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Newsleak



SEPTEMBER MEETING

October 2020

Due to the quarantine we could not meet in person. About twenty-five members attended the online meeting on 15 screens, hosted electronically by Mary Ann and Bernie Grabow on Sunday, September 13.

President John Wallace called in to the group since his computer had crashed, and asked Secretary Dale to run the meeting. Dale opened the meeting about 3:10 and thanked Mary Ann for hosting. Officers Dale, Sandy, John Parrott, John Jacobs, and our Presidents had no report for this month.

Vice-president Jeff reported on the fun times had at the August 29 Bellefontaine events that Kurt Niemeyer hosted. He drove the hill climb and finished second in his class by mere thousands of a second to a race-prepared 1275 Mini. The gymkhana, car show, and rallye were cancelled until next year.

Treasurer Cindy's said nothing new since last month. She asked Scott Brown to send her the bills for the OVAHC 2020 and 2021 Drop Box. Our balance is good. We also have the Tech Team balance. Editor Mary Ann posted a YouTube link to the August OVAHC zoom meeting in the last Newsleak. She is likely to do the same for this month. Look for it, and you can cut and paste and go to watch it yourself if you missed this meeting.

Tech Director Tim said we had two tech sessions. Ken Campbells #4 scored piston bore needs a sleeve and Zakiras Garage will fix it. We need an engine stand. John Wallace replaced his broken leaf spring. Zakiras will weld the defective shock ear. www.zakiras.com Ken Kreuter is selling some of his tool collection. Call him at 513-941-3634 or email to kkreuter@fuse.net to find prices and more details. Tim has had few tech volunteers lately willing to show up. Call or email Tim if you have questions, want advice, *want to help*, or need to schedule a future session.

Activity Activator Skip mentioned the John Wallace inspired club weekend in Michigan in early October. Bobbi Ross had organized an agenda and Skip will make sure the travelers see it. Kevin Livingston and a few SEMAHC member will join us up there. President John said



seven OVAHC cars and three Michigan Healeys are planning on attending the Holland weekend. Caravan is leaving at 9:30 AM on 10/1 from Harrison, OH. If you decide you want to go, contact Skip soon. Call Skip at 513- 720-7547 for other questions or comments.

Dale has planned an impromptu car drive to a local Kentucky winery. It is Saturday, 9/19 at noon to meet at the Thornton's in Wilder, KY. Details were sent in an email. About six Healeys and Denny Lindauer may attend, but he is driving his truck, and not his Bugeye. He took it to Jeff Porada's shop for transmission work. If you have a need for professional Healey help, go to www.spridget.com or call 1-216-889-4666. His shop is near Norwood. Business Manager / Delegate Jake said the November AHCA delegates meeting is all virtual this year due to Covid-19. President Gary Feldman obtained new AHCA insurance. This should enable us to host drivers' training in 2021 at Live Oaks, providing everything works out. Some planning for taking Route 66 to the 2021 Big Bear California Conclave is underway.

New business: Skip showed off a photo of his new grandson. Kurt has a postponed "Spring" Classic Driving Tour rescheduled for 10/10 from New Richmond, OH. A \$25 per car registration fee with club proceeds to the David Kreuter Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Details to follow.

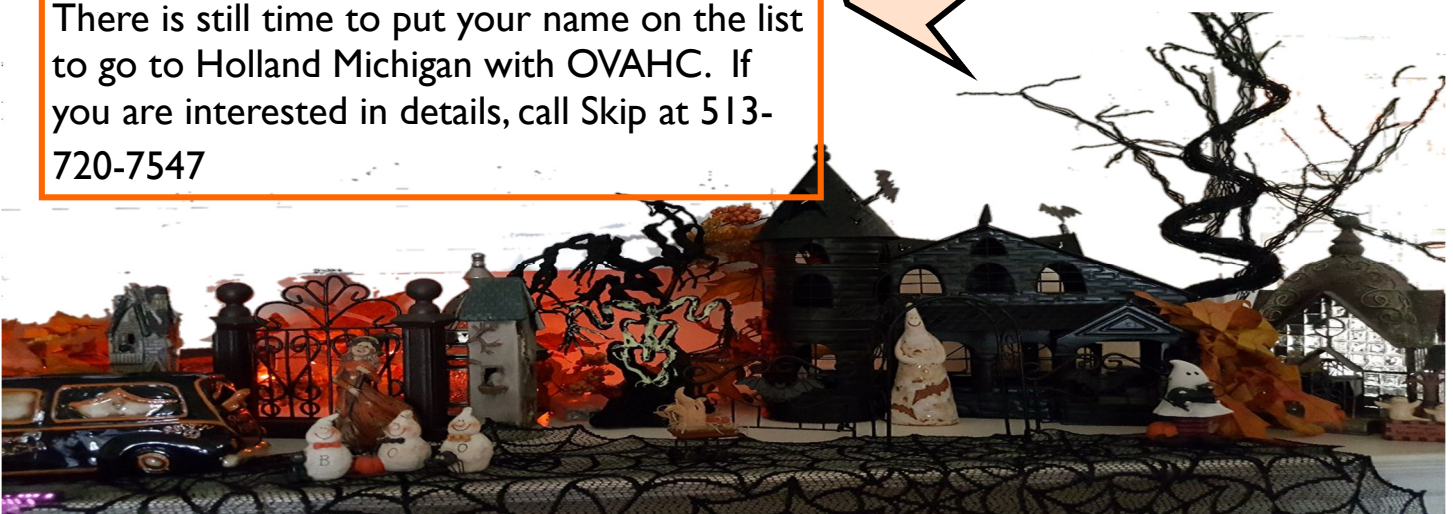
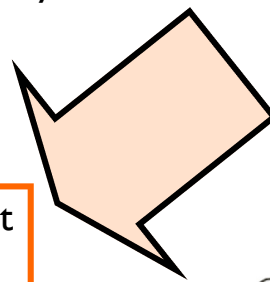
Old business: The 2020 Christmas party is still scheduled to be at The Pub in Rookwood Commons on Wednesday evening, 12/9/2020. As December nears, Dale will ask for RSVPs because The Pub needs to know if we are showing up in numbers to fill that room. If we need to cancel because of health concerns, we will. Nate Fuson sold his beautiful square body Sprite to OVAHC member, Steven Street. The project MGB is still for sale. Call

Nate at 859-291-4942 if interested.

The OVAHC October Zoom meeting will be hosted at 3:00 PM by Mary Ann on Sunday, 10/11/2020. Secretary Dale thanked our hosts Mary Ann and Bernie and adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by OVAHC Secretary,
Dale Ballinger

There is still time to put your name on the list to go to Holland Michigan with OVAHC. If you are interested in details, call Skip at 513-720-7547



Meetings 2020

October—Zoom meeting
November—Zoom meeting
December - The Pub*

Meetings 2021

January—no meeting
February—Jackson
March—Wallace
April—Ballinger

May—Grabow
June—Hall/King
July—Cox
August—Wolfer

Sept—Campbell
October—Lindauer
November—Jacobs
December—TBD

* BJ Brewhouse has cancelled our plans for the Christmas get together. We have booked **The Pub** this year for our Christmas party. Mark December 9 (a Wednesday) on your calendar. Restaurant is in the Rookwood area off I-71 in Norwood. More details will come out later. This will be our usual party with a gift exchange (same gender as you)...and a meeting. Dinner and drinks will be on your own this year we decided against dedicating some money for the party. Check on line if you want to look ahead of the menu...plenty of time. We have a private room at this establishment. 6 PM arrive time. Happy hour M-F 3 - 7 PM
The Pub

2692 Edmondson Road
Cincinnati, OH 45208
513-841-2748

<https://experiencethepub.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2020/06/2020-Pub-RW-limited-menu-5-31-edit.pdf>

Calendar for 2020



October 1-4, 2020 – SE Classic –
Buford Ga. **CANCELLED**

October 10—Kurt's "spring drive" **details later**

October 17—Chatfield car show and
quilt display **CANCELLED**

December 9—Christmas Party (details
later) Location changed due to COVID,
see above

NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT/SAFETY, JEFF PORADA:



When I was 16 my friend from the Boy Scouts and his dad invited me to attend a gymkhana put on by the Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Club. I was instantly hooked on both the events and the club's attitude. I continued attending these events and would come early to help Don Klein set up the courses. I was encouraged to drive some of the club members' cars and eventually got myself a project Bugeye.

While I was working on getting my project together with much help from the club, I started attending Conclaves and regional events with my friend in either his car or one of his dad's. In the following 20 years I built my car and attended many Conclaves and other events in my own Healey. We've done several trips halfway across the country. I've since been president of our area club and am a current vice president.



I've found I most enjoy the driving events. Donald Healey obviously had racing in mind. Rallies, funkhanas, gymkhanas, autocrosses, hill climbs, drag races and road courses – we have done all of them in our Healey. Luckily, our club was very accepting of me as a teenager. Don Klein not only accepted my willingness to help, but he taught me why he would do things certain ways. I've run our events when Don wasn't there and we both agree safety is most important.

Ohio Valley is often either helping or putting on the speed events at the Conclaves. I have been a member of the group doing that for years now. We are able to continue these events because of our safety record. It's a balance with old cars, experience levels, safety, and fun, but I believe the best thing anyone can do to keep safe on the road in their Healey is learn what it does when pushed to the limit in a safe environment. Yes, these events are fun, more importantly, you learn. The more comfortable you are knowing the limits of your car and how to control them, the more likely you are to do the right thing when that inevitable event happens on a public road. Whether it's a blown tire, failed brakes, someone pulling out in front of you, wet or icy roads... stay alive and learn to really drive.

Bellefontaine Hillclimb



Nancy and I drove our Bugeye up to Kurts Bellefontaine hillclimb on Friday August 28th around 3:00 after the rain stopped. It's about the same length of a drive from our house wether we take the highway or backroads, so we took backroads. It's quite a nice drive except for Springfield. Let's just say that we learned that "ya'll turnt in that mofo" (you can

figure out what they actually said) and avoided Springfield on the way back. We checked into the hotel and found a pizza place with outdoor seating to get some dinner. In the morning we went to checkin where they took everyone's temperatures and we all wore masks to get our cars tech inspected. Kurt did a great job of keeping the event alive and feeling safe. Because of Corona, we only had the hillclimb and there were no spectators. The field was split into 4 groups of about 15 cars. When your group was scheduled to run, they got in line in order and ran up the hill. Just like last year, it was much more fun that it sounds. Kurt made announcements about each car and driver. Once you got to the top, it was about a 3 mile drive back to the bottom. Once you got back to the bottom, there were only about 5 cars in front of you and you run again. Each driver got 5 runs and you could take a passenger for your first 3. Nancy rode with me for 3 and I got a couple of faster runs in at the end. Kurt also classed the cars well. I was with 2 Minis. One beat me by 0.03 seconds and I beat the other one by less than a second. As is usual for the events Kurt puts together, there were all sorts of interesting cars there. It was great to get out and the Bugeye ran great. If you can possibly make it next year, COME ON OUT!!!!



TECH SESSION

On Wednesday, 9/3/20, Tim Ross arrived at the John Wallace garage to help with installation of his new rear shocks (part 2 or 3). Ken Campbell came a little bit later, after a stop at the emergency room to cauterize a puncture wound to his hand caused by too much yard and backwoods work. We found that the “distance tubes” (Moss PN 725-130, item 59), were missing from John’s car and did not come with the new shock link assembly parts from Moss. The absence of this tube harms the structural strength of the shock link attachment bracket to the rear axle housing – probably the cause of a partially broken bracket on the RR (to be welded later). After some measuring, and a trip to Tractor Supply for a stack of ½” grade 8 flat washers, we had our substitute for the distance tubes. We had to loosen the fuel pump mounts to get to a LR shock mounting bolt that had a locked-up double nut arrangement. But access to the shocks is best from inside the body with the two occasional rear seat bottom pans removed. Then it was just a matter of jiggering all the mounting bolts back to alignment and tightening the nuts (with new lockwashers). John will obtain the rebuilt rear leaf springs from Dent Spring / Summerall soon and we’ll be back to put these on.

We then went with Ken Campbell to Zakira’s Garage outside of Mariemont, to see if machinist Mike Yust would recommend and be able to bore and sleeve the scored #4 cylinder on the Campbell Sprite. He said yes, but it has to happen now, since Zakira’s garage is moving to somewhere else on the east side of Cincinnati. Ken is to source a sleeve from “LA Sleeve” and disassemble all the current parts of the block. The current overall Sprite engine plan is to install the #4 sleeve, bore all the cylinders to +0.030” oversize, cross hone the bores, and polish the crankshaft. Then Ken will install the new pistons, rings, new rod and main bearings, and reassemble all of the items. The head is probably okay, unless Ken wants someone to check it over. So Ken will soon need a tech session to finish disassembling the block and checking the rods for straightness. He also need a source for a set of 30-over pistons with rings and all bearings, etc, and a new gasket set. Does Don Klein have an available Sprite engine stand?



**ZOOM MEET-
ING 10/13...3:00**

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Meeting ID: 831 1482 7812 Passcode: 701951

CAUGHT IN THE ACT



assembling the engine stand

This engine stand was purchased with OVAHC tech team funds. It will be available to loan after Ken Campbell is done fixing / rebuilding his Sprite engine.

Photo shoot at Meshewa
House in Indiana Hill

