for Nancy Bacon and Jeff Porada. Winner winner, pine nut dinner!"

He had kidded them in August that doing the rally was not worth going around for 4 hours and turning around early and often, (even though he did at least 3 times) because the winner gets not much more than a pine cone and second place gets 2 pine

cones.....ha ha.

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

Delegate Don said the 2020 Conclave registration is out in the Healey Marque in May 17-21 near Tampa Bay, on Crystal River where you can still swim legally with the manatees.

Skip mentioned that there is a third adult registration option add-on for Florida, in case anyone wants to invite Richard, or somebody else.

Treasurer Cindy reported via Jake that we paid for this meeting. Any bills go to her. She is preparing the annual report for the early November delegates meeting. Next month at the bonfire, we will vote to disburse OVAHC funds to various places. Our balance is very good.

Activity Activator Skip reported some members went to the Deadwood Conclave and read parts of a detailed report from Bobbi Ross. Seven vehicles left Harrison, OH on Tuesday 9/3 and came back on Saturday 9/14. Nancy Bacon won the Pat Moss award for the second year in a row. (applause) Skip got 37 MPG and spent as much for gas on the total trip as Jake spent at every gas station, towing Superman with a big truck! Skip thanked Bob Duffey and Richard Pratt for his starter problem fixes. Anyone on I-80 at



Minutes Continued

MM 234 in Iowa, look for Skip's floppy hat which a big farm truck and very tall haybale trailer blew away. October 19 is the Chatfield College car and craft show. For activity questions, contact Skip.

Tech Director Tim reported there was perfect weather all the way to and during the Deadwood Conclave. Some rain coming back. A long 4 day stay at the Cedar Rapids Dodge dealer on the way home, waiting for a Bosch fuel injector fix for his van. Next tech session is Thursday, September 26, 9:00 AM at Ken Campbell with Richard and Tim and anyone else who can make it. John Wallace was able to utilize what he has learned from the tech team to bail out some unfortunate guy with a big Healey from Colorado at Conclave and a Sprite to get them both back on the road! Call or email Tim if you need to schedule a session.

President John took over for New business: Scott Brown said he had a report of a David Nock roadside repair note from Tim. Scott brought the Wi-Fi OAVHC printer here today. Scott has a Moss Motor discount ticket for who asks first. He also has 2 coupons for free memory sticks from Micro Center. brown8133@roadrunner.com He also has a bill from Dropbox. It went up \$20 this year. Motion made and passed to pay him. John and Janet Parrott announced the bonfire is Saturday, October 12 at 1:00 PM to begin the festivities. Contact him to say what your food side item or dessert you will be bringing.

Old business: none

President John thanked Denny and Jo for hosting. (applause) The next meeting is the bonfire at the Parrotts. Meeting details will be published in the News-leak. John then adjourned the meeting.

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



Calendar for 2019

October 12—Bonfire & meeting...2:00 Parrots

October 19—Chatfield College car show and festival

November 4—Kruter pancake breakfast

Meetings 2019

October—Parrots (bonfire)

November—Jacobs

December—TBD - Hazel setting
us up for Christmas party

Tech Report

August 30, 2019 Tech Team Report by Stephen Street

On Friday, 8/30/19, the OVAHC tech team of Richard Pratt, Dennis Lindauer, Skip Jackson, and Stephen Street met at Skip Jackson's shop to investigate the major engine failure that Skip's MGA experienced while on the way back from the Dayton British Car Show.

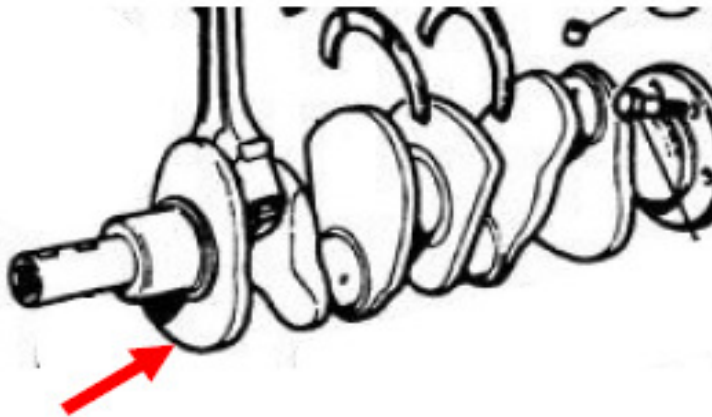


A look at the rocker arm, while quite dirty, did not show any apparent problems. An investigation of the pistons through the spark plug holes with a video borescope also did not reveal any problems, but did indicate that the engine had been rebuilt at some time in the past as the pistons were 0.20 oversized. After a short discussion, the tech team agreed that no matter what the problem was, the engine would have to be removed to get it fixed. So the team concentrated on preparing the engine for later removal: the radiator, generator, carburetors, intake and exhaust manifolds, etc. were all removed. Next, attention turned to removing the oil pan to examine the underside of the engine. This required unbolting the engine mounts, jacking the engine up, and, with much effort, removing the oil pan bolts. Access to the front four bolts was especially difficult due to the frame crossmember being in the way.



Everyone's hands were covered in oil and some were bloodied before the pan was finally removed. At last the engine failure was exposed – a cracked crankshaft! Next steps will be removal of the

engine and transmission so that repairs can be done.



October Meeting/Bonfire—10/12 Parrotts 2:00

The Annual Fall Bonfire Picnic at Janet and John Parrott's



3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Rd. Bethel, OH 45106

October 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck dinner at 6:00.

Fish in the pond, shoot the potato gun or your real gun, hike to the creek, or put your feet up and relax. Meat, beer and soft drinks provided by the club.

Please call Janet or John if you have not already signed up to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Phone 513-876-1808 (long distance from some areas)

We may be able to a tour a friends nearby 13-car collection that includes a loud all-original '57 Corvette and the Marge Schott Crosley, among other neat cars. Let John know if you would like to see this collection so I can set it up.

Call our cell phone 513-368-2496 or home 513-876-1808 for directions, if needed.

Directions:

Coming from north via I-275:

Take the SR 32 Batavia Exit #63B (about 8 miles to Batavia)

Take the first Batavia exit and proceed to turn right on SR132 (second traffic light)

Follow SR132 to SR125 junction and turn left

Proceed on SR125 (about 5 miles) to SR 222 and turn right

Follow SR222 carefully watch route signs, there is a hard left at Pt. Isabel, after making that turn

go straight for about 1/4 mile and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which

goes to the right) Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road.

Go about 1/4 mile to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about 1 mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after the bridge.

Coming from south via I-275:

Take the SR125 Exit #65 east toward Bethel (about 8 miles to Bethel) proceed on SR125

(About 5 miles) to SR 222 and turn right. Follow SR222 carefully watch route signs, there is a hard left

at Pt. Isabel, after making that turn go straight and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes

to the right). Continue straight and the road name changes to Mt. Olive/Pt. Isabel Road. Go about 1/4 mile

to right on Goodwin Schoolhouse Road. Proceed to 3016 Goodwin Schoolhouse Road which is about

one mile on the left with a black mailbox and concrete drive just after the bridge.

Alternate route coming from south or west via I-275:

After crossing the Ohio River take the second SR52 East exit to New Richmond and continue on SR52 past New Richmond. After it becomes two lanes, go about 4 miles to Pt. Pleasant (35 mile zone).

Turn left on SR232 past Grant's birthplace, and continue about 2 miles to right on SR756. At

the first stop sign turn left which is SR743 and continue for 3 miles to Pt. Isabel. At the stop sign

turn left and go about one block, then turn right on SR222. After making that turn go straight and keep going straight. (Do not follow SR222 which goes to the right). Continue straight and the road name

Bellefontaine Hill Climb Revival 2019

If you did not attend, you missed a good opportunity to drive your sports car in a spirited manner using both lanes, up a curvy road with no concerns about oncoming traffic. This day in late August 2019, the Bellefontaine police department stationed officers with red and blue flashing lights at both ends of a 0.6 mile stretch of road, with a 350 foot rise, that had right and left hand turns up a hill that ended at the highest elevation in the state of Ohio. Think about the signs you have seen while on back road drives that caution you to drive no faster than 20 MPH. Think about road signs with those squiggly lines suggesting many treacherous turns ahead.

I had my Austin Healey go through the tech inspection on Friday, the day before the hill climb event, at the Honda plant where the week-ends' activities began with a tour of the plant. If you missed the opportunity to be inspected that Friday, you could also have your car inspected on Saturday morning, the day of the hill climb. Pretty basic stuff, but it did give me a feeling of confidence that my Healey was ready for Cork Screw Hill.



Never having participated in a hill climb before, I was a little apprehensive. I had borrowed my son's newly purchased helmet for the occasion so at least I looked like I knew what I was doing.

My Healey seemed to have some memory of doing hill climbs in the past under some previous owners hands because it seemed to know what to do. The starting point at the bottom of the hill allowed for about a two car length start before the timer started. This was just what I needed to get out of that sluggish, low, low, torque of first gear in a Healey. Then, second gear, foot to the floor, exhaust bellowing a beautiful tune, I just pushed it as fast as I could until the rear end began to get excited. I let the rear end drift just enough to be scary. I also

knew that I had a long drive home after this event.

My second and third runs up the hill were progressively better after some minor carb adjustments (one of my SU carburetor dampers unscrewed itself which caused a miss under heavy throttle at about the 5,000 RPM mark).

The adrenaline rush, the beautiful sound of a Healey exhaust at full throttle, pushing my Healey beyond what I would ever want to try on any road that might have oncoming traffic, and using both lanes to find the fastest possible route up Cork Screw Hill to the finish line. My bucket list has been checked off one more time.

Bernie Grabow



Rabbit Hash,
Kentucky. Special invitation to show several of our cars at their festival.

Although this is not from the festival this year, this is an exceptional picture of Rabbit Hash and our cars and I wanted to share..



Bobbie and
Tim Ross

Members of the OVAHC went to Deadwood Colorado for the annual Conclave in September. There will be a separate report with pictures once I get the information together and have it approved by those that went since we did not go this year. 2020 Conclave will be in Crystal River, Florida in May and more details will be available on that event as they come in.